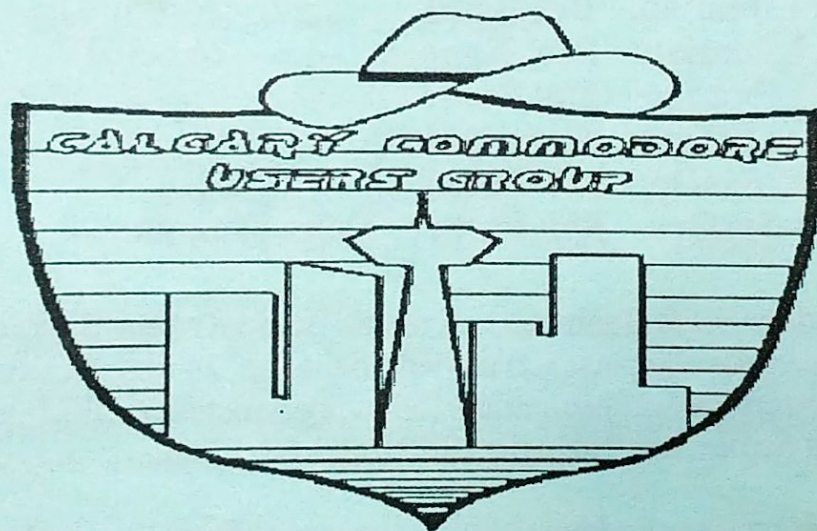


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The Calgary Commodore Users Group runs a Bulletin Board System (BBS) at the number 274-0771. Use your computer and modem to dial up, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Set your terminal program to the following parameters: 2400 baud, 8 data, 1 stop bit, 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 S.E.
High River, Alberta
T1V-1H9

The CCUG holds public meetings at the Main Branch of the Calgary Public Library, 616 Macleod Trail S.E., Basement Room #2. This is just off the City Hall and Olympic Plaza LRT stations. Our next meeting is on Wednesday MAY 4 /94 at 7:30 pm HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE?

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BY KEVIN DEMAN

Here are the results of the election and the appointed positions that were from last month:

President: Kevin DeMan
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As you can see, we have a new faces in the CCUG executive. I would like to welcome her to the executive and I know that you will too. As you can see, some of us have taken up two jobs for the CCUG . If at anytime, you think that you would like to apply for one of the appointed positions, then let me or one of the other executive know.

Now, for all you Amiga users, you will be happy to know that the CCUG now has five disks of clip art that you can purchase for \$10.00. These disks are filled with Black & White clip art that you can use in desktop publishing, paint programs, etc... There will be a viewer on disk #1 so that you can view them and pick which ones you would like to use. to order the clip art you can do this two ways:

- 1) Fill out a order form that will be at the meeting.
- 2) Or you can call me before the meeting and I will have them for you at the next meeting.

As the cost of mailing these disks to you would be very high, we ask that you pick them up at one of the general meetings. If you can not make it to the general meeting, call me and I will see what can be done. I will be showing some of these at the May meeting.

See you at the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS BY MIKE STOLL

First off, I would like to thank the club members for their support of the past and future club executive. The elected executive next term has one new face, but all the executive offer fresh new ideas and are a pleasure to work with.

Over the past few months, I have written about modems, telecommunication, BBS systems, and such. At this month's general meeting, we are going to cover all aspects of 'modeming', starting from the very beginning. The executive has had many inquiries lately about C-64 and 128 term programs, and about hooking up to BBS systems, so we will devote a major portion of the meeting to this topic. Please note that we will be starting from square one, so if you have been having troubles just getting started, come on down! And for those of you who want a little more depth, we will cover advanced hardware such as 14400 baud modems and swiftlink cartridges.

The CCUG has a more or less open policy on swapping hardware and software at the meetings, so if you have something you would like to get rid of, by all means bring it with you to the meetings. The intent of this is not to have whole computer systems appear at random times, though. We hold swap meets once or twice a year. (I think we will make the June meet a 'mini swap?') If however, you have a few bits and pieces you want to get rid of, by all means bring them with you to the meeting. I might even have a 64 compatible 2400 baud modem to sell at the May meeting... See you on May 4th!

FOR SALE

- 1 C64 Keyboard and 1541 Disk Drive with all cables and manuals \$75.00
- 1 Selkosh SP1200VC NLQ Printer, requires no interface, complete with all cables, manuals, new ribbon, original owner \$75.00
- 1 VizaWrite Classic 128 80 col. word processor with spell check \$15.00
- 1 Print Shop program complete with original box and manuals \$20.00

Make me a serious offer ... Call Phil at 652-3519.

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Ncomm V3.0

This month, the thyme of the meeting, is modems and term programs. I talked to Kevin DeMan and we decided to offer the new Ncomm V3.0.

This is a new release of it and it is a shareware terminal program that works on all Amigas. There is some new features and fonts.

***** WARNING ***** If you want a full working copy, you must register it with the author. Info on how to is included on disk.

With this version is two install files, one is for 1.3 and down, the other is for the 2.0 and up. You will have to use one of these. They install the files needed for the program onto your workbench.

The first thing you see when you boot it up, is a warning about this being a non-registered demo version. A couple things have been left out so if you plan on use it regular, you have to register it. You can not save a new config file or a marco key file.

If you bring a empty disk to the meeting, we will be glad to give you a copy of this disk so you can try it out at home. And it is free to all.

**Paul Napper
Amiga Librarian.**

Part 2 of Part 2 of - THIS IS GENIE

April 1994 (c)

By Scott Dutton

The following libraries are available to you:

1. GEOS Applications
2. GEOS Fonts
3. GEOS Artistry - Pictures & Image
4. GEOS PRN & Input Drivers
5. GEOS Desk Accessories & AutoExec
6. GEOS CMD Official Supp.
7. CMD General Support Files
8. !CMD Storage Dev. Files
9. Parsec Support
10. !Parsec's "Try B44 U Buy"
11. !Color 64 BBS Library
14. C-64 Games Chest 88
15. C-64 Arcade Action Games
16. C-64 Adventure Games
17. C-64 Educational Prg & Games
18. C-64 Comp. Vids & Demos
19. C-64 Telecommunications
20. C-64 Disk & file Toolkit
21. C-64 Software To Go
22. C-64/128 Toolkit
23. C-64/128 BBS Resource Centre
24. reserved for future use
25. C-128 Software To Go
26. C-128 Telecommunications
27. C-128 CP/M Files
28. C-128 Educ. Prg & Games
29. C-128 Graphics - Basic 8 & Ipain
30. C-128 Games
31. C-128 Toolkit
32. reserved for future use
33. The Information Exchange
34. Telecom Tools and Utils.
35. Wizard 64 - Wizard 128 - RTCmaster
36. reserved for future use
43. Classical !SID! - Mono Music
44. Classical !SID! -Stereo
45. reserved for future use
46. Dig. Sound Files & Misc.
47. Music and Graphic Utilities
48. reserved for future use
49. Pictures & Bios - Staff & Member
50. Lo-Res Graphics
51. Hi Res Haven
52. Adult Oriented Files
53. HiRes Pictures --> GIFS <--
54. T.H.E. FOX by J. Ekaitis
55. Plus /+4 Port of Call
56. None of the Above
57. !Parsec's Private Library
58. !For C= RT Staff Members
59. !For C= RT SYSOPs (Staff)

If the library has a "!" before it's name, it is either for a person who owns those products, or involves in running that area.

With GEine, you have a number of very helpful commands, including:

- a. search by uploader (now, what DID Bob upload?)
- b. search by date

c. search by keyword (if you used the keyword "align", GEine would search for any programs with the word in its title or its description)

And like C-Net, you can view a long description of the file as well as the short one, in order to be absolutely sure that the file is the one you want.

The last number from the list that I will deal with is:

8. Set Terminal Settings for WIZARD

Wizard is the GEine 'front-end' program for the C64. A front-end is an automated or semi-automated program that will log you onto a BBS, do the actions you have set it up to do, and then log you off the BBS. This saves a lot of time, especially if you read and reply to messages offline. Time on GEine is money, and the less time you spend doing things manually - the more you will save.

I won't go into specific details about Wizard's operation, but a copy of the program and documentation will be in the CCUG BBS library (sometime soon) for you to download. For you 128 users there is RTC Master (also soon to be on CCUG) or the older Wizard 128. For Amiga users there is Online Servant (available in the separate Starship Amiga RT on GEine), and if you have an MS-Aladdin RT.

Even if the economics of using a front-end are lost on you, you should also consider not having to memorize the considerable number of system commands you'll have to type in without one. As you hunt for that command ONLINE, the clock ticks away, tick tock, tick tock.

And now I must say, **THAT'S IT!** Log on and have fun!

I'm always happy to answer any questions.

NEWBIE MODEMER'S CORNER (EXPERT MODEMER'S INSOMNIA CURE)

By Joan Stoll

Welcome Newbie Modemer ! (cyberspace term for a person new to using their computer... specifically for communicating to another person via the phone line which is connected to a modem connected to the computer connected to your hipb one-- if you be addicted to modeming. Don't laugh, modeming can be addictive...board systems... meaning some addicted person has a program running on their computer for the use of their friends, family, business associates, and interesting strangers... or any combination there of.) that can have many phone lines (multiple lines bbses). In fact, computers do not even need a bbs to talk to each other. A Commodore computer can call up and connect with the other brands of computer. Almost all of the time, the type of computer you are using will not affect your ability to call a bbs. There is a variety of programs one can use to call out (Terminal Programs, shortened to Term Progs). Go ahead and explore the various programs till you find one that is fun for you. Make a note to check to see if the program supports ascii, ansi, or Commodore for future reference while logging onto a new bbs. The bbs you call will ask you if you are a new user (meaning if you have not logged on before). Some boards require call back verification. Either by voice or via computer. Computer verification means the bbs's computer will call back your computer. Make sure the phone number you give as call back number is the one you are using with your computer if it is a computer verification and follow the bbs's instructions. Usually you will be required to type ATA on your screen and hit return when it appears.) Once logged on as a new user you will need to know what emulation mode your program is using (which is where the ascii, ansi, or commodore comes in)... usually you are given multiple choice. You will know you have entered the wrong emulation mode if you get brackets and numbers and such (looks something like this -[(m:32hmin) then some words that are hard to read between the gibberish and a lot more numbers, letters and brackets). If you aren't sure.. you can almost always hit "other" as the choice and change your user information later. Have a handle (some bbses require you use your real name and some use handles--a name, hopefully of some significance to you or your personality) ready, in case the bbs is a handle usage bbs (that way you can make real dumb mistakes and, once you get the hang of modeming, you can change your alias). There are instructions to lead you through the log on. Do not forget your handle or your password, spelling counts! Once online you may be able to explore the posts (a post is a written entry into a conversation that goes on for days usually... meaning it is not real time convo), Upload bases (meaning uploading and downloading of programs), game (some games are real time games others are games that go on for days /months), have real time convos (also called chat areas which can be one on one or in groups with many other modemers), or leave mail to the sysop or another user. Remember the SYSOP (system operator which means he runs the bbs) is GOD. The sysop can usually see anything that is going on their bbs. All modemers should know this and most accept that the sysop will mind their own business and repeat what they see/hear) This is not always the case though. Hope you enjoy your stay in CYBERSPACE !!

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Welcome to the Amiga Disk of the Month for May.

This is to let you know that I, Paul Napper, have taken over the production of the Amiga disk of the month. Now lets have a look at the disk for May 1994.

First, you will notice the old CCUG icon is back... I seem to like it.

Okay this month's offerings are:

All - An Archiving Intuition Interface.

To quote the beginning of the Docs file that is included,
"The All is a specially developed workbench program that enables even the novice user to archive and de-archive software..."

Dungen- A dungeon generator for those would-be DMs.

Your Money - A account database for the people who like to keep track of their bank accounts.

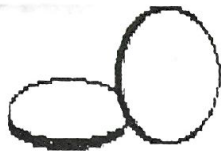
Personal - An address book for the those of you with dos 2.0+.

Format - This is a new format command. All you do is add this to your s: directory. You can then rename your disks when you format them. Comes with docs.

Also for your use: I have added PPMore to the C directory, for those of you who wish to have the commands on the screen when reading docs. If you feel like using it on your disks, just copy it to the C directory of your disk and then use info to change the pathways <More, MuchMore, etc.> to PPMore and you have it to use.

Well, until next month,
Paul

PS: If you have something that you would like to see on a DotM, please let me know and I will see what I can do.



Phil's 2 Bits Worth



Don't forget to show up for the May Meeting. In addition to the Election of Officers which didn't need to be held (all were elected by acclamation) we have planned to show off some 64/128 and Amiga Terminal programs. We know that a lot of you have expressed an interest in modems and on-line communications. To show you what is available for your machine we will have numerous setups, and combinations of modems and interfaces, so you can see how they work.

GAZETTE DISK *** April 1994

Features:

GO HEAD... MAKE A PAGE!: By Steve VanderArk

Tips on getting the most out of geoPublish and other desktop publishing programs.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING SOFTWARE: By Steve VanderArk

A list of DTP titles and where to buy them.

Reviews:

TOPDESK: GEOS Utilities Disk

Columns:

64/128 VIEW by Tom Netsel: Talented programmers continue to supply the 64/128 market with exciting and innovative software. Also, here's an example of the importance of making backups of crucial disks and programs.

FEEDBACK

Bug-Swatters, comments, questions, and answers.

D'IVERSIONS by Fred D'Ignazio

The Ultimate Digital Intercom: Stick It in Your Ear.

MACHINE LANGUAGE by Jim Butterfield:
Where to Put It?

BEGINNER BASIC by Larry Cotton: Where and When to GOTO.

PROGRAMMER'S PAGE by David Pankhurst:
Random Thought GEOS by Steve Vander Ark: The Paint Department.

PD PICKS by Steve Vander Ark: Putt-Putt and MultiRaid.

Programs:

AUTODOC 64 by Cameron Kaiser: A documentation utility for the 64. Create documentation screens for your own programs, or ones that you use often. Co-exists with most Basic, and ML programs.

BERRIES by Gus Vakalis: An arcade-style game for the 64.

CONTACT--SWITCH ON! by Bob Markland: A math game for the 64.

DIRECTORY MANAGER by Steven Reid: A 64 utility for managing disk directories. Works with a single drive but doesn't mention which types.

HYPERDRIVE by Jim Wright: A fast disk-copy program for a single drive and a 64.

Multi-Raid: Educational Multiplication Game, plug a joystick in port #2

Putt Putt: Fun and Challenging Mini-Golf Game

SPELL MAZE by Michael Bolin: A spelling game for the 64. So as you can see, this month appears to be an Educational and Utility oriented month. Disks are available for viewing and sale at the next meeting.

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CCUG Disk of the Month for May 1994 for the Virus Proof Computer, the C-64, eh?

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

Card Games are it this month, complete with dox. The list of the card games is as follows:

Side one:

One for One
Criss-Cross Poker
Pair Off
Aces Up
Shoot the Moon
Bridge Brain
Roman Numerals

Side two:

Memory Challenge
Match Me
Solitaire
Speed
Video Craps
Politics
Word Bowl
Masters of the Universe



The 128 (another virus proof computer), contains an 80 column spreadsheet, and all the utilities you need, eh? Also only \$4.00

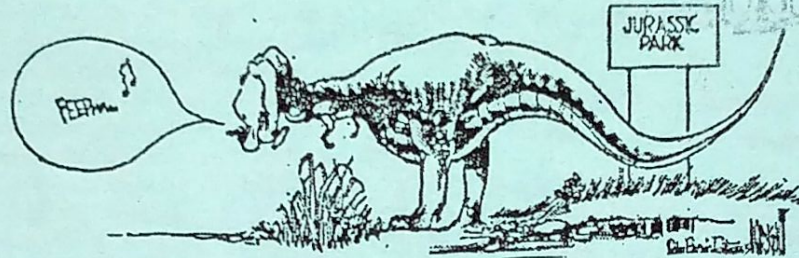
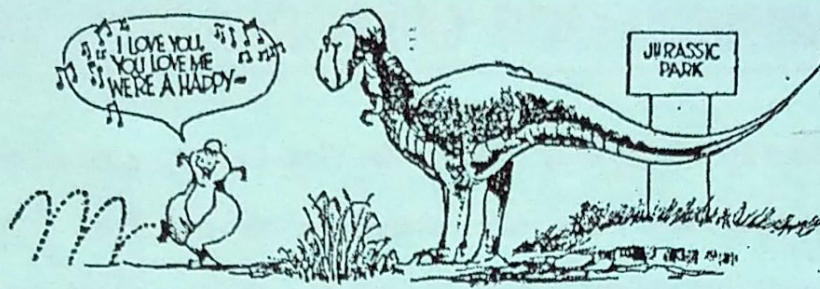
The reason the 64 and 128 are Virus Proof, is they have their dos on romchip. All these other fancy virus prone computers have their dos in ram, easy to change, easy to infect, impossible to defeat.

I also have brought the library list up to date to May 1994, it includes all disks in the library, including the listing of all the Gazette programs. This disk is available for \$1 or a trade of a blank disk.

Also available is an IBM C-64 emulator, now you can upgrade your IBM to a C-64, and use C-64 software in your IBM. You will have to download this IBM emulator, however, as I have no other way to put it onto an IBM floppy. Download it from TCWN BBS 287-0883, or from CCUG BBS.

Gazette disks are also available for \$5.00 for those who have the Compute magazine.

By: Bill Baird



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