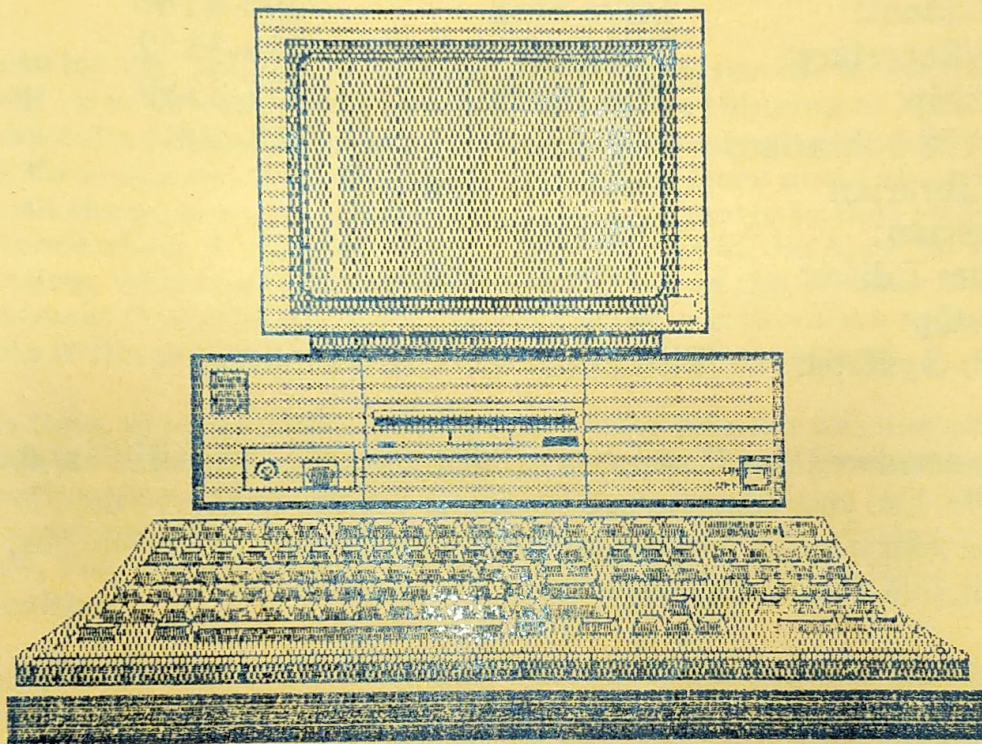


CALGARY COMMODORE USERS GROUP
NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1994



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The Calgary Commodore Users Group runs a Bulletin Board System (BBS) at the number 274-0771. Use your computer and modem to dial up, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Set your terminal program to the following parameters: 2400 Bps, 8 data, 1 stop bit, Full duplex, and No parity, SEE YOU ONLINE.

Please notify us of any changes of address or phone number. Be sure to include your membership number and home phone number. Give Phil a ring (local call from Calgary), or drop him at line at:

CCUG MEMBERSHIP

c/o Phil Porth
472 5th Ave SE
High River, Alberta
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The CCUG holds public meetings at the Main Branch of the Calgary Public Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE, Basement Room #2. This is just off the City Hall and Olympic Plaza LRT stations. Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 06/94 at 7:30 pm HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE?

FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK

KEVIN DEMAN

I would like to let you know that closing nominations, for the up coming CCUG elections, will be at the April 1994 meeting. If you are thinking of running for one of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Membership Co-ordinator. If you would like to know more about the job, I would suggest to call the person or persons, that is/are presently in that position, to find out more about it. Closing nominations will be at the April 1994 general meeting. While candidates should be present at the election meeting, a signed statment from the candidate stating his or her intention to run will be acceptable if the candidate is, for any reason, unable to attend.

Also, at this time, appointed positions are now available for anyone who is interested. These appointed positions are: Newsletter Editor, Amiga Librarian, 64/ 128 Librarian, and BBS/SYSOP. If you are interested, a letter indicating the position you are interested in must be turned in to the Executive by April 14, 1994. You will then be notified if you are approved for the indicated position.

Now that that's been said, let's talk about something else, for some of you that like to use your modem, I would recommend picking up last months computer paper. In side you will find a complete BBS listing for Calgary. If you can not find it, the list will be at Aprills' meeting for those of you that would like one.

Now about Aprills' meeting, besides having the election, there will be the disk of the month and we will be having a 128 at the meeting. So now, Bill will be able to not only show the 64 disk of the month but also the 128 disk of the month too. Also, we will be showing what kinds of things you can do on a spreadsheet, and Ed Green will be letting you know how to use the 64 and Ham Radio together. I hope to have a video of the equipment used to do this.

Well I hope that you will be at the meeting, if not for the way to use a spreadsheet or hear Ed Green talk, but also to see who may be your new Executive as well, as it is you the members that will decide.

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VICE PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS BY MIKE STOLL

Sticking with my topic of the last couple of months, (modems and telecommunication), I would like to inform the members of the considerations of the executive. Currently, it appears that some of the best, and certainly the most current information for the C-64/128 is available on the network GENie. (Scott Dutton wrote an extensive article on GENie in last month's newsletter.) To this end, the CCUG executive is considering creating a new position, something along the lines of "GENie Liaison". This person would not be required to provide a GENie account (though preference would go to anyone who already has an account) but would have to be fluent on the 64/128 with a term program, and own a 2400 baud modem. Responsibilities would include calling

GENie once a week (or thereabouts) to check for new information and responses to queries, download files that would benefit the club, write an article each month for the newsletter briefly summarizing the month's news from GENie, and to 'capture' the online sessions and upload them (perhaps edited) to the club BBS for those persons interested in the details from an online session.

Perhaps you might wonder, as I did, if this is such a great idea, why didn't we do this before? Apparently, something similar was done years ago, but was dropped as it became too expensive. I once looked at buying a membership on the now defunct

Q-Link, but at the time the connect charges on Datapac were running at 12 dollars an hour! (Before paying Q-Link!) Scott mentioned last month that GENie costs him 11 dollars a month, for 4 hours at 2400 baud, and GENie has a local phone number!

As the Amiga is very well supported (compared to the 64/128) this job would really be only for the benefit of 64/128 users. I personally do not see any problem with this, as I think the club must use whatever means are required in order to support Commodore computers. The Amiga is well supported locally and I believe this support is adequate for our members? If you have any comments, or would like to submit your name to the executive for consideration, please attend the next general meeting, leave a message on the club BBS, or phone one of the CCUG executive.

On the topic of the club BBS, the board was down for about 5 days in early March due to a hard drive problem. Though I was able to get the hard drive working again, I was not able to firmly identify the exact problem. The BBS is online and behaving itself right now (March 17th) so I hope there will be no further inconvenience to you the membership. Also, I have recently obtained an updated version of Cnet V6, and once tweaked to our requirements, will be online.

Don't forget, the only way the club will work is if you tell us what YOU want! Attend the general meetings! Call the BBS! Read the Newsletter! (What did I think you were doing?)

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AMIGA DISK OF THE MONTH

BY

Kevin DeMan

Much More: This another program like MORE, LESS etc that prints ASCII-files to the screen. Unlike these, it opens its own screen to show the text and to scroll it softly!

PassWord: This can protect your computer from someone trying to boot up your computer.

SuperPrint: This is a helpful utility that can print ASCII-things like documents or source code for you.

Text Info: In here, you will find two documents files, Ymodem and Zmodem. This will tell you how the two programs work, when using your modem.

Virus Checker: This is the newest virus checker V-6.34

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Hi! This newsletter editor would like to start off by appologizing to the CCUG members for not spelling Calgary right in the header of some of the newsletter pages. He was warned about it but due to trying to finish it in the allotted time, he forgot to change it.

He would, also, like to appologize to Scott Dutton for not being able to print all of his article in this newsletter. Part 1 of "Part 2 of This is GEine" is in this month's newsletter and Part 2 of "Part 2 of This is GEine" will be in next month's newsletter.

Sorry to leave you all hanging, so stay tuned.

THIS IS GENIE, PART 2 April 1994 (c)

by Scott Dutton

Last month, I blathered on extensively about GENie's secrets. Virtually the only thing that I can talk about, and fit in the space afforded me, are basic descriptions of the areas in the RoundTable (RT).

As you may recall, we had just arrived at page 625 on GENie (the C = RT's main page) via some navigation commands:

GEine

COMMODORE

Page 625

Commodore 64/128 RoundTable

1. Commodore Bulletin Board
2. Commodore Real-Time Conference
3. Commodore Software Libraries
4. About the RoundTable
5. RoundTable News (940305)
6. REBOCARD0 The -Read Me- Database
7. Sysop Picks - The Top 10 (940305)
8. Set Terminal Settings for WIZARD
9. Send Mail to RoundTable Staff
10. File of the Week
11. Other Commodore & Amiga Services
12. Free LiveWire Download

Enter #, <P>revious, or <H>elp?

So, by the numbers here we go:

1. Commodore Bulletin Board

Those of you familiar with posting messages on BBS's already will have few surprises here. GENie does have its own *unique* command structure, which will take some time to get used to, but once you have you'll be able to read (from any date or post number), reply, post, ignore, etc. any of the thousands of messages on file. Here's a list of all the categories available to you:

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1. Help Desk (this category read only)
2. New, Rumours, & Banter
3. C-64 & C-128 Software
4. C-64 & C-128 Hardware
5. Programmer's Den, a routine place
6. The GEOS. Info Box
7. Sight & Sound
8. Telecommunications
9. BBS Resource Centre
10. For Sale & Wanted
11. Product Support: Parsec
12. Product Support: CMD
13. Product Support: Colour 64/128 BBS
15. Product Support: Talk to the Trade
16. The COMMADORE Message Centre

Inside each category are topics for discussion. I'm not going to list all the topics, as most categories have nearly fifty topics each. Topics can have hundreds of messages.

2. Commodore RealTime Conference

Again, if you're familiar with multi-line BBS's and live chatting you will, after you adjust to the new commands you'll be able to enjoy a teleconference with Nick "Novaterm 9.5" Rossi or Maurice "GeoShell" Randall, both recent guests with the evening devoted to their work. BTW, Novaterm 9.5 will support Z-Modem.

One bonus of shatting on GEine: one night I was talking with a guy in Germany, another in Britain, and stothers in Texas, New York, and believe it or not, Calgary, all at the same time.

3. Commodore Software Libraries

Ready for a number? How about 14 474. that's how many files were in the C = libraries as of March 6. All of them C64/128 related, though it should be said that some of them are archived messages are RTC transcripts.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

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The Thirty BBS Commandments -

1. Thou shalt love thy BBS with all thy heart and all thy bytes.
2. Thou shalt remember thy name and password.
3. Thou shalt not POST IN ALL CAPS!
4. Thou shalt use thy real name.
5. Thou shalt only call thy BBS two times a day.
6. Honor thy SysOp.
7. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's password, nor his or her real name, computer, software, nor any other thing belonging to him or her.
8. Thou shalt not post messages that are stupid, worthless, or without meaning.
9. Thou shalt use the English language properly.
10. Thou shalt spell thy words correctly.
11. Thou shalt not use a "handle" unless thy computer is made by Commodore.
12. Thou shalt delete thine older messages.
13. Thou shalt help other users.
14. Thou shalt not post anonymously while offering criticism.
15. Thou shalt keep thy foul language to thyself.
16. Thou shalt not occupy thy BBS with thine arguments, for verily, I say unto thee that thou shalt make a fool of thyself.
17. Woe be unto the user who attempts to (deliberately) crash his/her BBS, for he/she shall be cast out from the sanctuary of the hobby and must repent by doing forty days and forty nights of penance through voice-only communications.
18. Thou shalt first dial BBS numbers during the day by way of voice line to ensure correct numbers.
19. Thou shalt not beg for E-Mail.
20. Thou shalt not post messages while drunk.
21. Thou shalt confine thy messages to those of friendship, requests for assistance, aid to the needy, advice, and advancement of thy hobby; and thou art obligated to repel any who would transgress upon these commandments.
22. If thou doth promise to reply to a message and thou doth not, then surely thou shalt spill coffee into thy keyboard and burn out thy central processing chip.
23. Thou shalt not give any false information when applying for membership to a BBS, for verily it is written that whoever shall do so will surely be found out and his/her welcome on all boards will be thus denied forever and ever.
24. Thou shalt log on properly and in accordance with the SysOp's rules.
25. Thou shalt observe BBS time limits.
26. Thou shalt not upload "worm" programs.
27. Thou shalt not ask stupid questions whose answers are already fully explained in the BBS instructions.
28. Thou shalt not exchange commercial, copyrighted software through the BBS.
29. Thou shalt not violate applicable local/provincial/federal laws and regulations affecting BBS telecommunications, or thou will feel the wrath of thy judicial system.
30. Thou shalt not hack.

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Phil's 2 Bits Worth

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This month you will have noticed a few minor changes (I hope) . First is that we now have a graphic cover. Second is that we have gone back to laying out and printing from an Amiga. Most individuals articles are still originally typed in on 64 's and 128's, but as we all already know it isn't what you type on, but what you write that is important. Having said that, keep those articles coming folks.

I put a little Newsletter quiz in the last months issue, and you are probably wondering what the actual totals were.

Question	Agree		fence		Disagree	
1/ I like the new name	(41)	(12)	(17)	()	(30)	100%
2/ I like the new page layout	(59)	(18)	(18)	()	()	95%
3/ I like the new front cover	(30)	(18)	(18)	(6)	(18)	90%
4/ I prefer a graphic cover	(47)	(12)	(12)	(12)	(6)	89%
5/ I hate questionnaires	(47)	()	(17)	()	(12)	76%

If the answer to question #1 above was anything but **Agree** please give us a Title that you might want to see used instead None Given, except CCUG Newsletter

As you can see the majority of those polled were in favour of the new name, the page layout, and the new front cover, although most would prefer a graphic on the cover. Not everybody answered all of the questions, hence some of the answers do not total 100%. Additional comments included seeing the meeting highlights on the front cover, and that Graphics show off the power of the Commodore computer line.

The March Gazette Disk/magazine finally arrived, and I will try to catch you up on what is included this month. Advertisers include: **Disk O'Plenty, Bare Bones Software, Sunrise Software, FGM (Fun Graphics Machine) Connection, S.E.C. Check Register, Computer Bargain Store**, as well as the Gazette Disk Subscriptions and Gazette Submission requirements.

Columns: 64/128 view Talks about Spreadsheet programs and templates. He asked for anyone that had spreadsheet templates that could be used with SpeedCalc. The only problem here was that SpeedCalc has never been published on a Gazette disk, until now, as they have included this program, along with complete documentation. Input as to what you would like to see on the Gazette disk, as program submissions are starting to back up, and there is no more room on a double sided disk to put them all, each month. What kind of programs do you like, and use?

D'iversions: Are new MPC (multi-Media Personal Computers) machines the dawn of a new age in computing or **it's demise**. As usual, Fred comes up with his own version of the problems, and solutions for the the future of Computing, and it's not all High Tech and expensive MS-Dos machines either.

Beginner Basic: The topic is errors and mistakes that the author made when he was programming SETZI which appears on this month's disk. Housekeeping tasks like keeping track of variable names used, cutting down on the number of lines of code used, and mistakes to avoid.

Machine Language: How to copy your ROM to a protected area of BASIC and free up all that memory to be used as RAM, using a simple Machine language program. It's included on the disk as XBASIC.ML

P.D.Picks: **Pegasis** an older graphics arcade style game with excellently designed sprites, background graphics and style. Played with a joystick.

Ghoul Dogs doesn't have anything to blow up and the graphics aren't elegant. Despite this, the game has a certain appeal that the reviewer finds has him going back to it over and over again. He thinks it might be because of the Tony the Tiger look alike that he controls and tries to keep away from the dogs. Both programs are available on GENIE or this month's disk. There is a new MS-DOS program available on CompuServe called C64EMU It is a 64 emulator for the IBM PC's which comes complete with BASIC and a couple of pseudo-disk drives. With a Sound Blaster card you can even get simulated SID sound.

Programmers Page: SpeedScript Patch programs, use them to change your default parameters or work with 2 drives, programs and listings are on disk, as well as all the peeks and pokes.

Feedback: Unbreakable Cipher has a bug, and the fix is on this disk. 64 Emulators for the Amiga. Canadian User likes the new format. How to order back issues of the Magazine and disk, plus costs. B.T.W feedback wouldn't work until I notched the disk and changed the name.

GEOS: The lighter side. For the Geos uninitiated here's a general overview of this completely integrated environment, plus a number of excellent games for you to try that run from GEOS.

BUYERS GUIDE: Who supports the 64/128 with products and services? This list will answer all your questions. Where do you find that 128 video chip or the 64 digitizer? How about a good source for used 128 software? Dump it to your printer and keep it handy.

Review: Full Count Baseball for the 64. Pick your own team, keep your own stats. Draft players from other teams you create and start your own League. The reviewer even decided to hold his own World Series game. Using stats from the Toronto Blue Jays and Philly teams he created teams that matched the real ones as close as possible and the outcome was 6-3 for Toronto, and as we all know the real score was 8-6 for Toronto. Not for the shoot-em-up type of player.

PROGRAMS : a short review as a lot of the programs are already covered!

Trail Blazer: Colorful fast paced arcade style game for the 64

Integrator: Convert Speedcalc files for use with SpeedScript

Batch Programming: Create your own batch files for use in your own programs or SpeedScript

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CCUG Disk of the Month for April 1994 Bill Baird

This is a 1541 double sided disk, only \$4.00 at the April meeting.

Type Racing: It's a typing tutor that is fun, so even children can enjoy it. The faster you type, the faster your car goes.

Graphic contest: This is a slide show display of scintillating pixels.

Walt's Wildlife Portraits: Walt invited ten of his endangered friends over for a sitting, and now we are invited over to see his slides.

Blorhythm Machine Find out if you're high or low with this nifty perpetual blorhythm program.

Speedy Delivery: An excellent educational program that teaches youngsters to plan ahead. Great graphics.

Digit Fidget: A terrific addition puzzle involving a grid of numbers that must add correctly across and down.

1890's Jukebox: These eight tunes will paint a picture of pre-64 simpler times when lyrics were crafted.

Each program has a sequential doc file, use a word processor or seq file reader to read these docs.

128 Disk of the Month for April 1994 This is a double sided 1541 disk, it is \$4.00 at the April meeting.

Side one contains a Spreadsheet, the reason a computer was made, use it to do any computations you need, after all, a computer is nothing more than a big calculator, eh?

Side two contains a Database, the second reason for a computer, use it to index anything.



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It looks like winter is finally gone and spring is just around the corner, and with spring comes the chore of spring cleaning. This goes double for Byte Ryder Software since my inventory seems to be over-running my small office. I just received my new replacement drive for my Amiga and replaced it only to find, with all this inventory I have no desk space left to set it up. In order to make room for "Ami" I've decided to mark down almost everything in stock.

Amiga owners - for the month of April (or while supplies last) can get **Lemmings II - The Tribes** for just \$38.00 marked down from it's original \$48.00 and **Battle Chess II** is marked down from it's original \$36.95 to just \$28.00. If you liked the Shadow of the Beast series, you'll probably like another game from Psygnosis called **Agony** for only \$18.95 or explore 200 levels of lairs in **Targis** for only \$14.95. If you're more of a programmer than a game player why not try your hand at **Arexx** programming for a mere \$28.00. Have you recently upgraded to the 2.04 operating system and are now having problems running some of your old 1.2 or 1.3 software? I've just received the answer to your problems in the form of a new **Auto-Kickstart Switch**. Once installed your Amiga will boot normally using the 2.04 operating system unless you hold down the left mouse button while booting which forces it to use the old 1.2 or 1.3 operating system. It comes complete with easy to follow installation instructions and sells for \$24.95

Last month I purchased a fairly large quantity of older 64 games from a U.S. warehouse and am selling these for \$5.00. Most are multiple game packs with titles like, **BMX Trials & The Day After**, **Touchdown & 10 Pin**, **Adventure Pack** (4 adventures), **Sport Spectacular** (hockey, football, baseball etc.), **Korom & The Twin Kingdom** and too many others to list here. If you are interested in any of the other titles feel free to call 273-3643 for a more complete list. If you prefer programming the 64 over playing games I also have **Introduction to Programming II**, which walks you through the programming of a pretty complex "One Armed Bandit" complete with sound and sprites. At \$10.00 it sure beats losing all your cash on the Video Lottery Terminals at your neighborhood pub. If you want to learn programming, something other than Basic, why not try the Amiga's native language on the 64 or 128 with **Power C** for only \$24.95.

Have you recently upgraded (or downgraded as some in the club might say) to an IBM compatible, but miss the Geos environment of the 64 or 128. If so, I have a demo of **Geoworks Pro** for the IBM, you may want to borrow. It will give you a sample of all the Geos applications minus the "save" feature. Maybe Scott and Mike's recent articles on telecommunications have perked your curiosity. I can set you up with a **GVC 9600/2400 baud Fax/Modem** for as little as \$75.00 or if you want to really fly a **GVC 14,400 baud Fax/Modem** for under \$200.00. All GVC modems come with a 5 year warranty, software and easy to follow installation instructions. If you haven't up/downgraded to a PC compatible, but have been thinking about it, feel free to give me a call for very competitive (if not the lowest) system prices around.

So you don't need software or any Hardware upgrades. Sooner or later we all need new printer ribbons, mouse pads, copy holders, joysticks, disk notchers or other miscellaneous items. There are still a few bulk packs of 3.5" Double Density Disks and labels in stock for 59 cents per disk or High Density 3.5" Disks for only 69 cents per disk. There are also a few boxes of Gold Star 100% certified Double Density 5.25" disks in stock for only \$4.95 a box. Has your disk drive been acting strange lately? Maybe you've been hearing it squealing "Cleeaan Meeeee". Byte Ryder has 5.25" and 3.5" drive cleaning kits complete with cleaning fluid for only \$4.67.

Remember The Amiga and 64 software price cuts will only last until I've cleared enough room to set my Amiga back up, so just because it's April don't be a fool and miss out on some great buys.

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Just Arrived - Amiga Sim-Life (Terminal Edition) \$29.95