

COMMODORE USERS OF WICHITA

"For the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers"

Number 2, December 1993

Recap of the November CUW Meeting

by Dale Lutes

The November CUW meeting was a great success! Thanks to all of the 31 members who helped to make it so!

Things got off to a somewhat awkward start, when an Atari users group arrived for their monthly meeting. One of our members left, believing he had the wrong location. The Atari folks were very nice and moved

down the hall, allowing our bigger group to use the large meeting room.

The meeting went smoothly from that point on. CUW members had about an hour to set up and play with their systems before Jerry Shook called the business meeting to order.

After brief introductions by all of those present, the club addressed the issue of an increase of the annual dues from ten to fifteen dollars. The proposal passed with a unanimous vote in favor of the increase.

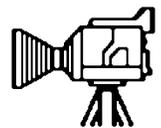
It was also decided that members must be paid up in order to vote or utilize club services such as the PD or Commercial library. This requirement goes into effect at our December meeting.

Marie Both, our membership officer, was quickly swamped with people ready to join or pay the increase. The CUW now has 19 members in good standing.

A question was raised regarding Harv Harris' tax program. Howard Bedient offered to phone Mr. Harris and make arrangements for our new club to distribute his software.

After the business meeting adjourned, Nate Dannenberg demonstrated the latest version of his Battleship

program. CUW members waged war on each other from across the room, theirs systems connected via modem. Nate also set up some video equipment and digitized portraits of club members using *Video Byte*.



Next CUW Meeting

1:00 Saturday, December 11
Wichita Water Dept.
1701 Sim Park Drive

Fred Earley will be demonstrating Creative Micro Design's *Perfect Print*, a system for producing near laser quality output of GEOwrite documents with dot-matrix printers.

RUN STOP / RESTORE

Two phone numbers listed in the November *Helping Hand* were incorrect. Here are the right numbers:

Robert Bales 744-2580

Marie Both 652-7783

We apologize for any inconvenience.



Don's Digest

by Don McManamey

Welcome Commodore Users of Wichita! This is the second of the Don's Digest series here at

the CUW. We are trying very hard to make this club the very best we can. The principles of the club are putting in countless hours. Tell one of them thank you.

You probably noticed on our news letter the phrase "*For the Sharing, Learning, and Love of Commodore Computers*". I thought this summed up the way we feel about our club. This was the brain child of our Fred Early. If you don't know Fred, he was president of the C&AUGW and quite a spark plug. Among other things, he did a good job of organizing demos and writing for the club paper. I hope he will consider undertaking these tasks once again.

This month will see the new Disk Of The Quarter. Be sure to get your copy and explore what it has in store. If you're new to the club you should know that this is the 3rd DOQ. If you want the back issues they are \$2.00 each. While you are free to copy it if you wish we ask that you don't. First it is a source of income for the club. Next it is a drawing card for people to join the club. Also consider the way the disk has been prepared. It has a nice labels, all except the Premiere Issue are on orange disks so they are easy to spot and the jacket has a listing of what is on the disk. If that doesn't make it worth \$2.00 I apologize.



This might be a good time to explain that the last DOQ had a minor problem which some did not understand. If you were unable to run the 128 SLIDE SHOW, the problem was one of two things. First, the 128 SLIDE SHOW did not like the menu program. If you loaded from the menu and then tried to read picture files, you were told that there were no picture files on that disk. The files were there. All you had to do is press the f3 key to list the directory and then type RUN and it should work just fine unless you have Jiffy DOS. This is one of the few programs which doesn't like Jiffy DOS.

As DOQ Editor I have a small complaint. If you have a problem with the DOQ please don't come to me and proclaim that a program doesn't work. Those who have submitted programs have tested them and these programs should work. Please assume that the problem is other than the program in question and ask if anyone has had a problem. If you are the only one or at least the first we will investigate and let you know what we find. The problem with 128 SLIDE SHOW was known when I was told it did not work, and another member reported the same problem. Both of these people have Jiffy DOS. Remember, in a volunteer organization you should use some tact and try not to offend. This is one of the problems another local club has and it has made many angry.

The club still needs someone to fill the job of Secretary. I use the word "job" advisedly. There are other ways you can help. They don't need to require you to wear out your equipment or cost you anything but time but please get involved.

I would like to make a couple proposals for activities outside our regular club meetings.

- ☞ There are at least 4 stores in Oklahoma City that sell new and used Commodore equipment. How about a bunch of us going down in the spring and check them out!
- ☞ What do you say to a picnic when warm weather rolls around again? I can probably get Beech Lake which has a shelter.

Do you have any good ideas for the club? Let's hear them. Remember, just because we don't use your idea don't get mad or give up. Keep the ideas coming.

For Sale

Commodore 64 computer and 1541 disk drive. \$100.00 for both. Phone Eldon Epp 267-9341.



WANTED: Club Logo & Newsletter Name

by Dale Lutes

Whether you are a professional artist or if you simply like to doodle while talking on the phone, you can help us design a new club logo. We are looking for an eye-catching graphic that will uniquely identify CUW products. It will be used on disk labels and appear in the banner of our newsletter.

And speaking of newsletters... How about a name for this one? Here are a couple of ideas to help get YOUR creative juices flowing: Judy Matthews suggests "Eighth Notes" (playing our 8-bit machines). Dale Lutes likes "The Zero Page" (referring to the 6502 CPU's special range of memory addresses).

Contact Don McManamey with your logo and newsletter name ideas.

Help Wanted

by Dale Lutes

SECRETARY:

The CUW is still looking for someone to perform the function of club secretary. At this early stage in our development, it is important that we have good records of resolutions passed that will eventually become part of our formal by-laws. If you can help, please contact Robert Bales.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

We need someone with good interpersonal skills to help recruit volunteers and organize demonstrations for the monthly meetings. If you can help, please contact Marie Both.

PD LIBRARY ASSISTANT:

A volunteer is needed during club meetings to keep track of disks borrowed from the Public Domain Library, collect money from disk purchases, and perform an occasional disk copy. If you can help, please contact Dale Lutes.

CUW Club Policies to Date

by Dale Lutes



Here is a summary of the resolutions which have been passed by a vote of the CUW members. Since we do not yet have a club secretary to provide minutes, I've written this from memory. If you notice any inaccuracies or omissions, please let me know.

OCTOBER:

- ☞ A new club will be formed. Its name shall be the Commodore Users of Wichita.
- ☞ Meetings will be held the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.
- ☞ Dues are set at \$10.00 per year for a family membership. For this amount, the family receives 1 vote on club policy, a monthly newsletter, and a quarterly disk publication. Other family members may vote by paying an additional \$5.00 per year.
- ☞ Club dues are in no way connected to the C&AUGW annual dues or 8-Bit SIG fees. With a single exception, dues will not be pro-rated based on membership in that other club.

NOVEMBER:

- ☞ Dues are raised to \$15.00 per year in order to cover equipment maintenance and purchases of hardware & software.
- ☞ Beginning in December, only members in good standing will be permitted to vote, to receive newsletters, and to utilize club services such as the software libraries.

Random Access

by Dale Lutes

If you spend any time on electronic bulletin boards, you can't help but notice the strange combinations of characters that pepper electronic messages.

One of the most commonly used is :-). If you've never seen this before, turn the paper 90 degrees clockwise. With a little imagination, you'll see that the colon, minus, and paren form the eyes, nose, and mouth of a smiley face.

When we speak, our facial expressions and tone of voice tell the other person if we are happy, angry, serious, sarcastic, or whatever. Electronically, we must choose our words carefully, otherwise the recipient may misinterpret what we say. These symbols can help by clarifying HOW we are saying it:

:-)	grin
;-)	wink
:->	big smile
:-D	big, toothy smile
:-}	wry grin
8-)	wide-eyed smile
:-(frown
):-(mad
>:-<	furious
:-I	hmm
:-O	oh, nooooo!
:-p	Phhhhtttt!

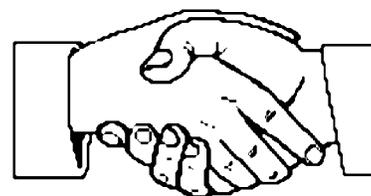
There are a lot of possibilities with just a few characters. Try making up a few of your own.

Computer people are notorious for using acronyms. In electronic messaging, these can save us a few keystrokes for some often-used phrases:

BTW	by the way
FWIW	for what its worth
IANAL	I am not a lawyer
IMO	in my opinion
IMHO	in my humble opinion
OTOH	on the other hand
WRT	with respect to

I've had fun with this month's column. I hope you have, too ;-).

THE HELPING HAND



This page lists those users willing to share their experiences and knowledge with other members of the club.

Music

Modems/Telecommunications

Robert Bales	Justin Riddiough
Nate Dannenberg	

Programming

Nate Dannenberg	Dale Lutes
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Astrology, Biorhythm

Marie Both

Printing in Color

Don McManamey	Jerry Shook
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Art: Doodle, Koala Pad

Judy Matthews	Dale Lutes
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Labels

Jerry Shook

Making Billboards

Titling Home Videos

Sue Harber

Christmas Cards, Posters & Signs

Fred Earley

Word Processing & Desktop Publishing

Fred Earley	Don McManamey
Jerry Shook	Dale Lutes

GEOS

Judy Matthews	Fred Earley
Nate Dannenberg	Dale Lutes

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Nate Dannenberg 777-1037
Fred Earley 722-4044
Sue Harber 942-4884
Dale Lutes 721-0835
Don McManamey 265-2560
Judy Matthews 522-3146
Justin Riddiough 522-5277
Jerry Shook 776-2683

Let us know if we may include your name in future *Helping Hand* listings. If we don't have a category for you already, we'll add one!

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Meetings of the CUW are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. The deadline for articles is 14 days prior to the meeting day. Submissions are accepted on 1541, 1571, or 1581 formatted floppy disks. GEOWrite, ASCII, or PETASCII files are preferred. In a pinch, paper hard copy will work. Call Dale at 721-0835 or mail your submissions to:

Commodore Users of Wichita
c/o Dale Lutes
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Wichita, KS 67212

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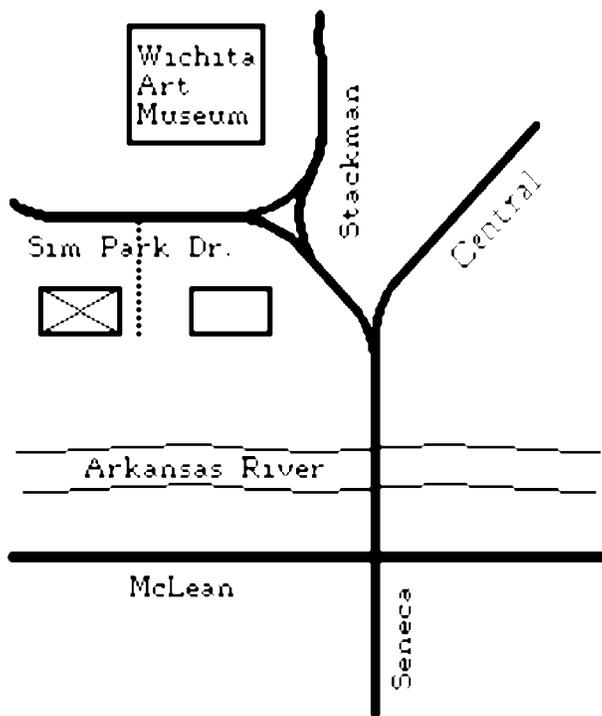
Follow the signs to the Old Cowtown Museum until you reach the three-way intersection of Central, Stackman, and Seneca. If you are coming from south of the river, keep to the left at every split in the road until you reach 1701 Sim Park Drive. There are 2 large red brick buildings on the left. The 2nd one has a chain link fence around it. There is a wooden sign at the road which reads:

1701 SIM PARK DR	WATER TREATMENT PLANT
WATER DISTRIBUTION	HISTORICAL COWTOWN MUSEUM
METER SHOP	BOTANICAL GARDENS
1703 WAREHOUSE	

On the east side of the building it says:

MAINS & SERVICES DIVISION
WICHITA WATER DEPT

This is the place. If the main entrance is locked, go to the back of the building. This door is never locked.



If you haven't joined the CUW yet, this could be your last newsletter. We have some exciting things planned for the club and we'd like **you** to be a part of it! We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.