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Dear Enthusiast,

Welcome to this, the first edition of our new look Cornerstone News. This edition marks the start of our second year of publication.

Many experts assured us that we would never see the end of the first year.

As editor of Cornerstone News, I'm supposed to come up with something witty and profound at least once every six weeks or so. Have you ever tried to be witty "on cue"? Consequently, I've been sitting in front of this keyboard for nearly an hour now, trying hard to think of something to write that would be considered fitting for an occasion such as this.

As usual, I'm unable to think of anything even remotely profound, let alone witty!!

As I said, many so called experts told me that we'd never see the end of the first year.

"Your members won't support you." they said. "You'll never get it off the ground", they said.
Rubbish!!

Firstly, because of your efforts, our membership has increased more than tenfold since last July!

Secondly, nearly every member has purchased at least one program from the club at some stage or other in the last twelve months.

And why not! When you bought direct from Cornerstone you paid a heck of a lot less than what you would expect to pay through other outlets. What's more, the tiny profit margin enjoyed by "the club" ensured that "Cornerstone News" stayed alive and well.

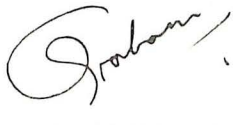
We're now able to offer the "top ten" software that we promised, at possibly the lowest price in the country. Note that we no longer charge separately for packing and postage like the other mail order companies. That's a big saving to start with. Up to five dollars in many cases!

Our next step is to increase the frequency of Cornerstone News, and the only way we can achieve this is to ask you once again to do your upmost to support "the club".

Remember, if you've decided to buy a particular program, buy it from yourself.....buy it from Cornerstone.

To all of you out there, I wish to say thank you... thank you for supporting us in the past, and thank you for supporting us in the future.

Regards,
Graham Webber.



WIN A 1541 DISK DRIVE!!

Cornerstone News has come of age. As you can see, we have a new format. I like it, our next door neighbour likes it, and the missus thinks it's O.K. too. That means that it must be better than it was. We've finished experimenting with all the different styles, and we're going to stick to this one. Now it's on a glossy stock.... ("stock" is a word that I learned from the printer...).

Also we have advertisements from commercial sources for the first time ever.

Take a look at their prices. Very Keen indeed!! Please note that we have been rather particular about who we have invited to advertise in our pages. We still want to be sure that all of us get the very best deals available, and we want to be sure that we're dealing with only the most reputable companies.

Please support our advertisers whenever you require a product of the type that they offer. After all... they pay half the bills around here, which means that they support us, which in turn helps to keep the software prices way down low. Surely it wouldn't be asking too much to at least call them for advice ... would it!

Something else is different about Cornerstone News. At last we are in a position to offer "top ten" programs!!! We also have lots of educational and business titles too.

As has always been the case, we will be offering certain programs at super hot special prices. Turn to the back page to find out what's on special this month.
Naturally, all the programs carry the manufacturers usual warranty.

As usual, we shall continue to present the free classified advertisements, so if you have a few programs to sell,

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Commodore's overseas launch of the new Commodore Personal Computer seems to have been a howling success. According to Britian's Commodore User. "the confident slogan on everybody's lips was 'the price is right', even though the time may not be quite right!"

Naturally, the machine is designed to compete directly with the IBM PC and all the other IBM look-alikes that seem to be freely available now.

There were two types of machine released in Britian. The basic machine (PC10) featured monochrome monitor, twin 360K floppy drives and 256K of RAM expandable to 640K. The up-market version, (PC20) featured a 10 meg. Winchester hard disk, and only one floppy. I believe they also include a number of expansion slots for IBM type boards, and apparently there is also an 8087 floating point processor option. That should speed things up a little!!

Naturally, both machines offer the industry standard MS-DOS, Microsoft format for the disks and the Intel 8088 16 bit chip. This means that nearly all programs written for the IBM PC will run on the Commodores. This, of course, allows access to an unlimited amount of ready made software that was originally designed for the IBM system. Titles such as Lotus 1-2-3, Wordstar, DBase III, Framework etc. should steam along quite happily on the Commodore machines, which cost considerably less than the Big Blue offerings. Since the British release, Commodore in Australia have released the same machines.

According to Commodore, these new models are priced to make a big impact on the business market. However, whether or not they'll be able to take much business from makers such as Olivetti, Compaq, Kaypro and other already established compatible manufacturers, is a question that still remains to be answered.

Further news from the U.K. indicates that there has been plenty of early software support for the new Commodore C128 machine. Some of the major British software guru's have indicated that they will be releasing plenty of programs for the new machine, even though many of them will be re-hashed 64 stock. Even so, the one twenty eight offers many new features that the writers should be able to take advantage of, which means that even the re-hashed stock should be far superior to its C64 counterpart.

Business programs in particular will take advantage of the eighty column display, and we can expect larger spread sheets and better word processors. Perhaps the new programs will also be capable of running on the additional Z80 processor under CP / M.

Let's not forget that Commodore has also made promises to support the machine with plenty of new software. So, in theory at least, we can expect plenty of good programs to emerge from that quarter .. can't we???

Computer camps seem to be in vogue at the moment. The camps offer a couple of hours computer tuition a day, coupled with sport, entertainment and numerous other creative activities such as drama classes and film making. The courses are mainly aimed at students under the age of eighteen, and cost in the vicinity of three hundred dollars a week, which includes full accomodation and three meals a day. Sounds like a good way to learn a new skill and promises to be interesting, informative and darn good fun to boot!

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HINTS and TIPS

We've got quite a lot of hints and tips for you this month. Many of them were sent in by readers, and some of them appeared in various magazines. Even so, we present them without embarrassment, because it's a good idea to have all those tricky little routines available in one place for easy reference.

Disable RUN / STOP - POKE 808,251.

Disable LIST - POKE 775,0 or POKE 774,131:POKE 775,164.

Disable SAVE - POKE 818,226:POKE 819,252.

Cold Start on ERROR - POKE 768,226:POKE 769,252.

Disable Keyboard - POKE 649,0.

Cold start from within program - POKE 770,226:POKE 771,252.

Cold start on LOAD command - POKE 816,226:POKE 817, 252.

Cold Start on SAVE command - POKE 818,226:POKE 819,252.

Cold start on LIST command - POKE 774,226:POKE 775,252.

Cold start on any key - POKE 655,226:POKE 656,252.

Turn off screen - POKE 53265,11.

Recover screen - POKE 53265,27.

Repeat all keys - POKE 650,128.

Cold Start Kernal Routine - SYS 64738.

Cold Start using RESTORE key - POKE 792,PEEK(65532):POKE 793,PEEK(65533).

UN-NEW - POKE 2050, 1 then enter "O" then RETURN then LIST.

Vanishing line numbers - POKE 22,35.

Bell Tone - POKE 54273,70:POKE 54278,249:POKE 54296,15:POKE 54276,17:POKE 54276,16.

Read crashed graphics line number - POKE 53272,21:POKE 53265,155.

Enhancements for

commodore 64

SPEECH 64

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New from Currah, the speech synthesiser for the Commodore 64. Speech 64 is ready to talk immediately on power-up, has an infinite vocabulary and extra BASIC commands. Speech 64's advanced features will give you, your family and friends lots more fun with your computer.

Speech 64 is easy to use! It needs no software to be loaded, it does not steal RAM from the BASIC operating system, or stop arcade style action.

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You can choose from two different voices, each with programmable intonation, and other commands control the voicing of keys as they are pressed — a useful educational aid.

Speech 64 comes complete with full documentation and two free full colour posters.

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THIS MONTHS FREEBIE

This month's freebie originally appeared in RUN magazine and was kindly sent in by Barry Madden from Sydney. Thank's very much Barry. The program is an extremely useful routine that allows you to print out your listings in a friendly manner that avoids the need to decipher the Commodore graphic symbols representing such commands as "cursor down", "clear screen", "space" and so on. When you need to produce hard copy of a program, load this routine before you load the main program. Now when you LIST, either on the screen or on a printer, you will find that the Commodore graphic symbols have been replaced with easy to read non-graphic instructions. For example, the reverse heart character will have been replaced by [CLR], and ten cursor right characters will have been replaced by [10 RIGHT].

We'll be making extensive use of the program over here at Cornerstone, because we've been having a few problems with the listings that have been appearing in the news sheet.

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10 PRINT"[CLR]LISTER-FILTER":PRINT"LOADING DATA":PRINT
20 B=PEEK(55)+256*PEEK(56):IFPEEK(B+2)=154THEN40
30 B=B-630:B2=INT(B/256):B1=B-256*B2:POKE55,B1:POKE56,B2:POKEB+2,154:CLR
40 B=PEEK(55)+256*PEEK(56):A=B
50 FORL=5000TO5370STEP10:S=0:PRINT"[UP]LINE"L
60 FORI=1TO10:READV:IFV>255THEN90
70 S=S+V+1:POKEA,V:A=A+1:NEXTI:READV:IFV<>STHEN90
80 NEXTL:READV:GOTO100
90 PRINT"DATA ERROR":PRINT"NEAR LINE"L:END
100 FORL=5390TO5640STEP10:PRINT"[UP]LINE"L
110 READX:READY:READV:IFV<>X+YTHEN90
120 X=X+B+1:Y=Y+B:B2=INT(Y/256):B1=Y-256*B2:POKEX,B1:POKEX+1,B2:NEXTL
130 GOSUB1000:IFPEEK(55)=PEEK(806)ANDPEEK(56)=PEEK(807)THEN160
140 POKEB+324,PEEK(806):POKEB+325,PEEK(807):POKEB+369,0
150 POKE806,PEEK(55):POKE807,PEEK(56)
160 PRINT"FILTER INSTALLED":END
1000 A=B+373
1010 C=32:C$="SPC":GOSUB4000
1020 C=5:C$="WHT":GOSUB4000
1030 C=17:C$="DOWN":GOSUB4000
1040 C=18:C$="RVS ON":GOSUB4000
1050 C=19:C$="HOME":GOSUB4000
1060 C=28:C$="RED":GOSUB4000
1070 C=29:C$="RIGHT":GOSUB4000
1080 C=30:C$="GRN":GOSUB4000
1090 C=31:C$="BLU":GOSUB4000
1095 C=92:C$="LB.":GOSUB4000
1100 C=96:C$="SHFT *":GOSUB4000
1110 C=123:C$="SHFT +":GOSUB4000
1120 C=124:C$="COMD -":GOSUB4000
1130 C=125:C$="SHFT -":GOSUB4000
1140 C=126:C$="PI":GOSUB4000
1150 C=127:C$="COMD *":GOSUB4000
1160 C=133:C$="F1":GOSUB4000
1170 C=134:C$="F3":GOSUB4000
1180 C=135:C$="F5":GOSUB4000
1190 C=136:C$="F7":GOSUB4000
1200 C=137:C$="F2":GOSUB4000
1210 C=138:C$="F4":GOSUB4000
1220 C=139:C$="F6":GOSUB4000
1230 C=140:C$="F8":GOSUB4000
1240 C=144:C$="BLK":GOSUB4000
1250 C=145:C$="UP":GOSUB4000
1260 C=146:C$="RVS OFF":GOSUB4000
1270 C=147:C$="CLR":GOSUB4000
1280 C=148:C$="INST":GOSUB4000
1290 C=156:C$="PUR":GOSUB4000
1295 C=157:C$="LEFT":GOSUB4000
1300 C=158:C$="YEL":GOSUB4000
1310 C=159:C$="CYN":GOSUB4000
1320 C=160:C$="SHFT SPC":GOSUB4000
1325 C=168:C$="COMD LB.":GOSUB4000
1330 C=169:C$="SHFT LB.":GOSUB4000
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WIN A 1541 DISK DRIVE! CONT.

you'll get top results through this column. Perhaps you need to buy a second hand printer, or maybe a plotter. This is where you'll find one for sale. By the way... when you send us an advertisement to print, or any other correspondence, please include a telephone number. You'll get a far faster response.

Let's not forget the free programs. They'll still be coming up every edition. This month's is a beauty.

Hints and Tips has always been an important column. We're pleased to say that this also remains, and with a little help from you, can be further expanded.

Cornerstone News is your forum, and you are invited to submit an article of your choosing for publication. Every month we will be presenting a feature article, and if you are the author, we'll pay you twenty dollars for your effort, providing that it runs at least a half page, and isn't considered as an advertisement in disguise. A half page, incidently, is about five hundred words.

Readers will also be invited to take part in various competitions throughout the year. We have already given away a printer and ten boxes of disks, and in this edition we will be giving away a free disk drive to some lucky reader.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy this month's copy of Cornerstone News. We think that it's the best we've ever produced, and we hope that it's the first of many that will be equally interesting. Just a reminder ...we still need more readers. Cornerstone News is a free publication, and as such is there to be enjoyed by all Commodore 64 users. If you know of a user who doesn't receive his or her own copy, let us know about it, and we'll make sure that they receive all our future editions.

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1340 C=186:C$="SHFT @":GOSUB4000
1350 C=20:C$="DEL":GOSUB4000
1360 IFA>B+627THENPRINT"STRINGS TOO LONG":END
1399 RETURN
4000 POKEA,C:A=A+1:FORZ=1TOLEN(C$):POKEA,ASC(MID$(C$,Z,1)):A=A+1:NEXTZ
4010 POKEA,0:A=A+1:POKEA,0:RETURN
5000 DATA72,165,154,201,2,48,4,201,5,48,910
5010 DATA4,104,76,67,125,104,141,12,3,72,718
5020 DATA152,72,138,72,162,3,189,3,0,168,969
5030 DATA189,113,125,157,3,0,152,157,113,125,1144
5040 DATA202,16,239,173,12,3,201,255,208,4,1323
5050 DATA169,126,208,14,201,224,144,4,233,64,1397
5060 DATA208,6,201,192,144,2,233,96,197,5,1234
5070 DATA208,17,238,3,0,120,248,165,4,24,1037
5080 DATA105,1,133,4,216,88,24,144,85,172,982
5090 DATA5,0,133,5,165,3,240,53,140,6,760
5100 DATA0,162,0,189,117,125,240,94,197,6,1140
5110 DATA240,9,232,189,117,125,208,250,232,208,1820
5120 DATA238,201,32,208,6,165,3,201,2,144,1210
5130 DATA112,32,28,125,232,189,117,125,240,6,1216
5140 DATA32,67,125,24,144,244,169,93,32,67,1007
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5270 DATA144,221,165,6,32,67,125,206,3,0,979
5280 DATA208,246,240,172,169,91,32,67,125,165,1525
5290 DATA4,201,2,48,27,74,74,74,74,240,828
5300 DATA6,24,105,48,32,67,125,165,4,41,627
5310 DATA15,24,105,48,32,67,125,169,32,32,659
5320 DATA67,125,96,76,42,163,75,73,84,64,875
5330 DATA71,43,77,92,32,78,81,68,90,83,785
5340 DATA80,65,69,82,87,72,74,76,89,85,789
5350 DATA73,64,70,67,88,86,66,67,79,77,753
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5460 DATA140,323,463
5470 DATA148,323,471
5480 DATA163,323,486
5490 DATA176,369,545
5500 DATA183,369,552
5510 DATA211,284,495
5520 DATA216,357,573
5530 DATA221,323,544
5540 DATA230,326,556
5550 DATA233,323,556
5560 DATA245,284,529
5570 DATA250,363,613
5580 DATA255,323,578
5590 DATA266,323,589
5600 DATA274,323,597
5610 DATA286,323,609
5620 DATA304,323,627
5630 DATA314,323,637
5640 DATA319,323,642
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REVIEW — SKAI 64 DISK DRIVE

Q. What's smaller, lighter, cooler, arguably faster and probably more reliable than a Commodore 1541 disk drive??

A. Ummm ... Almost anything!!

No, dummy, ... a SKAI 64 disk drive, that's what!!

Lets have a quick look at this thing. Hmmm ... the packaging is about the same, lots of moulded poly in a cardboard sleeve, something like the Commodore. Shouldn't be any problem with transport then, plenty of strength where it's required. One point scored, so let's get it out of the box.

What have we here?? This can't be a disk drive, it's too small.
Doesn't seem to weigh very much ... maybe they left something out!

Nope...it's all here, and really very impressive. Good manual too! Hey...what are these switches on the bottom for? Good grief!! With the switches I can change the device number of the drive. No more messing around with a hot soldering iron, or even worse, with a device changing software routine that you just know will be overwritten by something else just when you need it most! Another good point for the SKAI! Take a look at the gate. It's a lever style affair that's very simple to use and absolutely positive in operation. No more tears in that department. You beaut! Let's get it out of it's case.

Solid metal construction, metal housing, high quality circuit board, RF shield, ...er... where the heck's the transformer? Ah-ha! So that's the secret! No transformer! No wonder it's so light. This machine's sneaky — instead of a bulky transformer like the 1541 it uses a switching power supply. That's why its a lot smaller, only 330 x 163 x 70mm. That means that it runs a lot cooler too. Very, very, good!

What about the drive mechanism. Wow... look at that! It's got proper mechanics, just like you'd expect to find in a business style PC drive! It's even got a speed adjustment device! I'm impressed!

O.K., lets give it a run. No problem connecting it to the 64, uses the same style of cables. The printer plugs straight into the back too, so it's fully compatible in this respect. Let's try it with a few programs. Bingo! It works!

Hey! It's quiter than the 1541. No crashing and bashing! Plus it runs almost every program that I own. Goes O.K. as device nine for file copying with Starpoint's Disector as well. According to the distributors, the drive has been tested with over 2,000 programs, and works successfully with 99.5 percent of them. That's O.K., I can live without the other half percent. They also tell me that for an extra $14.50 I can take out a special twelve month extended warranty cover, too. That sounds like good value, my last 1541 alignment cost me a small fortune in downtime!

As far as speed is concerned, the SKAI takes a tiny little bit longer to read a huge sequential file. BUT... it has a much faster seek speed, and the head virtually flies over the surface of the disk in search for specific tracks and sectors. This means that database programs such as Superbase 64 run considerably better on the SKAI, which is an obvious advantage for heavy data base users such as myself. On occasions my 1541s go to sleep while they try to figure out where to dump the next block! No problem with the SKAI!

All in all.. thumbs up to the SKAI 64. As an alternative to the 1541 it has to be considered, especially if weight, temperature, compatibility, user friendliness and reliability play an important part in your deliberations.

Good on ya, SKAI.

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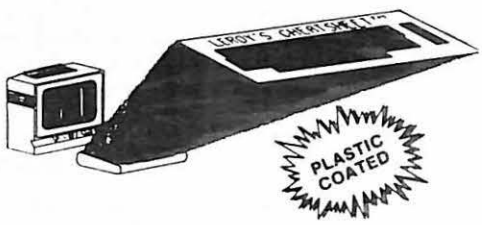

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READER ADS

Young **Sue Gardner** of the Sunshine Coast, **(071) 44 2719** has a very good commodore 1521 printer for sale. It has had very little work, and she's selling it because she bought a Juki daisy-wheel. Asking price?? Only two-fifty bucks. That's very good value.

Nelson Bay Commodore Users Group (B.U.G.) is looking for new members. If you live up that way (I wish I did!), drop a line for further details to; **Wayne Herring, P.O. Box 308, Nelson Bay.**

Andrew Gleave, (08) 337 6115 has lots of games to sell and swap. He also needs to know how to solve problems in Maya Adventure, Castle of Mydor and Thermonuclearwargames. Can anybody out there help?.

F. Fredrickson has an 803 printer and is looking for a program that will allow him to make cards, signs etc. Phone him on **(02) 639 7873.**

Peter Bungay, 8 Paull Street, Wagga Wagga, 2650 wants to buy POKER 64, THE FONT FACTORY, CALCKIT and either DISECTOR or DISKMAKER. He'd also like to know how to disable the INST / DEL key. Anybody awake down there???

Matthew Molineux, 21 Junction Road, Clayfield, 4011 would like to buy a complete second hand Commodore system. Trouble is, his budget is a little tight, and he can't afford to pay a squillion dollars. I know there are a few user groups out his way that receive this journalistic gem ...so how about it fellas!!

Julian Crawford of Paddington **(02) 331 6505** reckons he has about a thousand dollars worth of software for sale ...all for $75.00. Is this a joke or something!!! Best you give him a call.

If you live in Adelaide, and you need a printer / plotter, give **Doug Underdown** a call. He has a 1520 for sale at $140.00. Also Choplifter and Combat Lynx (turbo load versions). Phone **(08) 248 2166.**

Tim Fraser, 12 Flora Avenue, Bayswater, 6053 is looking for a true RS 232 for use with non Commodore peripherals. This must be in your department, Paul!!

Queensland reader **Greg Geerssen** would like to swap a bunch of games, tape only. Try him on **(07) 266 7814.**

If you need a copy of Disector (didn't I type that word earlier?) or the Program Protection Manual Vol. 1, you should contact **M.F. Blayney, 72 EW Sqn, Borneo Barracks, Cabarlah. Qld. 4352.** Both are $35.00. and he has only one of each for sale.

Mr. G.R. Skipper, (03) 551 5262 has a 1520 printer / plotter for sale for just $125.00. That's good value, too.

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Patrick Devlin of Gymea (02) 524 1631 is looking for a copy of SUPERCLONE, MR. NIBBLE or DISKMAKER. He would like to trade some top quality programs for one of the above utilities.

Brendan McAlister, (042) 95 1382 has problems getting into the house in Bastow Manor, and would like to contact somebody in his area who can help him.

"Doctor" Bill, of 9/162 Byrnes St., Mareeba, Qld. (070) 92 2097 reckons he should be in the "ASYLUM" because of all the problems he's been having with it. Can somebody please give him a call, or drop him a line.

Rev. Dave Cooper, 98 Gardiner Road, Orange, 2800 is starting up a local user group, and would love to hear from interested hackers. He also has a number of copies of a good touch typing trainer to sell, which are available for extremely reasonable prices.

Matthew Menzies, Total Roadhouse, Cooma West 2630 has a problem with a program called "M.O.B. MAKER" that he typed from a British magazine. Seems he keeps getting an ILLEGAL QUANTITY error in line 150. Anyone assist??

Tom Price of Lane Cove **(02) 439 3331** would like to contact anybody using the MIDI interface with synthesizers and drum machines. Any other muso's out there??

Robert Norman of 6 The Parkway, Paradise. S.A. 5075 has a copy of Bastow Manor and needs to know the SYS number required to get it to run. Ummm!!

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