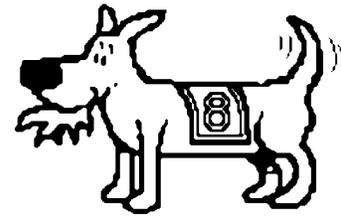


The Zero Page

*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



Random Access

by Dale Lutes

Thanksgiving weekend has just passed and Christmas is a few weeks away. This is traditionally a time for people to reflect on those things for which they are most thankful. I'd like to acknowledge a few people for whom I am especially grateful. First of all, thanks to each and every CUW member. You have all helped in one way or another, to make our club what it is today.

Special recognition is due to the members of the steering committee. These dedicated people have done so much in this important first year for our club. They have worked many, many hours agonizing over finances, preparing demos, answering questions, fixing hardware, staffing the libraries, preparing disks, and writing newsletter articles. They often miss the demos and sacrifice their own chance to access the libraries while providing their special services at our monthly meetings. When you see these people, please tell them how much you appreciate their effort! It is a pleasure working with such a fine team. They have made my job as Chairman, an easy one.

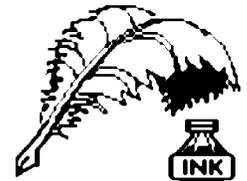
I am most grateful to the original committee members: Robert Bales, Marie Both, Nate Dannenberg, Don McManamey, and Jerry Shook. They were there from the very beginning. When things seemed to be coming apart for us in the C&AUGW, they helped hold it together as the leaders of the 8-Bit SIG and the early CUW. Don's vision of the 8-Bit SIG was a flag for us to rally around when lack of support from the C&AUGW board threatened us with extinction. Jerry served as Chair during those turbulent first months after our split with the C&AUGW. Nobody works harder than Marie, who has accepted some of the least visible and most thankless tasks as our financial officer, membership officer, secretary, and Vice-Chair.

Thanks so much for your special contributions. --Dale

Don's Digest

by Don McManamey

I would have liked to continue with the basic programming I started last month but unfortunately, or perhaps



fortunately, there is information I want to pass along which is more exciting if not more important. With some luck we will continue with our basic program next month.

It has been said that everyone has their fifteen minutes of fame at

**Next CUW Meeting:
Saturday, December 10
1:00 - 5:00 pm
1411 South Oliver**

**Let's have some fun and celebrate
the end of a terrific first year!
Nate Dannenberg will be digitizing
pictures of CUW members with
Video Byte.**

some point in their life. I used to think that that was a stupid idea. As time goes by I tend to believe it at least a little. Perhaps you saw me in my fifteen minutes of glory last spring and summer when I appeared in four Saturn commercials which aired in the Wichita area. It is strange how people you know and/or work with react to seeing you in a television commercial. Even people you have never seen before give you strange looks at the mall or on the street. You can tell by their face they are thinking, "Don't I know him from somewhere?" Just last week I was contacted by a major movie studio about a part in a movie! Well, okay, I made up the part about the movie studio. Now I really don't think that EVERYONE will have their fifteen minutes of

so-called fame unless you count birth and death announcements, but one never knows how or when they will do something that will give them notoriety at least for a short time. If we set out to be famous, we stand just about as much chance to become a Jeffrey Dahmer as we are to become a Donald Trump. Frankly, I wouldn't want to be either one of them. Nevertheless, some individuals and some groups gain a great deal of recognition their actions even though they do not seek it. Most of you old timers recognize user groups like TPUG who became well known by what they did. I'd bet when they formed UPCHUG they never thought that one of their members would become the Associate Editor of a Commodore

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magazine with a circulation of 16,000 readers! Now that Commodore is out of business and support is becoming hard to find, those who can supply users with new and exciting material can make a name for themselves. Enter Commodore Users of Wichita!!

You may not know that some of our Disk O'Quarter programs were created by our own members and appear there for the very first time anywhere! I am working on several projects at this time along with some of our programmers. We are hoping to get our programs out to the Commodore faithful. We hope to bring attention to the Commodore Users of Wichita and its members with things such as the Koala art of Dale Lutes and some items for GEOS including Dale's program, GeoMines. We stand on the threshold of producing some very high quality items. I can't go into details at the time of this writing but a proposal will be made to the steering committee on 2 December 1994. With any luck, we will announce our plans at our regular club meeting on 10 December 1994. I can say this: I am very excited about the possibilities. Without a doubt we will advertise our approval in as much detail as possible in the next issue of *The Zero Page*.

I want to encourage each of you to attend our meeting on the 10th and help us celebrate the holidays. We will be playing with our machines, of course, but there will be snacks too.

This month a new Disk O'Quarter is out. As I promised, we have some great stuff. Dale Lutes has finished some new Koala art on the theme of *The Lord of the Rings*. Don't forget you need a viewer such as the ones on the second Disk O'Quarter. Another

exclusive is GeoMines which I spoke of earlier. This is a game which operates from within GEOS. This one is very addictive. I have included United States Geography for the 128 (40) which was written mainly by yours truly but with some help from my youngest son. The bulk of the program was written over five years ago with several refinements along the way. The



original concept included a help screen so that those who don't spell well would not be at a disadvantage. I for one have hated quiz games where one can have the correct answer and not receive credit because of a misspelled word or because the exactly correct syntax was not known. In the end,

I compromised by opting for a slide show type of game where the only keyboard input required is for choosing a geographic region. A map is drawn and one state is colored in. You are given five seconds in which to identify this state after which the answer is displayed. Next you are given another five seconds to give the capitol. In both cases you make no keyboard input and no score is given. If you want a printed copy of the current screen just press "P" and one will be printed. We have two hi-res arcade style games, a program which defines the "F" keys so you can LOAD, SAVE, LIST, and RUN programs using the f keys. We have a greeting from Commodore and a visit from Momo.

Finally, you may remember our demo of the Koala pad a few months ago. If we had had 10 Koala pads to sell that day, we probably would have sold them all. Well, there is an ad in *die-Hard* where Koala pads are to be had for just \$25 each. I called recently and was told that they were out of stock but get them in on a fairly regular basis. These are used, but carry a full 90-day warranty. If you would like to contact them, they are:

TECH STAR COMPUTER CENTER
7036 188th South
Kent, WA 98032
phone (206) 251-9040

Until next time, may your syntax be error free!)



Mary Wilson has some equipment that she is offering for sale. The items include:

- ✓ Commodore 64 and a 64C
- ✓ Commodore 1541 disk drive
- ✓ Cardco CSD-1 (1541 compatible)
- ✓ Commodore 1702 monitor
- ✓ Commodore MPS-1000 printer

There are also several joysticks, a datasette, and a C-64 keyboard. Mary has two magazine collections, Run and Gazette, that she will give away to the buyers of the 64 and 64C systems. If you are interested in any of this hardware, give Mary a call at 684-7685.



Charter Members:
Don't forget that now is the time to
renew your membership!

Your CUW Steering Committee members are:

Dale Lutes	Chair & Newsletter Editor
Marie Both	Vice-Chair
Robert Bales	BBS Representative
Francis Catudal	Public Domain Librarian
Nate Dannenberg	BBS Representative
Arlen Gould	Commercial Librarian
Don McManamey	Disk Editor
Jerry Shook	Quartermaster

The Helping Hand



This page lists those users willing to share their experiences and

knowledge with other members of the club.

Music

Robert Bales Nate Dannenberg

Telecommunications

Robert Bales Justin Riddiough
Nate Dannenberg

Programming

Nate Dannenberg Dale Lutes

Astrology, Biorhythm

Marie Both

Printing in Color

Don McManamey Jerry Shook

Labels

Jerry Shook

Titling Home Videos

Sue Harber

Cards, Posters & Signs

Fred Earley

Word Processing & Desktop Publishing

Fred Earley Don McManamey
Jerry Shook Dale Lutes

GEOS

Nate Dannenberg Fred Earley
Dale Lutes

Family Roots

Maxine Ulrich

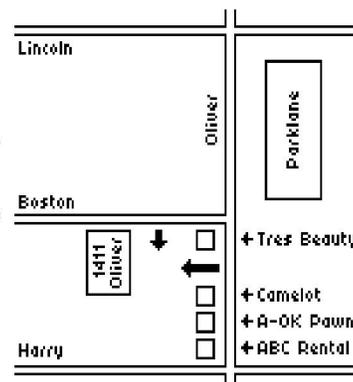
Helping Hand Volunteers

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
Justin Riddiough 522-5277
Jerry Shook 776-2683
Maxine Ulrich 838-8606

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!

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. A newsletter-only membership is available for \$5 per year. Contact any of the officers (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) for more information. 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 at 776-9529 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 payable to:

Marie Both
Commodore Users of Wichita
6606 Cottonwood
Wichita, KS 67207

What Commodore systems do you use? (please check all that apply)
 VIC-20 C-64 C-128 C-16 Plus/4 Other

Type of membership: Family (\$15) Newsletter-only (\$5)

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

List additional family members who are interested in participating:

