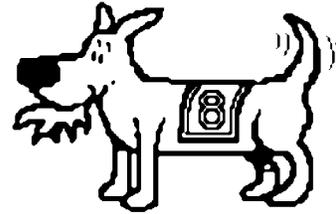


The Zero Page

The newsletter of the Commodore Users of Wichita
"For the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers"

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Eight-Bit keeps takin' a byte
out of Commodore Computing

Recap of the March CUW Meeting

by Dale Lutes

Last month's meeting of the CUW opened with the usual flurry of activity as members set up their systems and greeted friends. We didn't get an official head count, but attendance seemed a little lighter than in the previous months. Perhaps the extra nice weather had something to do with it!

The business meeting was called to order on schedule by our chairman, Jerry Shook. Marie Both gave a quick accounting of our

club's financial status. Marie also discussed plans to publish a club phone list and asked those present to verify their phone numbers against the club records. We will **not** publish any numbers without permission, so please check with Marie and let her know if we may include you in the directory.

After some discussion, the members voted on, and passed, the four proposals regarding elections published in the last *Zero Page*. Don McManamey brought two more proposals before the club: 1) to officially adopt *The Zero Page* as the name of our newsletter and 2) to officially adopt Eight-Bit (the little dog on the banner) as our club logo. These also passed a vote of the members present.

After the business meeting adjourned, the group watched while Don McManamey demonstrated his technique for producing full-color printouts using the *Print Shop*. It is worth mentioning again that this method can be applied to **any** application that normally prints only in black & white. Thanks, Don for an excellent presentation!

After the demo, members quickly broke up into small groups, sharing software and ideas. Some drifted over to the PD Library which was opened for business by our new librarian, Francis Catudel. Don McManamey was kept busy passing out copies of the latest Disk O'Quarter. Dale Lutes & Marie Both welcomed two new members to the club.

Telecommunications Featured in April

by Dale Lutes

Have you ever wondered what BBS systems are all about? Do terminal programs seem too complicated? Do modems frighten you? Have you wanted to get into telecommunications, but don't know where to start?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then you should come visit us this month! Robert Bales will be giving an on-line demo and helping club members break into the

telecommunications world. Robert is our club's BBS Representative and is the system operator (sysop) for the Commodore section on Sherer 'N Place, a local bulletin board. He'll be giving us a guided tour around SNP and afterwards will help new users make that first call to become a registered user.

Robert has made up a disk with the latest copies of Novaterm and Desterm, two of the best terminal programs available for the C-64 and C-128. The club will be selling these disks and Robert will help customize your copy for use with **your** system. The price of the disks will be \$2.00 for CUW members, and \$3.00 for non-members.

**Next CUW Meeting:
Saturday, April 9
1:00 - 5:00 pm
1411 South Oliver**

**Robert Bales, our BBS representative
and Sherer 'N Place sysop, will present
an on-line telecommunications demo.**

Nominations Open for Club Officers

by Dale Lutes

Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are open and will be accepted through the close of the April club meeting. Nominations may be made in person or in writing to the Chair.

Jerry Shook
412 North Morris
Rose Hill, KS 67133

Members may nominate themselves. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Roots

by Dale Lutes

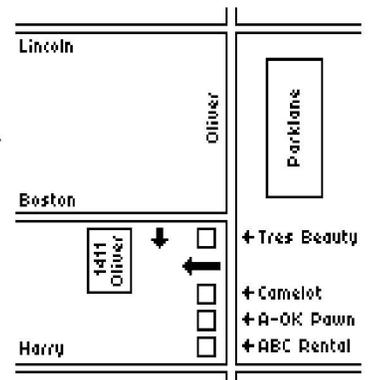
Our club can trace its roots back to 1982 with the Wichita VIC-20 Group. Those of you who are well-versed in Commodore history will remember that 1982 was the year that the C-64 was announced. I thought it would be fun to have a look at what was going on in those early days.

Here is the front page of the January 1983 newsletter. Inside, editor Walt Lounsbury reviewed several games and wrote an extensive article on VIC FORTH. Stephen Meirowsky furnished a technical article on programming and the C-64 video chip. Five adventure games for the VIC were received from a user group in New Zealand and 12 disks were added to the C-64 library. The last page included a program listing for Star Trek for the unexpanded VIC-20.



The Commodore Users of Wichita is a club dedicated to "the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers." Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 1-5pm. Anyone who owns or uses a Commodore computer system is welcome to attend. Family memberships cost \$15 per year. Members receive a monthly newsletter, a quarterly disk publication, access to an extensive library of public-domain software, and the right to vote on matters of club policy. We are looking forward to seeing **you** at our next meeting.

If you own an Amiga computer system, be sure to visit our sister club, the C&AUGW. Contact President Hal Wigley (776-9529) or Board Chairman Pete Hein (943-5215) for information regarding their meeting time and location.



You may join or renew your membership by mail.
Complete this form and mail with a check for fifteen dollars to:

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Commodore Users of Wichita
6606 Cottonwood
Wichita, KS 67207

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

List additional family members who are interested in participating:

What Commodore systems do you use? (please check all that apply)

VIC-20 C-64 C-128 C-16 Plus/4 Other

