

The Village Green

Notes from 19/Jan/06ce Meeting

Open: 7:00 PM

Newsletter: Approved;
see editor section

Chancellor: Announced and pointed out that our ASOO in in the shop and acting as the Sgt. at Arms. She also is in heat and made interesting noises during the meeting. (BG) Next order of business was the newsletters. But Sensei wanted to state that since last meeting. Al Jackson of the 5C's group had send us another disk. Sort of an update from the author of the Jewish Juke Box. All have words, some with translation from Yiddish. Some are also stereo. Prompting the repeat of the need to connect the system with the Stereo SID cart to the stereo. The disk will be shown at the demo section of the meeting.

The Village Green: Will be covered in the Editors area.

C=C=C=C=: Of the Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club. Front page has Snogpitch talking about the fact that Commodore was at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. He makes an interesting observation about customers not wanting to wait for the systems to power up. Mentioning that we have instant power up with the READY prompt on our C= systems. Inside is a short report, a part one, from Rober Bernardo, who attended the show. Dated 7/Jan/2006. He does state here that the booth for Commodore is or was around 20' x 50'. Lord

Ronin added at this point that Robert has posted a longer piece on the homestead and the ACUG mail lists. Lord Ronin also saved the reprint of the "flyer" from Commodore. Which was posted on the list by another. If the HD is working by publication time. He will try to include that piece.

READY: From the M.A.C.U.G. Has a colour pic of a kitten on the front page. Marty had made a comment about the problems we have had with the cat thief and our ASOO kitty. A very nice touch with the inclusion of the kitty picture. Lord Ronin had a couple of corections to pass along to Marty for his next issue. Lenard Roach the Editor of the Rytes Bytes of the K.C. group. Isn't moving to the west coast. Only doing the editorship of the Fresno U.G. newsletter. The other elicited some humour in the group. Looks like Marty's spell checker is a ChiCom (Chinese Communist) Since it liked the "Review of Mao Making part 5 pC.9" L.R. wondered if he should send the spell checker a copy of his "Little Red Book". He swears that he isn't a Maoist. "Except that it is also the Egyptian word for cat". Claiming to be a "Guevarrist", follower of the principles of "Che". L.R. then became the target of his own typos in the Lost Cat story. Some of them creating the wrong image of the story.

Returning to the issue at hand. Marty reviews three of our issues this time around. Including our January issue. L.R. explained that he hadn't sent the U.G. list as he is having to recreate it, as all of our list was on the HD. fortunately, we save all exchanges for our library. Sadly, they are scattered and buried in the stacks at the moment. So personal to Marty. C= Voyages (Fresno U.G.) 3487 E.Terrace Ave. Fresno Calif 93703. Just restarted their newsletter. Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club: C/O Roger Hoyer 31 Potowatomie Trail Milford Ohio 45158 AmiTech-Dayton Gazette P.O. Box 292684 Kettering Ohio 45429 (Mainly Amiga) 5C's C/O Al Jackson 4424 Fenton

Ln. N. Las Vegas Nev 89032 These are all the ones that we have at the moment, that send regularly to us. Lane County didn't get off the ground with the newsletter. Nothing has come from UPCHUG for years. Medford closed the last we heard. Leaving us as the only active C= group in Oregon, AFAIK.

Slight misunderstanding from what was written in the Village Green about the Disk Mag, Commodore Gazette. Last issue was the October 2005ce. We gave the wrong impression to Marty. As he wrote that the mag didn't get off the ground. Rather after 2+ years of operation. He wasn't getting the subscription numbers he wanted and closed the mag.

C= Voyages: Fresno U.S. Brings us their Newsletter **The Interface**. Which has been out of print for a few years. Front page is in GeoWrite. We suspect By Robert Bernardo. Though it is unsigned. Listing some of the events for C= in the past few years that the newsletter has been down. Along with the officers, meeting and contact information. Inside the newsletter is a cross of Newsroom and Geos. the technique that Lenard Roach of the Kansas City group had ben experimenting upon in their past couple of issue. Reason for this is that he is the trial editor for the Fresno Group. Majority of the issue is written by Nigel Parker of Commodore Scene. Giving a large and glowing review of the Back in Time concert set. This is a 2 DVD set with, most of the 2004 concert and sections of the 2003 one. Along with an audio CD of music. Real musicians with real instruments, playing SID music. URL for more information is <http://www.64audio.com>. We don't have the disks. L.R. suggested that since the groups are U.K. and Nigel is in the U.K. that US customers make certain that there is a NTSC zone 1 copy. So that

they can view the concerts. Nigel goes into depth on the DVDs. Giving the good stuff, and reports on some bad editing and sound problems on his system. Just before he ends with a listing in this article of related websites. He announces that the next Back in Time concert is in Nov 05ce, held in Copenhagen, and it had already been sold out.

Dick Estel, whom L.R. remembers as once being the editor of the older newsletter, has a small piece and that is followed by the introduction of Lenard Roach the new editor. Our opinion is this is a great start and we are happy to see the newsletter back again. Good work Lenard.

Treasurer: Still holding at \$23 counted and rolled in one cent bits.

Commodore Librarian: Imperial Warlord gave thanks with L.R. to #30. Who helped save our Penny Farthing disk in January. He had DLed a collection of the fonts from the first Data Store off of the BBS. There were enough to make a full GeoZipped font disk side. Lost Cat is on side one with an intro piece. Side two has a little screen L.R. created after the intro screen. Nothing great in the text. Only that for a demo of the use of the GOSUB command. He had the text appear in paragraphs with a short delay. his was done for his own practice and as a demo tool for the prg s.i.g.

Amiga Librarian: There was some family matter that had to be handled meeting night. Lord Alberonn gave a fast report. Then had to leave. We thank him for stopping by for the short time. When there was the problem at home. He has some news from the web. Hoping that he can publish it in his Tally Ho! section in the February issue.

SysOP: Bloody well depressed with out the BBS.

Editor: OK, this is the long part of the newsletter. By request (demanded)

here is the health situation. Since my 3 month follow up was the day before the meeting. Meds are doing fine, no surgery this year (so far), now on 4 month follow ups. Now then onto more important things. As all readers of last issue know. There was a problem. Here is the fullish story. HD went funky and wouldn't do anything. Getting 78 SCSI ERROR on the screen and the flashing red error light. Everything for the newsletter is on the HD. Besides the Inet connection for me and the BBS and all the files to DL. Add to that the thousands that are waiting to be tested for the BBS.

Now that is a disaster. Wasn't the power socket. #30 and I replaced that with a new one weeks earlier. I was, and still am devastated. #4 wrote a msg on the homestead list that gained some help and ideas. Pointing his finger at Maurice Randall as part of the problem. #16 did some private e-mail with Maurice as well. You may remember that we were working on making a zip drive. Copy the HD to the zip disks. Then #4 was going to take the unit and through his A4000 system burn CDs for us. I needed a mech, (gained) terminated SCSI cable (Waiting), New Bootrom chip. I had used #21s cable and controller box, with my mech and software. Creating quite a few zip disks (6 16MB partitions each) Needed a few more to add the last 15 of the 97 partitions when he left the area. Ordered from Maurice the chip and a new FD mech on 25/July/05ce. Was patiently waiting for it to arrive.

Long story short on this part. According to mail between Maurice and #16. He at first didn't have a record of that order. Just 24 hours after posting that note. He found and confirmed the order. I received the mech and the chip on

27/Dec/05ce.

Again keeping this short. I read an article by Rev. Willis Patton. Where he said that Maurice was able to save the data from his HD. OK, he is the man that makes the HD systems for us. Perhaps he could help me. Wrote to him, and got a reply the next day. He was willing to see what he could do, and promised that he would start to work upon it immediately. Shipped the mech to him. Wrote a little later to see if he had gotten it, well I did insure it heavily (EG) Yes he received it, tested it and found the problem. There are 4 platters and 8 heads. A head was sort of stuck at a par position. OK I followed most of what he said. Bottom line is that he is fairly certain that the data is safe. What he planned on doing is taking an exact duplicate of my HD. Use the heads from that on mine and copy the data to a third unit. That will be sent to me. That was the last update I had gained from him by meeting time. I'm hoping that this issue will be done in Post Print and all is back to normal anyday now.

Last Issue: Save for my addendum. that was written after the meeting in EdStar II. Thanks to #30, who had the wrong is write prg to convert for me. The information was not lost for the issue. He also cut me a copy of GeoPublish. As mine is on the HD and my factory is buried in a box someplace really safe (G). Without his help. I dont know if there would have been an issue. Font last time for the main text was Times Roman. I had made a disk of fonts for another project and that was in the shop. If this issue has to be made in the same way. Then you are reading this in 10 point Commodore NLQ font. After seeing how things "scaled" in last issue. We decided that the font could be lowered. All work was done on a C64c, with the free DL version of Geos from cmdrkey.com. Printed out on the Okimate-10 on thermal paper. which as Page 3 last time showed. didn't do well in the photocopier. Here's hoping that this issue has me doing a lot of font editing. Because it is going into Post Script. If not, well, we also decided to do the 2 column style, rather than the full page. Like we did for

January.

C= BOOKS: In my hands is "On The Edge". A history of Commodore. Haven't finished reading the book yet. What I can tell you at this moment is that it is an easy and fun read. Pages pass by in no time. I personally like the quotes from the different people. But also the use of period publications as a source to document the topics. Yes we have been lied to by the heretic machine company. As well as the movies and other media sources. As the re-write computer history. Pages are good quality paper. Colour dust jacket and hard bound. Full of great information on the company and it starts with the beginnings of computers. Nor is the book a heavy technical history. Written in common everyday language for the reader. Terms that are used are explained to the reader. I heartily suggest this book to all interested in computers, not just our sacred and most holy one.

Lightpen: Well, first #4 was able to clean out the tip for me. That and a clean of the antiglare screen on the 1802 monitor. Allows me to use Blazing Paddles again. OK it also allows me to use Geos. Since that is set for the light pen. While #8 (Destined) was visiting. He asked about the light pen and could I do an article in the Village Green about the use of the tool. This is a can do, but only after we are back to normal. There honestly isn't the space ability if this has to be done on the 60dpi Okimate-10

SID FILES: A while back I reported that we had received 9+ megs in a zip file from Sir Fitz of the Q-Link SID music. We were working on taking each artist from the list and trying to zip each one. Since they are directories in the file. Gaelyne had told us how to open the directory and then zip

it. Sadly there isn't a no scroll type thing when the entire directory is listed in lynx. Or at least none that I know of at this time. Al Jackson of 5C's is a SID collector. I sent him the file, and he sent us a reply. Where he also attached the complete listing of the directories and what is in the directories. This will speed up our work by many percentage points. Once we have the 1280 back on line. There are over 7,000 bits of music in that big file. Once we have the different pieces zipped. There will be some testing done. But we can see that there is the need for a reworking of the entire BBS area for music. Thank You Al!

Disk Boxes: 22 boxes arrived in a big cardboard box. Destined (#8) sent them to us as he pars down his collection. I had never seen this type before. They hold 10 disks each. They also lock together. Past that fact you can alter the direction that the disks come out of the box. We are setting them up for horizontal use. Where upon this 64c table. They will clear a ton of the clutter of disks laying about. Thank You Destined!

DEPUTIES: #30 is working on more fonts for the January Geos side of the Penny Farthing. He has also taken on the job of proof reader for the Lost Cat stories. Catching L.R.'s typos. #21 sent us the December release from MHI. touch late as it came in January. Also he sent the January release. Many bug fixes. Once the HD is working. These will be transferred from UCS to the BBS. #23 was working on the notes for Murder Motel. Which is the game that the HD started to frell upon. That work is at a hold. #16 continues to work on learning to prog in emulator mode on his heretic. He is or will be contacting #8 about exactly how to do that operation. #3 still fights sorting boxes and burlap bags of papers.

S. I. G. S: Programming though sporadic. Because of work and time schedules. when there is work, the energy is high. Why there way that demo of the gosub routine and a goto in the disk for this month. Geos, has slowed in

some aspects. Working bare bones in the shop. Yet #30 is working hard to bring together his Geos collection from the SBS and older Penny Farthings.

Demos: Intro for both sides of this months Penny Farthing disk. The addendum to the Jewish Juke box from AI at 50's. Did a little sing along with the Dreydel song.

Close: 8:30pm

Lord Ronin's Ramblings

Almost time to put this out. There are some good things and bad things to report. Good first as we all need an uplift. #16 is working on putting the Jiffy Dos chips from a dead 1280 into a new one. This will be used at the shop. Be a help in doing our work. We also have a new printer. Thanks to the advert in the Fresno C=UG. We bought the Star MX-1020 Rainbow Printer from Dick Estel. This came in the box with ribbons and the reinking ink. We had one several years ago and IIRC we could do 80dpi GeoPublish. Found the interface that I like and we found the RGB cable for the 1084 monitor. Just need the rest of the 1280 job finished and the monumental task of cleaning off the 64c desk.

As of this writing, haven't heard from Maurice on the HD. Don't want to be a nag. So I have held off from sending a status report request to him. As a hardware project. #16 installed and tested the mech we bought from Maurice. FD works fine and will be in the 1280 stack. Robert Bernardo sent us a pair of mechs that will work for FDs. But they need modding. Doppelganger from the IRC sent me an e-mail he got from Maurice on the modding of a mech. There is some jumpers to

set and a bit of soldering. Including adding a resistor between to parts. This will be a future hardware project for #16.

OK the bad news. Though this may sound personal. As it effects the A.C.U.G., then it effects the membership and our exchanges. This is also a bit one sided as that is the best that I have at this time. 21/Jan/06ce #4 arrived at the shop and joined me at the Commune. He made a statement, which we now believe was said in a manner that did not present his true desire and meanings. Be that as it may be, at the time he pressed one of my defcom1 buttons. My response was based on what he said, not what we now think he meant. #4 left in a semi violent huff. Now that causes great mental and emotional pain to me. Causing my already precariously balanced mind to slip more. #4 made the choice to close the shop. By not showing up on his work days. That increased the emotional stress. Long story short is that I am not in the right state of mind to continue with my duties. Shall not be, until #4 puts things back together again. At this time, that is an action that he chooses not to do for unknown reasons. #16 is attempting to mediate between us to put things back to normal. My mind is not working well, my physical health is deteriorating. Making me not capable of running the A.C.U.G. #30 is going to try to help in disk making. #16 is contemplating taking over the Chancellor and editor slots. They have asked me to hang in there and help keep the group alive. I promised that I will try as long as I am able. What this means for the membership is that the A.C.U.G. is sort of closed. At least from the level that you have come to expect. Naturally the booklet newsletter can't be done until the HD is returned with the data intact. IF all goes well, this will be printed in 80dpi on the new printer. #16 is willing to try to photocopy the issue. For those that wish to learn more of the details from me, lordronin@videocam.net.au To learn #4s stand on why he desires to hurt the club, close the shop and hurt the game group. Let alone the mental difficulties he has caused for those that are locally involved. alberonn@qwest.net Our side is praying for a speedy restoration back to

normal. We are willing to negotiate and learn what caused him to act this way. Then work on ways to repair the damage caused and fix the initial problem. I apologise for this difficulty. To make up for the inconvenience. All memberships are frozen at 21/Jan/86ce. We hope that this will not take very long to repair.

NEXT MEETING: If things are fixed with #4. Meeting will be 16/Feb/86ce. Otherwise it is postponed till things are repaired/restored.

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MOSSYCON-2: Robert Bernardino is trying to have a second con. At this point in time. We have to wait for the situation with #4 to be repaired before we can hold the MossyCon 2

Last Minute

STOR: Made this issue. Used the ribbon that we found inside the printer. But scared to try the re-inking at this time. Had single sheet, one page at a time. Have to learn more about the machine and paper placement. (G)

#4: Nothing new to really report. #16 is working on trying to help mediate and therefore put things right again. We hope that 16 years of friendship and work will hold true with this misunderstanding.

DISK BOXES: The ones from #8 (Destined) are set up on the desk in the shop. Now to sort all the disks that were showed in there from the work on the

1280: #16 sold to us one of his Jiffy Dos equipped 1280s. That is now on the desk (waiting this) along with the 81, FB and a 1004 (bit flake) monitor.

0500 KITTY: Long story here. Points are that the Cat Thief is forbidden by law to own an animal in the state of Oregon. Animal neglect and abuse. Animal Control came and collected 0500. Because she was still registered

to the cat thief. End of the story is that now 0500 is legally adopted by us. At no charge. Bad news is that 0500 has a series of broken ribs on her right side.

DRIVES: #16 will be selling around 3 1581s. The majority of them have Jiffy Dos. He is also selling a 1541 II and a few other C= items. revelation(underscore)16@hotmail.com for more information.

#8: Bob sent a msg to Maurice, asking about the status of the #8. Really good use some good news this month. As of this writing. Nothing has come back from Maurice. Hoping that all is working well, just slow.

SHOP: No ads this time around. Shop is still closed. But I sit in the shop each day with 0500, during the regular hours. Waiting for things to be rectified. OCUG members do drop by from time to time. Nothing can be sold though.

LOST CAT: Still working on it, as promised to the members. Harder than before the incident. At this moment I am trying to finish installment #51. #30 has been helping with some proof reading work for us.

INET: Though I am not on with the normal C=. I am still using the Amiga 1200. Checkans my mail twice a day. Can't do any bbs or mls as I don't know how to bring anything from the 1200 to the normal C=.

BBS: OPDM all I need do is just hook it all up again when the #8 arrives. Board will be off line for a time. Have to reset last call for the dealers. Send off a letter to all, letting them know that the BBS is up again