

COMMODORE USERS OF WICHITA

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

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Jerry's Corner

by Jerry Shook

I just thought that I would welcome all our new members, new old members and old old

members to C.U.W. Last meeting was, at least in my humble opinion, a super meeting and I hope just one of many more to come.

To all the new members, I want you to know that for many of us, helping someone that is having a problem with their computer is the way we have fun as well as the way we learn more about the computer. So don't be bashful, but please understand that sometimes we over extend our self at the meetings and don't always give the personal care that you need or should have. Often it is better if you make an appointment at a time that is mutually convenient, to avoid any distractions. It might interest you to know that even the people that you might think are awfully smart on the computers have problems now and then, and we do use the telephone to get answers that we might have trouble getting otherwise.

To all those who bought the Christmas Song Disk, I do hope that you got more than your moneys worth from it. I did enjoy getting it together, and if you are interested in more songs for the SID player check with P.D. library.

Do you have Print Shop? If so then you will want to check out the Print Shop Graphics in the library. Do you use GEO'S or like to play games? How about having the entire King James Bible on disk to read or print out at will? There are all kinds programs that we have been collecting for over a decade, some good, some super, and of course a few that are good for the beginner programmers to look at and maybe try to make something of them.

All in all we have a lot of potential if we all work together, help out where we can and each of us share with the rest of us the prize programs or hardware as well as the boondoggles.

Next CUW Meeting

1:00 Saturday, January 8
Wichita Water Dept.
1701 Sim Park Drive

Don McManamey will show us how he uses color to create unique and eye-catching *Print Shop* designs.



Meeting Agenda:

- 1:00 - 2:00 Equipment setup & informal meeting
- 2:00 - 2:45 Business meeting
- 2:45 - 3:00 Break
- 3:00 - 4:00 Feature demonstration
- 4:00 - 5:00 Meeting over, informal gathering, equipment teardown



Don's Digest

by Don McManamey

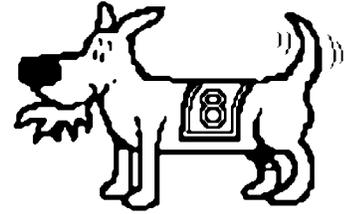
Greetings 8 bitters!

As I sit at the computer and pound out the Don's Digest for January, Christmas has just passed and the New Year's holiday is still five days away. Still we look ahead to things to come which seem as though they are a long time down the road but one must remember that spring is less than 3 months away!!

Next month (at the February meeting) we will be installing device number switches in the 1541 drives. The cost will be \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members for each switch installed. If you would like to be able to switch between devices 8, 9, 10, and 11 it will cost \$6.00 for each drive. If you need only to switch between devices 8 and 9 or 10 and 11 the cost is just \$3.00 per drive. Now, if you are not sure why you need a device number switch, here are just a few reasons. If you have 2 or more drives you know that you use device 8 more than any other. By being able to change the device number at will you can help even out the wear on your drives. Some programs will only run on drive 8 so if you are having problems loading and suspect your drive, you can change which is #8 and see if that eliminates the problem. If you use GEOS you can use 2 drives and in fact it is very difficult to run GEOS with only 1 drive. The Write Stuff allows you to use several drives and so you could set them any way you need. Even if you only own 1 drive it will increase the value of your drive and allow you to use your drive with a friends to copy programs or whatever. Incase you didn't see my drives last month, I'll try to have my drives at the January meeting for you to see. The switches are nice commercial quality mini rocker switches. We must have your pre-payment at the January meeting to insure that we have enough switches to go around. We will have a few extra but can't guarantee we will have switches for those who don't pre-pay. This work is being done by fellow members for your benefit and neither they nor the club can be responsible for any damages which may result from our actions. I might point out that we know what we are doing and the risk is extremely low.

We have had some input for names for this paper as well as slogans. Justin Riddiogh suggested a take off from the AA slogan "One Day at a Time". He likes "Eight Bits at a Time". Dale Lutes has come up with a graphic

of a dog named 8-Bit which took a bite out of someone's pants. He then added the slogan "Takin' a Byte out of Commodore Computing". He also likes the name "The Zero Page"



as our paper's name. Fred Earley likes "For the Sharing, Learning, and Love of Commodore Computers". And finally, someone suggested we use the stack of 4 quarters signifying 8 bits (1 bit being a coin worth 12 1/2 cents). So far I like them all. What do you like?

The club will soon be acquiring some new public domain programs. Watch for news of this.

It is my understanding that we now have 29 full paid members. We passed out 25 of the December Disk O'Quarter. That was a great turn out :) We still have a few old friends who will join soon, I trust, plus we continue to have new people come in. Remember to be friendly and helpful. Speaking of helpful, Judy Matthews did what several were unable to do. Robert Frisbie was having problems with his printer not printing what The Write Stuff told it to. Well too many of us assumed too much. The Write Stuff was not set up to his printer. Judy sat and deciphered his printer book and then plugged all that into TWS and got it all working fine. Good job Judy!) Now see Bob, it pays to be persistent.

Until next time, happy computing :)

Lost & Found

At the last meeting, I misplaced my November issue of *dieHard*. If you picked it up, please bring it along with you to the January meeting. Thanks alot -- Dale Lutes.

Recap of the December CUW Meeting

by Dale Lutes

The CUW once again attracted over 30 people to the December meeting. One problem, (although a pleasant sort of one) was evident early as we quickly ran out of space for the many systems which were brought to the meeting!

We had a system running the club's membership database. New members were able to sit at the keyboard and, with Marie Both's help, enter their own mailing information. Meanwhile, Dale Lutes was busy running off membership cards on another system. And in another corner, Don McManamey was making copies of the latest Disk O'Quarter.

During the business meeting, Jerry Shook read a letter that he had addressed to the leadership of the C&AUGW. After some discussion, the club asked Jerry to hold on to the letter until we learned how the other club wished to pursue our relationship.

Don McManamey announced the club's plans to install device number switches on 1541 disk drives at the February meeting. Don brought in his own disk drives to show how the installed switches will look. Don will be taking orders for the switches at the January meeting. The price is \$3.00 per switch for CUW members, and \$6.00 per switch for non-members.

Robert Bales announced to the group that he was the new Commodore 8-bit sysop for the Sherer 'n Place BBS. Robert is looking at setting up a section on the board especially for CUW members. If you haven't tried using your system for telecommunications, see Robert at the next meeting.

Dale Lutes announced that he had spoken with Mark, at the Software Exchange. The Exchange is distributing copies of our club newsletter. Mark offered to display a club poster in his store and is eager to have us meet there sometime. If you've never been to the Software Exchange, it's located at McCormick & Vine in Wichita.

After the break, Fred Earley showed us how he makes use of Creative Micro Design's *Perfect Print*. Fred also offered to make a set of four custom business cards free of charge for any member. Thanks, Fred for volunteering to do this month's demo!

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

Astrology, Biorhythm

Marie Both

Printing in Color

Don McManamey Jerry Shook

Art: Doodle, Koala Pad

Judy Matthews Dale Lutes

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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Helping Hand Volunteers

Robert Bales 744-2580
Marie Both 652-7783
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
11102 W. 17th Street
Wichita, KS 67212

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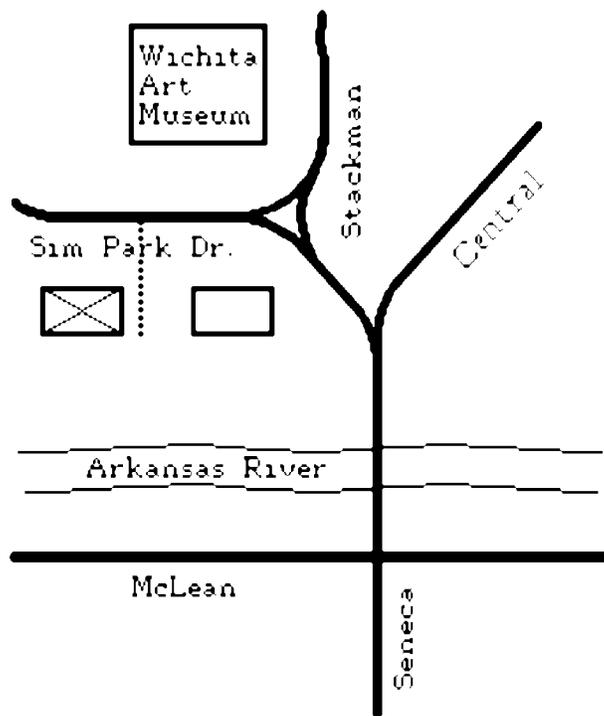
Follow the signs to the Old Cowtown Museum until you reach the three-way intersection of Central, Stackman, and Seneca. If you are coming from south of the river, keep to the left at every split in the road until you reach 1701 Sim Park Drive. there are 2 large red brick buildings on the left. The 2nd 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 didn't get your CUW membership card at the December meeting, you will find it in the envelope with your newsletter. Your membership card also serves as your name badge, so remember to bring it with you to each meeting. We will have a supply of pin-on badge holders available.