Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club

March, 2007 President's Page

Howdy Fellow Commodore Users!

At this month's meeting, the t-shirt design votes will be officially tabulated and announced. If you haven't seen the submissions, they will hopefully make it to our newsletter pages this month for all to see.

I've been in contact with Willemiek Bijlenga, and again Commodore will be sending us some items to display at our expo. Items were put into the mailon March 6th and should be making it's way to Roger's home within the month.

As you read this, we are now under the two month mark from the expo. Who is coming? The official list hasn't started, but you can help add names to that list. If you have contacts in the Commodore Community, now is the time to ask those folks if they plan to come to our show. Point them to the promotional website http://c4expo.org There they will be able to find all the information they will need to help plan their visit. Within the last month, many announcements have been posted on a variety of forums on the internet. IF you regularly visit a forum and there is no announcement of C=4 Expo, go ahead and post the information. I'm sure there are a few that are still overlooked.

We have been talking about the expo for several months, but these next few weeks are when the excitement will peak, leading up to the Expo day itself! Can you volunteer that weekend? We need folks to man the admission table, help set up equipment, and who knows what else? Volunteers can be for a few hours to the entire weekend, if you plan to stay that entire weekend. We are still in need of a movie projection screen, someone to videotape the demos, suggestions/donations for door prizes, just to name a few. If you can provide any of these, let us know.

Keep Commodoring!!

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Corrections, Explanations

As you may have noticed in last month's (February 2007) newsletter, our president's usual signature had an interesting addition. At the end it said "Ex-Commodore-Amiga Engineer class of '94". Having spoken with Dave, he has assured me that he didn't work for Commodore. Further investigation revealed that this line of text was left over from a previous month's issue. We apologize for any confusion/inconvenience.

Also, you have certainly noticed by now that the newsletter is reaching you later than usual. This delay was caused by the birth of my third child (a son), on Thursday, March 15 at 4:27 PM.
His name is Ivan Alexander VieBrooks, and he was 10.5 pounds. Mother and baby are home, healthy, and happy.

T-Shirt Logo Contest Winner Announced

The logo pictured at the right was voted in as the t-shirt design for the C4 expo this year. There has been some debate regarding the number of colors to be printed on the shirts, though you will not find a color version of this logo in the newsletter due to our greyscale format.

Call for Article Submissions

Once again, I would like to invite all club members to submit articles for publication in the newsletter. We really need people to step up and handle regular columns on topics like BASIC programming, ML programming, Pixelling, C64 SID music, and anything else that has to do with classic or modern Commodore computers or is of interest to Commodore users. Articles can be submitted by email or postal mail to the editor.
(six@thedarkside.ath.cx or oliver@vbssolutions.com)

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Commodore Launches Gravel In Pocket and In Home

CIC presented CommodoreWorld™ and Gravel™ products at a press briefing in The Netherlands to kick off the launch in Europe. The event signaled the start of the wide distribution of the products at the top end of the market in selected premium channels as well as the going live of the CommodoreWorld™ content website.

The event was organized last week in Amsterdam, and the response from press and retail has been overwhelming. Commodore President & CEO said Ben van Wijhe: "It is a proud and humbling moment for Commodore to see our vision come to life".

At the IFA last September Commodore impressed the market with announcement of their new vision and a unique business model – full integration of content (CommodoreWorld™) and Wi-Fi-enabled hardware (Gravel™), truly empowering the consumers to access free, commercial and personal content whenever and wherever they want it, wirelessly.

Commodore Chief Marketing Officer Waheed Bhatti re-emphasized Commodore's ambition: "We have taken upon ourselves to change the way consumers access, personalize, experience and share the content. We are removing all barriers between people, devices, content and geographies. We will make downloading independent of PC's. And make recording obsolete".

CommodoreWorld™ – An online media environment that provides access to a large variety of entertainment content (music, videos, games, favorite radio and TV programs, and more). The CommodoreWorld™ catalogue can be accessed on demand via the new range of Commodore Gravel™ devices, both at home or on the road.

Commodore Gravel™ In Pocket - A handy, user-friendly multimedia device you can slip into your pocket or purse. Wherever you are - on your way to work, on vacation, on a business trip, in the car - the Commodore Gravel™ In Pocket music and movie player gives you direct Wi-Fi access to your choice of media entertainment. The player supports all major file formats such as MP4, MPEG, DivX, Xvid, WMV, streaming WMV, JPEG, BMP, GIF and of course MP3, WMA, WAVE. Gravel™ In Pocket™ comes with either 1GB or 2GB internal flash memory and is equipped with a additional SD Flashcard slot. World first high quality flash video devices plays full screen, full motion (24 fps) on a 2.8" TFT screen.

Commodore Gravel™ In Home - A unique home entertainment centre which provides access to Video On Demand, Replay TV and streaming music services directly on TV. The Gravel™ In Home media center comes with a 80GB or 160GB internal HDD, enabling consumers to store their favorite personal photos and home videos, and watch them directly on their TV set. All services are accessed and personalized using the super user friendly single jog remote control.

Commodore International Corporation (OTC:CDRL) is a designer, creator and full-service provider of digital media products, content and services. The company sells a complete line of portable digital media products under the Commodore brand, and provides legal media downloads and streams – all with multi-channel distribution through broadband, cable and satellite. Commodore has recently launched its new multi media platform CommodoreWorld™ which enables consumers to wirelessly access a wide catalogue of content straight from their own device.

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Commodore to Produce a Line of Gaming PCs

Well, it finally happened. Behold, the new
Commodore-branded PC. It is available in a wide
range of specs, with a variety of case-art
that they will print on your case (for a
fee, I assume)

Some specs:

The Commodore XX:
* Intel® Core™2 Extreme Quad-Core
  processor QX6700
* ASUS® P5N32-E nForce 680i SLI motherboard
* 4GB Corsair® Dominator memory
* 2x NVIDIA® 8800 GTX SLI graphics cards

The Commodore GX:
* Intel® Core™ quad processor Q6600: 2.4 GHz
  8M Cache
* 2GB Corsair® Twin2x2048-6400C4 memory:
  800MHz
* On Board Integrated Hi Definition 7.1
  Channel sound
* NVIDIA® 8800 GTX 768MB graphics card

The Commodore GS: (Won't Apple sue?)
* Intel® Core™ Duo processor E6600: 2.4 GHz 4M Cache
* 2GB Corsair® Twin2x2048-6400C4 memory: 800MHz
* NVIDIA® 8800 GTS 320MB graphics card

The Commodore G:
* Intel® Core™2 Duo processor E6320: 1.86GHz 2M Cache
* 2GB Corsair® Twin2x2048-5400C4 memory: 667MHz
* NVIDIA® 7900 GS 256MB graphics card

Further details can be found on http://commodoregaming.com

All that aside, I can't say as I'm in the market for a gaming PC. I do
hope they sell some of those cases, though. I've got a C1 that would
look really nice in one of them.

VICE 1.21 Released

VICE is an emulator for most known Commodore machines that runs on Linux,
Windows,Mac, Amiga, and just about any other OS you can think of. March
marked the release of Version 1.21.
VICE is available at http://www.viceteam.org
** C128 changes
- Added sound recording support.
- Added aiff, iff, mp3 and wav sound dump drivers.
- Added digimax support to C128 Emulation.
- Fixed some minor VDC graphics bugs in C128 Emulation.

** C64 changes
- Added MMC64 support.
- Added digimax support.
- Added Action Replay III support.
- Improved compatibility of TFE emulation.

** PET changes
- Added SID cartridge support.
- Extended the PET REU emulation to include 512/1024/2048KB.

** PLUS4 changes
- Added SID cartridge support.
- Fixed some minor TED graphics bug.

** VIC20 changes
- Added SID cartridge support.

** Drive changes
- Added support for Dolphin DOS 2 & 3 and Professional DOS 1571.
  The GUI is partially missing, command line switches have to be used.

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CCCC BBS Report

Still holding strong at ~50 members, the BBS has been slow.

The current BBS project is the construction of a new gateway and firewall that will host up/down areas and a web site where the BBS content will be mirrored. Hopefully this will allow us to attract users who have become spoiled by such modern amenities as HTML formatting and graphics.

We still need sub board operators!
-Chuck Kern, BBS Sysop
Cincinnati Commodore Club BBS

IRC #c64friends Report

The regular Saturday night chat has been lively this month. Al (our resident Commodore modding maniac) has returned, and has been posting pictures of gear from a truckload of equipment that he recently received. Most of this can be found at http://gwizcomputers.com

I recently learned of two other Commodore channels on Newnet, #retro64 and #C-64. They seem to be empty. #c64friends really is the most active Commodore-related channel on IRC.

Upcoming C4 Expo Information

Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club Spring Expo 2007 (Code-name "C4")
May 5&6, 2007
Ft. Mitchell, KY
Across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, OH USA

Demonstrations and Speakers:
Commitments from guests will be posted when they are confirmed:

Hotel Information:
The Drawbridge Inn is located off I-75 and I-71 in Ft Mitchell Kentucky. The cost of the single rooms in the main building is only $69 plus taxes. The hotel is setting aside 10 rooms for our group until April 4 th. After that date, any remaining rooms in that block are released for general sale. Reservations will continue to be accepted for our group at the quoted group rate, on a room available basis.

To make reservations for the C=4 Expo:
        Toll Free: (800) 354-9793
  Name of the Event: Cincinnati Commodore EXPO
        In Kentucky: (800) 352-9866 (859) 341-2800

There is an International Airport located nearby, with shuttle service provided by the hotel.
Expo Pricing:
Door Charge: $10.00/person or $15.00/family

Demos, Exhibits, and Selling Tables: $15/ table or $35/ 3 tables (The hotel charges $10 per table for power usage) Tables are 6' in length. All sellers and demonstrators need to set up before 9:00 on Saturday morning, the doors (for these only) will open at 7:00am.

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Please excuse the lateness of this newsletter, which resulted from the birth of the editor's third child.