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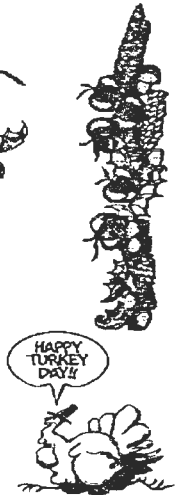
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
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President's

Report by: John Zacharias

Because of the holiday season we are combining our November and December meetings and holding the combined meeting on Wednesday, December 1. And this combined meeting will be one of our semi-annual auction nights!

That's right, SACC is holding it's semi-annual auction night at the December 1 meeting. This is one of the major fund raisers that SACC holds and we need everyone's participation - either as a buyer or seller.

Look through all of your Amiga hardware and software for those items you no longer need and bring them to the auction. This is your chance to get a few dollars (and also help out the club) for items you no longer need.

It is also an opportunity for other members of the club to get that hard to find item at bargain prices that they need to fill out their Amiga systems!

October Meeting had a Surprise Guest.

If you missed the October meeting, we had a surprise guest in attendance. Harv Laser, who runs AmigaZone, was in town from L.A. and visited SACC. He also gave a presentation on AmigaZone which was enjoyed by all.

OS 3.5 is out!

Amiga has finally come through with the long awaited OS update - 3.5! Several of us have already received it and have installed it on our hardware. You will need 3.1 ROMS in your Amiga and a CD-ROM drive in order to move up to 3.5. But be warned, the installation may not be that easy. See the separate article that I have written about my experiences installing 3.5!

Haage and Partner is also coming out with a new Developer CD for 3.5. It's called "AMIGA Developer CD 2.1" and contains all the material you need to start developing software for Amiga computers including the new 3.5 Native Developer Kit, BOOPSI gadget and image classes, and the ReActor BOOPSI toolkit and example code. The CD is suppose to be released on November 15. It will cost approximately \$27. I expect to get a copy of it shortly. You can get all the details on the CD at:

www.haage-partner.com/news/news_991104_e.htm
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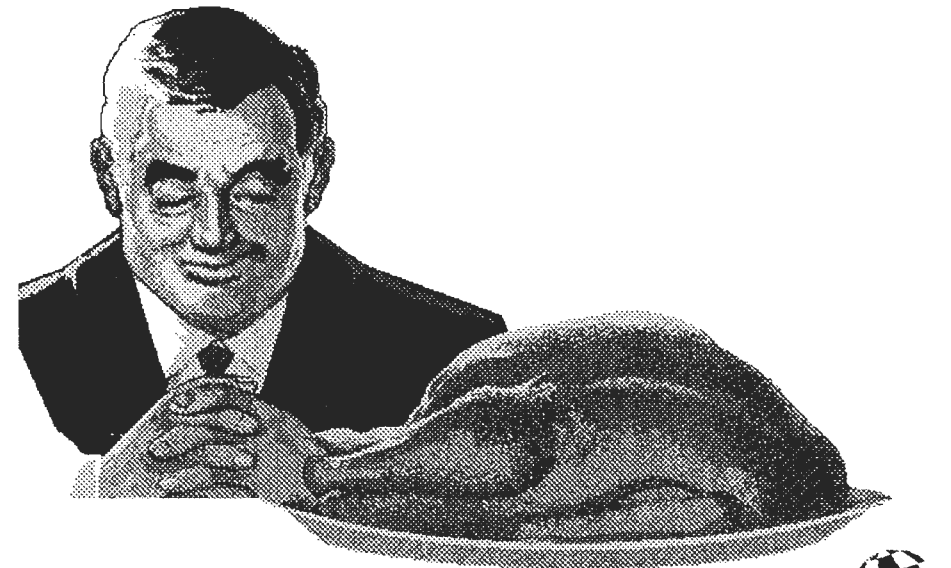
Elections Coming Up

January is election time for SACC. The coming of the new millennium will see a new team leading SACC. All officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are open along with two board positions. I will not be running again for President, so we especially need someone in that position. If you are interested in running or know someone that is, you should contact the nominating committee. The nominating committee is composed of our on-going board members and consists of Bill Clay, Rich Gardiner, and Jack McCann.

Also, as we indicated last month, Rich Gardiner has announced that he would like someone to take over the duties of raffle chairperson. If you would like to take on that duty please contact one of the officers or Board members.

The Board meeting location has changed. We had been meeting the first Monday of the month at Carrow's Restaurant on Bradshaw and Highway 50. However, just 5 days before our November 1 meeting Carrow's abruptly closed their doors for good. As a result we have moved the Board meetings to Baker's Square on Zinfandel between Highway 50 and Folsom. They are still on Mondays beginning at 7 p.m. The next Board meeting will be on Monday, December 6.

That's all for now. See you at the Auction on December 1.



 **Editor's Thoughts and Introduction: by Brad Webb**

The big Home Electronics World show has come and gone (November 12 -14, in Cologne, Germany), and there were interesting items for Amigausers. Amiga International had their large booth set up, and seemed to generate a fair amount of interest. We weren't there, but are told Petro Tyschtschenko was (almost) as upbeat as ever. However, reflecting reality, there were fewer vendors than last year. The mood was reportedly less positive, but that seemed to be based mainly on there being no clear direction to the future, not fears of an imminent death of the Amiga market. The folks at Haage & Partner demonstrated a 400 Mhz G3 Power PC board, based on the IBM CHRP spec. It also featured PCI and AGP slots.

There are rumors a native PPC based AmigaOS port is being considered for this board. If so, that's the most realistic possibility for a future Amiga system we've seen yet. We understand the board was presented as a development system though, not as a future Amiga.

However, and perhaps very significantly, Petro T. is quoted in an article about HEW on the amiga.org website as stating "My first priority now is to convert the OS to the PowerPC." Indications are that Haage & Partner are willing to do the conversion. Is Amiga willing to license it, providing the formal approval to call it Amiga?

We don't know, but feel this would be important to keep developers focused, instead of trying to cover many different future possibilities and spreading themselves too thinly. If CHRP can be abandoned in order to bring down the price of a PPC board, then the future looks even better for a PPC system. There are indications that this could become possible, with IBM leading the way to a less expensive PPC standard. As we hear more about possible Amiga PPC futures, we'll let you know.

The Met@Box (AmiJoeG3) G3 Board for the A1200 was also demonstrated at the Cologne Show. This is a PowerPC based accelerator, which does not sport a 68K co-processor. Also of interest was the Unity Net Ethernet card. We've a story on that product below. Finally, once again there was no BoXeR Computer to be seen, or so we've been told.

Over at Deja.com, a poll is being held on the most popular operating system. Looks like the voting may be in several stages on different features. Regardless, when we checked in Amiga OS was actually leading the voting! It was way ahead of MonopolySoft's Windoze, and even ahead of Linux. Most interesting and yes, it left me with a very smug feeling. And, despite the current situation in the Amiga market, there's a lot for you to read in this issue. We hope you enjoy it.

Brad Webb,
Editor



 **E-mail to the E-ditor: by Brad Webb**

Brad ,

Just wanted to say thanks for all the hard work you do to publish this newsletter to all of us die hard Amiga Fans, I am truly sorry to hear what Gateway has done to this fine machine. I just wonder what the cutoff point for that company was, all that money, time and effort just to throw it away when they were close to releasing the next OS , and all the other interesting B.S info they leaked to the press. But as Any Modern Day Technical Guru , I own Amigas , Mac's and PC's, I use all the Operating Systems, Linux 6x , BeOS ,Amiga OS , winblows 95/98/nt/2k whatever, I try not to bash each OS for what it Cant do, just appreciate all that they can do... But I will never Ever Buy anything gateway again for what they have done... Iceman.

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Iceman,

A lot of us have tried to figure out what Gateway was trying to accomplish and how things ended up as they did. I personally believe it was a combination of loss of nerve in the face of Microsoft, and internal Gateway corporate politics. Sad to say but many far reaching decisions have been made with even less reasoning. The bottom line is simply - will the company stay profitable? As you, I will not buy anything Gateway made at this point. Thanks for the kind words! Regards, Brad

Hi Brad


I have appreciated this resource of amiga news, please keep up the excellent work. But, I have a question about one of the statements you made a couple of months ago. It was in response to another readers letter and concerned other attempts to revive the amiga other than the official Amiga company. You stated that you didn't think that it was appropriate for this news-letter to cover the other attempts to revive the Amiga such as the A.R.P. or the work at QNX. Why not? Doesn't this put all your eggs into one basket? And also is this the only feasible way that the best solution to reviving the Amiga will be attained? Thanks - Jim

Jim,

First, my apologies for shortening your letter, but space considerations made that necessary. You ask a very good question. What I had to do to your letter points to the answer - we just don't have the space to cover all the permutations out there. We also don't have the staff or the time. I wish we did. What we will do is cover the Amiga itself, whatever that might be going forward, until such time as it seems appropriate to drop the Amiga entirely in favor of something else - if that ever happens. (If we do get to that point, we'll share the decision withyou, the readers.) We will also cover whatever looks to us to be the leading efforts in the "alternative Amigas" field. And finally, we will also cover to some extent significant events in all Amiga related areas. where these

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 **A TIMELY SOLUTION:** By Jim McFarland Editor of UPCHUG  
 We've mentioned before the importance of attention to the battery used to back up the clock chip in your Amiga. On big box Amigas (i.e. A2000, 3000 ect.) these are mounted on the mother board. When they leak, the mother board can be damaged and then it's good-bye Amiga. The problem is that replacing them is not easy. A perfect replacement is hard to find and (for a battery) expensive. We had a quantity imported last year (the UPCHUG store has some left for \$10. each) that are a perfect match of the original. The mother board must be removed to install as batteries are soldered from underneath. Getting the old one out is not a job for the novice. But, once done, the battery should last four to five years.

I'd heard rumor of an alternative and, thanks to folks at Compuquick, here are the specifics: Radio Shack sells a Lithium Battery Holder (Cat. no. 270-430) which is close in size to the Amiga battery. The pins are not a match, but close enough to the mother board. Cutting down of the holder was also needed to fit it on the A3000.


The holder accepts a lithium battery about the size of a nickel (cr2032) that sells for about \$3.00 Radio Shack says in a computer it will last from 12-18 months. Replacing it, however, can be accomplished with-out removing the mother board or soldering - snap the old one out and put a new one in. A concern is that this is a 3.0 volt battery, rather than 2.5 volt used by Amiga. Radio Shack says that computer batteries must be an exact voltage match in a PC or the PC will not function properly. As we know, an Amiga is not just any PC. Compuquick says, "We've done it and it works fine". I'm inclined to trust Compuquick, who I would like to plug here. Good Amiga dealers are real asset- they're all who stand between us and having to rely on the "experts" at Radio Shack and Comp USA. I've done business with this Ohio dealer since Tech Star closed and always been satisfied. I took their advice on this and so far all seems to work fine.

If you have an A500, 600 or 1200 that maintains the date when the computer is off, you have a battery back-up, but it is likely on a separate memory expansion board or excellerator in the trap door of the computer.

Replacement involves desoldering and soldering. If you are not comfortable doing this yourself, arrange to get help through an UPCHUG workshop, an electronics skilled technician or friend. No understanding of Amiga (beyond what we've covered here) is needed. SACC

Editor view : Good Amiga Dealers are real asset, that why we should support Jim Sutherland when we need to order a software or in need a repairs for our computers.



 **Installing OS 3.5:** by John Zacharias  
 By now many of you have received the OS 3.5 system upgrade. You may discover that you are encountering problems when installing 3.5. I certainly did, and it took me about a week before I had a functional 3.5 system. I am reporting my experiences so that hopefully the installation will be easier for those of you that might have problems.

Amiga has published a list of frequently asked questions about Amiga OS 3.5 which we are reprinting below. **BE SURE AND READ THIS CAREFULLY** before you start your installation. The latest version of this FAQ can be found at:

[www.amiga.de/amigaos35/support-faq-e.html](http://www.amiga.de/amigaos35/support-faq-e.html)

The system I installed OS 3.5 on was an Amiga 2000 with a Progressive Peripherals' Zeus 040 accelerator with its own SCSI II Controller. I had a CD-ROM drive which was accessed through Asimware's CD-ROM driver (AsimCDFs). I had the OS 3.1 ROMS installed, but, for some reason, the level of the OS was 3.0 rather than 3.1. This is all right, since the 3.5 CD has an installation for 3.1 on the CD. I went ahead and blindly followed the installation instructions in the installation manual that comes with OS 3.5. When I first tried to install 3.5, I was told that I did not have 3.1 installed, so I performed the 3.1 installation.

The 3.5 installation comes in two parts: a pre-installation and the final installation. After installing 3.1, which appeared to install all right, I blindly went ahead and did the pre-OS 3.5 installation. I did not reboot my machine after the 3.1 installation (the manual said you didn't have to). However, I was suppose to reboot after the OS 3.5 pre-installation. When I did, the system immediately crashed. I had made several mistakes and I spent a week diagnosing the problems before I got a functioning 3.5 system. Here is what I discovered:

First of all. I strongly suggest that you follow the first rule in the FAQ. **BACKUP YOUR SYSTEM PARTITION BEFORE YOU START THE INSTALL.** This way you can quickly get back to a functioning system if disaster occurs. I foolishly did not do this!

It took me a while to discover that my first problem occurred when I installed 3.1. The system blew up when it tried to mount the CD0: device. AsimCDFs, when it installs the CD, creates a special mount list entry in SYS:Storage/DOSdrivers/ for CD0. The 3.1 installation overwrites this mount list entry with it's own. Luckily, the 3.1 installation saves the old mount list

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entry in a directory called "sys:old". You need to copy the old mount list entry from "sys:old/storage/DOSdrivers/CD0" to "sys:storage/DOSdrivers/CO0". Also, copy the CD0.info, if it is present in the storage drawer. If it isn't, you can delete the CD0.info in the "SYS:storage/DOSdrivers" since it probably contains erroneous information.

You will also find that your old startup-sequence is saved in SYS:Old/S/startup-sequence. In my case, the startup-sequence contained a special Init040 program that was required by the Zeus 040 board.

Even after making these changes, I still found that I had problems rebooting my system. The system did not guru, but now tried to continually reboot. I made several other suggested changes such as re-installing the 040 library that came with my Zeus board and renaming the file "DEVS:AmigaOS ROM update". After that my system rebooted fine and I had 3.5 up and running. I also had a Spectrum graphics board and the CyberGraphX 4.0 software. I had the V 4.1 update, but I had not installed it. Since I was half way through the install when I discovered my mistake here, I deleted the Spectrum monitor from my Sys:Devs/monitors/ drawer so that the system came up without the graphics board. After OS 3.5 was installed, I then re-installed the CyberGraphX software at the 4.1 level. Everything worked fine. Below is the Frequently asked questions (FAQ) that can be found on the www.amiga.de web site. Read it carefully before trying to install 3.5.

#### Amiga OS 3.5 - Frequently asked questions

This section will cover will give answers and solutions to frequently asked questions. It will be updated every time the supports staff gets information on a general problem.

#### Preparation

Make a backup copy of your system partition.

You may even have to increase the size of your system partition to be able to install OS 3.5. You will need at least 20 MB.

During the start of AmigaOS the startup-sequence and the user-startup are executed. If you are using critical programs in these start files we recommend that you deactivate them first.

68040 or 68060.library



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When you want to install OS3.5 on a new hard disk you have to install OS3.1 first. You will find OS3.1 on the CD-ROM as well. Please take note that you might need a special 68040 and/or 68060 library to run your system. Please use the original one that came with your turbo board.

The best way is to generate the emergency disk first. This disk will contain the appropriate CPU libraries as well as the graphics board drivers. With this disk you can boot your system and start the installation.

#### Installation

Q: I get an error message "You must have at least 10 MByte of free space on your boot partition." although I have 15 MB free disk space the installation is canceled.

A: This is an error in the installation script. 20 MB free disk space on your boot partition is required. Please set up the boot partition respectively or remove some files.

Patches  
Icons  
NewIcons  
MagicWB

#### SetPatch

The program SetPatch, which is started in the startup-sequence, fixes many well-known problems of the OS. Starting from OS3.5 it also replaces the drivers for the control of the internal SCSI and IDE hardware of different models. These new drivers permit the operation of fixed disks with a capacity of more than 4 Gigabytes.

There are problems with some Amiga 3000 models and 4x extension cards for IDE. In this case you should extend the call of the SetPatch to:

C:SetPatch QUIET SKIPROMUPDATE "scsi.device"

Please keep in mind that OS3.5 does not natively support those 4x extension cards for IDE. Please use the same software which you used so far.

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If you still have problems starting OS 3.5 please rename the file "DEVS:AmigaOS ROM update". Thus the replacement modules are omitted altogether.

## SetPatch with NewStyleDevice Patch

The program SetPatch extends many well-known hardware drivers with new features. In addition, it uses a configuration file "DEVS:NSDPatch.cfg". We have heard about a conflict between the hardware driver cd.device (which is part of the OS) and a cd.device of an unknown manufacturer. If you are using such a cd.device and you are having trouble, deactivate the appropriate line in DEVS:NSDPatch.cfg. Do this by placing a # in front of the line in a text editor.

## LoadV43Module

If you already extended your system by the instruction LoadV43Module or similar tools to operate fixed disks bigger than 4 Gigabyte you should remove this instruction. SetPatch takes over these functions.

## NSDPatch

The execution of NSDPatch is not necessary any longer, since SetPatch takes over this function.

## NewIcons

OS 3.5 comes with a new icon.library. This library is responsible for the administration and representation of all the icons. Many users installed "NewIcons", a patch that improves the look of icons. The task is now done by the new icon.library. You can

now remove the calls of the NewIcon patches from your startup-sequence or user-startup.

The new program IconEdit can be used to transform NewIcons into genuine OS3.5 icons. That is not necessary to display NewIcons on Workbench, but it speeds it up.

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## Fuel Gauge

OS3.5 offers a fuel gauge for fixed disks on the left side of a window - like it was with OS1.3. There are also many other patches that are doing the same. We recommend that you deactivate these patches.

## ARQ

ARQ (a patch to improve system requesters) caused problems on some OS3.1 systems. With OS3.5 it seems to affect even more systems. For that we do not recommend that you use this patch.

## MagicWB

If you want to continue using MagicWB icons, then you will still need a patch which reserves the color pens. Otherwise the icons will be represented with wrong colors.

## FastIPrefs

If you are using the program FastIPrefs, then you should replace this with IPrefs. The new version of IPrefs that comes with OS3.5 supports new features that OS3.1 does not. It also supports some of the options of FastIPrefs and eliminates some known bugs.

## No Glow Icons after installation

If Glow Icons are not displayed after installation, this is because of an error of your file system. There is a updated version of SmartFileSystem that fixes this. But with the current version of PFS3 our tool that replaces the icons (Mergelcons) will not find any files to replace. In this case you have to replace them manually or wait for the update.

Borders around icons can not be switched off  
See "FastIPrefs"

## RTG

Picass 96  
CyberGraphX

CyberGraphX and Picasso96. OS 3.5 supports the graphics drivers systems CyberGraphX and Picasso96. For the operation of





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Cybergraphics 3 it is however necessary that you install the update, which is provided on the OS3.5 CD-ROM.

Owners of version 4.0 of CyberGraphX can download the free update V4.1 from Aminet (biz/patch/cgxv42\_r1.lha) or from the homepage of Schatztruhe ("Free Updates").

Misc  
Binary Datatype

The installation procedure of OS 3.5 will deactivate all datatypes. After the installation you can make them active again. Unfortunately the Binary.datatype is not compatible with OS3.5. This datatype is a bit special because it does not need a description in DEVS:Datatypes. The simple existence of the datatype in SYS:Classes/Datatypes/ is sufficient to activate it. If you notice crashes while displaying unknown files with Multiview you should check that there is no file "Binary.datatype" in your SYS:Classes/Datatypes drawer.

SKIPROMMODULES (error in the manual)

The installation manual contains a wrong description of how to switch off the new SCSI device. The right command line option is:

SetPatch QUIET SKIPROMUPDATES scsi.device

Renaming the file "DEVS:AmigaOS3.5 ROM Update" does the same.

System crashes when opening a drawer on Workbench

This problem seems to happen with the original Picasso 2 software installed. Please install CyberGraphX or Picasso96 drivers that you will find on the OS 3.5 CD-ROM.

Prefs programs can not be started

This is caused by an old ClassAct version in your LIBS: drawer. Please have a look if there are Boopsi classes in the drawer LIBS:Classes and remove them. Please reboot your system and try again. There might also be a drawer called SYS:ClassAct that should be removed too.

The file info window does not show "start from:"

You are certainly using RAWBInfo. This tool replaces the info requester of the Workbench by its own one. Please remove this tool from your WBStartup drawer and reboot your system.



**Amiga OS 3.5 by Jhon Zacharias**

AWeb toolbar is destroyed

This effect seems to happen with AGA screens only. Unfortunately we do not have a solution for this problem. On OCS/ECS and graphics boards this does not happen.

Applications  
Wordworth 7

Wordworth 7 does not start because of a misinterpretation of the icon information. Please activate the Wordworth icon and select "show information". Change setting of "start from:" from "ARexx" to "Workbench". Wordworth will now run again.

The short version

What is TAVP(The Amiga Volunteer Project)?

The TAVP is an non profit project that will support the development of new software to Amiga. What you have think of before you join is that you will not be paid because as mentioned before is this an NON PROFIT organisation.

Why do we do it?

We are all long time Amiga users and decided that now was the time for us to active support the Amiga. At the moment there is pretty much software but the development takes long time but if this project works it will maybe speed up the development a bit. How will we do it?

to make this project come true we need you. We need skilled amigians in any directions and you dont have too be the best coder in the world you only have to be pretty good. If you are interested go to the join section and fill out the form and we will contact you or send a mail to denebis@algonet.se.

What will we do?

As mentioned before we will support the Amiga market by helping different developers with skilled people but that is not the only thing that we will do. We will also try to convert PC software to the Amiga.

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- General Membership Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings start promptly at 7pm and consist of special announcements, guest speakers, a question and answer session and a raffle!
- A software library of over 2000 disks filled with public domain and shareware programs. Copies are made free of charge (on your own disks). Meets on the first Saturday of every month at Calweb.
- Bulletin Board System filled with the latest PD/Shareware programs, interesting message bases and free Internet mail. Over 1 Gig online.
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which meet monthly in small groups all through the month.
- Mailed issues of the AmigaZette, a high-quality monthly newsletter.
- Special SACC Disk-of-the-month disks filled to the brim with a variety of the latest and most useful PD/Shareware programs for \$2 first disk, \$1 each additional disk in the set.
- Beginners' workshops.

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1. Submission deadline: On the 10 th of each month.
2. Articles should be of interest to the computer community, not necessarily specific to the Amiga. All levels of experience are welcome.
3. Format guidelines:
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  - ii. Use word/text wrap. Do not place carriage returns or line feeds at the end of lines except to delineate paragraphs. Let the text run on without starting a new line. Do not hit <return> or <enter> until you want to start a new paragraph.
4. Include with your article the preferred title, your name, and any other information you would like printed. Also indicate whether this is a stand-alone article or part of a multi-part series. Notes to the editor (not for publication) should be indicated in parenthesis and noted as such. You can indicate bold or italicized text or other special formatting in this way.
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  - i. Attached to an Internet Email to the Editor (chela@calweb.com). The attached can be either a mime attachment or an UUencoded attachment.
  - ii. On floppy disk in person at a club meeting or Library outing.
  - iii. Sent on a floppy disk through postal mail to "Chuck Washburn, 7051 Dolan Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621."
6. The Editor and SACC thanks you in advance for your submission. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submittals!



December 1, 1999 Wednesday at CalWeb is our semi-annual Auction night



 REPORT - IWIN RESURFACES

Robert Jant, chief of a group of former Iwin employees, has announced today that he together with other former Iwin employees and with the help of a large German bank has bought back the rights for the Internet domains www.iwin-corp.com and www.iwin-corp.ge, furthermore the rights for the name Iwin Corporation and for the projects of the C-Series and Server computers. "It was a logical decision" said Robert Jant. "Focke Systems didn't want to continue development of the C-Series and Servers and didn't want to sell them either. "This is the reason why we have decided to try to buy back the rights on them. We were working very hard for a long time on these projects and didn't want to see them frozen. We know that it will be a very hard way to finish the projects and bring them into the stores. We won't bring these computers into the stores as it was initially planned, but we are sure they will be successful." Iwin Corporation will open again on the 15 of November 1999 and will also ship the first computers on this date to dealers. On the 15 of November, Iwin Corporation will also again be reachable by phone, fax and email. {Since this press release was issued, Iwin sites are indeed back in operation. The computers now include something called the G-MCC, I-MCC and iPhantom computers all of which reference Amiga compatibility. It is unclear what the Amiga compatibility actually is - it appears to be some sort of software emulation, perhaps UAE. Brad}

OPUS MAGELLAN AT COLOGNE

Opus Magellan 5.82 with OS 3.5 Support to be Shown at Cologne

GPSoftware is proud to demonstrate its continuing support for the Amiga with the release of a new version of Directory Opus Magellan which supports the new palette mapped icon system of OS 3.5.

The product will be demonstrated on the Schatztruhe stand at the Cologne show, November 12-14th November 1999 by Dr Greg Perry.


Opus Magellan is available world-wide from good Amiga dealers and GPSoftware distributors. Or you may support the developers by purchasing direct.

Free Update Patch available.

OS 3.5 causes some superficial problems with earlier versions of Opus because of the new palette mapped icon system which is not transparently compatibility with earlier programs. With the help of Olaf Barthel, we have now added support for the new V44 icon library in OS 3.5. A free update patch from Opus 5.81 is available from our web site at

<http://www.gpssoft.com.au>



 Open Letter to Amiga, Inc. President Thomas Schmidt  
Dear Mr. Schmidt:

First of all, we want to congratulate you on your new position as president of Amiga. We are sure that you have many exciting plans for the future of Amiga, Inc. and that we can expect many new innovations from your company in the months and years ahead. This is indeed an exciting time for the computer industry, a time of great upheaval and change, and holds much promise for the success and growth of ambitious upstart companies like Amiga, Inc.

We have been following the recent events at Amiga, Inc. with great interest. We feel, like many, that the recent resignation of Jim Collas was unfortunate. Many people in the community trusted Collas to successfully lead the company into the future. Wherever he is now, and whatever he is doing, we in the community wish him well.

But this is not a time to be looking back on events of the past. It is a time to be focusing on what lies directly ahead in the future of the computing industry. We feel our organisation is unique in the Amiga community. We have tried to understand both the needs of the Amiga community, balanced against the needs of Amiga, Inc.

We do not believe, like some in the community, that the wishes of the Amiga community and the needs of Amiga, Inc. are mutually exclusive.

Likewise, we do not believe that success of Amiga, Inc. as a company is mutually exclusive with satisfying the needs and expectations of the Amiga community.

Our group was formed with a simple goal: to find a mutually-satisfactory solution to current tensions that exist between many in the community and Amiga, Inc. - a solution that would be satisfactory, indeed beneficial, to both groups.

We believe, after several weeks of discussion and exchanging of ideas, that we have found such a solution. We believe that this solution is to open-source the Amiga operating system.

We present our reasons for believing this in our report, "AmigaOS: The Case for Open Source," a copy of which should have been sent to you alongside this letter, by Amiga Vice President Mr. Petro Tyschtschenko.

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 Amiga Update by Brad Webb

events seem to have some real promise for the Amiga community. This is a pretty complicated mission statement, but we've actually been doing this for some time and it seems to be working. I have no doubt we could miss something significant along the way but we'll try to avoid that. If we do, I'm pretty sure some readers will call our attention to the event, and we'll then try to get the word to the rest. Regards, Brad

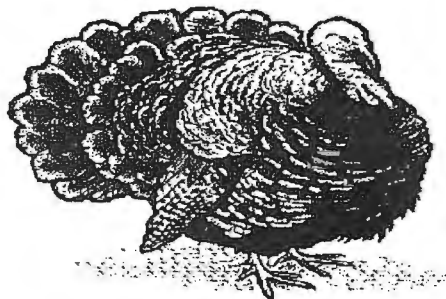
While in St Louis last March conversing with Petro, it was stated by him that, "the shipment of containers from Quikpak of the remaining parts had been received and inspected. It contained less than 2 dozen usable 4000 motherboards." Now this was casual conversation between 4 of us, but I have no reason to doubt it's truthfulness. Petro did make it possible for me to launch the CDTV 3.1 upgrade project, and that was all verbal between him and me in March of 98. Ben Deemer "thedoctor" not MD.

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Ben,
Thanks for answering Mike's question from a previous issue. It's very disappointing there weren't more resources available for making A4000s - I suspect Amiga could still sell quite a few. Regards, Brad

PAXTRON BOUGHT BY CENTSIBLE
{Posted to the net by Bill Griffin. Thanks, Bill}

Centsible Software has just recently bought out Paxtron. Right now, they are in the midst of moving all the inventory from New Jersey to Berrien Springs, Michigan. It should take about 2-3 weeks to get it all sorted, catalogued counted, etc. After that, things should be back in full swing from the new location. In the meantime, if you have any queries or parts needs, you can Email Scott (the owner of Centsible Software) at support@centsible.com {Note: since obtaining this information, we have been informed "Paxtron" has dropped all Amiga support. We have not yet confirmed this. Brad} support@centsible.com



 Open Letter to Amiga, Inc. President Thomas Schmidt

Our report is the result of several weeks of work and consultation with many individuals in the Amiga, Open Source and Linux communities, including famous open-source advocate Eric Raymond, who acted as a consultant for Netscape on their open-source strategy.

We believe our report presents a powerful case that open-sourcing the Amiga operating system would bring many advantages, and future business opportunities, to Amiga, Inc. and would at the same time satisfy the needs of the Amiga community for continuity and continuous improvement of the Amiga operating system.

We therefore respectfully submit our report, "AmigaOS: The Case for Open Source," for your review and consideration.

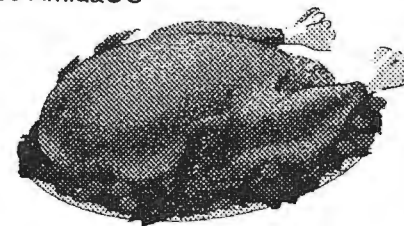
We, of course, do not expect the report to fully and complete answer each and every question you may have on the subject of open-source, or why we believe it is the ideal solution to the current volatile Amiga situation - but we do, however, believe it is a good start, and we hope that you will be made curious enough by the contents of the report, to establish a dialogue with us on the matter, and to consider working with us in an attempt to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the current Amiga situation. Your nomination to president of a young, ambitious, innovative upstart company like Amiga, Inc. could not have come at a better time. The next several months and years will be an exciting time to be a player in the ever-changing fast-paced computing industry.

Whatever direction Amiga takes, we wish you and Amiga, Inc. every success in the future.

We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Steve Crietzman (president@savetheamiga.org.uk)
President, Campaign to Open Source AmigaOS
<http://www.savetheamiga.org.uk/>



Rules on the Auction December 1, 1999

To all of those who are coming to the Auction on December 1 1999. In addition to the rules outlined about the auction, I would like to add a few things to help the auction run smoother. When you fill out your card for the auction, be sure to specify just exactly what is for sale. If it is more than one item, but is included in the overall price, put on one card. If there are many items, and they are on sale separately, fill out a separate card for each item. (Feel free to make copies of the card enclosed in the AmigaZette). Will have scotch tape available to tape cards onto the separate items. Also keep all items together, that are being sold together. Describe fully on hardware items what is included and possibly what the item is used for, if not necessarily apparent to all. Remember not everyone has the same level of expertise in Amiga computing. The better the description, the more likely it will sale. Lastly, try to be early, as possible. We will be there to help you. Remember the club will always gladly accept items that are donated to the club, so that entire proceeds of the sold item will go to the club's treasury. So get your items ready and good auctioning! Rich Gardiner, Auction coordinators. (If you have any questions. you may e-mail me at rcgardi@calweb.com)

UPDATE ON "AMINO - THE COMPANY"

{Post to the Team Amiga site from Fleecy Moss. Brad}

We are legal now -Bill {McEwen} gave me the wa.gov website which I have now lost where you can find out all about us is splendid Interneticolour.

Everything is ready to go from a partner, technology, and employee perspective. We are tying up the financial side.

Unfortunately ppl don't just give you millions because you have a good idea.

A NEW AMIGA STORE IS LAUNCHED

A new Amiga store is open in Phoenix, Arizona. We have Amigacomputers, software, peripherals, and more! New A4000Ts! O/S 3.5, etc. Visit www.merlancia.com/store.html for details. Also check out www.merlancia.com for more info.

-Ryan E. A. Czerwinski
Merlancia@aol.com



Those that will expire this Month and have two more Zette coming are: none

Fred Giles, sorry that we put you on the expired list last month.



OK, I'll renew my membership. I'm sorry I let it expire. I won't let it happen again! expired members

Those that has expire last month and have one more Zette coming are: Frank Bonebrake

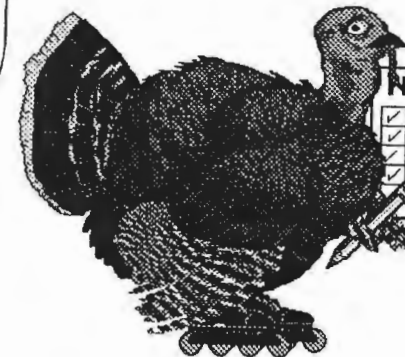
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ELBOX PRODUCT NEWS



ELBOX FastATA4000 Controller is finally available! Features:

- * High-speed FastATA-3/EIDE Controller for Amiga 3000/4000.
- * Fully autoconfig ZORRO III card.
- * The first Amiga 3000/4000 EIDE controller supporting fast PIO-3 and PIO-4 modes (for up to 16.6MB/s).
- * Data transfer is several times faster than in any ZORRO II or Fast ZORRO II EIDE controllers.
- * Compatible with PIO-0 to PIO-4, UDMA-33, UDMA-66 devices.
- * Two 3.5" IDE ports allow to connect 4 EIDE devices (HDD, CD-ROM, CD-R, CD-RW, ZIP, LS-120, DVD) working at full speed.
- * Autoboosting from ZIP and LS-120 drives enabled.
- * Supports HDDs > 4GB (SPLIT to 4 GB, NSD, TD64, DirectSCSI).
- * The set includes very advanced FastATA4000 software for controlling EIDE devices and the fastest CD file system: AllegroCDFS.
- * More than one ELBOX FastATA 4000 controller can be installed simultaneously.

FastATA'99 & AllegroCDFS

ELBOX Computer are very pleased to provide you with the latest version of software for ELBOX FastATA(PowerFlyer/Winner) High Speed EIDE ontrroller for A1200. FastATA'99 v4.7 is 100% OS3.5 compatible.

In FastATA'99 you will find the automatic update for the newest version of the fastest Amiga CD file system - AllegroCDFS. AllegroCDFS is over twice as fast as other Amiga CD filesystems. Automatic updates will work only if you own a registered AllegroCDFS.

BOXER NEWS

AntiGravity.com Announces 4 new BoXeR Models

Anti Gravity Products announces 4 new BoXeR models. The Base model will be similar to those sold in Europe with a wide variety of upgrade options available. The Neila Phase-498 will be available only to those who preordered them. Visit our new Build-A-BoXeR page under the BoXeR button at AntiGravity.com for more details. Everyone who preordered an Alien BoXeR system will be given the option to receive a BoXeR configured closely as possible to the original Neila Phase-498, or switch to one of the current models. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Access and Blittersoft indicate the the BoXeR is on schedule to ship at the end of November. Prototypes will be in the hands of the Beta Testers by the end of October, with the Home Electronics Show in Cologne, the third week in Novmber, as the likely launch date. Stay tuned...



UNITY BOARD



Unity alias Zorro1200 is an Autoconfig(TM) board for Amiga. It makes it possible to use Melody1200 and other expansions initially done for A1200 clock port for Zorroll/III Computers.

A special property is variable bus speed. It's possible to run expansion nearly as slow as in A1200 but it's even possible to go up to twice that speed known from old Zorro boards like Melody-Z2 or Prelude.

Why it's a must have:

Unity together with:

Unity-Net 10 results in an efficient, small low-priced 10Base-2 or 10Base-T solution for Amiga different to other solutions Full Duplex-Mode (20Mbps) supported.

Unity-Net 100 probably is the first and only 10/100BaseTx solution for Amiga. It's unique!

Melody1200 gives the final move for Melody 1200. being the market leader regarding audio precision + bandwidth inside every Amiga. Load is much lower compared to the traditional clock-port connection at A1200. This even means there is room for a Multichannel variant Melody1200. Do you want to do such solution? Tell us!

Twister1200 primary results in higher throughput. The mayor topic is having a real Serial High-End Interface at Zorro-Amiga by not wasting a Zorro slot (since there is the possibility of having an on-board interface that option should be taken first loosing no connector). If there is anybody out there who likes to have three very fast serial interfaces this is possible no combinations of these and future boards gives maximum flexibility by using only one Zorro slot

Features:

Zorro2 Autoconfig(TM)

Up to 3.5 MB/s bus bandwidth to CPU causing low system load, only two connectors for Melody1200, Twister1200 and other boards 16bits connector intended for Networkoption Unity-Net 10 or 100.

Board is prepared (production time) for mounting further devices:

Twister1200-style HighSpeed Serial Interface Onboard

xxxx Interface Onboard (secret up to the show;-) Requirements:

Amiga mit Zorro Slot oder Amiga 1200 mit Bus-Erweiterung

Status:

very early prototype was presented at Computer'98, Cologne

final design presented at Home Electronics World in Cologne 1999



Just ASK!

This is a new column, send your question in and let the Club experts answer them for you.

IF YOU DONT ASK! WE CAN'T ANSWER.



JUST A LITTLE HUMOR

This is for the Blondes...

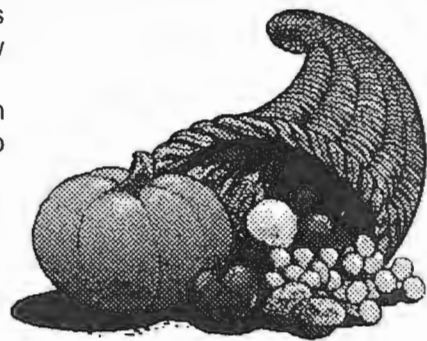
A Blonde walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. She says she is going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for such a loan, so the Blonde hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce parked on the street in front of the bank.

Everything checks out, and the bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. An employee drives the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there. Two weeks later, the Blonde returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41.

The loan officer says, "We are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The Blonde replied, "Where else in New York can I park my car for two weeks for 15 bucks?"

Score one for the blondes...



visit our SACC Web Page
<http://www.sacc.org>
 Charles Leneis, Webmaster

SACC Members Home Pages

The following is a list of the SACC members who have home pages on the Internet. If we do not have your home page listed please contact the Editor (chela@calweb.com) so that we can include it with our next issue.

<http://www.calweb.com/~cbrenner>
 (Chris Brenner)

<http://www.iisinfo.com>
 (John Hawes)

<http://www.ttns.net/kirk>
 (Kerwin Ridgeway)

<http://www.calweb.com/~floyd>
 (Mark Rippetoe)

<http://www.calweb.com/~msalcedo>
 (Michael Salcedo)

<http://www.geocities.com/ResearchTriagle/Lab/1273/>
 (Michael Taylor)

<http://www.calweb.com/~jzachar>
 (John Zacharias)

The SACC Board Meeting is held on the first Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be at Baker's Square on Zinfandel between Highway 50 and Folsom. First Monday on each month beginning at 7 p.m This month is December 6 th. All member are welcome!

SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

Wondering what the capabilities of the Amiga are? Interested in sharing your experiences with other Amiga users? Start a SIG, or join one! SACC SIGs meet throughout the month, exploring various areas of Amiga computing and having fun in the process. Scheduling varies, so please call in advance to confirm. Contact the SIG leaders for details.

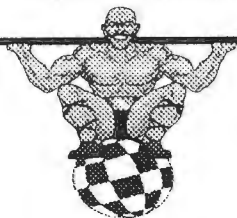
If you want to start your own SIG, or have any questions concerning our current SIGs, contact **Cindy Aguilar**, our SIG coordinator at (916) 961-8723.

SACC Supper Saturday

SOFT & HARDWARE. The topics to be used is HELP. Fellow amigans will be available upon request (in advance preferred). Assistance can be given on getting connected to the BBS or internet, fine tuning that great program you just can't get right, and some minor hardware assistance. Meets the same time as the Library outing at Calweb on the first Saturday of the month. Contact **Cindy Aguilar** at (916) 961-8723

PROGRAMMING. Anyone interested in programming on the Amiga is invited to this SIG. Expertise is not required - beginners welcome. Learn how your computer really works. Discover the joys of software development. Custom Internet applications are the current focus. Contact **John Zacharias** at (916) 363-9153

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 semi-annual auotion night	2	3	4 SACC Super Saturday
5	6 Board meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12 VIDEO SIG.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 PROGRAMMING SIG.	20	21	22	23	24	25 MARRY CHRISTMAS
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Happy new year
2	3 Board meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9 VIDEO SIG.	10	11	12	13	14	15
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