

ACUG RUINS

SURVIVORS REPORT

What Happened: Members

showed up at Mohr Realities Games, 7:00pm on 16/Feb/86ce. Sad to report, #4 chose not to appear. Adding to the situation. Since by previous statements made, this means that there is no monthly meeting. Members agreed that when the #4 situation is restored. There will be an official make up meeting. As this one is postponed until the #4 situation is restored.

Members had previously requested some sort of newsletter to be created as a temporary stop gap measure. As the constitution states that there is a monthly newsletter. Lord Ronin was conscripted in creating a simple report page. Fullfilling the basic requirement to keep the group alive. Topic material is what the now losely connected group of C= and Amiga users are doing. Despite the #4 situation.

So what is happening in this area? Not a lot, the depression level is high. Spreading to other members. One bright light is the story of A500. Which was lightly mentioned in the February issue of the Village Green. As there is a part that deals with the #4 situation. This is a good place to give the entire story of our Sgt. at arms A500.

Some readers will remember that in January 2005ce. The female that we termed the "cat thief"

stole the A500 kitty from the shop. True that it had been her cat. True also that it had been left out, and true also that in our attempts to return the kitty. We were faulted for not speaking spanish. (Hebrew is what we are trying to learn) The cat was rejected by the others in that house. We decided then to keep the kitty. This was for around 7-8 weeks later that the cat thief steals the cat.

Jump ahead to Sept. 2005. Cat is again out and starving in the carpark. Despite the emotional pain of thinking that we would again lose her. We couldn't let her suffer. We took her in and cared for her. Jump to around Jan 2006 IIRC. Cat thief returns after moving out and leaving the cat for 4 months. Demanded that Lord Ronin wake up earlier than normal, open the shop and give her the cat. Not a good idea to do to Lord Ronin. Finally a police officer was called. He went with Lord Ronin to see the cat. A500 purred in his ear for him. Calling the Sgt of the day. The end result is that since the cat thief didn't contact us either directly or indirectly for four months. A500 is declared by the police as our kitty. That was the end of it we thought.

All the above has been reported before. Expanding what was stated last issue of the Village Green. There was a note - biz card on the door, fell to the puddle by the door of the Commune. This was from the head of Animal Control for the county. Wanting contact from LR. Who used the vile thing called a telephone. Made arrangements to meet with the man after hearing his side of the story. Simply put, the cat thief had a dog, pitbull mix. U.G. members know from who she got the puppy and why. Bottom line is from abuse and neglect. Animal Control took the dog. Tried for 6 months to save it and finally had to put that

dog down. When the previous owners had the puppy, it was a playfull and loving puppy. After the cat thief, the dog was so traumatised that it either snapped at people or cowered. No way it could be adopted. Add onto that that the cat thief gained a chiaua (sp?) puppy that had a litter. She left them locked in a closet for several days, no supplies in an area that was flooding. State of Oregon got her on neglect, cruelty and abuse. She is not allowed to own a pet in the state of Oregon.

However, since we had not taken A500 to the vet yet. A500 was still technically registered to the cat thief. The man from Animal Control was the one that spent 6 months trying to save the first dog. He is not pleased with the cat thief. What he had to do was collect the cat. Run her through the process and that meant a few shots, and a simple medical exam. Then he filled out the adoption papers for us. Brought A500 back on his way home from work. That is where we learned that A500s veins were too small (abuse and bad diet) to take the blood sample. That had to come from her neck. Her broken tail. Which we did know. The broken ribs on her right side. Which we had suspected last year. She needed several treatments of Laxatone to "open her up". She fought very well when he tried to put her in the cage to take her away. We heard her meowing long before he brought her back. Guess that she knew she was coming to her home. Sadly she was too weak to have the litter she was carrying when we first got her this last time. At the moment she is recovering and will be going to the vet for her operation. There is a discount coupon for the low income. #30 and LR will be using that for her "fixing". At the moment she is the boss of the shop. Watching Cat TV in a

warm shop while it is icy cold outside.

Oh the connection to #4? Animal Control contacted him. Best we have learned it was through the bakery where his wife, Norma, works. According to the Officer and other sources. Norma gave a very glowing report on us and why we should have the kitty. Looks to us as if we have misjudged her actions in the past. Thinking that she hated the U.G., Shop and the Gamer Group. If that was the case. Then she wouldn't have recomended us for the kitty. For that we thank her, and hope that this is a sign of things being restored.

Things Going On: Members have demanded that LR continue the Operation Lost Cat story. Because of the depression, takes almost a week to write a 95-99 block installment. Rather than the usual day and a half. On that note, the disk that was made for the Feb meeting. Contains 6 installments, over the usual 5. Intro screen that goes directly to the Load Star Reader. Side #2 is a collection of GeosFonts, and the GeoPaint Sampler. #30 had a collection that he had Dled from the BBS. He was given a lesson by #1 on creating the disk side. Took a few hours to open the zipped files and then cvt them back to Geos. Illustrate in GeoPaint the font style. Followed by cvt of the fonts and then zipping them with puzip. #30 had them in cvt form, after he had unzipped them. Short intro screen is included.

This disk will be distributed at the make up meeting. After the #4 situation is restored. March disk is half created. Lost Cat Stories are installed, along with the reader, and intro screen. Side #2 is undone at this moment. Recently it was discovered that the series of GeosFonts, can not be continued. The HD has yet to be returned from Maurice. Nor any word since the msg in January. Where he explained the

head problem and his attempt to use another units heads to transfere the data from the original to a third unit. #30 is also out of fonts on his disk collection. All he has left are fonts that have already been released to the group. His intention is to put a version of Ultima I on side #2. Doing more work with Mcopy and other tools.

#16 graciously did the photocopy work on the Feb issue of The Village Green. As well as the sleeves for the disks. On top of that he covered the expense of the photocopy work. LR did the stamps, and the envelopes were all created with Lenard Roach's "The Envelope Addressor". Which will be on the BBS in the future. Along with being on an upcoming disk of tools. This version does have a Doc file. Speaking of #16. There is a project for him in his hardware interests. Already he has installed the new mech in the FD-2000. There is still the modding of the mechs that Robert Bernardo (#10) sent us. He has placed the bootrom chip in the controller for the Zip Drive project. Recently Victor brought in the needed terminated 50 pin SCSI cable, along with the terminator. Both new and still in the package. Along with that he brought two fully factory restored 5GB SCSI Hard Drives. upcoming hardware projects for #16 are the finishing of the Zip Drive for the BBS. And when we can find the missing CMD HD controller. That needs a new Power Socket. Seems to have disappered months ago from the last known area. Which was next to the 128 flat in the stack of 71 and 81. LR has no idea where it went. But when it is found, then the thick HDs can be tested in that controller and a HD will be set up with the 1280 in the shop. Right after #16 uses an old A500 power supply and makes the new PS for the HD. Short one PS

around here. There is also a book we have of hardware projects that may interest #16. All for the C=. LR promised to help with the electronics work. Since he does have an old and useless degree in that field. However the #4 situation needs to be restored before he is able emotionally and mentally to assit #16 on the projects. One thing that needs to be done is show #16 the vid from Robert Bernardo. Taken a few years back at a C= show. In that Maurice and Dale create a Zip drive. This will give the measurements for the frame thing that needs to be installed. Along with the dimentions for cutting the front plate. Allowing the mech to accept the Zip disks.

LR is still not able to send off the files to Load Star. RevDave expressed interest in the RPG aides from Q-Link. However untill the #4 situation is restored, and the HD is returned, well with the data intact. LR cannot do the rest of the work, or send the .D64 files online to RevDave at Load Star. He is still working on the Operation Lost Cat in EdStar II. May to mature to be sent to L.S. All the text work is done in EdStar II. Hopefully when things are back to normal. Work can continue on the disk magazine idea. Several tools were suggested to be used by the group. A hunt was started to look for more tools in making intro screens. The TND intro screen maker failed. Nor does anyone here know how to create and load the sprites that are required, or to turn them off. We are still using the simple one sent to us a while back by Chameleon/CSD. There are others on the disk. But LR was selected to practice with them first. Before others started to play with them. That is on hold at the moment.

LR does check the Inet e-mail on the average of twice a day. He can't do phone banking. Because the system is not compatible with a standard/normal rotary dial phone. So under a suggestion, he tried

online to his bank. Interesting to know that if one doesn't have nutscape or internet exploiter at a certain level. One cannot do online banking. Oh yeah, interesting to note that for some undisclosed reason. Msg sent from LRs VCS account are sent back. Stating that senders domain is blacklisted. At the moment, there is no way for LR to discover what cheques have cleared. Making it impossible to do anything with his funds for the house and the shop. Keeping the shop closed along with other reasons. Nor does the credit union appear to want to provide the hardware that the require to use their system. Rather biased and discriminatory.

LR is still trying to read the "On the Edge" book. Under the depression, this is a more difficult task than before. His basic report is that all C= users should have a copy of this book. Other PC platform users should gain a copy to learn th behind the lies that they are told by the media hype for other systems. On the subject of the book. #16 has ordered his copy and received it at this time. He has started reading the book, and in a small comment to LR. Appears to be impressed with the book as well.

The disk boxes sent to us by Destined (#8). Are now connected into two lines of 11 units each. Locked together they are set to pull up and lay back. Giving access to the disks. Project for the future is sorting out the disks that were placed in the boxes. As that was done in a hurry to set up the 1280 on the desk. Any form of organisation was lost in the disk box stuffing. Task was started, but depression has closed that off at the moment. #4s flat 128 has some key problems. Such as the left shift. It has been put in the clean pile. There is a question of putting the 64c from the desk

where the 1280 is currently located, over to where the 128 flat was sitting. The 2002 monitor was taken from that area to be used with the 1280. As the original 1004 monitor started to black out more often than LR. Finally spening most of the day in black mode. LR said that it might be the HV rectifier area. But he isn't able at this time to look into any repair. This leaves the 1702 monitor for the computer use and game cube use. The working power on/off switch 1802 is now on top of the stereo system. Connected to the PS/1. Shop/meeting place has gone through some repairs, building of shelves and a little clean up. Don't have to worry about collecting the cobwebs anymore <G>. Work on the game table was halted as there is the A2000 of #16. That has to be sorted and set up with a running demo for the future customers. A section of the area is set aside to be the "reading room" for the A.C.U.G. Plans were set for all of this months ago. Work is very slow at the moment, due to the depression felt by members.

Work schedule conflicts and now a one car family. Have made #16s programming time hard to make. That and the current situation have dampened the ability and for some the interest in programming. #30 has dropped for the time out of the programming lessons. #16 has the schedule conflicts and LR has lost the ability to assit the students. This current state of affairs, is hoped to be rectified in the near future. LR had a set of books for those interested in lessons to go over. Such as the Golden Flutes and Great Escapes book for the next section. As he has a fair understanding of the creation of the Mars game. Allowing him to better explain some of the commands and lines.

Many projects are on hold at the moment. #30 is too upset to work on the disk sorting and testing of the screen/note writers.