

Amigazette



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August 22, 1990 Agenda

1. Club Business
 - A. Club Announcements
 - B. Sig Reports
 - C. Raffle Prizes description
2. Question and Answer Time
3. Break/Disk of the Month Purchase
4. Game Contest
5. Demos
6. Prizes awarded
7. Raffle drawing





Bits & Bytes by Matt Monsoor

As the Summer comes to an end and Autumn is at our doorstep the club has been left with vacancies and needs YOU to consider spending a few hours a week and volunteering to fill some positions.

The Board is accepting applicants for the position of **Treasurer** to take over duties until elections are held this January. We are also looking to fill the positions of **New Member Coordinator** and **SIG Coordinator**. The Board hopes to appoint the positions from a list of candidates during the September Board meeting.

At the last meeting there was a discussion about a problem one of the members was having that looked like a virus. After some time, I cut the discussion short and asked that it be continued during the break. I then announced the break.

A member came to me and asked me why I had cut off the discussion, as it was interesting to him. All I could refer to was the club policy as I had remembered. Because not everyone was involved in the discussion nor

could everyone hear what was being said, I felt that the participation was limited.

Well, I have thought about it and I feel that I was wrong to cut off this discussion. I joined the club to learn everything I could about the Amiga and here I was stopping something that could allow members to learn about something that they may have not yet experienced.

At this time I would like to apologize to the members that were present and offer an idea that might help. Before I became president, I know that I felt it was boring during a meeting when members were talking and I could not hear everything that was being said.

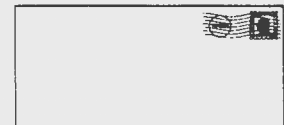
In the past, the President had to attempt to repeat the question or answer, making it very difficult to

follow the discussion. In the future, I intend to bring out the microphone during discussions and also during any announcements.

Also PLEASE write to the Editor of AmigaZette, Richard Carey or myself and share your comments about the Newsletter, meetings or the club in general. We will respond to your letters here in YOUR NewsLetter, AmigaZette.

The meeting this month should be fun and rewarding as Pete Howard has put together a contest with a prize for the most skilled. We will also should have some demos. Don't forget the Disk Of the Month and club Raffle too!

Well that's all for now, see you at the meeting.



Se habla Amiga? Help others to learn your favorite program or assist in your area of expertise. Remember, you were new once, too. If you'd like to add your name to our list, sign up at a general meeting or contact me at 632-1018.

AMIGO	PHONE	HOURS	HELP AREA
Walter Ayres	487-3202	Noon-10 p.m.	BASIC
Greg Pringle	452-7321	5:30-10 p.m.	Hardware
John Warren	662-8754	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Games/Carpool
Jack Cannon	722-7404	reason. hrs.	Dr. T's/Music
Dave Bloch	441-6816	eves/wknds	Video
Lindsey Fong	AmigaLink BBS (modem)		Anything
Brian Cox	488-3964	reason. hrs.	BASIC
Fred Sakai	488-4343	reason. hrs.	Desktop Publ.
Steve Goodrich	361-7566	6:00-10 p.m.	Beginners, Maxiplan Word Perfect, Cli
Woody Bear	723-1710	reason. hrs.	Telecom
John Zacharias	363-9153	eves+wknds	Desktop Publ. Video
Jan Zacharias	363-9153		Video, Graphics
Ken Free	292-3151	before 10 p.m.	CLI, Utilities, General

Computer Viruses

by
David Schwartz

Lately there has been an increase in virus discussions on the club BBS and elsewhere. I have put this article together in hopes of making the subject of viruses more understandable to everyone.

While I attended the Government Technology Conference in May of 1989, in Sacramento, I sat in on an interesting conference there that discussed the problem of computer viruses. The conference was put on by the COMPUTER VIRUS ASSOCIATION, based in Silicon Valley. What follows is a summary of the discussion:

BACKGROUND

Computer viruses can be differentiated from other types of mischievous programs such as trojans or bombs. Viruses are 'self-replicating' and they require a host or executable disk segment such as an operating system, a boot sector, or an application program. They move from machine-to-machine through the transfer of diskettes via program sharing or data sharing. The most frequent way a virus can spread is through sharing of data or programs by way of networks, bulletin boards, or other forms of communication.

BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

1974

First self-replicating code demonstrated at Xerox Corp.

1984

First papers written on computer viruses appear.

1986

First virus to cause widespread infection appears.

1988

Industry attention begins.

Computer viruses fall into three categories:

1. Humorous
2. Innocuous
3. Catastrophic
 - a. may format disks
 - b. randomly change data information in a data file
 - c. delete one or more files

Over 40 strains of viruses had appeared in the first 5 months of 1989, for the IBM PC alone. In January of 1988, there were less than 3,000 reported cases of computer viruses, later that same year in December, there were almost 20,000 cases reported. In 1988, there were a reported 78,000 machines infected, and in the first quarter of 1989, there were 30,000 machines that had been reported to have been infected. It is statistically impossible to eradicate viruses.

VIRUS ORIGINATION

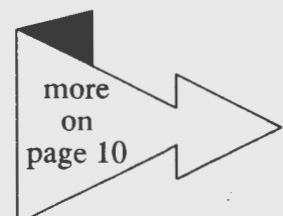
Computer viruses originate from several different groups of people:

1. Computer Experimenters who create a virus as part of a way to study how viruses work and how the system is effected by them. They are not intended to do any harm, nor are they created to be circulated outside the experimental area. However, some of these viruses can get out into circulation either accidentally or unintentionally. Programmer types that fall into this area typically are:

- A. Educators
- B. Hackers
- C. R & D Groups

2. Pranksters create viruses with the sole intent to be circulated, but do not usually cause any harm to the infected system. They are usually created by groups or individuals with a 'message', or by jokers.

3. Outlaw Technologists are a group who create viruses whose sole purpose is to cause as much harm as possible to the infected system. People in this category are either disaffected individuals or associated with ideological organizations.





IN MEMORY

OF

SOMEONE ELSE

We were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of SACC's most valuable members, Someone Else. Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Else had been with us for many years. Someone did far more than the normal person's share of work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results.

"Someone Else can work with that group." Whenever there was a job to do, a committee to chair, or a SIG to attend, one name was on everyone's list: "Let Someone Else do it."

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing as superhuman, but a person can do only so much. Were the truth to be known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is GONE! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a great example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who will do the things that Someone Else did? When you have a chance to participate in our club, please remember this:

WE CAN'T DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE ANYMORE!

All Clubs or Organizations need a reminder, once in awhile, that most of the activities are done by a small percentage of the membership, and our Club is no exception.

I'm certain we have all seen the above "obit", or at least something similar.

One of the most important things we need is NEW IDEAS about how to maintain our growth and how to continue to be an asset, not only for the members, but for all Amiga owners in the Sacramento Area. We're looking for your input, your articles, your participation in SACC.

Remember that the Clubs Board of Directors meetings are open to all members, and that we will consider all suggestions you may have offer. If you can not attend the Directors meeting then send us a message or call one of us....our numbers are listed in the AmigaZette!

(This article was reprinted in part from the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society July 1990 newsletter)



RAM @ HOME by Rob Super

"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

VOLCANO, CA -- Weird trip, flying around the world acting as porter, guide and supervising nurse to my 80-year-old father as he fulfilled some professional commitments. England, Moscow and Japan. "SuperTours: a culture shock at every stop." And I can't really say I've flown around the world, as we had to drive the last hundred miles from SFO to Sact'o.

Anyway, I've not been doing much computing for the last few weeks, there being no laptop Amiga on the market. Woe, the hardships of travel. To help ease the trauma of abstinence, I tried to keep part of an eye open for anything to do with Amigas. And after England, I settled for anything to do with computers.

England is always a joy. Even in their third summer of drought, and despite a "hosepipe ban" (don't use a garden hose for anything), England is greener than most of California is in a normal year. They're also supposed to have more Amigas, at least on a *per-capita* basis, but, scanning the yellow pages in London one evening, I found only two mentions of Amigas among dozens of IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Zenith, etc., and Macintosh, ads. Sound familiar? Wandering around town the next day, I did stumble across the "Commodore Business Center"

on Russel Square. It was closed that day, Sunday, but the most prominent window featured a 3000. All the other windows, however, were full of Commodore's MS-DOS machines. Tucked in the back of the store, propped up unceremoniously on its end and leaning against the side of a desk, I spotted a lone 500. Hmmmm. Where were all these English Amigas?

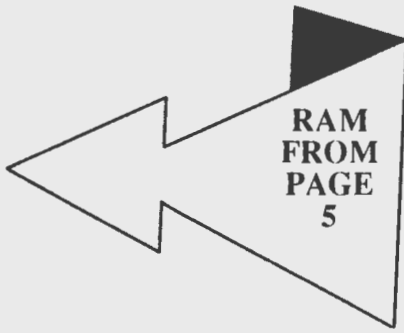
On two occasions I was able to check out large, well-stocked English magazine shops, one in London and one in Newcastle-under-Lyme, and they suggested a possible answer. Unlike here, the computer sections had more Amiga mags than any other kind, about a half dozen at each shop. A couple, like *Amiga User*, were vaguely familiar to me; most were not. Most were sold with disks attached, most were pretty glitzy, superficial, and game oriented. Sorry gamers, but it worried me to find that these were the only offerings. There were no equivalents to *Amiga World*, to *Amiga Transactor* or to *Amazing Computing*. *Amiga User* was the closest thing to a "serious" Amiga publication--and I have difficulty picturing the business person, even in a graphics department, who would show an article in that publication to the boss as part of a "buy Amiga" campaign. What all this suggests to me is that British Amiga sales, more than Amiga sales here, are dependant on the game market; that most sales take place through mass discount markets (department stores, electronics discounters and mail order) rather than through the kind of dedicated computer store that is listed in the yellow pages; and that the Amiga is having as much or more difficulty being accepted as a "real" computer in England as it has had here. Indeed, a walk past the discount electronics shops on Tottenham Court Road showed 500's in window after

window. I'm also struck by the fact that while we see a fair amount of British software here, very little of it is "productivity" software. (*Acquisition* and *X-Cad* are the only two that come to mind.) Commodore needs to sell lots of Amigas, whatever use they're put to, but I was hoping to see in England a broader acceptance of the machines serious competitors to the clone drones. Well, my data are superficial, my conclusions shaky. And hopefully wrong.

Moscow. Computers? What computers? This is a discouraging place, the capital city of a major nation, and yet everything that doesn't require a long wait in line seems to need dusting, painting or repairing. (The exceptions are such major--and genuinely impressive--monuments as Lenin's tomb and its surrounding ceremonial spaces.) Computers exist, of course, but in an economy in which people wait for meat, socks and tobacco, computers just aren't a high priority in the marketplace. In GUM, the huge state department store, I could find nothing resembling a computer or electronics section. The tourist hotels get the best of everything: the country badly wants hard currency, and one way to get it is to fill such hotels with every possible modern attraction. This means slot machines in the lobbies, "Hard Currency Only" bars (stocked with imported brands), crystal chandeliers, and computer terminals behind the hotel, In-tourist, Aeroflot and other service desks. The computers all carry a "Sigma-Data" logo (Greek letter



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sigma followed by "Data" in Roman characters), which told me nothing. In any event, "service" in Moscow doesn't mean what we've come to expect in the western world, and most of the machines were turned off even when the desks were manned. I found myself thinking of those vacuum-formed TV's and stereos you see throughout furniture showrooms. The Muscovites I had a chance to talk with were generally friendly and open, but discouraged about their situation: for a long time their economic system has been only quasi-functional, and it will be quite a while before many of them will be arguing over which operating system is best.

Whatever the Soviet Union lacks in personal computers, Japan makes up for. Between and among its ancient temples and shrines, Japan is awash in electronics. Taxi meters are small computers (at least one cab I rode in had a cellular phone, and I understand some have fax machines hooked up), remote controls in the nightstand operate virtually everything in the hotel room, high-quality TV sets play continuously in transportation waiting rooms, and microchip-controlled toilets have been introduced. (I'll spare you the details of the last.) Every large department store includes a huge electronics section with a great variety of laptop computers among its offerings.

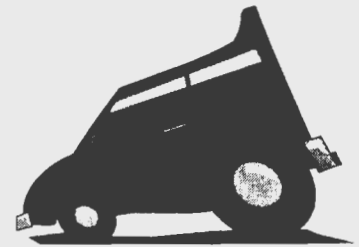
And the department stores are as nothing next to the consumer cornucopia that is Tokyo's Akihabara district, where computers, vacuum cleaners, walkmen,

watchmen (?), hair dryers, camcorders and toasters block the aisles and spill onto the sidewalks from more than 200 electric and electronic specialty stores. If it plugs in, here you can find it in dozens of variations. The computers (again, especially laptops) are often out on the street, like fruits and vegetables to be hefted and squeezed by passersby. Interestingly, nothing was particularly cheap: prices were comparable to what we'd pay for the same items at typical discount here.

As far as I could tell, every computer I saw in Japan was MS-DOS- (or for that matter, AmigaDOS-) like. I never saw a screen with a graphic user interface. This was particularly surprising considering the keyboard design problem presented by Japan's traditional script: an educated adult knows something like ten thousand different characters, far more than can be easily reproduced with a keyboard of a hundred or so keys. At least as difficult is the question of how to efficiently represent all those characters in computer or printer memory. There is a newer, much simpler, phonetic character set containing only fifty characters, but it is my understanding that this is not used on keyboards. I may have misunderstood, through a difficult language barrier, the answers I was given to my questions about this problem, but I think not: my explainer seemed pretty clear on the point that Koreans have it easier because they do now use a simplified Korean script on their keyboards. In any case, I am still mystified by the design of Japanese keyboards: if any body knows the answer I'd like to hear it. (How about writing an article for this newsletter?)

The cost of electrogoodies being what they were in Japan, I came home without any. Just as well, as when I got home

the GVP '030 accelerator kit I'd ordered was waiting for me. And so was the Visa bill. (Right: I couldn't resist the deal GVP offered us at the June meeting.) And I guess that gives me something to write about next month!

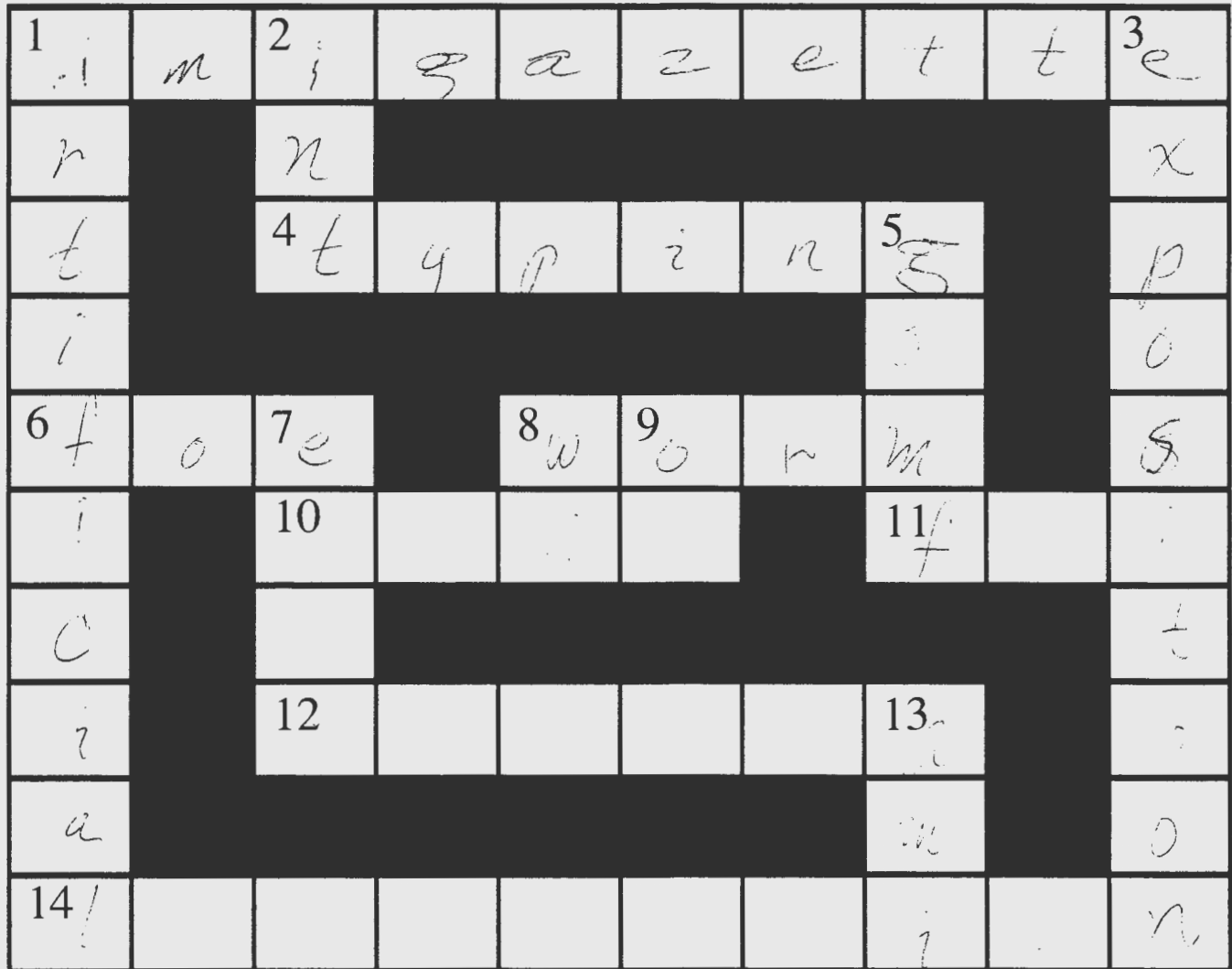


AMIGA 500 BY PETE HOWARD

Ok folks, Put on your racing gloves and tune up your joysticks. Slip your goggles over your eyes and tighten your helmet straps, for it is time to do some STUNT CAR DRIVING. Yes, that is correct. This coming club meeting will be having our grand national championship Stunt Car driver Competition. We will be setting up at least four computers which will be connected by null modem cables. After a few announcements we will start the competition. For those who lose fast there will be other computers showing demos by some of our SIGS. All in all it looks like a fun time. The winner will receive a gift of \$40 towards your next software purchase OOO! AHHH! So come one, come all, to the Indy 500 of computer clubs or should that be The Sacramento 500 HMM-MM, how about the Amiga 500, oh, well no matter, we'll see you there.

CROSSWORDS #1

BY ROBERT DU GAUE

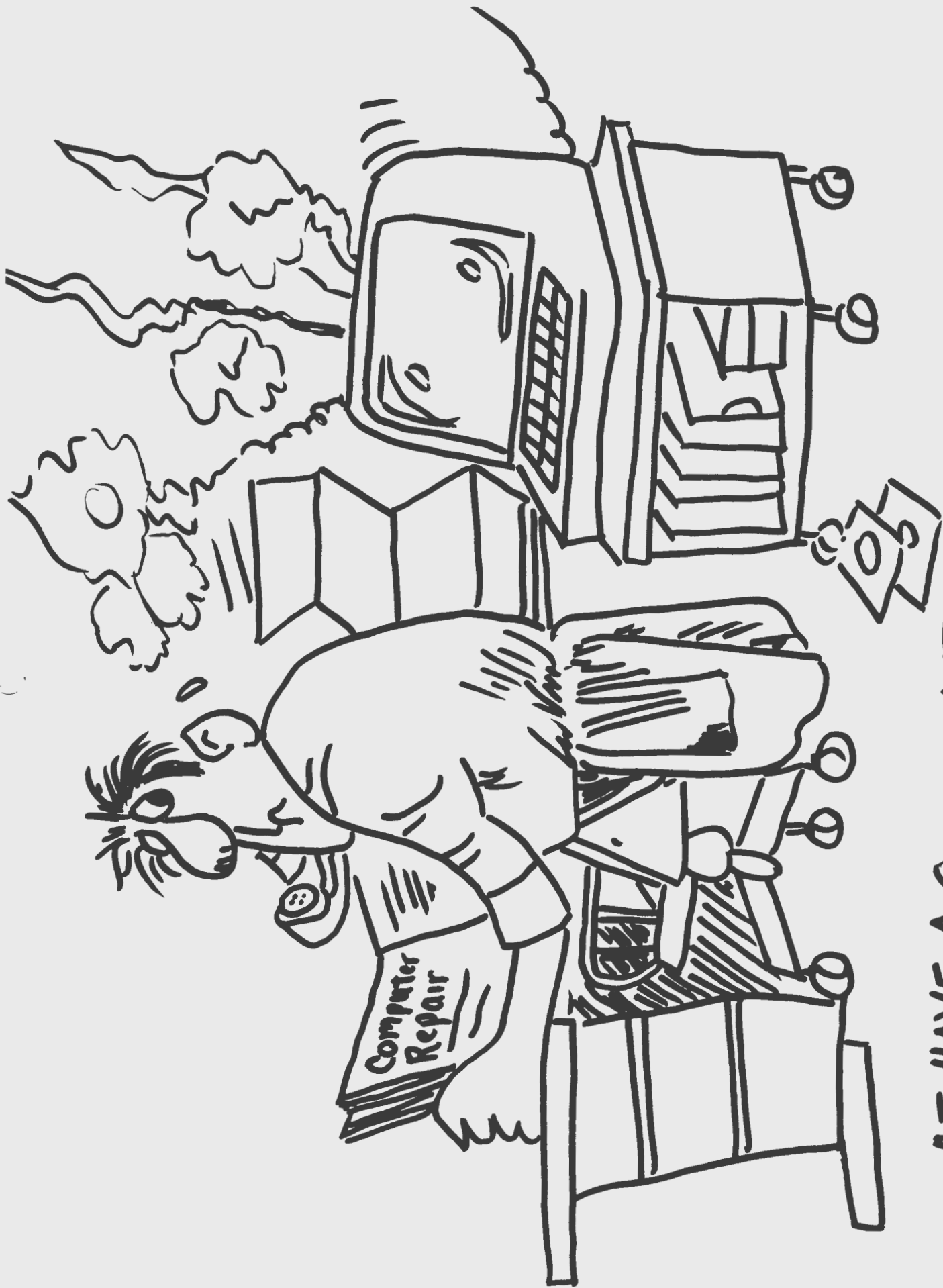


ACROSS

1. Title of this publication.
4. Mavis Beacon Teaches _____.
6. Not Friend, but _____.
8. A type of computer virus.
10. Lots of Amiga software comes at this time!
11. Forbids pirating of software. (Abr.)
12. Popular Software Producer; _____ ware.
14. Maximum. (Synonym)

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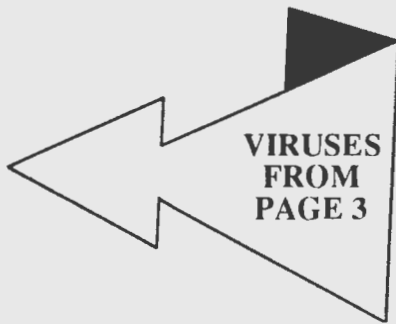
1. _____ Intelligence.
2. -32767 to -32768. (Abr.)
3. Computer Faire, Ami-_____.
5. Get out of my face. (ABR.)
7. ROM kernal manual explains these routines.
8. Washington. (Abr.)
9. The heart of the Amiga. (Abr.)
13. Our favorite machine.



"I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT COMPUTERS"

SEPTEMBER

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23	24	25	26 GENERAL MEETING 7 P.M.	27	28	29
30						GRAPHIC SIG Computertime 7 PM



VIRAL STRAIN DISTRIBUTION (As of May 1989)

IBM PC and Clones	20%
Macintosh	04%
Amiga	04%
All Others	72%

Problems associated with viruses are:

1. They are difficult to detect prior to activation.
2. Many viruses destroy themselves after activation
3. Remnants are difficult to locate.
4. Most users have difficulty collecting virus samples.

TYPES OF VIRUSES

During the conference, many different types of viruses were discussed and several 'infamous' ones were talked about in detail. One of my favorite stories was the one about the 'Cookie Monster' virus. The Cookie Monster virus was one that when it infected your system would display a message on your screen that read; 'I WANT A COOKIE'. Then a while later, the message would appear again. After a time later, it would begin to appear again and again, closer in duration until finally it would flash rapidly on the screen. It was discovered that you could get rid of the message by typing 'COOKIE' on the keyboard.

The message would then stop flashing and the virus would destroy itself with no harm was done to the users' system.

Some of the different types of viruses are called Boot Infectors or System Infectors. Boot Infectors are viruses that move or overwrite the boot sector. They can also replace the boot sector with themselves or create bad sectors containing the virus' remainder. System Infectors infect system files and can effect memory resident operation.

HOW CAN I KNOW IF MY SYSTEM HAS BEEN INFECTED?

Some of the indications of a system that has been infected are:

- 1) Do program loads take longer than normal?
- 2) Do disk accesses seem excessive for simple tasks
- 3) Do unusual error messages occur with regularly?
- 4) Do access lights turn on for non-referenced devices?
- 5) Do you have less memory available than usual?
- 6) Do programs or files mysteriously disappear?
- 7) Do you notice a sudden reduction in disk space?
- 8) Have any executable files changed size?
- 9) Are unexplainable hidden files present?

HOW DO I RECOVER MY INFECTED SYSTEM?

First, DON'T PANIC! Power down the machine, then reboot from an ORIGINAL SYSTEM WRITE-PROTECTED diskette. Back-up all Non-Executable files, if you have a hard drive system, and it has been effected. Next reformat your hard drive, by doing a Low-Level format first. Replace system executable programs and then restore your data. Never execute ANY program from the infected disk and if you can't correct the problem, seek professional advice.

CLASSES OF VIRUS PROTECTION PRODUCTS

- 1) Infection Prevention - these programs can identify viruses prior to infection and can prevent infection from occurring.
- 2) Infection Detection - these programs establish a baseline or snapshot of your system. Then they periodically compare the current state of the system with the snapshot.
- 3) Infection Identification and Removal - these programs search for specific viral infection and remove it, they repair any damage left behind, if possible. However, these programs are only effective on 'known' infections. Since there are new viruses popping up all the time, you have to update these programs to be effective.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on computer viruses, you can contact the COMPUTER VIRUS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION at (408) 727-4559 or their BBS number is (408) 988-4004. You may also write to them directly at:

Computer Virus Industry Assoc.
4423 Cheeney Street
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Also, there is a book from ABA-CUS called "Computer Viruses: a high-tech disease". I hope you all found this article of interest. The subject of viruses and other annoying products of sick-minded individuals should be of important interest to every computer user and computer owner. There are many virus 'Killer' programs available through the club or on bulletin boards locally here in Sacramento. You never know when one might show up at your door!!!!!!

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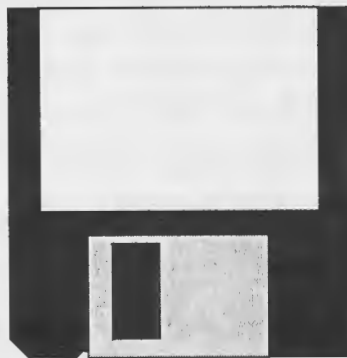
Unreal, Tusker, Photon Storm, Shadow Warriors, Black Gold, F29 Retaliator, Pyramax, TV Sports Football Data Disk

COMPUTERTIME

969-4111

8040 GREENBACK

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Library News by Ken Barton

Library Outing Dates:

Month	Day	Where
September	11	Computertime
October	15	Puts
November	17	Candy

No Library outing in December

All Library outings are from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Many new disks continue to be added to the club library each month. Space doesn't permit a listing of every program on every disk but we will share a few highlights each month.

The Fred Fish Library is now up to # 360 at the time of this writing. A complete discription of these disks are always available in "Amazing Computing" or purchase the club catalog disk (a commercial).

We now have a demo disk for the 3000 for the purchasers of the latest Amiga. Unfortunately it doesn't seem to run on the 500 or the 1000 and I am not sure if it will run on the

2000 series. It is a two disk set ClubLib 257 & 258.

Another demo disk is that of Video Titler by Eschalon Development which is good and is found on Title Page demo ClubLib 254.

A highly recommended disk is Bear-Library ClubLib253. This disk is full of communication programs useful in telecommunicating and it includes the popular JR-Comm as well as others.

As always we will be happy to try and find a program or disk for you if you have a particular need. Stop by and see us and HAVE A BALL.



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Large selection of banner rolls!
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CANDY COMPUTER

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BBS Numbers

AMIGALink, SACC Official

Bulletin Board

(916)447-3842 or (916)447-3843 or

(916)991-8553

Sysop: Lindsey Fong

AMIGALINK II, Genisis

(916)387-1328

Sysop: Dan Kelly

Other Local Bulletin Boards:

AMIGA Express

(916)635-5749 6PM - 11PM ONLY

Another BBS

(916)725-2639 1200/2400 24Hrs.

Sysop: Andy Wood

The Computer Chapel

(916)641-2400 1200/2400 24Hrs.

Sysop: Pete Howard

Bear's Byte

(916)722-7423 300/1200 24 Hrs.

Sysop: Woodie Bear

Nebula-2

(916)351-6482 1200/2400

5PM - 8PM Weekdays 24Hrs. Weekends Only

Sysop: Bob Pauwee

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(916)369-7560 300/1200 24Hrs.

Sysop: Shetani

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Joe Barton

Phone: 944-1291

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Leader: Pete Howard

Phone: 920-4289

HARDWARE SIG

Leader: Greg Pringle

Tim Baltad

Phone: 452-7381

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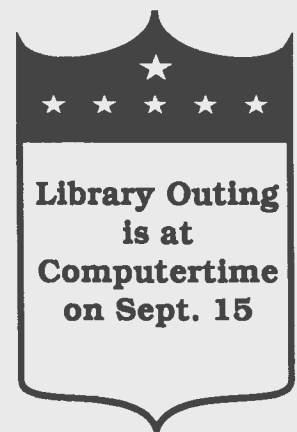
Leader: Woodie Bear

Phone: 723-1710

VIDEO SIG

Leader: John Zacharias

Phone: 363-9153



The Fastest Modem in The West

by
Dan Gutman

If Paul Revere was around today, he wouldn't bother with horses and hanging lanterns from the Old North Church. He'd call on Michael Callahan -- the fastest modem in the West.

Callahan, who hails from Elizabeth, Colorado, can have his computer call up an information network or electronic bulletin board, type "The British are coming!" (or any other message) and log off in less than 69 seconds. A true minuteman.

To make sure he gets the word out, Callahan regularly calls 2,000 of these bulletin boards, which are scattered across 45 states, Germany, Spain, Japan, Australia, Norway and even England.

His month phone bill has totalled as much as (gulp) \$3500.

"After I get the kids off to school in the morning, I can do about 19 boards in an hour," he says. He usually spends 12 hours a day sending out messages from his computer.

Callahan, 41, is one of thousands of disabled people who have found new purpose in their lives thanks to the personal computer.

Until August 12th, 1977, he was a pretty run of the mill doctor. On

that day he came down with a case of food poisoning, which triggered a massive stroke. A month later he suffered another one. After a third stroke, doctors told him he would never walk again.

Eight more strokes have followed. He's had to give up his career in medicine, but Callahan is still walking. After he became disabled, he took up computing.

"I desperately needed something to do," Callahan says. "I have a very active mind and I learn things quickly."

As far as anybody can tell, the British aren't coming in 1990, but Michael Callahan has his own message to spread -- the joy of "shareware."

Shareware is software developed by non-professional programmers, who circulate it through the computer community. Customers are asked to pay a fee to the author if they wind up using the program. Proponents of shareware believe it is better than software you buy in a store.

"Any commercial program you want to show me, I can show you a shareware program that's as good or better," claims Callahan, who is known as "Dr. File Finder" in the computer community. "Shareware is less expensive, better supported, and the authors actually listen to the input of users"

Callahan has become the world's recognized expert in the field, and is putting the finishing touches on his soon to be published book, "Dr. File Finders Guide to Shareware" (Osborne:McGraw-Hill).

If a message touting shareware can be spread around the world so quickly and easily through a single computer, ANY message can be sent out the same way.

Six weeks ago, Callahan got word that a California boy with a terminal brain tumor had a dying wish-- to get listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most mail.

Callahan stopped working on his book, dropped everything else in his life and cranked up his computer and modem. Within six hours, he had posted the message on 800 electronic bulletin boards worldwide.

The California boy received more than four million letters of sympathy and encouragement.

It's only a matter of time before the business and advertising communities realize the huge untapped market of people who spend a good part of their day plugged into electronic bulletin boards and computer information networks. Once Coca-Cola and McDonald's start flooding the data lines with pitches for their products, we may wish we could go back to the days when "one if by land" and "two if by sea" were the fastest way to send out a message.-Taken from PeopleLink



**Secretary's
Report
by
Willie
Hunt**

**SACC Board Meeting
August 1, 1990**

Persons Present

Matt Monsoor
Willie Hunt
Pete Howard
Robert Du Gaue
Richard Carey
Rudi Cilibrasi

Minutes

VOTED to approve minutes of the board meeting on July 6.

Resignations

Various resignations for club positions were discussed and accepted. Among the positions resigned were:

David Bandimere-Board
Woodie Bear-Sig Coordinator
Brian Cox-Treasurer
Linda Marquess-Board &
Amigo

Other positions vacant include:

Assist. Sig Coordinator
New Member Coordinator

Positions appointed include:

David Schwartz - Adv. Coord.
Ken Barton - Board
C Sig - Joe Barton
David Schwartz

General Discussion

Among the items discussed were:

1. Reducing newsletter costs
2. Sept. meeting plans
3. Treasurer appointment in September
4. Club Picnic ?
5. Why doesn't Robert have more Cherry Coke in the refrigerator

**SACC General Meeting
August 25, 1990**

President's Comments

1. Explanation of lateness of newsletters
2. Resignations
David Bandimere - Board
Woodie Bear - Sig Coord.
Mark Baggs- Adv. Coord.
Treasurer - Brian Cox
3. Ken Barton's appointment to the Board

Announcements/Q's and A's

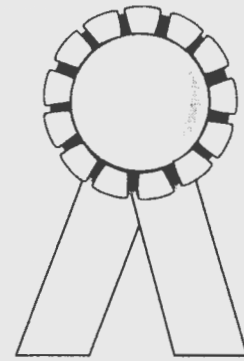
1. It was mentioned that the FCC will be issuing new licenses for "Communicator" status on low bandwidth.
2. Mention of COMPUFEST in Illinois.
3. Announced that Soft-Logic donated 2 copies of "Pagestream 1.8" to the club (see article) plus demo of program.
4. Announcement of C Sig
5. Usual discussion of Rumors....

Raffle

Winners of the raffle were:
Dean Janasen - Image Scanner
Tony Trivett Crosfield Poster

Demonstrations

Various games were dem'ood



Kudo's

by

Richard Carey

Most computer consumers including user groups feel isolated and uncared for most of the time. Too seldom does it seem that software publishers display a recognition of much less demonstrate an interest in doing something tangible in helping a user group. This month we have such a company and we take off our hats and salute Soft-Logic Publishing Corporation.

They have graciously donated 2 copies of "Pagestream 1.8", their desktop publishing program, to our user group. One copy is to be raffled off this month and the second is for use by the club. In addition to this they also donated a demo of the program to be added to the club library. This is a top-of-the-line program and it is certainly much appreciated.

In reading other club newsletters from around the country it is apparent that they have also shown the same generosity with many other groups. It is certainly good business from their part and we hope that they receive appropriate return on their investment in Amiga User Groups across America.

Thank you Soft-Logic !!!!!



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