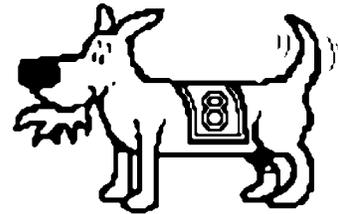


The Zero Page

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



Eight-bit keeps takin' a byte
out of Commodore computing

Number 19, May 1995

May is Election Month

Elections for the CUW Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the May meeting. Please take the time to cast your ballot. If you are unable to attend, you may cast your vote by returning the absentee ballot printed in this newsletter to Dale Lutes.



Absentee ballots must be signed and must be received by the start of the May meeting. Here are the position statements from each of the candidates:

Arlen Gould - Candidate for Chair

I am a native Kansan, having lived in this state all my life. More years than I care to count. I am single and have four adult children. Only one remaining in Kansas.

I have lived in Wichita a little over two years, and teach at one of the Wichita High Schools. I prepared for my teaching career by receiving my BS degree from Southwestern College, Winfield Kansas. I then taught at Wellington High School before receiving my MA at Wichita State University. My next assignment was at the Junior High School of Fort Leavenworth. Since

leaving Leavenworth I have taught in the public schools of Wichita.

I am an active member of the church of Christ, meeting at Emporia & Lincoln. I serve there as a part time teacher and minister. The work as a preacher is to small towns in the area that do not have a full time person, or filling in for vacations or whenever needed.

I have been a Commodore person about five years when I acquired mine from the Ft. Leavenworth school district. I still consider myself a novice and have much to learn. I have been a member of the club since it newly formed. I have learned a great deal from members of the club who are always ready to help and teach about

the use of the Commodore. To all of those people I am grateful. A year ago I took on the responsibility of the commercial library, and have served on the steering committee for that period of time.

I did not actively seek the position of President, and quiet frankly was shocked when my name was put up. I, if elected, will do my best to make the club a continuation of pleasant, hard working people, promoting the use of the Commodore.

Thank you for your support.

Arlen Gould

**Next CUW Meeting:
Saturday, May 13
1:00 - 5:00 pm
1411 South Oliver**

Dale Lutes will give us a look at
desktop publishing, GEOS style
with geoPublish.



**Elections will be held for the offices
of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Jerry Shook - Candidate for Chair

Hey everyone knows who Jerry is. You know, that is the old man in the funny hat at most of the meetings. Well then again he doesn't really show up much and he is a little shy so maybe you haven't seen him. (NOT !!)

Just in case there is someone out there that has overlooked me, I'm Jerry, alias Jerold Shook. I have been in the club forever or at least it seems like it, and I love it. I am a firm believer in our club and think that it has a lot of good years left in it. I have been in the leadership for almost as long as I have been in the

club, and that goes back to 1982. I have been President for two years and when we reformed the club I was the first Chairman. I had the public domain library for a while and have taken care of the club equipment. Many of you will remember me from the articles I have written for the club's paper with the byline of *Jerry's Corner*.

Enough of who I am, now about my thoughts and ideas about our club. I have always liked an informal meeting that all the members could feel comfortable in participating in. When I first joined, we would sit around and talk about what was going on in the computer world and what we were doing with our computers.

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dieHard: Not Dead Yet?

by Dale Lutes

As some of you are aware, I collected names at the last CUW meeting of those members who have been having trouble with their *dieHard* subscriptions. My intent was to draft a letter to the magazine's editor, Brian Croswaithe. I've decided to postpone that for at least a month based on a statement from Brian that was published in the new issue of *Commodore World*. It reads, in part:

...this is our new schedule:

Holiday/Winter 94/95 - Out around mid-April

[already late -- D.L.]

Spring 95 -- mid-May

Summer 95 -- July

Dog Daze 95 -- September

Autumn 95 -- November

Holiday 95 -- January

Winter 96 -- March

Those readers who had subscriptions in 94 that were for 10 issues will have their expiration dates corrected to cover those missing issues. However, since there will not be (hopefully) any missing in 95, all new and renewal subscriptions will be for 6 issues. This keeps the *Flyer's* size up and price down.

Although "concerned" the editors of *Commodore World* do not believe that *dieHard* is dead yet. Also, Nate Dannenberg reports that *dieHard's* companion disk, the *Spinner*, has begun shipping again. We'll continue to watch the *dieHard* situation and report any developments here and at our monthly meetings.

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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 articles to:

Commodore Users of Wichita
c/o Dale Lutes
11102 W. 17th Street
Wichita, KS 67212-1187

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Escom Buys Commodore's Assets for \$12M Plans to Manufacture Amiga Line in China

To: All

From: Steve Herring (1:105/1008)

Date: Sun Apr 23 1995 08:15 pm UT

Just in case people have read the Amiga Report Auction thingy...

On Friday, April 21st, in New York, the Commodore liquidators held a final appeals type of hearing for the sale of Commodore's assets. As was reported by Dan Stets (see the earlier message) Escom of Germany's bid of \$5 million + \$1.5 million for C's trademarks was accepted on the previous day.

Dell computers was interested in Commodore's assets and along with CEI made a \$15 million bid for the assets early Friday morning. Escom was outraged that their bid was "accepted," and then the court would even consider another bid. As one court officer stated, "When will the hammer fall?" A recess was called and when the court resumed, Escom came in with a cash offer of \$12 million. Because Dell computers bid had a 30 day restriction, Escom's offer was immediately accepted instead. And so ends the great 1 year sale of Commodore International.

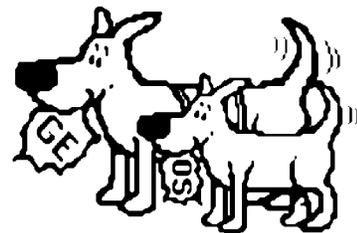
Escom of Germany has been crudely described as the German equivalent of Radio Shack, and had sales of \$2 billion last year. They have publicly stated their interest in continuing the Amiga line, and will begin manufacturing in China.

New computers are expected to be in stores in 2-3 months. They have also expressed an interest in developing a Power PC Amiga. "Several" former Commodore employees have already been hired by Escom, and in a few weeks, they will be meeting with Commodore UK. This meeting supposedly will be to discuss the sale of Commodore UK to Escom.



Whatever happens now will be interesting to say the least. FINALLY, Commodore is officially NO MORE.

**The GEOS Special Interest
Group will not meet this month.**



**Please join us for our next
meeting on Friday, June 16.**

CUW Members Introduce Oxford House Residents to Commodore Computing

by Fred Earley

Shawn Matthews and David Turner have just discovered Commodore (or any other computer) for the first time.

They have a 128, a 1571 disk drive, a star NX1000 printer and a Magnavox color monitor. But the monitor works only in 80 column mode and in monochrome. They'd like to keep logs of attendance and expenses but they haven't learned to use *Fleet System 3* yet. They would appreciate any help we can offer, especially hands-on training with the computer. Before we can offer many new programs, they need to have the monitor repaired so that it will at least work in 40 column mode, and maybe even in color.

Shawn and David are two of about seven residents of the Oxford House at 5506 East Gilbert. The Oxford House is a special house for recovering substance abusers but it is much advanced over a conventional half-way house. The Oxford House has four times the recovery rate that half-way houses have because at the Oxford House residents must be voted in and must convince the current residents that they will be an asset to the house.

They all have jobs and although many have families elsewhere to care for, they are not destitute. Each Saturday is a work day for the team although they can make arrangements to attend Commodore User's of Wichita meetings if they clear the time with the group management. On a recent Saturday they laid a new sidewalk out front -- a decent looking walk at that. They have skills and talents and an enthusiasm like boys at a summer camp. Robert White, local spokesman for the Oxford House, explained that the houses pay their own rent and expenses after an investor has been found to hold the mortgage.

Shawn and David attended Marie's class on GEOS and apparently were impressed by what a Commodore can do. These men could use, first of all, repairs to their monitor but after that is accomplished they could use programs and personal instructions.

If you'd like to help these men, phone Shawn Matthews or David Turner at 686-3531, but phone in the evening when they are not working.



Pat McKaig has a Commodore 64C computer and 1541C disk drive for sale. These are the newer models. They are packed in the original boxes with all cables and power supplies. The system includes a joystick and several games such as *F-14 Tomcat*, *Silent Service*, and *Red Storm Rising*, plus *GEOS v1.2* and two boxes of new 5-1/4 inch floppy disks. Pat is asking \$100.00 or best offer. If you are interested, you can reach him at 264-2279.

Super Low Price on Previously-Used Disks

The CUW has several hundred previously-used 5-1/4 inch floppy disks for those of you with 1541 and 1571 disk drives. We will have these available at the next meeting in packs of 10 for just \$1.00!



If you are in the market for new disks, the club still has plenty of special-purchase 5-1/4 inch floppies available at \$6.00 per package of 25 and 3-1/2 inch disks at \$8.00 per package of 25.

See Jerry Shook at the next monthly meeting to purchase your disks. All proceeds from the sale of these disks go back into the club treasury to help keep our membership fees as low as possible.

The Computer: Is it Terminal? (take 2)

by Dave Barry (reprinted without permission)

Some people are concerned that computers may get so smart they'll take over the world. Computer technicians say this can't happen: they point out that computers can't even beat humans at chess. But computer technicians work among huge computers capable of administering powerful electric shocks, so they say whatever the computers tell them to. The truth is computers are taking over the world. At night they talk to each other in binary code:

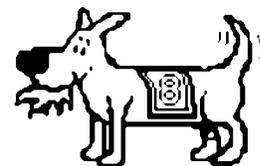
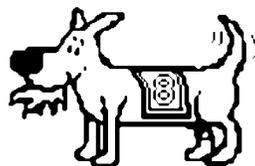
FIRST COMPUTER: Let's let the morons beat us at chess again.

SECOND COMPUTER: Good idea. Say, how are we doing with the calculators and digital watches?

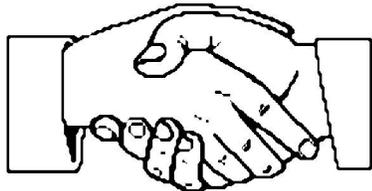
FIRST COMPUTER: They're ready whenever we are.

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
Dwayne Howard	Assistant PD 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 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

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GEOS

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Dale Lutes

Family Roots

Maxine Ulrich

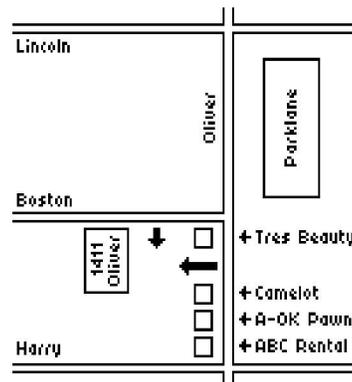
Helping Hand Volunteers

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
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 Board of Directors Chairman, Pete Hein at 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 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:

