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EDITOR'S DESK . . .

The year has raced by and there have been many developments in Commodore world. The VIC-20 has become the leading home computer in both USA and Australia with sales exceeding all expectations. This has resulted in an unprecedented growth in third party software for the Commodore range of microcomputers. There are many new programs being released for the VIC and the Commodore 64.

1983 plans will show many new developments as well. Early in the new year Commodore will announce a hand held computer that will put computing into everyone's pocket.

Also early in the new year will be the Australian release of the Commodore 64 followed by the release of a new series of business computers.

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THE TWELVE COMPUTERISED DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

*On the first day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
A glitch on the video screen.*

*On the second day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the third day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the fourth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the fifth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the sixth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the seventh day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Seven system re-sets,
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the eighth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Eight worthless printouts,
Seven system re-sets,
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the ninth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Nine burnt-out fuses,
Eight worthless printouts,
Seven system re-sets,
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*



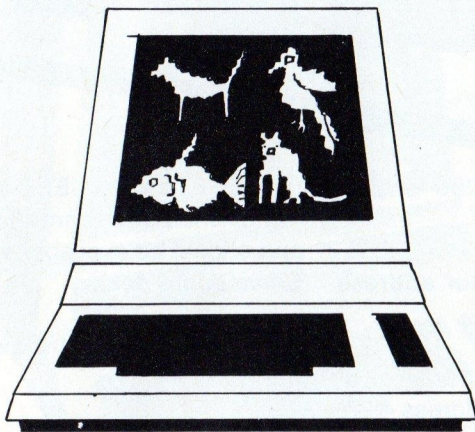
*On the tenth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Ten disc-drive lockouts,
Nine burnt-out fuses,
Eight worthless printouts,
Seven system re-sets,
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the eleventh day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Eleven damaged diskettes,
Ten disc-drive lockouts,
Nine burnt-out fuses,
Eight worthless printouts,
Seven system re-sets,
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*

*On the twelfth day of Christmas, my computer gave to me
Twelve blown-out circuits,
Eleven damaged diskettes,
Ten disc-drive lockouts,
Nine burnt-out fuses,
Eight worthless printouts,
Seven system re-sets,
Six I/O spasms,
Five blank cassettes,
Four garbled saves,
Three loose plugs,
Two keyboard bounces,
And a glitch on the video screen.*



EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COMMODORE COMPUTERS *



* And Asked!

PET Questions

1. Q: How can the Pet 2001 be upgraded?

A: Commodore 2000 series machines can be upgraded by changing the BASIC ROM chips. The original 4K and 8K PET computers do not have ROMs to convert the operating system beyond BASIC 3.0. ROM chip sets (called "BASIC Upgrade ROMs") are available from most authorised Commodore dealers. Benefits to be gained by upgrading the machine are disk commands, enhanced BASIC interpreter, and a wider range of compatibility with available application software.

2. Q: Where can information be obtained about the PET 2001 parallel user port?

A: Information about the parallel user port of the PET 2001 can be found in *The PET Revealed* or in *PET Interfacing* (published by Howard W. Sams Co., Inc.). These books can be purchased from your authorised Commodore dealer.

3. Q: Can a 4016 be upgraded with additional RAM?

A: Commodore does not recommend or support memory upgrade modifications, although there are some vendors who make an expansion memory system available. Such a device connects through the memory expansion port.

4. Q: Is the character set now in the PET/CBM encoded in the memory chip?

A: The character set is contained in a chip called the character generator ROM (socket #UF10 in the 2001 and socket #A3 in the Fat Forty and the 8032).

5. Q: How can a TV set or a monitor be connected to a PET for use in a classroom?

A: The computers with a nine inch screen require a video adapter to generate a composite video signal

and a monitor. Units with a twelve inch screen require the video adapter and a high resolution (16 MHz or greater) monitor.

6. Q: Can a repeating key be created with the graphics keyboard on the 4016 and the 4032?

A: A repeating key can be created on the 4016 and the 4032 if you write a machine language program for our version of BASIC. There is also a 4K ROM (called the Machine Language Utility-Pac) that will fit into an empty ROM slot of the machine which has an Auto-Repeat command included. More information about the Machine Language Utility-Pac is published in the *Software Encyclopedia/Second Edition*.

7. Q: We are using seven PETs, but have only two disk drives. Would it be possible to connect more than one PET to a disk drive?

A: Although it is not recommended, it is possible to connect more than one computer to a disk drive. Be careful to have only one computer access the disk drive at any one moment, or else the system may crash. One way to prevent this problem is to use the MUPET. This device allows connection of up to eight computers to one disk drive. Another alternative is the REGENT. This device allows connection of up to 16 computers to one drive. It works especially well in a school environment.

CBM Questions

1. Q: To which machines can the 64K Memory Expansion Board be connected?

A: The 64K add-on board can be used in conjunction with the 8032. It also works with the Fat Forty computer that is equipped with the universal logic board.

2. Q: What is the maximum usable RAM on the PET/CBM?

A: Both the PET and the CBM have 31,743 bytes of RAM available for use in programming.

3. Q: What is the MUPET and the REGENT?

A: The MUPET and the REGENT are devices that allow several computers to share a common disk drive. These devices switch the bus from computer to computer as the situation requires. Since they are hardware-only devices, they use no RAM in any of the computers.

4. Q: Can a typewriter be interfaced with an 8032?

A: Some typewriters can be interfaced with the 8032 with difficulty. For instance, a program must be written to translate characters to the kind required by the typewriter, and circuit boards may have to be changed. Interfaces used are RS232 or connections to the user port.

5. Q: What is the procedure to get into the graphics mode?

A: To get into the upper case/graphics mode on the 8032, simply PRINT CHR\$(142). To get back into normal upper/lower case mode, PRINT CHR\$(14).

6. Q: What clock rate is used on the 8032? Why isn't a 4 MHz used?

A: The 8032 uses a 1MHz clock. The internal architecture of the 6502 chip is more efficient than that of other microprocessors in that the instruction fetch/decode cycle overlaps the execution cycle. Thus a 1 MHz 6502 is



faster than a 2 MHz 8080 or Z80 microprocessor.

7. Q: Where is the cursor address stored in the 8032?

A: On the 8032, the column position of the cursor is decimal address 198. The row position is decimal address 216.

8. Q: How can the machine language monitor be entered?

A: To enter the machine language monitor, use the SYS command to jump to any location containing a binary zero. For example: SYS 4 or SYS 1024. This works on any PET/CBM computer that contains the built-in machine language monitor. This includes all but the first machines – and those machines that have a monitor on tape.

9. Q: How does Commodore's IEEE differ from Hewlett Packard's IEEE?

A: There are several differences in both hardware and software. Commodore features a Remote Enable line that is tied permanently to ground. The Interface Clear line is not used and the Commodore Service request line is not implemented in the firmware. Also, the HP does not include a 64 millisecond time-out on their bus. For more information, refer

to The PET and the IEEE-4888, which is published by Osborne/McGraw Hill, and should be available at your local Commodore dealer.

10. Q: How can a window be set on the 8032?

A: Under program control, move the cursor to the upper-left corner of your desired window and PRINT CHR\$(15). Then move the cursor to the lower-right corner of the window and PRINT CHR\$(143). This procedure is elaborated in the PET/CBM Personal Computer Guide/Second edition.

11. Q: What is the difference between ULSL ASCII code and Commodore PET ASCII?

A: U.S. ASCII code uses a seven bit code which can represent 128 characters ($2^7=128$). PET ASCII has an eight bit code which can represent 256 characters ($2^8=256$); this accounts for the additional characters on Commodore computers. This is why an ASCII converter is necessary to interface with third party printers.

12. Q: Can a CBM computer run a VIC 20 Program?

A: Our CBM range of computers will run a 3K expanded VIC 20 program with no difficulties. To run a program from an unexpanded VIC 20 the following steps are necessary:-

POKE41,16 (moves BASIC pointer to start of BASIC on CBM)
POKE4096,0 (initialises the new BASIC area with zero).

To run an 8K or 16K program the following steps are necessary:-

POKE41,18
POKE4607,0
CLR

Your VIC 20 programs will now run on the CBM computer!

13. Q: Are spaces necessary in the BASIC text of a line?

A: The Commodore computer will disregard unnecessary spaces in a program. Spaces are mainly used for clarity and easy reading of programs.

14. Q: How can one program be loaded from another program?

A: The first program must incorporate a load statement in the last executed statement of the program.



SUPERPET Questions

1. Q: What is resident in the SuperPET that allows for multiple high-level languages?

A: The ROMs in the SuperPET contain routines that handle system functions such as input/output, screen handling, keyboard input, and general utility functions. These routines interface with the operating system for the particular language that you load into the computer. This allows different languages to be loaded which use the same utility routines.

2. Q: Will the languages available for the SuperPET work with a 4040 disk drive?

A: The languages will work, but the diskettes supplied are in the 8050 format, so they would have to be copied down to 4040 format first.

3. Q: Can an 8032 be upgraded to be a SuperPET?

A: In the future, a "single-board" upgrade will be available from your Commodore dealer. This will include language disks and the manuals.

4. Q: Why won't VISICALC and other software that uses ROM chips run on the SuperPET?

A: The add-on memory occupies the same address space as ROM slot #UD12. The 6502 "sees" RAM there instead of the ROM chip. A dealer-installed upgrade is available.

5. Q: When using the modem with the SuperPET, why do characters seem to be echoed back onto the screen?

A: The built-in communications program on the SuperPET prints the characters on the screen as they are keyed in

from the keyboard. If the host computer is set to echo, then the received character will be a duplicate, causing the screen to display each character twice. Almost every host computer can be stopped from echoing. The specific command depends on the host computer being used.

5. Q: Are the SuperPET languages (FORTRAN, APL, BASIC, PASCAL, and Assembler) limited subsets of the languages?

A: All of the languages included with the SuperPET are complete languages written by the University of Waterloo.

6. Q: Is debugging available for the languages included with the SuperPET?

A: Debugging is included with all of the SuperPET languages. Debugging allows the computer to work interactively with the programmer in editing and correcting the program.

7. Q: How much memory is used when the languages are inserted into internal memory of the SuperPET?

A: The high-level languages load the interpreter into the upper 64K of RAM and leave the lower 32K of RAM for programming.

8. Q: Are the SuperPET languages stored as interpreters or as compilers?

A: All of the Waterloo languages at this time are interpretive languages which means that the computer "compiles" and executes the program on a line-by-line basis. This saves time in the debugging process.

9. Q: How can the screen be cleared from within the program on the SuperPET?

A: Printing the chr\$(12) character in 'Waterloo MicroBASIC' will clear the screen and home the cursor.

10. Q: What pins are required to connect a modem to the SuperPET?

A: The SuperPET has pins 1,2,3,4,5,6, 7,8 and 20 for use. The SuperPET can be used to interface with serial devices other than modems. However, depending upon which particular device is being used, as few as three (1,2 and 3) or a combination up to nine

pins may be needed. The pin configuration will be dictated by the peripheral being connected to the SuperPET. For connecting to a modem, a direct connect 25 pin cable is recommended.

11. Q: How do you access the COBOL interpreter on the new Update disk?

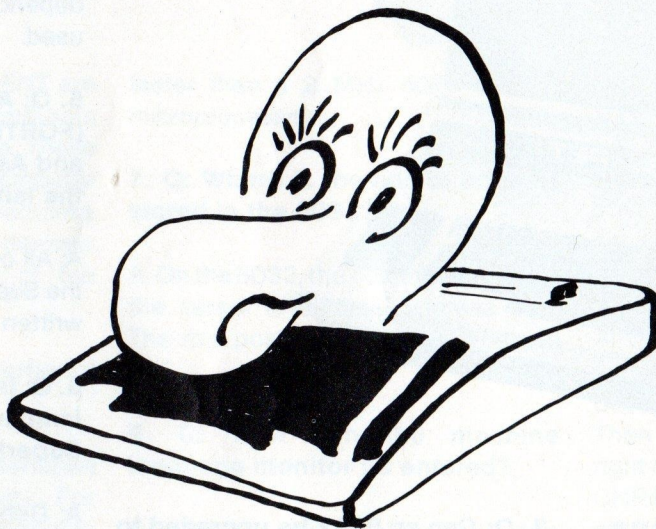
A: The menu displayed on the screen does not show a selection for COBOL. Replacement ROMs to change the screen menu will not be available through Commodore. The Cobol interpreter is loaded by typing, using the shift key, COBOL.

12. Q: Is there a networking system for the SuperPET?

A: There is, at this time, no true networking system for the SuperPET. Until one becomes available, the MUPET and DOUBLE MUPET from CMD should satisfy most users.

13. Q: What baud rates can be used with the SuperPET?

A: The SuperPET is capable of transmitting from 50 to 9600 baud. Refer to the SuperPET overview Manual, pages 60 and 61 for 'Setup' options.



VIC 20 Personal Computer Questions

1. Q: Can software programs made by other vendors (Atari/Radio Shack, etc.) be utilised by the VIC 20?

A: In general, software that has been written for a particular computer can be used only on that computer. Therefore, software programs made by other vendors cannot be used on the VIC 20.

2. Q: How can programs saved on the 8032 be loaded to the VIC and vice versa?

A: The VIC will load PET/CBM programs from tape without any modification if there is enough

memory installed in the VIC. To load a PET/CBM with a VIC program, first POKE41, 16, then POKE 4096,0, then type NEW and proceed to load.

3. Q: Is it possible to use multiple joysticks with the VIC?

A: Only one joystick can be plugged into the game control port. Any additional joysticks must be interfaced to the user port with the appropriate software.

4. Q: Can more than one disk drive be connected to the VIC while using the printer?

A: Up to five disk drive units can be

"daisy-chained" together. To include a VIC Printer in the system, simply connect it as the last unit of the chain.

5. Q: How is the RUN/STOP key disabled on the VIC 20?

A: Disable-POKE788,194. Enable-POKE788,191.

6. Q: What does EMAIL stand for when accessing a telecommunications network?

A: EMAIL stands for Electronic Mail. This is a means of sending and receiving messages through telecommunication lines.

DISK DRIVES Questions

1. Q: What do the lights on the disk drive signify?

A: The light on the top centre unit indicates an error condition if it turns red and stays on. (Flickering is normal during operation.) The lights on each drive indicate activity in that particular drive.

2. Q: There is a buzzing noise during initialisation of a disk – is something wrong with the disk drive?

A: The noise is normal. The head mechanism is creating the noise by vibrating the head against the travel limit stops. This ensures that track number one has been located.

3. Q: What kind of diskettes should be used with the disk drive?

A: We suggest using double-density diskettes with the 8050 and the 8250 because they tend to be slightly more reliable than others. However, any good-quality, soft-sectored, single-density diskette will work well with any model disk drive.

4. Q: How can the disk drive be cleaned?

A: The disk drive can be cleaned by using a commercial head-cleaning diskette and cleaning fluid. These products are available from most computer or office equipment stores.

5. Q: What is the cause of READ and LOAD errors?

A: A number of things can cause errors. Possible causes include:

- 1) improperly seated diskette;
- 2) physical or electrical damage to the diskette;
- 3) dirty heads in disk drive; and
- 4) drive head misaligned or speed of rotation not properly set. Your Commodore dealer is equipped to evaluate these problems if they persist.

6. Q: How can the 2040 disk drive be upgraded to a 4040 disk drive?

A: A 2040 can be upgraded by simply



replacing the ROM chips on the main logic board. Consult your Commodore dealer for ordering information.

7. Q: Can the 8050 disk drive be upgraded to an 8250 disk drive?

A: The 8050 cannot be upgraded to an 8250, however, the diskettes are compatible. Of course, the 8050 only uses (reads/writes) the bottom side of the diskette. The 8250 uses both sides. Therefore, it is the bottom side of the diskette that is compatible with both drives.

8. Q: Can a 4040 dual disk drive read a diskette made on a 2040 disk drive?

A: A 2040 diskette can be read from a 4040 disk drive, but it cannot be written on. The means that a 4040 drive is read compatible but not write compatible with a 2040 diskette.

9. Q: How can a 4040 diskette be copied to an 8050 disk format for use on the 8050 drive?

A: The following procedure lists the proper steps:

- 1) Turn on the computer and the 8050 drive only;
- 2) Run the "Change 8050" program (included on the Test/Demo diskette);
- 3) Turn on the 4040 drive;
- 4) Run the "Unit to Unit" program (found on the Test/Demo diskette). The Unit to Unit program will copy all of your files from the 4040 diskette to the 8050 diskette.

10. Q: How many files will each diskette hold?

A: A 4040 diskette is capable of saving a maximum of 144 files. An 8050 diskette is capable of saving a maximum of 224 files. These files may be either sequential, program, relative, or a combination. Once that limit has been reached, the directory is full – even if the rest of the disk is not.

11. Q: Will the 8250 Disk Drive accept 8050 Disk Drive diskettes and vice versa?

A: The 8050 diskettes are read/write compatible when used on the 8250 Disk Drive. When using an 8250 diskette in the 8050 Disk Drive only the underside of the 8250 diskette will be read/write compatible.

12. Q: What is the BAM?

A: A BAM stands for Block Availability Map. This is a disk memory representation of available and allocated space on disk. It is referenced by the DOS (Disk Operating System) to determine what space is available and how many blocks can be allocated.

13. Q: In disk operating commands, why does a "d" precede certain commands?

A: Machines using BASIC 4.0 need this preceding the command.

14. Q: What is a Hard Disk?

A: A hard disk is one that has a rigid platter on which the magnetic media iron oxide is coated.

PRINTERS Questions

1. Q: What does the blinking light signify on the 4022?

A: When the red light blinks, it indicates that the printer is out of paper or that the paper is not inserted correctly.

2. Q: Are there bi-directional printers available from Commodore?

A: There are printers available with the bi-directional feature such as the 8023P and the 8024. The 4022 printer can be upgraded by replacing ROM with an upgrade ROM. The part number of this upgrade ROM is 901631-02.

3. Q: Is the 4022 upward compatible with the 8023?

A: Programs that work with a 4022 will also work with the 8023.

4. Q: Will an 8032 accept two printers?

A: The 8032 can be used with up to four printers connected.

5. Q: Is the 8300 printer supplied with a tractor feed mechanism?

A: The tractor feed mechanism is an optional feature for the 8300 printer, and it allows bi-directional (up/down) movement of the paper. This feature is available from your Commodore dealer.

6. Q: What cables are needed to connect a Commodore printer to a Commodore computer?

A: In order for the first peripheral to be connected to a Commodore computer, a PET to IEEE cable is required. For every additional peripheral, an IEEE to IEEE cable is required. For this reason, the cables are sold separately from the peripherals.

7. Q: Do any Commodore printers have graphics capability?

A: The Commodore 1515, 2022, 2023, 4022, and 8023 printers all support PET graphic characters.



8. Q: Do any Commodore printers print characters with true ascenders and descenders?

A: With the exception of the VIC 1515 printer, all Commodore printers are capable of printing characters with true ascenders and descenders.

9. Q: What type of printer heads do the 2022 and 4022 printers use, and what is their life expectancy?

A: The 2022 printer uses a print head that can be repaired. The 4022 printer uses a print head that can be replaced once it is worn out. The life expectancy of each is approximately 60 million characters.

10. Q: How can I get a listing of my program on the printer?

A: To get a listing of a program do the following: depress the 'shift key' and '5 key' to put the language editor in command mode, then for;

- (1) BASIC - save 'printer'.
- (2) COBOL - 'p'printer'.
- (3) FORTRAN - 'p'printer'.
- (4) PASCAL - 'p'printer'.

11. Q: How can I use the printer within my program to list data?

A: Each language interpreter accesses the printer in a different way. Rather than give programs listings to show how the printer is accessed, I will indicate modifications that can be made to the 'tutorials' to use the printer.

(1) BASIC - Page 53, Example-29. Change line 40, "namefile" to "printer". To get a clean run when executing this program DELETE lines 140-220. The printer will list names entered via the console.

(2) COBOL - Page 64-68, Example-18. This program shows exactly how the printer is used to "Print a report on the printer".

(3) FORTRAN - Page 61, Example-39. Change line 5 (be sure to count the blank line) "namefile" to "printer". Again for a clean run eliminate the lines of code from the second 'open...' statement through the 'close...' statement.

(4) PASCAL - Page 7, Example-5. This program requires some additional defining in the VAR section. Between the "var" and "begin" lines enter "p:text;". After the first "begin" line, enter "rewrite (p,'rinter');". You might want to refer to page 93 for additional information regarding "var" and "rewrite" usage within a program. The "p" becomes the first parameter within parentheses of the "writeln" statements: "writeln(p,A table of squares and cubes:);" and "writeln(p,x, xsquared, xcubed);".

12. Q: How can a program be listed in upper/lower case on the 8023 printer?

A: Set the printer to upper/lower case by using this sequence of commands:
OPEN 1,4,7
PRINT #1
CLOSE 1

The printer now prints in upper/lower case.

THE ARBITER

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With a couple of EPROMs, a few bits of wire and edge sockets, it is relatively easy to produce multi terminal Commodore computers that share the IEEE bus. This method is simple, requires minimal software changes, and most importantly, it is **super cheap**. We have used this with the CBM9090 hard disk drive with raging success. It is so quick at opening and closing files, that programs that do not hog the bus work incredibly well. The ARBITER system is intended for applications of up to 3 or 4 terminals maximum but can arbitrate the bus for up to 255.

THE BAD NEWS OUT OF THE WAY

Like all cheap tricks, there are a few drawbacks, so for a change here are the known limitations and outright bugs discussed first. Once we get that out of the way we can brag with a clear conscience.

Only one computer can use the bus at a time. It is important to use the bus and then get off it as quickly as you can. You can handle this in your programs by shutting files as soon as possible.

If someone presses the stop key just after a SHIFT/RUN has been pressed you will have to quickly enter open15,8,15:close15. However if another user grabs the bus in between whiles... then resetting of all CPUs is needed. This is a nasty one. Any ideas anyone???

If used with an SP9000 the presence of an EPROM in the F-ROM position gave us a problem. It seems that with all the other 6809 ROMs lying across the address lines, the capacitance increased too much and we couldn't get it to bank select the 6809 software properly. So we soldered the new F-ROM on top of the old one and put in a switch for the select line on pin 20.

Machine code programs that have their own bus handling routines or use the bus in strange ways will not work. The two we know of are WORDCRAFT and SILICON OFFICE. WORDCRAFT has a new version that already allows multi terminal and old versions are very easily changed if Peter Dowson

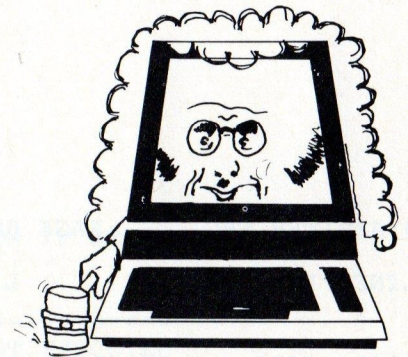
and Commodore don't mind. SILICON OFFICE is the same story, but we don't know how to restore the diskette protection once it has been modified.

HOW TO INSTALL THE GADGET

1. String the cable between the userports of the computers that will be sharing. Daisy chain or star configuration is acceptable. Try the loop system (the vatican ok's this one) but we haven't given that one a go. You only need 8 wire ribbon cable that connects the 8 data lines. These are underneath the circuit board and looking from the rear of the unit, start at the third and go left to right.
2. Make two EPROMs for each computer you will be using. The listing provided gives all the info on what is needed for this. If it is a drag to make the bits and pieces, give us a ring and we can get them to you for cost plus and agro charge and post.

HOW IT BEHAVES IN USE

Turn on all the computers and devices on the bus. Whoever does a shift/run or load first gets the bus until the program is loaded. While the program loads the others then sit on a cue waiting. Each CPU has a weighting factor in the F-ROM chip. This means that if two are waiting for the bus at once then, the one with the smallest weighting is most likely to get the bus first. While you are waiting for



the bus, a tick will be displayed on the right hand top of your screen. Once you get the bus, whatever character was there before the tick will be replaced. The longest you have to wait in normal use will be the time it takes for another computer to load a module. If the program on another computer opens a file and then leaves it open for a long period, it is considered to be hogging the bus. We recommend that any programs that do this be changed so they close files as soon as possible. This is good programming practice anyway, as files opened for writing usually leave unwritten data in the disk memory and if the power fails, you lose this data.

With the CBM9090 hard disk drive, waiting is very short. The application we are using it for involves medical billing. Two terminals can be billing concurrently. The bus is hogged the worse at the time the account statement is printed and is only a few seconds anyway. With a decent printer that has a buffer, this problem is gone too. In fact, the user spends so much time doing the entries for the account that the time spent waiting for the bus is negligible by comparison.

If you are writing programs and so on, and you leave a file open and drop to ready mode, the ARBITER will ring the bell once and print the message 'hog mode' in reverse screen in the line above the ready. Unless vital, we recommend that you close your open file(s) and allow the other users access to the bus. Any disk commands from direct mode are catered for by the ARBITER as well.

With the release of hard disk drives public domain so help yourself. The would appreciate knowing. This is the
 there will probably be a need for multi any thing we ask, is that if you discover only exchange we ask
 terminal access and the ARBITER is any bugs or clever enhancements, we

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LINE#  LOC   CODE      LINE
0001  0000      ;
0002  0000      ;=====
0003  0000      ;
0004  0000      ;           THE ARBITER
0005  0000      ;           JOHN GYFFYN AND STEPHEN LAMB
0006  0000      ; GCBS P.O. BOX 200 BAIRNSDALE 3075 VICTORIA
0007  0000      ;           PHONE (052) 52 5939
0008  0000      ;=====
0009  0000      ; 1. GRAB THE BUS WHEN OPENING AN IEEE FILE BY
0010  0000      ;     CHANGING F-ROM AT F595. REPLACE JMP F4A5
0011  0000      ;     WITH A JMP FD60
0012  0000      ;
0013  0000      ;           *=$FD60           ;START ADDRESS OF EXTRA STUFF
0014  FD60  08      OPEN  PHP           ;CALLED FROM F595 - FILE OPEN
0015  FD61  48      PHA           ;PARANOID SAVING OF REGISTERS
0016  FD62  8A      TXA
0017  FD63  48      PHA
0018  FD64  98      TYA
0019  FD65  48      PHA
0020  FD66  20  FD  JSR  GETBUS      ;HANG AROUND TILL BUS GRABBED
0021  FD69  68      PLA           ;COVER TRACKS BY RESTORING REGISTERS
0022  FD6A  A8      TAY
0023  FD6B  68      PLA
0024  FD6C  AA      TAX
0025  FD6D  68      PLA
0026  FD6E  28      PLP
0027  FD6F  A5  D3    LDA  $D3         ;COPY MICROSOFT EXITS AT F4A5
0028  FD71  30  03    BMI  EXIT
0029  FD73  4C  A9  F4  JMP  $F4A9
0030  FD76  60      EXIT  RTS
0031  FD77  EA      NOP           ;LEAVE A BIT OF SPACE IF LATER
0032  FD78  EA      NOP           ;FIXES OR ENHANCEMENTS NEEDED
0033  FD79  EA      NOP
0034  FD7A      ; =====
0035  FD7A      ; 2. THIS ONE FIXES THE BUS WHEN JUST AFTER
0036  FD7A      ;     MICROSOFT HAS CLOSED A FILE. THE BUS
0037  FD7A      ;     IS GIVEN UP ONLY IF ALL FILES TO IEEE
0038  FD7A      ;     ARE CLOSED. THE F-ROM GETS CHANGED AT
0039  FD7A      ;     F32E AND F331 BY PUTTING JMP FD7A
0040  FD7A      ;     AND JMP FD80 THERE RESPECTIVELY
0041  FD7A      ;
0042  FD7A  B9  65  02  CLOSE LDA $0265,Y  ;CALLED FROM F32E
0043  FD7D  9D  65  02  STA $0265,X      ;PUT BACK WHAT WE STOLE
0044  FD80  08      PHP           ;CALLED FROM F331
0045  FD81  48      PHA           ;YES THE REGISTERS AGAIN
0046  FD82  8A      TXA
0047  FD83  48      PHA
0048  FD84  98      TYA
0049  FD85  48      PHA
0050  FD86  20  2B  FE  JSR  OFFBUS      ;GET OFF THE BUS IF YOU CAN
0051  FD89  68      PLA           ;RUB OUT ANY SIGN OF YOUR PRESENCE
0052  FD8A  A8      TAY
0053  FD8B  68      PLA
0054  FD8C  AA      TAX
0055  FD8D  68      PLA

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LINE#  LOC   CODE      LINE
0056  FD8E  28                PLP
0057  FD8F  60                RTS
0058  FD90  EA                NOP           ;LEAVE ROOM IF NEEDED LATER
0059  FD91  EA                NOP
0060  FD92  EA                NOP
0061  FD93                ; =====
0062  FD93                ; 3. CHECK ON EVERY BASIC STATEMENT EXECUTED
0063  FD93                ;   AND PINCH THE BUS IF IT IS AND IEEE KEYWORD.
0064  FD93                ;   THIS ONE IS IN THE B-ROM AND YOU NEED TO
0065  FD93                ;   CHANGE THE BYTES AT B79F TO JMP FD93
0066  FD93                ;
0067  FD93  08          EXEC   PHP           ;CALLED FROM B79F
0068  FD94  48          PHA           ;THE REGISTERS AGAIN
0069  FD95  8A          TXA
0070  FD96  48          PHA
0071  FD97  98          TYA
0072  FD98  48          PHA
0073  FD99  C0 48       CPY   #$48           ;IS THE KEYWORD A 4.0 DOS ONE?
0074  FD9B  B0 05       BCS  NOTEST
0075  FD9D  20 2B FE   TEST  JSR  OFFBUS      ;NOT IEEE KEYWORD
0076  FDA0  F0 03       BEQ  KEEP2          ;FILES OPEN SO HOG THE BUS
0077  FDA2  20 FD FD   NOTEST JSR  GETBUS      ;IEEE KEYWORD SO GRAB BUS
0078  FDA5  68          KEEP2 PLA          ;PUT BACK THE PIECES
0079  FDA6  A8          TAY
0080  FDA7  68          PLA
0081  FDA8  AA          TAX
0082  FDA9  68          PLA
0083  FDAA  28          PLP
0084  FDAB  4C 70 00   JMP  $0070         ;CONTINUE WITH MICROSOFT
0085  FDAE  EA          NOP           ;THE USUAL 'FIX IT' SPACE
0086  FDAF  EA          NOP
0087  FDB0  EA          NOP
0088  FDB1                ; =====
0089  FDB1                ; 4. HANDLE THE DROPPING OUT TO READY STATE
0090  FDB1                ;   BY GIVING UP THE BUS IF YOU CAN. IF ANY
0091  FDB1                ;   FILES ARE OPEN THEN CALL THE USER A BUS
0092  FDB1                ;   HOGGER SO HE CAN LET HIS MATES HAVE A GO
0093  FDB1                ;   BY CLOSING HIS FILES IF HE CAN.
0094  FDB1                ;   CHANGE THE BYTES AT B403 TO JMP FDB1
0095  FDB1                ;
0096  FDB1  08          READY  PHP           ;CALLED FROM B403
0097  FDB2  48          PHA           ;THE USUAL REGISTERS SAVE
0098  FDB3  8A          TXA
0099  FDB4  48          PHA
0100  FDB5  98          TYA
0101  FDB6  48          PHA
0102  FDB7  AE 43 E8   LDX  59459         ;GOT THE BUS?
0103  FDBA  E8          INX
0104  FDBB  D0 13       BNE  FIN
0105  FDBD  20 2B FE   JSR  OFFBUS      ;YEAH SO DROP IT IF CAN
0106  FDC0  AD 43 E8   LDA  59459
0107  FDC3  F0 0B       BEQ  FIN           ;GOT DROPPED SO NORMAL READY
0108  FDC5  A2 0C       LDX  #$0C         ;PRINT HOG MODE BEFORE READY PRINTED
0109  FDC7  BD D8 FD   PRINT LDA  HOG-1,X
0110  FDCA  20 D2 FF   JSR  $FFD2

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LINE# LOC CODE LINE
0111 FDCD CA DEX
0112 FDCE D0 F7 BNE PRINT
0113 FDD0 68 FIN PLA ;LEAVE ALL AS YOU FOUND IT
0114 FDD1 A8 TAY
0115 FDD2 68 PLA
0116 FDD3 AA TAX
0117 FDD4 68 PLA
0118 FDD5 28 PLP
0119 FDD6 4C 1D BB JMP $BB1D ;BACK TO BASIC
0120 FDD9 92 HOG .BYTE $92, 'EDOM GOH', $12, $07, $0D
0120 FDDA 45 44
0120 FDE2 12
0120 FDE3 07
0120 FDE4 0D
0121 FDE5 EA NOP
0122 FDE6 EA NOP
0123 FDE7 EA NOP
0124 FDE8 ; =====
0125 FDE8 ;5. THIS ONE FIXES THE LOAD, SAVE AND VERIFY
0126 FDE8 ; STATEMENTS DONE FROM PROGRAM OR DIRECT
0127 FDE8 ; MODE. CHANGE THE BYTES AT F4AD TO
0128 FDE8 ; JMP FDE8
0129 FDE8 ;
0130 FDE8 08 PROG PHP ;CALLED FROM F4AD
0131 FDE9 48 PHA
0132 FDEA 8A TXA
0133 FDEB 48 PHA
0134 FDEC 98 TYA
0135 FDED 48 PHA
0136 FDEE 20 FD FD JSR GETBUS ;KNOCK OFF THE BUS
0137 FDF1 68 PLA
0138 FDF2 A8 TAY
0139 FDF3 68 PLA
0140 FDF4 AA TAX
0141 FDF5 68 PLA
0142 FDF6 28 PLP
0143 FDF7 4C D5 F0 JMP $F0D5 ;ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED
0144 FDFA EA NOP
0145 FDFB EA NOP
0146 FDFC EA NOP
0147 FDFD ; =====
0148 FDFD ;6. SUBROUTINE TO GRAB THE BUS. TRY AND GET
0149 FDFD ; IT AND IF YOU CAN'T PUT A TICK AT THE TOP
0150 FDFD ; RIGHT CORNER OF THE SCREEN TO TELL THE
0151 FDFD ; USER THE COMPUTER IS STILL AWAKE DESPITE
0152 FDFD ; ALL APPEARANCES.
0153 FDFD ;
0154 FDFD AE 43 E8 GETBUS LDX 59459 ;CALLED FROM STUFF ABOVE
0155 FE00 E8 INX
0156 FE01 F0 24 BEQ GOTIT ;BEAUDIE! ALREADY GOT THE BUS
0157 FE03 AC 4F 80 LDY $804F ;SAVE THE SCREEN CHARACTER
0158 FE06 A2 7A LDX #$7A
0159 FE08 8E 4F 80 STX $804F ;PUT A CUTE TICK THERE
0160 FE0B A9 00 TRY LDA #$00
0161 FE0D 8D 43 E8 STA 59459 ;SET GOT THE BUS BYTE
0162 FE10 AE 40 FE LDX $FE40 ;GET DELAY AMOUNT
0163 FE13 CA WAIT DEX
0164 FE14 D0 FD BNE WAIT ;FREE FOR GIVEN TIME
0165 FE16 CE 43 E8 DEC 59459 ;OUTPUT MODE
0166 FE19 AD 41 FE LDA $FE41 ;CPU NUMBER
0167 FE1C 8D 4F E8 STA 59471 ;PUT CPU NUMBER ON PARRALLEL PORT
0168 FE1F CD 4F E8 CMP 59471 ;DID IT GET THERE OK?
0169 FE22 D0 E7 BNE TRY ;NO SO TRY....TRY AGAIN
0170 FE24 8C 4F 80 STY $804F ;GOT 'IM PUT BACK THE SCREEN BYTE

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LINE#  LOC   CODE      LINE
0171  FE27  60              GOTIT  RTS
0172  FE28  EA              NOP
0173  FE29  EA              NOP
0174  FE2A  EA              NOP
0175  FE2B              ; =====
0176  FE2B              ;7. SUBROUTINE TO DROP THE BUS IF THERE ARE
0177  FE2B              ; NO OTHER FILES OPEN. OTHERWISE HOG IT
0178  FE2B              ; TO PREVENT THE OTHER CPU DROPPING BYTIES
0179  FE2B              ; ALL OVER YOUR LOVELY FILES IN A MOST
0180  FE2B              ; UNDIGNIFIED FASHION
0181  FE2B              ;
0182  FE2B  A6 AE      OFFBUS LDX $AE
0183  FE2D  F0 0A              BEQ GIVEUP
0184  FE2F  BD 5A 02      LOOK  LDA $025A,X      ;LOOK AROUND THE FILE TABLE
0185  FE32  C9 04              CMP #$04          ;GOT AN IEEE OPEN AT THE MOMENT?
0186  FE34  B0 06              BCS KEEP         ;YES SO HANG ON LIKE GRIM DEATH
0187  FE36  CA              DEX
0188  FE37  D0 F6              BNE LOOK
0189  FE39  8E 43 E8      GIVEUP STX 59459      ;CHUCK THE BUS AWAY
0190  FE3C  60              KEEP  RTS
0191  FE3D  EA              NOP
0192  FE3E  EA              NOP
0193  FE3F  EA              NOP
0194  FE40              ;
0195  FE40              *=$FE40
0196  FE40  10              .BYTE $10        ;WEIGHTING ;PUT THESE BYTES HERE
0197  FE41  02              .BYTE $02        ;CPU NUMBER ;THESE ARE DECIDED AT
                                INSTALLATION
0198  FE42              ; =====
0199  FE42              ; 8. THIS ONE WAS FORGOTTEN THE FIRST TRY WE MADE
0200  FE42              ; AT THIS CHEAP TRICK. THE DS AND DS$ GET THE
0201  FE42              ; BUS TOO. CHANGE BYTES AT FFBD TO JMP FE50
0202  FE42              ;
0203  FE42              *=$FE50
0204  FE50  08      DS      PHP          ;CALLED FROM FFBD
0205  FE51  48              PHA
0206  FE52  8A              TXA
0207  FE53  48              PHA
0208  FE54  98              TYA
0209  FE55  48              PHA
0210  FE56  20 FD FD      JSR GETBUS      ;GRAB IT
0211  FE59  68              PLA
0212  FE5A  A8              TAY
0213  FE5B  68              PLA
0214  FE5C  AA              TAX
0215  FE5D  68              PLA
0216  FE5E  28              PLP
0217  FE5F  4C 95 D9      JMP $D995      ;AND RUN
0218  FE62              .END

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ERRORS = 0000

SYMBOL TABLE

SYMBOL VALUE

CLOSE	FD7A	DS	FE50	EXEC	FD93	EXIT	FD76
FIN	FDD0	GETBUS	FDFD	GIVEUP	FE39	GOTIT	FE27
HOG	FDD9	KEEP	FE3C	KEEP2	FDA5	LOOK	FE2F
NOTEST	FDA2	OFFBUS	FE2B	OPEN	FD60	PRINT	FDC7
PROG	FDE8	READY	FDB1	TEST	FD9D	TRY	FE0B
WAIT	FE13						

END OF ASSEMBLY

Another Voice for the VIC

Normally, your VIC has 4 musical voices . . . three music registers and a white noise register . . . but by connecting a small amplifier and speaker to the USER PORT, and doing a little programming, you can get *another* musical voice.

The user port on the VIC is very similar to the user port on the PET. This makes it easy to adapt some of the PET's music methods to the VIC.

Background—Adding Sound to Older PET/CBM's
Before Commodore introduced the CBM 8032 with a build-in speaker, most PET/CBM users had to develop their own means of getting their computers to squeek, hum, whistle, and sing. They came up with the idea of using the shift register of the 6522 connected to the user port to send square waves through an external amplifier/speaker combination. The shift register could be programmed through BASIC, giving a wide variety of squeals, pops, sirens, etc.

Theory

Most music is made up of square waves of different amplitudes and frequencies. One of the functions of the 6522 chip is to generate square waves through the CB2 line. If we connect the CB2 line to a speaker, we will be able to hear the square waves generated by the VIC.

NOTE: Connecting a speaker directly to CB2 may damage your VIC and void your warranty. You must connect the speaker through an *amplifier* to protect the VIC.

Parts Needed

1. Small battery powered speaker/amplifier
2. User Port Connector (12 position, 24 contact edge connector with .145" spacing)
3. Wire

Connecting The External Speaker to Your VIC

Bb = 251	(B below first C)	B = 124
C = 237	(first C)	C1 = 117
C# = 224		C1# = 111
D = 211		D1 = 104
D# = 199		D1# = 99
E = 188		E1 = 93
F = 177		F1 = 88
F# = 167		F1# = 83
G = 157		G1 = 78
G# = 149		G1# = 73
A = 140		A1 = 69
A# = 132		

1. Wire the GROUND of the amplifier to the GROUND of the USER PORT (pin N).
2. Wire the SIGNAL of the amplifier to the CB2 output of the USER PORT (pin M).

You are now ready to add your other voice through a BASIC program.

BASIC program steps:

1. Set the 6522 shift register to free running mode by typing:
POKE 37147,16
2. Set the shift rate by typing:
POKE 37144,C where C is an integer from 0 to 255
C is the note to be played.
3. Load the shift register by typing:
POKE37146,D where D = 15, 51, or 85 for a square wave. This step sets the octave for the note.

This step must be done last, since as soon as it is set, the VIC starts generating the square waves.

The frequency of the square wave can be found by the following formula:

$$\text{FREQUENCY} = \frac{500000 \text{ Hz}}{(C+2)(D1)} \quad \text{Where } D1=8 \text{ when } D=15 \\ D1=4 \text{ when } D=51 \\ D1=2 \text{ when } D=85$$

When you're in this mode, the VIC will *not read or write to cassette*. To restore normal operations, you must type:

POKE 37147,0

The following short program demonstrates music using this method. By hitting a letter a note will be played.

```
10 PRINT " MUSIC USING CB2."
11 REM A TO G IS ONE OCTAVE, SHIFT A TO G IS
   ANOTHER
15 PRINT "HIT + TO GO UP AN OCTAVE"
17 PRINT:PRINT "USE ! TO EXIT."
20 POKE3747,16:DIMA(14):FORI=1TO14:
   READA(I):NEXT
40 GETA$IF A$="+" THEN40
42 IF A$="!" THEN POKE37147,0:END:REM
   RESET 6522
45 if a$="+" THEN SF=SF-(SF<2):GOTO40
50 if a$="+" THEN SF=SF-(SF>0):GOTO40
60 A=ASC(A$)-64+(ASC(A$)>192)*121:IF A>14
   OR A<1 THEN 40
70 POKE 37144,A(A)
80 POKE37146,-(SF=0)*15-(SF=1)*51-(SF=2)*85
90 GOTO40
100 DATA 124,117,104,93,88,78,69
110 DATA 251,237,211,188,177,157,140
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One use for this procedure is to connect an external amplifier and speakers to your VIC to provide improved sound quality . . . or perhaps to use your VIC as a music synthesizer, with the proper program. This is only one of several hobbyist-type projects we will be describing in the VIC section of this magazine. Watch future issues for more hobby-related computer projects. ■

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Tiny-Aid For VIC-20

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Introduction

Since the early days of the PET, various enhancements for BASIC have been available—Toolkit and Power are two commercial examples. Bill Seiler, then of Commodore, produced the first public-domain version, called BASIC-Aid.

Many updates, corrections and improvements have been made over the past couple of years. The PET/CBM program has ballooned to a 4K package for almost every flavour of equipment configuration.

As has been customary in the Commodore community, Mr. Jim Butterfield developed a version of the BASIC-Aid. He called this TINYAID2 (or TINYAID4, for Basic 4.0). This offered the six most useful commands from the full-fledged program.

Following is my modification of that work, designed to provide VIC users with the same benefits. After using this for a while, I think you will find the added commands nearly indispensable.

Features

VIC Tiny Aid is a machine language program which consumes about 1200 bytes of your RAM memory. After you have loaded the program, type 'RUN' and hit 'RETURN'. The

program repacks itself into high memory. The appropriate pointers are set so that BASIC will not clobber it. VIC Tiny Aid is now alive.

Once activated, five commands become attached to BASIC. They will function only in "direct" mode, i.e. don't include them in a program.

(1) NUMBER 1000,5 'RETURN'
 NUMBER 100,10

Renumbers a BASIC program with a given starting line number and given increment between line numbers. The maximum increment is 255.

All references after GOTO, THEN, GOSUB and RUN are automatically corrected. A display of these lines is presented on the screen as it works. If a GOTO refers to a non-existent line number, then it is changed to 65535. This is an illegal line number, and must be corrected before the BASIC program is used.

(2) DELETE 100-200 'RETURN'
 DELETE- 1500
 DELETE 5199 -

Deletes a range of lines from a BASIC program. Uses the same syntax as the LIST command, so any line-range may be specified for removal. DELETE with no range will perform like a NEW command, so be careful.

```
(3) FIND /PRINT/ 'RETURN'  
    FIND /A$/, 150-670  
    FIND "PRINT", 2000-
```

Will locate any occurrences of the characters between the "/" marks. Almost any character may mark the start/end of the string to be found, so long as both are the same. The first example will find all the PRINT instructions in the program.

If you are looking for a string of text which contains a BASIC keyword, you must use the quote characters as markers. This will prevent the search string from being "tokenized".

If a limited line-range is desired, use the same syntax as for LIST. Note that a comma (",") must separate the line-range from the end marker.

All lines containing the string are printed to the screen. If a line has more than one of them, each occurrence will cause a repetition of that line.

```
(4) CHANGE -PRINT-PRINT#4,- 'RETURN'  
    CHANGE /ABC/XYZ/, 6000-  
    CHANGE /DS$/D1$/, =5000
```

Using the same syntax as FIND, you may change any string to any other string in a BASIC program. This command is very powerful, and was not part of the early versions of Basic-Aid or Toolkit.

As before, you may indicate a line-range. As the changes are made, the revised lines are displayed on the screen.

Watch out for the difference between BASIC keywords and strings of text within quotes. You may use the quote characters to differentiate, as with FIND.

```
(5) KILL 'RETURN'
```

This command disables VIC Tiny Aid and its associated commands. A syntax error will be the result if any of the above commands are now tried.

Since the routine is safe from interference from BASIC, you may leave it active for as long as your machine stays on. It is

possible that VIC Tiny Aid may interfere with other programs that modify BASIC's internal "CHRGOT" routine. The KILL command allows you to avoid this conflict.

Procedure

The VIC contains no internal machine language monitor, which is really the only practical way to enter this program. So follow one of the three methods below to perform the task.

(1) Borrow an Upgrade (2.0) or Basic 4.0 PET/CBM, with its internal ML monitor. This will be the easiest method to work with the program included.

(2) Use your VIC-20, but you must have a machine language monitor:

-Jim Butterfield's TINYMON FOR VIC (Compute#20, January 1982). -my adaption of SUPERMON FOR VIC (The Transactor, Volume 3, Issue #5). -VICMON cartridge from Commodore.

(3) The easy way (?). Send \$3, a blank cassette or 1540/2031/4040 diskette in a stamped, self-addressed mailer to me at:

58 Steel Street
BARRIE, Ontario, CANADA
L4M 2E9

Be sure its packaged securely. Diskettes will be returned in DOS 2.0 format. Only 2040 (DOS 1.0) owners need take extra care. (The programs need to be copied to a DOS 1.0 formatted disk. Don't SAVE or otherwise WRITE to the disk you get).

If you are using a VIC, and have a 3K RAM or SUPEREXPAN- DER cartridge, plug this in. It will be somewhat easier to follow, since programs are then "PET-compatible" without further juggling. However don't use the 8K or 16K expansion for this job.

If you are familiar with the operation of the ML monitor, please skip ahead to the specifics below.

You are about to type in about 2500 characters worth of "hexadecimal" numbers. In addition to the digits from zero to nine, the alphabetic characters from A-F represent numbers from ten to fifteen. These characters, and three instructions, will be all that are used to enter our program. You don't have to understand the process—just type in the

characters exactly. It's not very exciting, but don't be too intimidated by the "funny" display.

Enter the machine language monitor program :

TINYMON/SUPERMON FOR VIC — LOAD and RUN the program.

PET/CBM — Type "SYS1024" and hit "RETURN" .

VICMON Cartridge — "SYS 6*4096" or "SYS 10*4096" (depending on version you have), then type "RETURN" .

NOTE: If you are working on the unexpanded VIC you will need to follow the alternate instructions in parentheses.

The cursor will be flashing next to a period character ("."). Type the entry starting at the current cursor position:

```
.M 0580 05C0      "RETURN"      (.M 1180 11C0)
```

Several lines should appear on the screen, much like the "memory-dump" which accompanies this article. A four-"digit" quantity called an "address" leads off a line, and either eight or five columns of two- "digit" values appear alongside.

Look at the tables of values in the article. They show eight rows of these addresses. Note that the first "block" has the address "0580" , which matches the first address just above. The first row of the next table shows "05C0" , which is the second (or ending) address just above.

Your mission is to type in the matching values from the article, in place of the two-"digit" values you see on the screen.

Remember to hit "RETURN" at the end of each screen line, or the changes won't be made.

Double-check the values you've typed. It's not easy to find an error later on.

Look at the next block of values. Type in the start/end addresses to display:

```
.M 05C0 0600      "RETURN"      (.M 11C0 1200)
```

Type in the values required and go on with the rest of the blocks.

You will use addresses ranging from:

```
05xx-06xx-07xx-08xx-09xx-0Axx
```

as shown in the tables. The "x" characters stand for the other two "digits" of the address in the leftmost column.

If you are working on the unexpanded VIC, the sequence of addresses is:

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11xx-12xx-13xx-14xx-15xx-16xx
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You will have to type these pairs of characters in place of the leading two shown just above.

With that task complete, we are ready to preserve this work on tape. So type:

```
.S "VIC AID.ML" ,01,0580,0AB6      "RETURN"
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(or .S "VIC AID.ML" ,01,1180,16B6      "RETURN")
```

Mount a blank tape, and follow the instructions. Save a second copy, for safety.

Exit the ML monitor, with:

```
.X      "RETURN"
```

VERIFY the program normally before going any further.

Now comes the easy part. Type "NEW", then the BASIC listing. Enter this exactly, without including any extra text. Save this as "VIC AID.BAS" and VERIFY it.

Finally, LOAD "VIC AID.ML" and SAVE "VIC AID.REL" on another blank tape. Both the BASIC part and the machine language part have been SAVED together.

Check-Out

We are going to check out the machine language using a "checksum" method. Type in "NEW" before proceeding. Now enter the following program:

```
10 i=0 : rem (i=3072 for unexpanded VIC)
20 t=0 : for j= 1408+i to 2741+i
30 t=t+peek(j)
40 next j
50 print t
```

After a few seconds, if the value 161705 appears, you've likely got it perfect. Go to the next section.

If not, there's at least one incorrect entry. Change the two

values in Line 20, using the table below. Re-RUN the program and compare against the value in the third column.

Repeat the process for each row, noting any that don't match. Each row corresponds to two "blocks" from the last section. You will have to re-enter the ML monitor to re-check those sections that differ. Re-SAVE the ML part!!!

Block#	Value 1	Value 2	Checksum
1- 2	1408	1535	15201
3- 4	1536	1663	17221
5- 6	1664	1791	15925
7- 8	1792	1919	15117
9-10	1920	2047	15565
11-12	2048	2175	14141
13-14	2176	2303	15840
15-16	2304	2431	16276
17-18	2432	2559	15152
19-20	2560	2687	15194
21	2688	2741	6073

Operation

The final acid test. ReLOAD the program from tape and RUN it. The screen will clear and a brief summary of the added commands will be displayed. The cursor should return almost instantly, under the "READY." message.

If the cursor does not come back, there is something still amiss. All the values appearing in the article were produced from a working copy of the program (Honest!). You still have option (3) from the Procedure section available. If you do send a tape/disk now, include your non-functioning version. I can then do a compare, to see where the error(s) were.

This has been a massive exercise, and mistakes can easily creep in. Your comments are welcome.

```

1 print "S r vic tiny aid"
2 print "q adapted for vic by:"
3 print "david a. hook"
4 print "q from 'tiny aid' by:"
5 print "jim butterfield"
6 print "q and 'basic aid' by:"
7 print "bill seiler"
8 print "q r sample commands:"
9 print "q change /?/print#4,/"
10 print "find .gosub., 200-"
11 print "delete 130-625"
12 print "number 100,5"
13 print "kill (vic aid)"
14 sys (peek (43)+ peek (44)*256 + 383)

```


:: 0580 a5 2d 85 22 a5 2e 85 23
:: 0588 a5 37 85 24 a5 38 85 25
:: 0590 a0 00 a5 22 d0 02 c6 23
:: 0598 c6 22 b1 22 d0 3c a5 22
:: 05a0 d0 02 c6 23 c6 22 b1 22
:: 05a8 f0 21 85 26 a5 22 d0 02
:: 05b0 c6 23 c6 22 b1 22 18 65
:: 05b8 24 aa a5 26 65 25 48 a5

:: 05c0 37 d0 02 c6 38 c6 37 68
:: 05c8 91 37 8a 48 a5 37 d0 02
:: 05d0 c6 38 c6 37 68 91 37 18
:: 05d8 90 b6 c9 df d0 ed a5 37
:: 05e0 85 33 a5 38 85 34 6c 37
:: 05e8 00 aa aa aa aa aa aa aa
:: 05f0 aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa
:: 05f8 aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa

:: 0600 df ad fe ff 00 85 37 ad
:: 0608 ff ff 00 85 38 a9 4c 85
:: 0610 7c ad d9 fb 00 85 7d ad
:: 0618 da fb 00 85 7e 4c 8f fc
:: 0620 00 f0 03 4c 08 cf a9 c9
:: 0628 85 7c a9 3a 85 7d a9 b0
:: 0630 85 7e 60 db fb 00 85 8b
:: 0638 86 97 ba bd 01 01 c9 8c

:: 0640 f0 10 d0 02 a4 8c a6 97
:: 0648 a5 8b c9 3a b0 03 4c 80
:: 0650 00 00 60 bd 02 01 c9 c4
:: 0658 d0 ed a5 8b 10 02 e6 7a
:: 0660 84 8c a2 00 00 86 a5 ca
:: 0668 e8 a4 7a b9 00 00 02 38
:: 0670 fd d9 ff 00 f0 13 c9 80
:: 0678 f0 13 e6 a5 e8 bd d8 ff

:: 0680 00 10 fa bd d9 ff 00 d0
:: 0688 e4 f0 bf e8 c8 d0 e0 84
:: 0690 7a a5 a5 0a aa bd f5 ff
:: 0698 00 48 bd f4 ff 00 48 20
:: 06a0 e9 fb 00 4c 73 00 00 20
:: 06a8 b2 fd 00 a5 5f a6 60 85
:: 06b0 24 86 25 20 13 c6 a5 5f
:: 06b8 a6 60 90 0a a0 01 b1 5f

:: 06c0 f0 04 aa 88 b1 5f 85 7a
:: 06c8 86 7b a5 24 38 e5 7a aa
:: 06d0 a5 25 e5 7b a8 b0 1e 8a
:: 06d8 18 65 2d 85 2d 98 65 2e
:: 06e0 85 2e a0 00 00 b1 7a 91
:: 06e8 24 c8 d0 f9 e6 7b e6 25
:: 06f0 a5 2e c5 25 b0 ef 20 33
:: 06f8 c5 a5 22 a6 23 18 69 02

:: 0700 85 2d 90 01 e8 86 2e 20
:: 0708 59 c6 4c 67 e4 20 7c c5
:: 0710 20 73 00 00 85 8b a2 00
:: 0718 00 86 49 20 8c fd 00 a5
:: 0720 a5 c9 00 00 d0 07 a2 02
:: 0728 86 49 20 8c fd 00 20 73
:: 0730 00 00 f0 03 20 fd ce 20
:: 0738 b2 fd 00 a5 5f a6 60 85

:: 0740 7a 86 7b 20 d7 ca d0 0b
:: 0748 c8 98 18 65 7a 85 7a 90
:: 0750 02 e6 7b 20 ca ff 00 f0
:: 0758 05 20 dc fd 00 b0 03 4c
:: 0760 8f fc 00 84 55 e6 55 a4
:: 0768 55 a6 31 a5 32 85 8b b1
:: 0770 7a f0 d8 dd 00 00 02 d0
:: 0778 ed e8 c8 c6 8b d0 f1 88

:: 0780 84 0b 84 97 a5 49 f0 5b
:: 0788 20 f0 fd 00 a5 34 38 e5
:: 0790 32 85 a7 f0 28 c8 f0 ca
:: 0798 b1 7a d0 f9 18 98 65 a7
:: 07a0 c9 02 90 40 c9 4b b0 3c
:: 07a8 a5 a7 10 02 c6 8b 18 65
:: 07b0 0b 85 97 b0 05 20 24 fe
:: 07b8 00 f0 03 20 0c fe 00 a5

:: 07c0 97 38 e5 34 a8 c8 a5 34
:: 07c8 f0 0f 85 8c a6 33 bd 00
:: 07d0 00 02 91 7a e8 c8 c6 8c
:: 07d8 d0 f5 18 a5 2d 65 a7 85
:: 07e0 2d a5 2e 65 8b 85 2e a5
:: 07e8 7a a6 7b 85 5f 86 60 a6
:: 07f0 43 a5 44 20 3d fe 00 20
:: 07f8 e1 ff a9 00 00 85 c6 a4

:: 0800 97 4c f2 fc 00 a4 7a c8
:: 0808 94 31 a9 00 00 95 32 b9
:: 0810 00 00 02 f0 15 c5 8b f0
:: 0818 05 f6 32 c8 d0 f2 84 7a
:: 0820 60 c9 ab f0 04 c9 2d d0
:: 0828 01 60 4c 08 cf 90 05 f0
:: 0830 03 20 a6 fd 00 20 6b c9
:: 0838 20 13 c6 20 79 00 00 f0

:: 0840 0b 20 a6 fd 00 20 73 00
:: 0848 00 20 6b c9 d0 e0 a5 14
:: 0850 05 15 d0 06 a9 ff 85 14
:: 0858 85 15 60 20 ca ff 00 85
:: 0860 43 20 ca ff 00 85 44 38
:: 0868 a5 14 e5 43 a5 15 e5 44
:: 0870 60 a5 7a 85 22 a5 7b 85
:: 0878 23 a5 2d 85 24 a5 2e 85

:: 0880 25 60 a5 22 c5 24 d0 04
:: 0888 a5 23 c5 25 60 a4 0b c8
:: 0890 b1 22 a4 97 c8 91 22 20
:: 0898 01 fe 00 d0 01 60 e6 22
:: 08a0 d0 ec e6 23 d0 e8 a4 0b
:: 08a8 b1 24 a4 97 91 24 20 01
:: 08b0 fe 00 d0 01 60 a5 24 d0
:: 08b8 02 c6 25 c6 24 4c 24 fe

:: 08c0 00 a0 00 00 84 a5 84 0f
:: 08c8 20 cd dd a9 20 a4 a5 29
:: 08d0 7f 20 d2 ff c9 22 d0 06
:: 08d8 a5 0f 49 ff 85 0f c8 b1
:: 08e0 5f f0 19 10 ec c9 ff f0
:: 08e8 e8 24 0f 30 e4 84 a5 20
:: 08f0 7c fe 00 c8 b1 ae 30 d6
:: 08f8 20 d2 ff d0 f6 20 d7 ca

:: 0900 38 60 a0 9d 84 ae a0 c0
:: 0908 84 af 38 e9 7f aa a0 00
:: 0910 00 ca f0 ee e6 ae d0 02
:: 0918 e6 af b1 ae 10 f6 30 f1
:: 0920 20 6b c9 a5 14 85 35 a5
:: 0928 15 85 36 20 fd ce 20 6b
:: 0930 c9 a5 14 85 33 a5 15 85
:: 0938 34 20 8e c6 20 ca ff 00

:: 0940 20 ca ff 00 d0 21 20 ac
:: 0948 ff 00 20 ca ff 00 20 ca
:: 0950 ff 00 d0 03 4c 8f fc 00
:: 0958 20 ca ff 00 a5 63 91 7a
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:: 0968 20 b7 ff 00 f0 e2 20 ca
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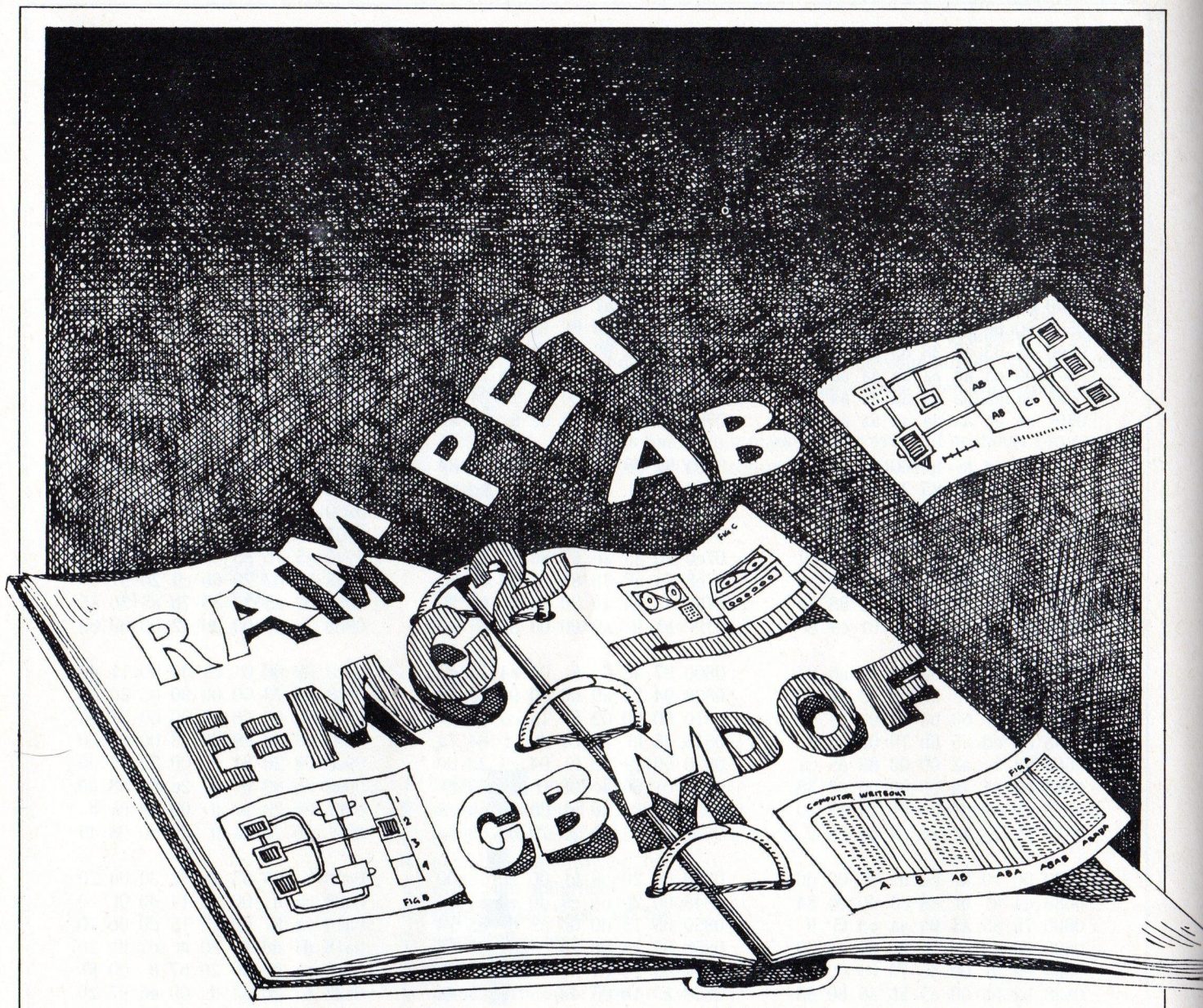
:: 0980 ff 00 f0 c5 c9 22 d0 f7
:: 0988 f0 ee aa f0 bc 10 e9 a2
:: 0990 04 dd d4 ff 00 f0 05 ca
:: 0998 d0 f8 f0 dd a5 7a 85 3b
:: 09a0 a5 7b 85 3c 20 73 00 00
:: 09a8 b0 d3 20 6b c9 20 51 ff
:: 09b0 00 a5 3c 85 7b a5 3b 85
:: 09b8 7a a0 00 00 a2 00 00 bd

:: 09c0 00 00 01 c9 30 90 11 48
:: 09c8 20 73 00 00 90 03 20 82
:: 09d0 ff 00 68 a0 00 00 91 7a
:: 09d8 e8 d0 e8 20 73 00 00 b0
:: 09e0 08 20 91 ff 00 20 79 00
:: 09e8 00 90 f8 c9 2c f0 b8 d0
:: 09f0 96 20 ac ff 00 20 ca ff
:: 09f8 00 20 ca ff 00 d0 08 a9

:: 0a00 ff 85 63 85 62 30 0e 20
:: 0a08 ca ff 00 c5 14 d0 0f 20
:: 0a10 ca ff 00 c5 15 d0 0b 20
:: 0a18 d1 dd a9 20 4c d2 ff 20
:: 0a20 ca ff 00 20 b7 ff 00 f0
:: 0a28 d2 20 a2 ff 00 e6 97 20
:: 0a30 24 fe 00 e6 2d d0 02 e6
:: 0a38 2e 60 20 a2 ff 00 c6 97

:: 0a40 20 0c fe 00 a5 2d d0 02
:: 0a48 c6 2e c6 2d 60 20 f0 fd
:: 0a50 00 a0 00 00 84 0b 84 97
:: 0a58 60 a5 35 85 63 a5 36 85
:: 0a60 62 4c 8e c6 a5 63 18 65
:: 0a68 33 85 63 a5 62 65 34 85
:: 0a70 62 20 ca ff 00 d0 fb 60
:: 0a78 a0 00 00 e6 7a d0 02 e6

:: 0a80 7b b1 7a 60 89 8a 8d a7
:: 0a88 43 48 41 4e 47 c5 44 45
:: 0a90 4c 45 54 c5 46 49 4e c4
:: 0a98 4b 49 4c cc 4e 55 4d 42
:: 0aa0 45 d2 00 00 a5 fc 00 41
:: 0aa8 fc 00 a5 fc 00 c6 fb 00
:: 0ab0 98 fe 00 ac fb 00 aa aa
:: 0ab8 aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa



COMMODORE 64K MEMORY EXPANSION BOARD

By Ira Neal

The Commodore 64 Memory Expansion Board adds 64K bytes of memory to the Commodore 8032, providing a total of 96K bytes of available RAM. The expansion memory board can be used with commercial software packages like Wordcraft, Wordcraft Ultra, Visicalc, and Silicon Office or with the extended BASIC language provided with the board.

The add-on memory is mapped into four 16K byte blocks. Only two of these blocks can reside in memory at one time. The expansion RAM is mapped in the same address space normally allocated for the system

ROMs, I/O registers and screen memory (See Fig. 1). The expansion board is disabled at power up, so the 8032 will display 31743 bytes free. The expansion RAM is accessed by a write-only control register at location

\$FFFF0 (See Fig. 2). The function of the control bits in this register are as follows:

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 0 – When equal to 1, addresses \$8000 through \$BFFF on the Expansion Memory Board are write protected. The screen is not protected if screen peek through is enabled. When equal to 0, the addresses are not write protected.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 1 – When equal to 1, addresses \$C000 through \$FFFF on the Expansion Memory Board are write protected. The I/O registers are not write protected if I/O peek through is enabled. When equal to 0, the addresses are not protected.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 2 – When equal to 1, block 1 is selected. When equal to 0, block 0 is selected. These blocks are 16K bytes and reside at locations \$8000 through \$BFFF.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 3 – When equal to 1, block 3 is selected. When equal to 0, block 2 is selected. These blocks are 16K bytes and reside at locations \$C000 through \$FFFF.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 4 – Reserved. No function.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 5 – When equal to 1, screen peek through is enabled. This allows the screen memory to locations \$8000 through \$87FF to be accessed.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 6 – When equal to 1, I/O peek through is enabled. This allows the I/O register at locations \$E800 through \$EFFF to be accessed.

CONTROL REGISTER BIT 7 – When equal to 1, enables the expansion memory and the above registers. Bit 7 defaults to 0 on power up.

A diskette containing programs for

testing and controlling the expansion memory is supplied with the board. These include: '8032.MEM.PRG' a diagnostic test program, 'EXPANDED DEMO' a demonstration of the use of the expansion memory as a 'fast disk', 'EXPANDED-BASIC' a program to add expanded memory functions to Commodore BASIC, 'ADD-ON-MON' a TIM monitor with addition functions for the expanded memory, and 'ADD-ON-LOAD' a program that enables the loading of different operating systems.

EXPANDED-BASIC is a software routine that is loaded into high memory (\$7800-\$7BE0), leaving 29K bytes of contiguous BASIC program space in lower memory. This program is a pseudo-cache memory system, or 'fast-disk', that allows users to store or 'cache' programs and data in the expansion RAM area for ultra high-speed access. The following instructions are added to BASIC:

RECALL

Format: !r,0:"filename",s(u)(p),device
Purpose: Cache a file from disk.

LOAD

Format: !l,"program name"
Purpose: Move data from ADD-ON to BASIC text area.

OVERLAY

Format: !o,"program name"
Purpose: Overlays data from ADD-ON to current program in BASIC text area.

EXECUTE

Format: !e,"program name"
Purpose: Clears BASIC text area, Moves data from ADD-ON to BASIC text area and executes program.

QUIT

Format: !q
Purpose: Turn off expanded BASIC functions.

The programs and files are placed in the expansion memory in a contiguous manner. If data will not fit in the first expansion memory bank, wraparound will occur. All 64K bytes are available; however, the number of cached files is limited to ten.

ADD-ON-LOAD is a special loader which loads one of the three special versions of BASIC, provided on the supplied diskette. These BASIC systems are loaded into the expansion RAM to enable the execution of 40-column or 2.0 BASIC programs on the 8032. The supplied BASIC systems are: 'BASIC 2.0', a copy of 2.0 BASIC with a patch to re-initialise the 8032's screen controller; 'BASIC 4.0/40', a copy of the BASIC found in 4000 series machines; 'BASIC 4.0/80', a copy of the BASIC that is resident in the 8032.

In assembly language programming all 96K bytes of memory are available to the advanced assembly language programmer. They must remember that monitor calls can only be executed with the expansion RAM disabled, and the expansion RAM banks must be switched to access more than 64K bytes of contiguous memory.

The 64K Expansion Memory Board can be installed quickly with the supplied instructions. After installation is complete the correct operation can be verified by the execution of the 'EXPANDED DEMO' and '8032.MEM.PRG'. The 'EXPANDED DEMO' program caches four programs in the unexpanded RAM and executes them one at a time. The '8032.MEM.PRG' is a diagnostic test program for the expansion RAM.

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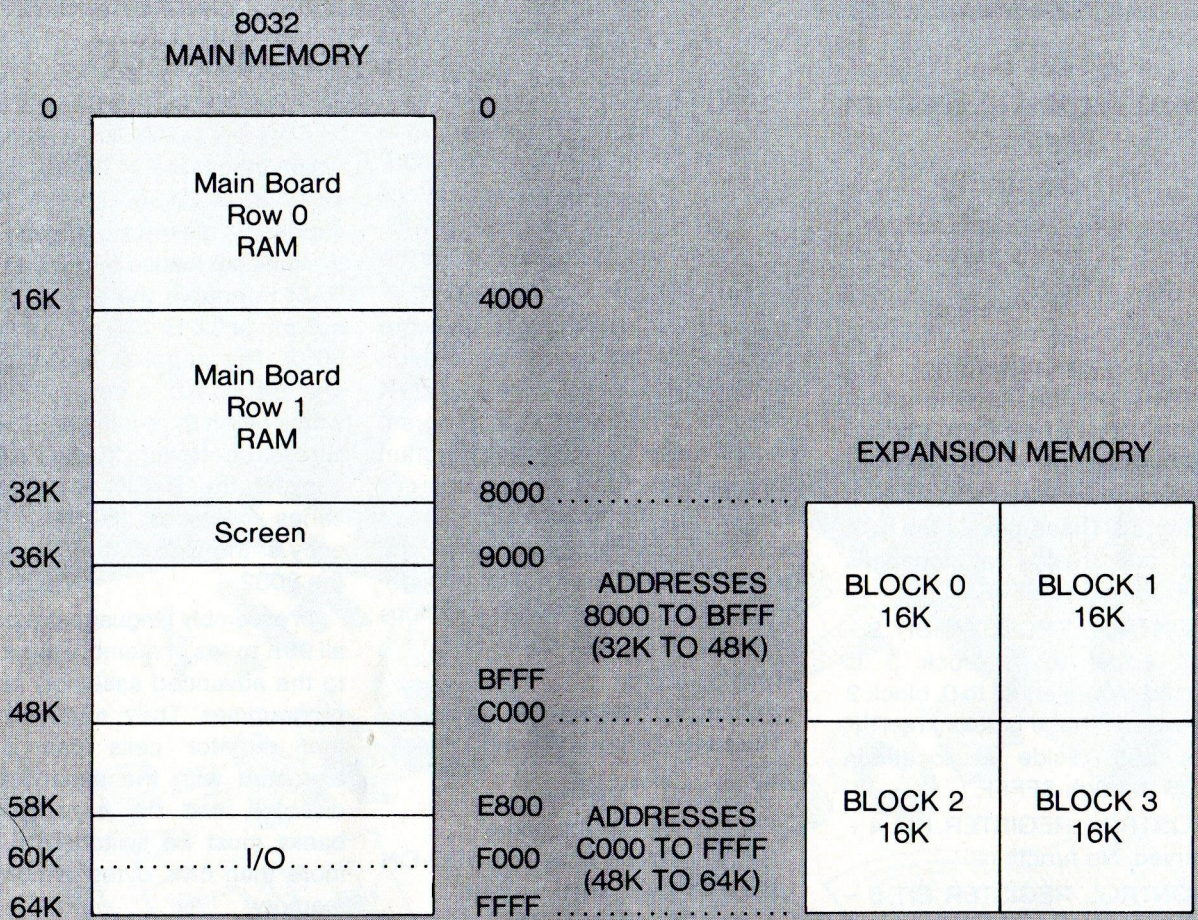
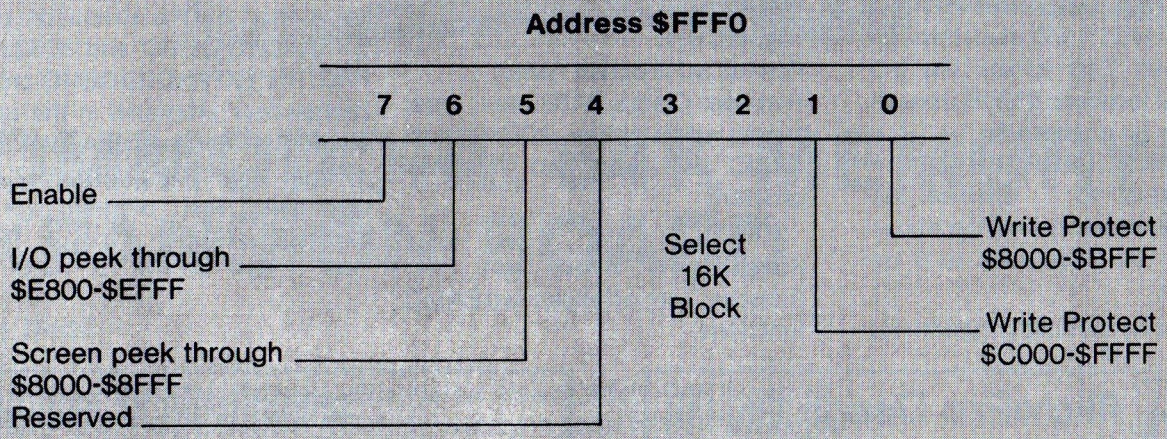


Figure 2



0	0	2 and 0
0	1	2 and 1
1	0	3 and 0
1	1	3 and 1

PROGRAMMER'S TIPS

Accessing the SuperPET RS-232 Port

Using the SuperPET's RS-232 serial port from the 6809 processor is made easy because of communication routines included in ROM and the SETUP menu which allows selection of stop-bit, parity and baud rate options. However, one of the great mysteries of the SuperPET has been how to access the RS-232 serial port using the 6502 processor. So, this month we will try to remove some of that mystery by providing details of register addresses and formats for programming the serial port.

The serial port on the SuperPET is a 6551 Asynchronous Communication Interface Adapter (ACIA) manufactured by Commodore Semiconductor Group. The ACIA uses a single +5 volt power supply, features an on-chip baud-rate generator and is capable of half-duplex or full-duplex operation. Word length, number of stop-bits, parity generation/checking and baud-rate are all programmable.

The ACIA is seen by both SuperPET microprocessors as four memory locations at address (hexadecimal) \$EFFF0-\$EFFF3. Input/output and programming of the ACIA is done by writing to or reading from these addresses as shown in Table 1.



Table 1. SuperPET ACIA Memory Locations

Memory Address	WRITE Access	READ Access
\$EFFF0	Fill Transmitter Data Register	Unload Receiver Data Register
\$EFFF1	Programmed Reset (Use any data)	Read Status Register
\$EFFF2	Program Command Register	Read Command Register
\$EFFF3	Program Control Register	Read Control Register

Table 2. ACIA Control Register Programming

The Control Register is used to select the desired operating mode for the ACIA. The word-length, number of stop-bits, clock control and baud-rate are all programmed via the Control Register as shown in Table 2.

Control Bits	Control Function	Valid Data Values
7	Number of Stop Bits	0 = 1 Stop Bit 1 = 2 Stop Bits
6-5	Set Word Length (1.5 stop bits if 5 bits + Parity)	00 = 8 bits 01 = 7 bits 02 = 6 bits 03 = 5 bits
4	Select Clock Source (Always set to "1")	0 = External Clock 1 = Baud-rate Generator
3-0	Select Baud-rate	\$0 (Hex) = Not Used \$1 = 50 Baud \$2 = 75 \$3 = 110 \$4 = 134.5 \$5 = 150 \$6 = 300 \$7 = 600 \$8 = 1200 \$9 = 1800 \$A = 2400 \$B = 3600 \$C = 4800 \$D = 7200 \$E = 9600 \$F = 19200

Table 3. ACIA Command Register Programming

The Command Register in the 6551 ACIA is used to control parity generation/checking, receiver echo and transmit/receive functions as shown in Table 3.

Command Bits	Command Function	Valid Data Values
7-5	Set Parity Options	xx0 = Parity Disabled 001 = Odd Parity on Xmit & Recv 011 = Even Parity on Xmit & Recv 101 = Mark Parity Xmit Recv Parity Disabled 111 = Space Parity Xmit Recv Parity Disabled
4	Set Normal/Echo Mode	0 = Normal (No Echo) 1 = Echo for Receiver
3-2	Transmitter Control	00 = Xmitter Disabled, No Request-to-Send 01 = Xmitter Enabled, Request-to-Send 10 = Xmitter Disabled, Request-to-Send 11 = Xmitter Disabled, Request-to-Send (Transmit BRK)
1	Receiver Interrupt Enable	0 = Interrupt Enabled from Status Register Bit 0 1 = Interrupt Disabled
0	Data Terminal Ready	0 = Disable Recvr/Xmitter 1 = Enable Recvr/Xmitter

Table 4. ACIA Status Register Definitions

The Status Register is a read-only register which provides the processor with the status of various ACIA functions. The format of the Status Register is outlined in Table 4.

Status Bits	Status Functions and Values
0*	1 = Parity Error Detected 0 = No Parity Error
1*	1 = Framing Error Detected 0 = No Framing Error
2*	1 = Overrun Has Occurred 0 = No Overrun
3	1 = Receiver Data Register is Full 0 = Receiver Not Full
4	1 = Transmitter Data Register is Empty 0 = Xmitter Not Empty
5	1 = No Data Carrier 0 = Carrier Detected
6	1 = Data Set Not Ready 0 = Data Set Ready
7	1 = Interrupt Requested 0 = No Interrupt Request
*	No Interrupt Request occurs for these status conditions ■

— Dave Middleton

Weekday Calculator

This neat little subroutine returns the day of the week for any date given in DAY/MONTH/YEAR format. Of course you could change it around for YEAR/MONTH/DAY—just alter the order of the variables following the INPUT statement. The program does not check for date validity . . . but that's no problem. Just do some testing for day greater than 31 some months, 30 other months and 28 for February. For leap years, do an extra test of YEAR/4 = INT(YEAR/4) in the case of Feb. 29.

```
100 INPUT "DD, MM, YYYY";D,M,Y
110 K = INT((60 + (100/M))/100)
120 F = 365 * Y + D + 31 * (M - 1) -
    INT(.4 * M + 2.3) * (1 - K)
130 F = F + INT((Y - K)/4) -
    INT(.75 * INT((Y - K) / 100 + 1))
140 F = F - INT(F/7) * 7
150 PRINT MID$(
    ("SATSUNMONTUEWEDTHUFRI",
    F * 3 + 1, 3) ■
```

*90 PRINT "ENTER THE DATE IN THE
FORMAT DD, MM, YYYY"
100 INPUT D,M,Y*

SYS 'EM!

Two useful SYS addresses to note:

```
SYS 64790
SYS 54386
```

The first does a jump to 'warm start'—as if turning the machine off and back on again, but without that nasty power interruption. The second can be extremely handy when you want to send an M.L.M. memory dump to the printer. It seems that breaking to the monitor with SYS 4 cancels any CMD status you may have set up previously. ■

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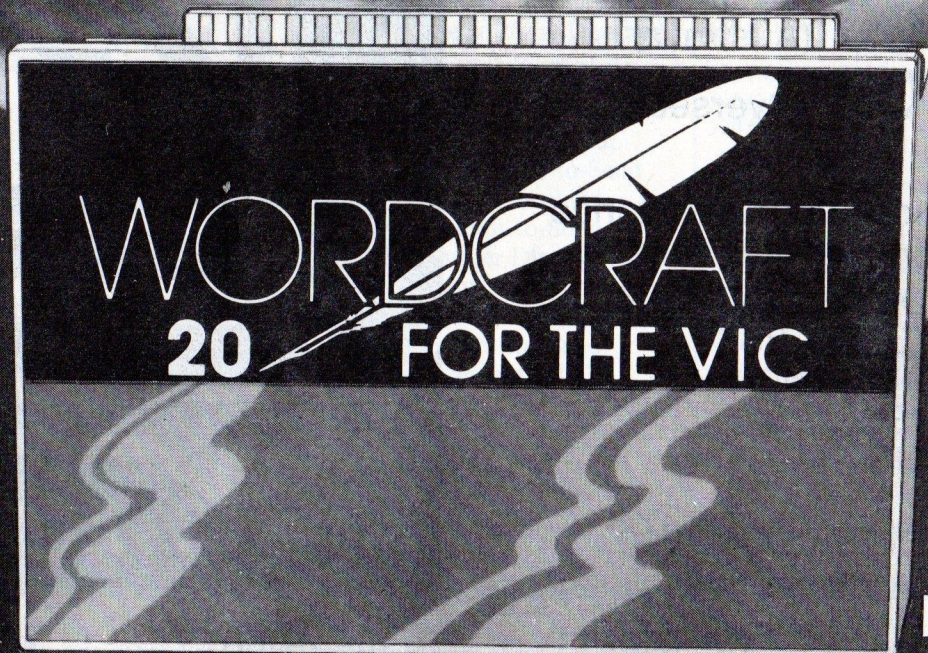
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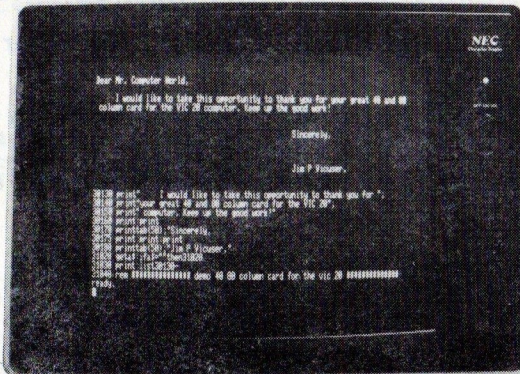
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CANYON BOMBER

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This program was written on a 4032 computer but only uses 2K of memory.

The object is to drop bombs from the airship, using the space bar, and attempt to destroy the dots.

It is a copy of a relatively old arcade game of the same name.

READY.

```
9 PRINT" ":REM: CANYON BOMBER
10 :
11 READA$:IFA$="*"THEN16
12 PRINTTAB(20-(LEN(A$)/2));A$:GOTO11
13 DATA"PLAY CANYON BOMBER","BY SIMON HOLMES","DROP BOMBS FROM AIRSHIP"
14 DATA"USING SPACE","HIT [SHIFT] TO CONTINUE"
15 DATA""," "," = ","*"
16 IFPEEK(152)=1THEN23
17 X=32768:A=1:O=15
18 X=X+A:POKEX,0:FORI=1TO10:IFPEEK(152)=1THEN23
19 NEXT:POKEX,32:IFX=32790THENA=40
20 IFPEEK(X+A)<>32THEN22
21 GOTO18
22 POKEX+A,15
23 IFPEEK(152)=0THEN23
99 :
100 PRINT" ":CLR
110 POKE59467,16:POKE59466,1:POKE59464,0
120 PRINT" ":FORI=1TO10:PRINT:NEXT
130 PRINT"....."
140 PRINT"....."
150 PRINT"....."
160 PRINT"....."
170 PRINT"....."
180 PRINT"....."
190 PRINT"....."
200 PRINT"....."
210 PRINT"..... MISSES:"M"
220 PRINT"..... SCORE: "
230 PRINT"....."
240 PRINT"....."
250 A=.5:S=1:P=32850
260 Z$=" \ " :REM:AIRSHIP GRAPHIC
270 Y$=" - " :REM:ERASE AIRSHIP
275 :
280 PRINT" "SPC((S))Z$:GETB$:IFB$=" "THEN1000
290 S=S+A:P=P+A
300 IFS<10RS>36THENA=-A
315 POKE59464,255:FORI=1TO2:NEXT:POKE59464,0
320 PRINT" "SPC((S-A))Y$:GOTO280
325 :
1000 REM: BOMB DROPPING ROVERFLOWINE
1010 HH=0:HH=INT(RND(0)*4)+4:H=0
1020 SO=1:DC=SC:FORI=P+40TO33688STEP40
1030 PE=PEEK(I+40):IFPE=102THENPOKEI,32:GOTO1080
1040 IFPE=81THENSC=SC+1:H=H+1
1045 PRINT"....."SC
1050 IFSC=203THEN3010
1060 IFHH<HTHENPOKE59464,0:GOTO1080
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1070 POKEI,46:SO=SO+10:POKE59464,SO:FORO=1TO10:POKEI,32:NEXTO,I
1080 IFDC=SCTHENM=M+1:POKE59464,250:FORYY=1TO100:NEXT:POKE59464,0
1090 PRINT"#####"M
1100 POKE59464,0:IFM>5THEN2000
1110 GOT0280
1120 :
2000 REM: END MESSAGE ROVERFLOWINE
2010 M$="SORRY, THATS SIX MISSES"
2020 PRINT"#####TAB(8)M$
2030 M$="HIT SHIFT FOR NEW GAME":PRINT"SPC(9);M$:FORI=1TO10:GETA$:NEXT
2040 IFPEEK(152)=0THEN2040
2050 FORI=1TO10:GETA$:GOTO100
2055 :
3000 REM: WINNING MESSAGE
3010 FORI=255TO1STEP-5:POKE59466,I:POKE59464,I:NEXT:POKE59464,0
3020 M$="WELL DONE! YOU WON":FORI=1TOLEN(M$):PRINT"#####LEFT$(M$,I)
3030 FORW=1TO25:NEXTW,I
3040 GOT02030
READY.

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DOS 1.2 PROBLEMS

1. SAVE WITH REPLACE

This command sometimes fails but the cause is not really known. It usually only happens on disks which have a lot of files and not a great deal of free space. The effect is to chain into other programs or files on the disk.

2. RENAME

This fails occasionally even though the disk system gives the '00,ok,00,00' message, the cause once again is not really known but it may fail due to there being scratched entries on the disk or the number of disk entries is a multiple of eight (ie. a full block).

3. DUPLICATE

If a disk is removed while doing a duplicate there is a very good chance that it will be totally corrupted so make sure that disks to be duplicated are in the correct drive before starting the command.

4. WRITE PROTECT TAB

Writing to a disk with a write protect tab is attempted. Then when a command is later given to read the disk, even if it has a write protect tab on, at least one write will be made. The solution is to power the disk drive down completely and then start again.

5. SEQUENTIAL FILES

If a sequential file of 254 characters (or any multiple) is written to the disk then an extra carriage return is added to the end of the file.

6. BLOCK ALLOCATE

The best way to use this command is to convert numbers into strings and concatenates this to the command before sending the command down the error channel.

7. ILLEGAL TRACK AND SECTOR

If illegal track or sector command parameters are given to the block commands then partial overlaying of error messages results.

8. BLOCK FREE

If an unallocated block is freed, the block count is automatically incremented by one and thus an incorrect number of blocks free can be generated ie. more than 670! Validate will restore the correct number of blocks.

9. VALIDATE 1

If an error occurs while validation of a diskette is taking place, then the BAM will be left in an indeterminate state. Re-initialisation of the diskette is necessary in order to restore the disk.

10. VALIDATE 2

The validate command frees any sectors allocated for random access.

11. SAVE AND OPEN WITHOUT GIVING A DRIVE NUMBER

This causes partial updating on both drives, thus corrupting both BAMs. This bug is probably the cause of more disk corruption problems than all the others put together, and may actually be the cause of some failures such as save with replaces.

12. DOS HANDLING OF THE IEEE BUS

Occasionally during multiple 'GET' the disk unit transmits a data byte

onto the bus, even when the PET has Attention high. This gives the appearance that the PET is sending a command to all other peripherals on the bus.

13. USING ASTERISK AS THE FILENAME

An asterisk may be used as the filename to access the last LOADED or SAVED program. If the last program was saved with replace, then the asterisk accesses the old version of the program (which has now been scratched from the directory) rather than the program which was just saved.

14. MEMORY READ

The byte returned by a memory read operation is not accompanied by a carriage return so use GET to access the character.

RELATIVE RECORDS BUG

This is a serious bug in the relative record system in both DOS 2.1 and 2.5. The bug only occurs when two files have been opened for reading and writing. The bug only shows at certain length records and at set distances through the file. The following example demonstrates the bug:-




```

30 DOPEN #1,"KEYTEST",L13,DO
40 FOR J=11 TO 50-100
50 A$=STR$(J)+"++++++":A$---MID$(A$,2,13)
70 RECORD#1,(J)
80 PRINT#1,A$
90 NEXT
100 DCLOSE#1
110 DOPEN#2,"FILETEST",L254,DO
120 FOR J=1 TO 50
130 B$=STR$(J)+"++++++"
140 REORD#2,(J):PRINT#2,B$:NEXT
150 DCLOSE#2
190 DOPEN#1,"KEYTEST",L13,DO
200 FOR J=1 TO 50:INPUT#1,A$:PRINTA$:NEXT
210 DCLOSE#1
220 DOPEN#2,"FILETEST",L254,DO
230 FOR J=1 TO 50:INPUT#2,A$:PRINTA$:NEXT
240 DCLOSE#2
250 PRINT"PRESS A KEY
260 GETZ$:IFZ$=""GOTO260
280 DOPEN#1,"KEYTEST",L13,DO
290 DOPEN#2,"FILETEST",L254,DO
300 X=34
310 FOR J=1 TO X:INPUT#1,A$
320 PRINTA$:NEXT
330 RECORD#2,25
340 INPUT#2,B$
350 PRINTB$
370 FOR J=X TO 50
380 A$=LEFT$(A$,9)+"TEST"
390 RECORD#1,(J)
400 PRINT#1,A$
410 PRINTA$
420 INPUT#1,A$
430 NEXT
440 DCLOSE#1
450 DCLOSE#2
510 DOPEN#1,"KEYTEST",L13,DO
520 FOR J=1 TO 50: INPUT#1,A$,PRINTA$:NEXT
530 DCLOSE

```

The program sets up 2 files (30 - 250) with unique records. The first 34 records are read from 'Keytest' then a record is read from 'Filetest'. Now records on 'Keytest' are updated. Both files are then closed (280 - 450). When 'Keytest' is read again some of the updated records are unchanged. In this example, records 34 - 40 are the same as they were originally.

Thus it is not possible to have two relative files open for reading/writing at the same time with any degree of certainty that records will be updated correctly.

There are three solutions to this:-

1. Open and close each file before accessing another.
2. Thoroughly test the record length chosen to see that it does not cause the bug.
3. This solution has no reason for working but it cured the bug in the example program so try it at your own risk: When the files are opened in lines 280 and 290, position the record pointer at record number 1, read it into the PET, reset the record pointer to 1 and then write it out again. The file then reads and updates correctly. Do this for both files.

The following changes are to an article on the Data Cassette in the last issue of the Commodore Magazine.

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```

PROGRAM 1
5 OPEN 1,1,1,"TESTFILE"
10 FOR C=1 TO 3
20 INPUTA$
30 A$=LEFT$(A$+" ",10)
40 PRINT#1,A$;
50 NEXTC
60 PRINT#1,CHR$(13);
70 CLOSE1

```

PROGRAM 2

```

5 OPEN1,1,0,"TESTFILE"
10 FOR C=1 TO 30:GET#1,B$:
  A$=A$+B$:NEXTC
30 CLOSE1
40 B$=LEFT$(A$,10)
50 C$=MID$(A$,10,10)
60 D$=RIGHT$(A$,10)
70 PRINT A$,B$,C$,D$

```

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PROGRAM 1
10 REM PROGRAM TO WRITE DATA
  ONTO THE TAPE IN BLOCKS OF
  191 BYTES
20 OPEN1,1,1,"TESTFILE"
30 FORC=1TO5
40 PRINT#1,"1234";CHR$(13);
  "FRED";CHR$(13);
50 NEXTC
70 CLOSE1:END
100 REM WRITE OUT BUFFER
  ONTO TAPE
110 POKE 166,191 :REM SET
  POINTER TO LIMIT -1
120 PRINT#1," ";:REM PUT THE
  192ND CHAR INTO BUFFER
130 POKE 166,0 :REM RESET
  POINTER FOR MORE DATA
140 RETURN

```

PROGRAM 2

```

10 REM PROGRAM TO WRITE DATA
  TOO THE TAPE IN BLOCKS OF
  191 BYTES
20 OPEN1,1,1,"TESTFILE"
30 FORC=1TO5
40 PRINT#1,"1234";CHR$(13);
  "FRED";CHR$(13);
50 GOSUB 100
60 NEXTC
70 CLOSE1:END
100 REM WRITE OUT BUFFER
  ONTO TAPE
110 POKE 166,191 :REM SET
  POINTER TO LIMIT -1

```


PROGRAMMER'S TIPS

Keyed Random Access for the PET/CBM

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Since the advent of Relative Files and the large storage capacity of the CBM 8050 Disk, some form of 'K.R.A.' (Keyed Random Access) would be useful to make full use of these facilities. Here is a version that meets most of the specifications of K.R.A., but is relatively (excuse the pun!) easy to use. It works as follows:

An ordinary sequential file is used to store a 'key-file' of all records held within a system (e.g. Stock, Accounts, Clients, etc.). This key-file would normally contain the first 10 characters of a customer's name (Part #, Account #, etc.) followed by *the Relative Record Number* of the record containing the remaining data for that customer.

Now, all you have to do is search through this key-file until you find the record you're looking for; retrieve the relative record number and you have access to the main record. The only problem in doing this in BASIC is time—especially if you have 500 to 1000 records or more!

Here is a machine-code routine which will do the above significantly faster (it searches through 500 ten-character record keys in approximately 4 seconds). This routine may only be used with BASIC 4.0 and DOS 2.0. Here's how you use it:

The length of each record in the key-file (SEQ) is not important and it may contain any valid ASCII characters (for safety's sake, stick to alpha-nums only). To separate the record-key from the associated relative record number, a delimiter must be used. In this case the delimiter is a '#' symbol. Therefore, a record in the SEQ key-file should look something like:

SMITH# 1234

The space between the delimiter and the rel/rec number is the sign of the number and can be suppressed if space-saving on the disk is necessary.

It is important that each record in the key-file be separated by a Carriage Return—CHR\$(13). This shouldn't present any problem as the PET/CBM automatically sends this character after each PRINT# command.

The K.R.A. machine code program must be located at the top of memory and protected in the usual way:

```
POKE 53, 127:POKE 52, 0:CLR
```

. . . must be the first statement in your program.

This program also allows you to do a form of "pattern-matching." Say, for instance, you don't know the exact spelling of a record-key in the key-file. All you do is enter

the first few characters of the record-key and allow the program to search for that. When a 'match' is found in the file, the attached rel/rec number will be returned. You could then retrieve that relative record and display it. If it is NOT the correct record, simply tell the program to continue searching the key-file until it finds another match and so on. If NO match is found, a relative record number of 0 (zero) will be returned by the K.R.A. routine.

Here is an example of a BASIC program using the routine:

```
100 A$ = "" : A = 0 : REM INITIALIZE VARIABLES  
    BEFORE USING K.R.A.  
110 INPUT "ENTER SEARCH-STRING"; A$  
120 DOPEN#2, "KEY-FILE" : IF DS < > 0 THEN  
    PRINT DS : STOP  
130 SYS 32512, 2, A$, A  
140 IF A = 0 THEN DCLOSE#2 : STOP : REM NO  
    MATCH  
150 REM RETRIEVE THE ASSOCIATED RELATIVE  
    RECORD  
160 REM AT THIS STAGE, IF THE REL/REC IS NOT  
    CORRECT  
170 REM YOU COULD 'GOTO 130' TO LOOK FOR  
    ANOTHER MATCH
```

Any string and numeric variable may be used, but should be declared before the SYS 32512 to the routine. (In the above example 'A\$' would have been initialized by the INPUT statement.) The '2' used after the first comma in the SYS command is the logical file number used in the DOPEN statement. It is important to check the DISK STATUS word (DS) after opening the file.

Adding records to the key-file could be a problem once the file gets large. Make use of the APPEND# command in BASIC 4.0 to simply append new record-keys to the file.

Another suggestion is to have separate key-files. For alphabetic keys there would be 26 titled 'A' to 'Z'; for numeric keys, 10 labelled '0' to '9'; or combine for alpha-numeric and have 36 separate key files. Now you could simply check the first character of the search string (i.e., LEFT\$(A\$,1)) and open that particular file. This would reduce your key-file size to approximately 100 records per file in a 2000 record system, thereby making your search times even faster! ➔

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30  REM *****
40  REM *
50  REM *   BASIC LOADER FOR MACHINE CODE ISAM ROUTINE   *
60  REM *   GLEN PEARCE 20/8/81                           *
70  REM *
80  REM *****
90  REM
100 POKE53,127:CLR:REM LOWER MEMTOP TO PROTECT PROGRAM
110 FOR I=32512 TO 32767:READ J:POKE I,J:NEXT:END
120 DATA 32, 73, 127, 32, 45, 201, 165, 18, 240, 3
130 DATA 76, 0, 191, 165, 17, 133, 210, 32, 82, 127
140 DATA 166, 210, 32, 198, 255, 160, 0, 32, 228, 255
150 DATA 166, 150, 208, 66, 201, 13, 240, 243, 209, 1
160 DATA 208, 18, 200, 196, 0, 144, 236, 32, 228, 255
170 DATA 166, 150, 208, 46, 201, 35, 240, 90, 208, 243
180 DATA 32, 228, 255, 166, 150, 208, 33, 201, 13, 240
190 DATA 210, 208, 243, 32, 245, 190, 32, 152, 189, 160
200 DATA 0, 96, 32, 73, 127, 177, 68, 133, 0, 200
210 DATA 177, 68, 133, 1, 200, 177, 68, 133, 2, 96
220 DATA 32, 73, 127, 169, 0, 133, 95, 133, 96, 133
230 DATA 7, 162, 144, 32, 122, 205, 160, 0, 165, 94
240 DATA 145, 68, 200, 165, 95, 41, 127, 145, 68, 200
250 DATA 165, 96, 145, 68, 200, 165, 97, 145, 68, 200
260 DATA 165, 98, 145, 68, 32, 204, 255, 96, 32, 73
270 DATA 127, 169, 0, 133, 95, 133, 7, 32, 195, 127
280 DATA 201, 13, 240, 23, 166, 150, 208, 188, 133, 96
290 DATA 32, 195, 127, 201, 13, 240, 10, 166, 150, 208
300 DATA 175, 32, 213, 127, 76, 170, 127, 162, 144, 32
310 DATA 122, 205, 76, 116, 127, 32, 228, 255, 201, 13
320 DATA 240, 10, 201, 48, 144, 245, 201, 58, 176, 241
330 DATA 41, 15, 96, 133, 0, 165, 95, 72, 165, 96
340 DATA 72, 6, 96, 38, 95, 6, 96, 38, 95, 104
350 DATA 101, 96, 133, 96, 104, 101, 95, 133, 95, 6
360 DATA 96, 38, 95, 165, 0, 101, 96, 133, 96, 169
370 DATA 0, 101, 95, 133, 95, 96

```

LINE# LOC CODE LINE

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0001 0000 ;*****
0002 0000 ;* SEARCH THRU A SEQ FILE FOR A KEY RECORD AND *
0003 0000 ;* THEN RETRIEVE AN ATTACHED REL/REC NUMBER. *
0004 0000 ;*
0005 0000 ;* GLEN PEARCE 22/08/81 *
0006 0000 ;* COMMODORE, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA *
0007 0000 ;*****
0008 0000 ;
0009 0000 ; ## CONSTANTS FROM PET BASIC (BASIC 4.0) ##
0010 0000 GETCHR = $FFE4 ;GET A CHARACTER
0011 0000 CLRCHN = $FFCC ;CLOSE I/O CHANNELS
0012 0000 COIN = $FFC6 ;SET INPUT DEVICE
0013 0000 CHKCOM = $BEF5 ;CHK FOR COMMA
0014 0000 FRMEVL = $BD98 ;EVALUATE EXPRESSION
0015 0000 FACINT = $C92D ;CONVERT FL/P TO INT
0016 0000 SNERR = $BFO0 ;PRINT SYNTAX ERROR
0017 0000 ;
0018 0000 ; ## PAGE ZERO VARIABLES ##

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0019 0000          LENGTH = $00          ;TEMP STORE OF STR LENGTH
0020 0000          WORK1  = $01          ;TEMP WORK AREA
0021 0000          CHKINT = $11          ;CHECK FOR INTEGER
0022 0000          CURFIL = $D2         ;CURRENT FILE NUMBER
0023 0000          VARPNT = $44         ; PNTR TO CURRENT VARIABLE
0024 0000          FAC    = $5E         ;MAIN FLT/PNT ACCUMULATOR
0025 0000          ;
0026 0000          ;      * = $7F00
0027 7F00          ;
0028 7F00 20 49 7F FIND JSR EVALEX      ;CHK SYNTAX OF COMMAND
0029 7F03 20 2D C9 JSR FACINT          ;IN BASIC LINE & EXTRACT LFN
0030 7F06 A5 12 LDA CHKINT+1          ;AND SEARCH STRING
0031 7F08 F0 03 BEQ ISINTG
0032 7F0A 4C 00 BF JMP SNERR          ;EXIT IF SYNTAX ERROR
0033 7F0D A5 11 ISINTG LDA CHKINT
0034 7F0F 85 D2 STA CURFIL            ;SET UP LFN FOR READ
0035 7F11 20 52 7F JSR FNDEXP         ;FIND SRCH STRING
0036 7F14 A6 D2 LDX CURFIL
0037 7F16 20 C6 FF JSR COIN           ;SET I/O FOR READ
0038 7F19          ;
0039 7F19 A0 00 GET10 LDY #0
0040 7F1B 20 E4 FF GET11 JSR GETCHR    ;GET CHAR FROM FILE
0041 7F1E A6 96 LDX $96              ;CHK STATUS BYTE FOR EOF
0042 7F20 D0 42 BNE DONE1
0043 7F22 C9 0D CMP #13             ;CHK FOR C/RET
0044 7F24 F0 F3 BEQ GET10            ;MOVE TO NEXT RECORD
0045 7F26 D1 01 CMP (WORK1)Y        ;COMPARE TO EQUIVALENT
0046 7F28 D0 12 BNE CLRSTR          ;CHAR OF SEARCH STRING
0047 7F2A C8 INY
0048 7F2B C4 00 CPY LENGTH           ; IF NUMBR OF CHARS CHK'D
0049 7F2D 90 EC BCC GET11           ;EQUALS LEN OF SEARCH STRING
0050 7F2F 20 E4 FF FNDDEL JSR GETCHR  ;THEN MATCH IS MADE
0051 7F32 A6 96 LDX $96
0052 7F34 D0 2E BNE DONE1
0053 7F36 C9 23 CMP #'#           ;FIND DELIMITER & THEN GO
0054 7F38 F0 5A BEQ RELNUM          ;AND READ IN REL/NO.
0055 7F3A D0 F3 BNE FNDDEL
0056 7F3C 20 E4 FF CLRSTR JSR GETCHR  ;DISCARD REST OF STRING
0057 7F3F A6 96 LDX $96
0058 7F41 D0 21 BNE DONE1
0059 7F43 C9 0D CMP #13
0060 7F45 F0 D2 BEQ GET10           ;GO AND CHK NEXT STRING
0061 7F47 D0 F3 BNE CLRSTR
0062 7F49          ;
0063 7F49 20 F5 BE EVALEX JSR CHKCOM   ;CHK FOR COMMA
0064 7F4C 20 98 BD JSR FRMEVL       ;& EVALUATE EXPRESSION
0065 7F4F A0 00 LDY #0
0066 7F51 60 RTS
0067 7F52          ;
0068 7F52 20 49 7F FNDEXP JSR EVALEX  ;FIND SRCH STRING
0069 7F55 B1 44 LDA (VARPNT)Y        ;SET UP STRING PNTRS
0070 7F57 85 00 STA LENGTH            ;IN TEMP WORK AREAS
0071 7F59 C8 INY
0072 7F5A B1 44 LDA (VARPNT)Y
0073 7F5C 85 01 STA WORK1
0074 7F5E C8 INY
0075 7F5F B1 44 LDA (VARPNT)Y

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0076 7F61 85 02          STA WORK1+1
0077 7F63 60            RTS
0078 7F64              ;
0079 7F64 20 49 7F     DONE1 JSR EVALEX          ;IF NO MATCH FOUND THEN
0080 7F67 A9 00         LDA #0              ;RETURN A REL/NO. OF ZERO
0081 7F69 85 5F         STA $5F
0082 7F6B 85 60         STA $60
0083 7F6D 85 07         STA $07          ;SET VARIABLE TYPE TO NUMERIC
0084 7F6F A2 90         LDX #$90
0085 7F71 20 7A CD     CD       JSR $CD7A          ;CONVERT HEX TO FL/P
0086 7F74 A0 00         DONE2 LDY #0
0087 7F76 A5 5E         LDA FAC              ;TRANSFER BCD VALUE OF
0088 7F78 91 44         STA (VARPNT)Y      ;REL/NO. TO NUMERIC VAR
0089 7F7A C8           INY              ;SPECIFIED IN SYS CMD
0090 7F7B A5 5F         LDA FAC+1
0091 7F7D 29 7F         AND #$7F          ;STRIP OFF SIGN
0092 7F7F 91 44         STA (VARPNT)Y
0093 7F81 C8           INY
0094 7F82 A5 60         LDA FAC+2
0095 7F84 91 44         STA (VARPNT)Y
0096 7F86 C8           INY
0097 7F87 A5 61         LDA FAC+3
0098 7F89 91 44         STA (VARPNT)Y
0099 7F8B C8           INY
0100 7F8C A5 62         LDA FAC+4
0101 7F8E 91 44         STA (VARPNT)Y
0102 7F90 20 CC FF     CLRCHN JSR CLRCHN        ;CLEAR ALL I/O CHANS AND
0103 7F93 60            RTS              ;EXIT PROGRAM
0104 7F94              ;
0105 7F94 20 49 7F     RELNUM JSR EVALEX          ;FIND VARIABLE FOR REL/NO.
0106 7F97 A9 00         LDA #0
0107 7F99 85 5F         STA $5F
0108 7F9B 85 07         STA $07
0109 7F9D 20 C3 7F     NEWDIG JSR NEWDIG        ;READ IN REL/NO. AND CONVERT
0110 7FA0 C9 0D         CMP #13          ;IT TO A 2-BYTE HEX DIGIT
0111 7FA2 F0 17         BEQ PUTVAR
0112 7FA4 A6 96         LDX $96
0113 7FA6 D0 BC         BNE DONE1
0114 7FA8 85 60         STA $60
0115 7FAA 20 C3 7F     NXTDIG JSR NEWDIG
0116 7FAD C9 0D         CMP #13
0117 7FAF F0 0A         BEQ PUTVAR
0118 7FB1 A6 96         LDX $96
0119 7FB3 D0 AF         BNE DONE1
0120 7FB5 20 D5 7F     ASCHEX JSR ASCHEX
0121 7FB8 4C AA 7F     NXTDIG JMP NXTDIG
0122 7FBB A2 90         PUTVAR LDX #$90
0123 7FBD 20 7A CD     CD       JSR $CD7A
0124 7FC0 4C 74 7F     NXTDIG JMP DONE2
0125 7FC3              ;
0126 7FC3 20 E4 FF     NEWDIG JSR GETCHR        ;GET NEXT REL/NO. DIGIT
0127 7FC6 C9 0D         CMP #13
0128 7FC8 F0 0A         BEQ ENDDIG
0129 7FCA C9 30         CMP #$30        ;CHK FOR NUMERIC
0130 7FCC 90 F5         BCC NEWDIG
0131 7FCE C9 3A         CMP #$3A
0132 7FD0 B0 F1         BCS NEWDIG
0133 7FD2 29 0F         AND #$0F        ;MASK OUT THE FOUR MSB'S

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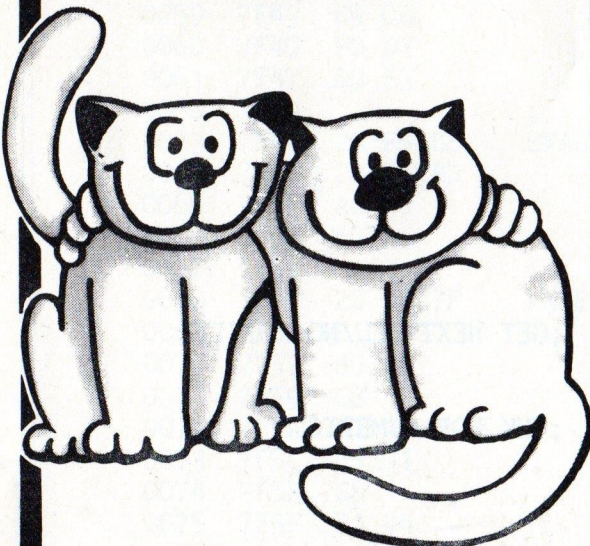
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0134 7FD4 60          ENDDIG RTS
0135 7FD5          ;
0136 7FD5 85 00     ASCHEX STA LENGTH      ;HANDLE ASC - HEX CONVERSION
0137 7FD7 A5 5F     LDA $5F
0138 7FD9 48        PHA
0139 7FDA A5 60     LDA $60
0140 7FDC 48        PHA
0141 7FDD 06 60     ASL $60
0142 7FDF 26 5F     ROL $5F
0143 7FE1 06 60     ASL $60
0144 7FE3 26 5F     ROL $5F
0145 7FE5 68        PLA
0146 7FE6 65 60     ADC $60
0147 7FE8 85 60     STA $60
0148 7FEA 68        PLA
0149 7FEB 65 5F     ADC $5F
0150 7FED 85 5F     STA $5F
0151 7FEF 06 60     ASL $60
0152 7FF1 26 5F     ROL $5F
0153 7FF3 A5 00     LDA LENGTH
0154 7FF5 65 60     ADC $60
0155 7FF7 85 60     STA $60
0156 7FF9 A9 00     LDA #0
0157 7FFB 65 5F     ADC $5F
0158 7FFD 85 5F     STA $5F
0159 7FFF 60          RETN   RTS
0160 8000          .END

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ERRORS = 0000

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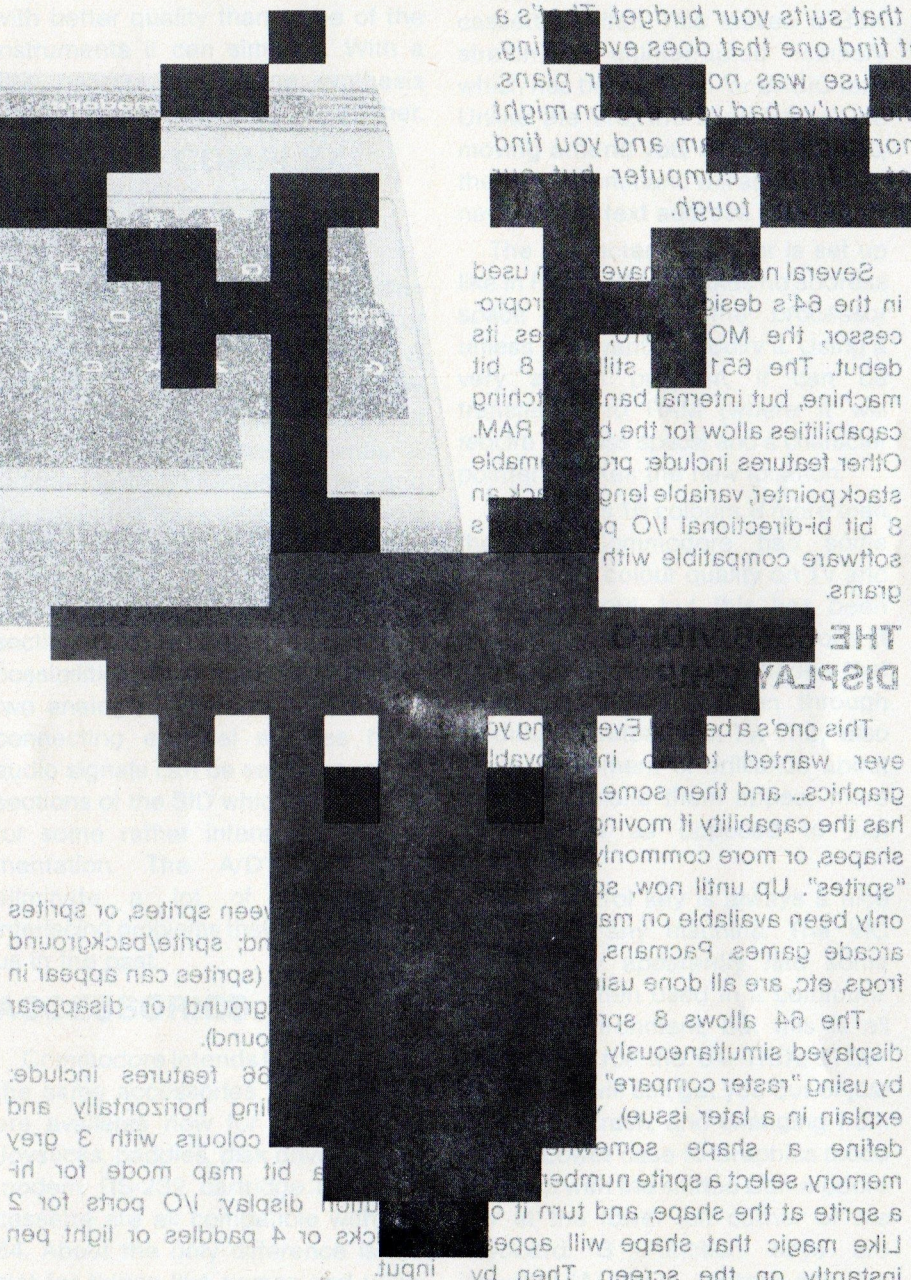
The VIC 20 Electronic Christmas Card

If you plan to give someone a VIC 20 this Christmas, this is a terrific little program you can include along with it. It plays "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and displays the words to the song, while the screen changes into various red-green combinations.

Courtesy of Dr. Bruce Downing.

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10 S2=36876
20 V=36878
30 PRINT "XXXXXXXXXXXX"
32 POKE 36879,90
34 PRINT "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
100 POKE 0,10
101 GOTO 183
102 FOR I=1 TO 8
110 READ P
130 IF P=-1 THEN 200
140 READ D
150 POKE S2,P
160 FOR N=1 TO D:NEXT N
170 POKE S2,0
180 FOR N=1 TO 20:NEXT N
181 NEXT I
182 RETURN
183 GOSUB 102
184 GOSUB 240
190 GOSUB 102
192 GOSUB 260
194 GOSUB 102
196 GOSUB 268
198 GOSUB 102
200 POKE S2,0
220 FOR I=1 TO 1000:NEXT I
221 RESTORE
222 GOTO 10
240 PRINT "XXXXXXXXXXXX"
244 POKE 36879,45
250 PRINT "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
252 RETURN
260 POKE 36879,90
262 PRINT "XXXXXXXXXXXX"
264 PRINT "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
266 RETURN
268 POKE 36879,42
270 PRINT "XXXXXXXXXXXX"
272 PRINT "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
274 RETURN
320 DATA 228,250,235
330 DATA 250,235,125
340 DATA 237,125,235
350 DATA 125,234,125
360 DATA 231,250,231
370 DATA 250,231,250
380 DATA 237,250,237
390 DATA 125,239,125
400 DATA 237,125,235
405 DATA 125,234,250
410 DATA 228,250,228
415 DATA 250,239,250
420 DATA 239,125,240
425 DATA 125,239,125
430 DATA 237,125,235
435 DATA 250,231,250
440 DATA 231,125,231
445 DATA 125,228,250
450 DATA 235,250,234
455 DATA 250,235,250
460 DATA -1
    
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THE 6581 SOUND INTERFACE DEVICE (SID)

The SID is virtually a synthesizer on a chip. It has 3 independently controllable voices, each with a 9 octave range and 4 waveforms including square, triangle, sawtooth and noise. Each voice also has

horizontal and/or vertical size expansion; hi-res or multi colour sprites; collision

Like magic that shape will appear on the screen. Then by merely giving X and Y coordinates, the shape moves around the screen by itself. No more erasing the shape at its previous location, no more updating screen RAM and colour tables... Other sprite features include: everything's done in hardware.

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Ever wanted to do in graphics? This one's a beauty!

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between sprites, or sprites and; sprite/background (sprites can appear in ground or disappear

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And there's more...

* 16 colours

READY.

THE COMMODORE 64: A PRELIMINARY REVIEW

In a world where new microcomputers seem to be appearing faster than federal budgets, it's hard to decide when to buy. That fear of obsolescence is very real when YOUR money is on the line. But all computers will eventually become obsolete, so waiting for a better one is perpetual. Therefore, you must determine which computer will do everything you desire at a price that suits your budget. That's a pretty tall order, because you might find one that does everything, but a second mortgage on your house was not in your plans. Alternately, that inexpensive machine you've had your eye on might only give you room for a simple mortgage program and you find yourself faced with expanding not only the computer but our investment too. Finding a compromise can be tough.

If you've decided that you're definitely in the market for a micro, check out the Commodore 64; Commodore's newest entry and, without a doubt, their best so far. Although it looks like a VIC from the outside, inside it's a whole new story.

The 64 already has 64K of RAM (hence the name), so "memory expansion" can be scratched off your shopping list. Of course, not all 64K is available simultaneously. Memory is split into sections which must be switched in or out as required. More on 64 bank-switching in a later issue.

Like the VIC, it comes in that "wedge" shaped plastic housing, but in a colour that looks like a cross between beige and grey. Unlike the VIC, it has a 40 column by 25 line screen input and the modulator is contained inside the housing where it belongs. The keyboard feels a little nicer too, but that's only a personal opinion, possibly influenced by the order in which they came out.

STANDARD DESIGN FEATURES

- ★ Cartridge slot for games, etc.
- ★ 8 bit user port
- ★ Serial bus for disk, printer, etc., (like on the VIC).
- ★ Cassette tape port
- ★ Composite video output and modulator output ports.
- ★ Audio output jack
- ★ 38K available for BASIC text
- ★ 2 built-in Analog to Digital converters
- ★ 16 colours.

And there's more...

Several new chips have been used in the 64's design. A new microprocessor, the MOS 6510, makes its debut. The 6510 is still an 8 bit machine, but internal bank switching capabilities allow for the bonus RAM. Other features include: programmable stack pointer, variable length stack, an 8 bit bi-directional I/O port and it's software compatible with 6502 programs.

THE 6566 VIDEO DISPLAY CHIP

This one's a beauty! Everything you ever wanted to do in movable graphics... and then some. The 6566 has the capability of moving definable shapes, or more commonly known as "sprites". Up until now, sprites have only been available on machines like arcade games. Pacmans, galaxians, frogs, etc, are all done using sprites.

The 64 allows 8 sprites to be displayed simultaneously (with more by using "raster compare" which we'll explain in a later issue). You simply define a shape somewhere in memory, select a sprite number, point a sprite at the shape, and turn it on. Like magic that shape will appear instantly on the screen. Then by merely giving X and Y coordinates, the shape moves around the screen by itself! No more erasing the shape at its previous location, no more updating screen RAM and colour tables... everything's done in hardware!

Other sprite features include: horizontal and/or vertical size expansion; hi-res or multi colour sprites; collision



detection between sprites, or sprites and background; sprite/background display priority (sprites can appear in front of background or disappear behind background).

Other 6566 features include: smooth scrolling horizontally and vertically; 16 colours with 3 grey shades; a bit map mode for hi-resolution display; I/O ports for 2 joysticks or 4 paddles or light pen input.

THE 6581 SOUND INTERFACE DEVICE (SID)

The SID is virtually a synthesizer on a chip. It has 3 independently controllable voices, each with a 9 octave range and 4 waveforms including square, triangle, sawtooth and noise. Each voice also has a

programmable envelope generator and volume control with a master volume control for all three voices. The SID has some other very sophisticated features such as oscillator synchronization, ring modulation, filter resonance control, and it even has an external input for processing signals from other sources such as an electric guitar.

In all, the 6581 can produce sound with better quality than some of the instruments it can simulate. With a little programming, voice synthesis shouldn't be too much trouble either.

THE 6526 COMPLEX INTERFACE ADAPTER (CIA)

The C64 comes with 2 of these. The 6526's replace the 6520 and 6522 of earlier machines. Each chip has an 8 bit shift register for serial I/O, 24 clock with programmable alarm, 8 or 16 bit handshaking on read or write, 2 independent 16 bit interval timers and the capability for sourcing or sinking 2 standard TTL loads. I've been told that the external input to the SID can only process signals through the filter section which eliminates several possibilities. However, the 6526 has two analog to digital converters. By connecting external sources here, audio signals can be sent through all sections of the SID which will provide for some rather interesting experimentation. The A/D's will also eliminate a lot of the analog interfacing problems that have plagued us in the past.

ACCESSORIES

Commodore intends to use many of the same accessories for the 64 as are available now for the VIC. VIC Joysticks, paddles, disk drive, printer, modem, RS-232 cartridge and C2N cassette are all compatible with the 64. About the only difference is the slot for things like games and utility cartridges. It's been changed to a vertical pin type connector as opposed to the card edge type connector on the VIC 20. This is not only less space consuming, but promises to be a little more rugged as the contacts appear to be less susceptible to friction wear.

Future accessories, according to Commodore, include a Z-80 plug-in

card, soft-load modules for BASIC 4.0, Pascal, Forth, and Pilot, extended BASIC cartridges for graphic and sound support, and monitor type cartridges for machine language exercises.

SOME COMMENTS

This time Commodore's done it right! They placed screen RAM immediately following zero page, the stack, and RAM allocated for the cassette buffer. This leaves a 38K stretch of uninterrupted memory which has been set up for BASIC text. Unlike the VIC, the screen won't be moving around you, but like the VIC, the LOAD command will adjust for the new start of text address, \$0800.

The character generator is set up like in PET/CBMs. It takes no address space away from the processor unless you want to modify it. Using a very simple program, it can be transferred to RAM (where it will require address space) and a character pointer invokes the new location.

The 64 has 16 colours, 8 more than the VIC. Commodore had some trouble with colour quality on TV and monitor output, but this has been cleared up in the release versions. It has three distinct grey shades that come up beautifully even through modulated output to a TV. They also have an element of brilliance about them that make them appear more like colours as opposed to just shades.

The Control key is always a nice feature on any machine. The VIC Control key apparently had some problems when used in a communications environment, but this is all cleared up for the 64. RUN/STOP-RESTORE will still get you out of just about any crash, and changing from Upper/Lower case to Graphics mode is a snap with the shifted Commodore key at the lower left corner of the keyboard. 8 Function keys are included (4 plus 4 shifted) and I've been informed that a new method of keyboard scanning will allow the Control and Commodore keys to also be used as shift keys. Combinations of CTRL, Shift, and the Commodore key might result in as many as 32 effective function keys!

Commodore opted to stay with the serial bus for interfacing peripherals. Unlike IEEE parallel, bits are delivered

in serial which reduces communications speed considerably. This reduction isn't really noticeable with the printer, but disk access is somewhat hampered. Fortunately there will be an IEEE interface card available for those that already own IEEE peripherals.

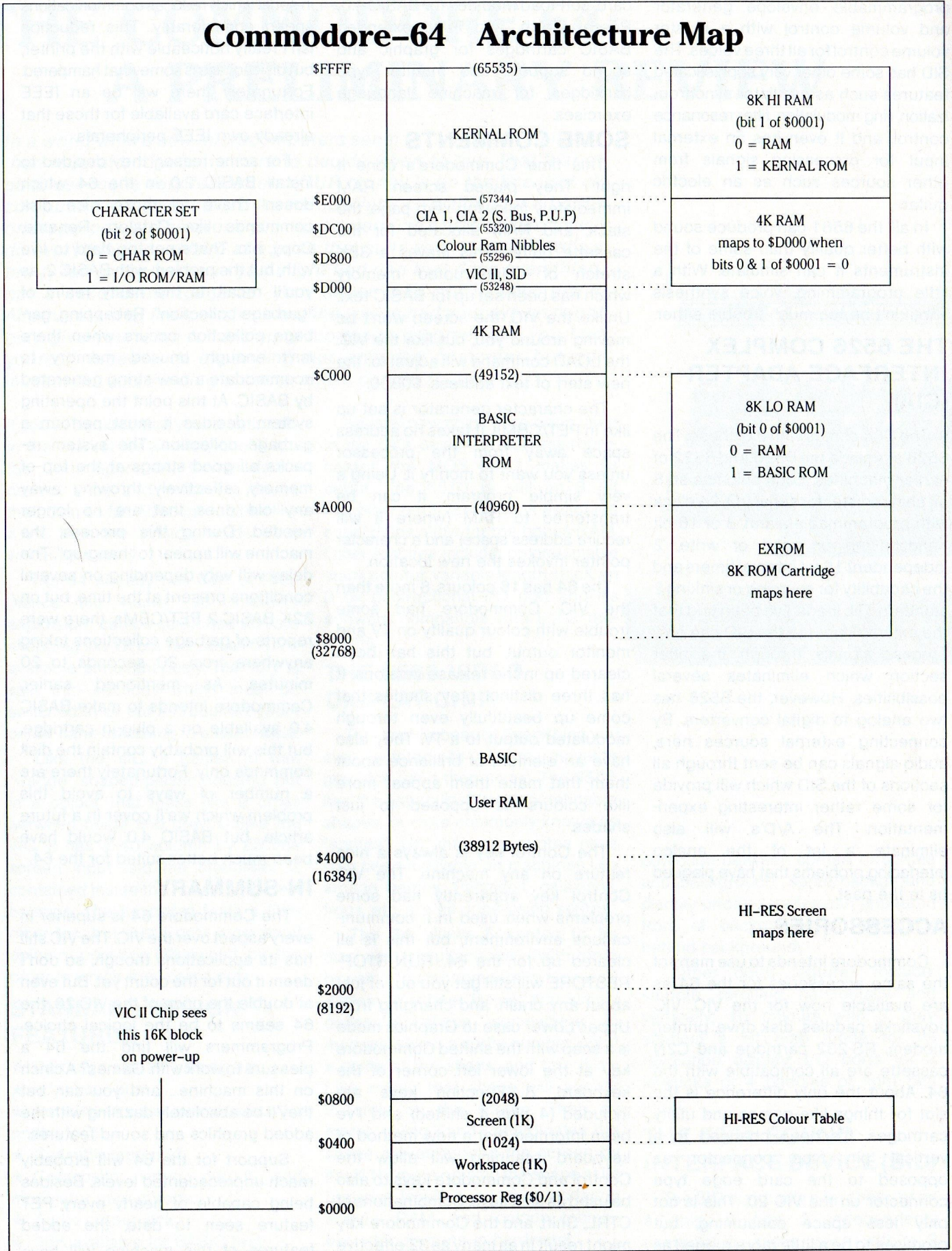
For some reason they decided to install BASIC 2.0 in the 64 which doesn't have all those nice disk commands like Catalog, Rename, Copy, etc. That's not too hard to live with, but the problem with BASIC 2, as you'll recall, is the nasty realm of "garbage collection". Recapping, garbage collection occurs when there isn't enough unused memory to accommodate a new string generated by BASIC. At this point the operating system decides it must perform a garbage collection. The system repacks all good strings at the top of memory, effectively throwing away any old ones that are no longer needed. During this process, the machine will appear to "hang-up". The delay will vary depending on several conditions present at the time, but on 32K BASIC 2 PET/CBMs, there were reports of garbage collections taking anywhere from 20 seconds to 20 minutes. As mentioned earlier, Commodore intends to make BASIC 4.0 available on a plug-in cartridge, but this will probably contain the disk commands only. Fortunately there are a number of ways to avoid this problem which we'll cover in a future article, but BASIC 4.0 would have been much better suited for the 64.

IN SUMMARY

The Commodore 64 is superior in every aspect over the VIC. The VIC still has its applications though, so don't deem it out for the count yet. But even at double the price of the VIC 20, the 64 seems to be the logical choice. Programmers will find the 64 a pleasure to work with. Games? A cinch on this machine... and you can bet they'll be absolutely dazzling with the added graphics and sound features.

Support for the 64 will probably reach unprecedented levels. Besides being capable of nearly every PET feature seen to date, the added features of this machine will have programmers/writers just cranking out material. You can count on at least one 64 related article in every magazine with CBM content.

Commodore-64 Architecture Map



Commodore 64 Memory Map

Compiled by
Jim Butterfield

0000	0	Chip directional register
0001	1	Chip I/O; memory & tape control
0003 -0004	3-4	Float-Fixed vector
0005 -0006	5-6	Fixed-Float vector
0007	7	Search character
0008	8	Scan-quotes flag
0009	9	TAB column save
000A	10	0 = LOAD, 1 = VERIFY
000B	11	Input buffer pointer/# subscript
000C	12	Default DIM flag
000D	13	Type: FF = string, 00 = numeric
000E	14	Type: 80 = integer, 00 = floating point
000F	15	DATA scan/LIST quote/memry flag
0010	16	Subscript/FNx flag
0011	17	0 = INPUT; \$40 = GET; \$98 = READ
0012	18	ATN sign/Comparison eval flag
0013	19	Current I/O prompt flag
0014 -0015	20-21	Integer value
0016	22	Pointer: temporary string stack
0017 -0018	23-24	Last temp string vector
0019 -0021	25-33	Stack for temporary strings
0022 -0025	34-37	Utility pointer area
0026 -002A	38-42	Product area for multiplication
002B -002C	43-44	Pointer: Start-of-Basic
002D -002E	45-46	Pointer: Start-of-Variables
002F -0030	47-48	Pointer: Start-of-Arrays
0031 -0032	49-50	Pointer: End-of-Arrays
0033 -0034	51-52	Pointer: String-storage(moving down)
0035 -0036	53-54	Utility string pointer
0037 -0038	55-56	Pointer: Limit-of-memory
0039 -003A	57-58	Current Basic line number
003B -003C	59-60	Previous Basic line number
003D -003E	61-62	Pointer: Basic statement for CONT
003F -0040	63-64	Current DATA line number
0041 -0042	65-66	Current DATA address
0043 -0044	67-68	Input vector
0045 -0046	69-70	Current variable name
0047 -0048	71-72	Current variable address
0049 -004A	73-74	Variable pointer for FOR/NEXT
004B -004C	75-76	Y-save; op-save; Basic pointer save
004D	77	Comparison symbol accumulator
004E -0053	78-83	Misc work area, pointers, etc
0054 -0056	84-86	Jump vector for functions
0057 -0060	87-96	Misc numeric work area
0061	97	Accum#1: Exponent
0062 -0065	98-101	Accum#1: Mantissa
0066	102	Accum#1: Sign
0067	103	Series evaluation constant pointer
0068	104	Accum#1 hi-order (overflow)
0069 -006E	105-110	Accum#2: Exponent, etc.
006F	111	Sign comparison, Acc#1 vs #2

0070		112	Accum#1 lo-order (rounding)
0071	-0072	113-114	Cassette buff len/Series pointer
0073	-008A	115-138	CHRGET subroutine; get Basic char
007A	-007B	122-123	Basic pointer (within subrtn)
008B	-008F	139-143	RND seed value
0090		144	Status word ST
0091		145	Keyswitch PIA: STOP and RVS flags
0092		146	Timing constant for tape
0093		147	Load = 0, Verify = 1
0094		148	Serial output: deferred char flag
0095		149	Serial deferred character
0096		150	Tape EOT received
0097		151	Register save
0098		152	How many open files
0099		153	Input device, normally 0
009A		154	Output CMD device, normally 3
009B		155	Tape character parity
009C		156	Byte-received flag
009D		157	Direct = \$80/RUN = 0 output control
009E		158	Tp Pass 1 error log/char buffer
009F		159	Tp Pass 2 err log corrected
00A0	-00A2	160-162	Jiffy Clock HML
00A3		163	Serial bit count/EOI flag
00A4		164	Cycle count
00A5		165	Countdown,tape write/bit count
00A6		166	Tape buffer pointer
00A7		167	Tp Wrt ldr count/Rd pass/inbit
00A8		168	Tp Wrt new byte/Rd error/inbit cnt
00A9		169	Wrt start bit/Rd bit err/stbit
00AA		170	Tp Scan;Cnt;Ld;End/byte assy
00AB		171	Wr lead length/Rd checksum/parity
00AC	-00AD	172-173	Pointer: tape bufr, scrolling
00AE	-00AF	174-175	Tape end adds/End of program
00B0	-00B1	176-177	Tape timing constants
00B2	-00B3	178-179	Pntr: start of tape buffer
00B4		180	1 = Tp timer enabled; bit count
00B5		181	Tp EOT/RS232 next bit to send
00B6		182	Read character error/outbyte buf
00B7		183	# characters in file name
00B8		184	Current logical file
00B9		185	Current secndy address
00BA		186	Current device
00BB	-00BC	187-188	Pointer to file name
00BD		189	Wr shift word/Rd input char
00BE		190	# blocks remaining to Wr/Rd
00BF		191	Serial word buffer
00C0		192	Tape motor interlock
00C1	-00C2	193-194	I/O start address
00C3	-00C4	195-196	Kernel setup pointer
00C5		197	Last key pressed
00C6		198	# chars in keybd buffer
00C7		199	Screen reverse flag
00C8		200	End-of-line for input pointer
00C9	-00CA	201-202	Input cursor log (row, column)
00CB		203	Which key: 64 if no key

00CC	204	0 = flash cursor
00CD	205	Cursor timing countdown
00CE	206	Character under cursor
00CF	207	Cursor in blink phase
00D0	208	Input from screen/from keyboard
00D1 -00D2	209-210	Pointer to screen line
00D3	211	Position of cursor on above line
00D4	212	0 = direct cursor, else programmed
00D5	213	Current screen line length
00D6	214	Row where cursor lives
00D7	215	Last inkey/checksum/buffer
00D8	216	# of INSERTs outstanding
00D9 -00F2	217-242	Screen line link table
00F3 -00F4	243-244	Screen color pointer
00F5 -00F6	245-246	Keyboard pointer
00F7 -00F8	247-248	RS-232 Rcv pntr
00F9 -00FA	249-250	RS-232 Tx pntr
00FF -010A	256-266	Floating to ASCII work area
0100 -013E	256-318	Tape error log
0100 -01FF	256-511	Processor stack area
0200 -0258	512-600	Basic input buffer
0259 -0262	601-610	Logical file table
0263 -026C	611-620	Device # table
026D -0276	621-630	Sec Adds table
0277 -0280	631-640	Keybd buffer
0281 -0282	641-642	Start of Basic Memory
0283 -0284	643-644	Top of Basic Memory
0285	645	Serial bus timeout flag
0286	646	Current color code
0287	647	Color under cursor
0288	648	Screen memory page
0289	649	Max size of keybd buffer
028A	650	Repeat all keys
028B	651	Repeat speed counter
028C	652	Repeat delay counter
028D	653	Keyboard Shift/Control flag
028E	654	Last shift pattern
028F -0290	655-656	Keyboard table setup pointer
0291	657	Keyboard shift mode
0292	658	0 = scroll enable
0293	659	RS-232 control reg
0294	660	RS-232 command reg
0295 -0296	661-662	Bit timing
0297	663	RS-232 status
0298	664	# bits to send
0299 -029A	665	RS-232 speed/code
029B	667	RS232 receive pointer
029C	668	RS232 input pointer
029D	669	RS232 transmit pointer
029E	670	RS232 output pointer
029F -02A0	671-672	IRQ save during tape I/O
02A1	673	CIA 2 (NMI) Interrupt Control
02A2	674	CIA 1 Timer A control log
02A3	675	CIA 1 Interrupt Log
02A4	676	CIA 1 Timer A enabled flag

02A5	677	Screen row marker	
02C0 -02FE	704-766	(Sprite 11)	
0300 -0301	768-769	Error message link	
0302 -0303	770-771	Basic warm start link	
0304 -0305	772-773	Crunch Basic tokens link	
0306 -0307	774-775	Print tokens link	
0308 -0309	776-777	Start new Basic code link	
030A -030B	778-779	Get arithmetic element link	
030C	780	SYS A-reg save	
030D	781	SYS X-reg save	
030E	782	SYS Y-reg save	
030F	783	SYS status reg save	
0310 -0312	784-785	USR function jump	(B248)
0314 -0315	788-789	Hardware interrupt vector	(EA31)
0316 -0317	790-791	Break interrupt vector	(FE66)
0318 -0319	792-793	NMI interrupt vector	(FE47)
031A -031B	794-795	OPEN vector	(F34A)
031C -031D	796-797	CLOSE vector	(F291)
031E -031F	798-799	Set-input vector	(F20E)
0320 -0321	800-801	Set-output vector	(F250)
0322 -0323	802-803	Restore I/O vector	(F333)
0324 -0325	804-805	INPUT vector	(F157)
0326 -0327	806-807	Output vector	(F1CA)
0328 -0329	808-809	Test-STOP vector	(F6ED)
032A -032B	810-811	GET vector	(F13E)
032C -032D	812-813	Abort I/O vector	(F32F)
032E -032F	814-815	Warm start vector	(FE66)
0330 -0331	816-817	LOAD link	(F4A5)
0332 -0333	818-819	SAVE link	(F5ED)
033C -03FB	828-1019	Cassette buffer	
0340 -037E	832-894	(Sprite 13)	
0380 -03BE	896-958	(Sprite 14)	
03C0 -03FE	960-1022	(Sprite 15)	
0400 -07FF	1024-2047	Screen memory	
0800 -9FFF	2048-40959	Basic RAM memory	
8000 -9FFF	32768-40959	Alternate: ROM plug-in area	
A000 -BFFF	40960-49151	ROM: Basic	
A000 -BFFF	49060-59151	Alternate: RAM	
C000 -CFFF	49152-53247	RAM memory, including alternate	
D000 -D02E	53248-53294	Video Chip (6566)	
D400 -D41C	54272-54300	Sound Chip (6581 SID)	
D800 -DBFF	55296-56319	Color nybble memory	
DC00 -DC0F	56320-56335	Interface chip 1, IRQ (6526 CIA)	
DD00 -DD0F	56576-56591	Interface chip 2, NMI (6526 CIA)	
D000 -DFFF	53248-53294	Alternate: Character set	
E000 -FFFF	57344-65535	ROM: Operating System	
E000 -FFFF	57344-65535	Alternate: RAM	
FF81 -FFF5	65409-65525	Jump Table, Including:	
FFC6		- Set Input channel	
FFC9		- Set Output channel	
FFCC		- Restore default I/O channels	
FFCF		- INPUT	
FFD2		- PRINT	
FFE1		- Test Stop key	
FFE4		- GET	

Commodore 64 - ROM Memory Map

A000;	ROM control vectors	AD1E;	Perform [NEXT]
A00C;	Keyword action vectors	AD78;	Type match check
A052;	Function vectors	AD9E;	Evaluate expression
A080;	Operator vectors	AEA8;	Constant - pi
A09E;	Keywords	AEF1;	Evaluate within brackets
A19E;	Error messages	AEF7;)
A328;	Error message vectors	AEFF;	comma..
A365;	Misc messages	AF08;	Syntax error
A38A;	Scan stack for FOR/GOSUB	AF14;	Check range
A3B8;	Move memory	AF28;	Search for variable
A3FB;	Check stack depth	AFA7;	Setup FN reference
A408;	Check memory space	AFE6;	Perform [OR]
A435;	'out of memory'	AFE9;	Perform [AND]
A437;	Error routine	B016;	Compare
A469;	BREAK entry	B081;	Perform [DIM]
A474;	'ready.'	B08B;	Locate variable
A480;	Ready for Basic	B113;	Check alphabetic
A49C;	Handle new line	B11D;	Create variable
A533;	Re-chain lines	B194;	Array pointer subroutine
A560;	Receive input line	E1A5;	Value 32768
A579;	Crunch tokens	B1B2;	Float-fixed
A613;	Find Basic line	B1D1;	Set up array
A642;	Perform [NEW]	B245;	'bad subscript'
A65E;	Perform [CLR]	B248;	'illegal quantity'
A68E;	Back up text pointer	B34C;	Compute array size
A69C;	Perform [LIST]	B37D;	Perform [FRE]
A742;	Perform [FOR]	B391;	Fix-float
A7ED;	Execute statement	B39E;	Perform [POS]
A81D;	Perform [RESTORE]	B3A6;	Check direct
A82C;	Break	B3B3;	Perform [DEF]
A82F;	Perform [STOP]	B3E1;	Check fn syntax
A831;	Perform [END]	B3F4;	Perform [FN]
A857;	Perform [CONT]	B465;	Perform [STR\$]
A871;	Perform [RUN]	B475;	Calculate string vector
A883;	Perform [GOSUB]	B487;	Set up string
A8A0;	Perform [GOTO]	B4F4;	Make room for string
A8D2;	Perform [RETURN]	B526;	Garbage collection
A8F8;	Perform [DATA]	B5DD;	Check salvageability
A906;	Scan for next statement	B606;	Collect string
A928;	Perform [IF]	B63D;	Concatenate
A93B;	Perform [REM]	B67A;	Build string to memory
A94B;	Perform [ON]	B6A3;	Discard unwanted string
A96B;	Get fixed point number	B6DB;	Clean descriptor stack
A9A5;	Perform [LET]	B6EC;	Perform [CHR\$]
AA80;	Perform [PRINT#]	B700;	Perform [LEFT\$]
AA86;	Perform [CMD]	B72C;	Perform [RIGHT\$]
AAA0;	Perform [PRINT]	B737;	Perform [MID\$]
AB1E;	Print string from (y.a)	B761;	Pull string parameters
AB3B;	Print format character	B77C;	Perform [LEN]
AB4D;	Bad input routine	B782;	Exit string-mode
AB7B;	Perform [GET]	B78B;	Perform [ASC]
ABA5;	Perform [INPUT#]	B79B;	Input byte paramter
ABBF;	Perform [INPUT]	B7AD;	Perform [VAL]
ABF9;	Prompt & input	B7EB;	Parameters for POKE/WAIT
AC06;	Perform [READ]	B7F7;	Float-fixed
ACFC;	Input error messages	B80D;	Perform [PEEK]
		B824;	Perform [POKE]
		B82D;	Perform [WAIT]

B849;	Add 0.5	E394;	Initialize
B850;	Subtract-from	E3A2;	CHRGET for zero page
B853;	Perform [subtract]	E3BF;	Initialize Basic
B86A;	Perform [add]	E447;	Vectors for \$300
B947;	Complement FAC#1	E453;	Initialize vectors
B97E;	'overflow'	E45F;	Power-up message
B983;	Multiply by zero byte	E500;	Get I/O address
B9EA;	Perform [LOG]	E505;	Get screen size
BA2B;	Perform [multiply]	E50A;	Put/get row/column
BA59;	Multiply-a-bit	E518;	Initializel/O
BA8C;	Memory to FAC#2	E544;	Clear screen
BAB7;	Adjust FAC#1/#2	E566;	Home cursor
BAD4;	Underflow/overflow	E56C;	Set screen pointers
BAE2;	Multiply by 10	E5A0;	Set I/O defaults
BAF9;	+ 10 in floating pt	E5B4;	Input from keyboard
BAFE;	Divide by 10	E632;	Input from screen
BB12;	Perform [divide]	E684;	Quote test
BBA2;	Memory to FAC#1	E691;	Setup screen print
BBC7;	FAC#1 to memory	E6B6;	Advance cursor
BBFC;	FAC#2 to FAC#1	E6ED;	Retreat cursor
BC0C;	FAC#1 to FAC#2	E701;	Back into previous line
BC1B;	Round FAC#1	E716;	Output to screen
BC2B;	Get sign	E87C;	Go to next line
BC39;	Perform [SGN]	E891;	Perform <return>
BC58;	Perform [ABS]	E8A1;	Check line decrement
BC5B;	Compare FAC#1 to mem	E8B3;	Check line increment
BC9B;	Float-fixed	E8CB;	Set color code
BCCC;	Perform [int]	E8DA;	Color code table
BCF3;	String to FAC	E8EA;	Scroll screen
BD7E;	Get ascii digit	E965;	Open space on screen
BDC2;	Print 'IN..'	E9C8;	Move a screen line
BDCD;	Print line number	E9E0;	Synchronize color transfer
BDDD;	Float to ascii	E9F0;	Set start-of-line
BF16;	Decimal constants	E9FF;	Clear screen line
BF3A;	TI constants	EA13;	Print to screen
BF71;	Perform [SQR]	EA24;	Synchronize color pointer
BF7B;	Perform [power]	EA31;	Interrupt - clock etc
BFB4;	Perform [negative]	EA87;	Read keyboard
BFED;	Perform [EXP]	EB79;	Keyboard select vectors
E043;	Series eval 1	EB81;	Keyboard 1 - unshifted
E059;	Series eval 2	EBC2;	Keyboard 2 - shifted
E097;	Perform [RND]	EC03;	Keyboard 3 - 'comm'
E0f9;	?? breakpoints ??	EC44;	Graphics/text contrl
E12A;	Perform [SYS]	EC4F;	Set graphics/text mode
E156;	Perform [SAVE]	EC78;	Keyboard 4
E165;	Perform [VERIFY]	ECB9;	Video chip setup
E168;	Perform [LOAD]	ECE7;	Shift/run equivalent
E1BE;	Perform [OPEN]	ECF0;	Screen ln address low
E1C7;	Perform [CLOSE]	ED09;	Send 'talk'
E1D4;	Parameters for LOAD/SAVE	ED0C;	Send 'listen'
E206;	Check default parameters	ED40;	Send to serial bus
E20E;	Check for comma	EDB2;	Serial timeout
E219;	Parameters for open/close	EDB9;	Send listen SA
E264;	Perform [COS]	EDBE;	Clear ATN
E26B;	Perform [SIN]	EDC7;	Send talk SA
E2B4;	Perform [TAN]	EDCC;	Wait for clock
E30E;	Perform [ATN]	EDDD;	Send serial deferred
E37B;	Warm restart	EDEF;	Send 'untalk'

EDEF;	Send 'unlisten'	F7D0;	Get buffer address
EE13;	Receive from serial bus	F7D7;	Set buffer start/end pointers
EE85;	Serial clock on	F7EA;	Find specific header
EE8E;	Serial clock off	F80D;	Bump tape pointer
EE97;	Serial output '1'	F817;	'press play..'
EEA0;	Serial output '0'	F82E;	Check tape status
EEA9;	Get serial in & clock	F838;	'press record..'
EEB3;	Delay 1 ms	F841;	Initiate tape read
EEBB;	RS-232 send	F864;	Initiate tape write
EF06;	Send new RS-232 byte	F875;	Common tape code
EF2E;	No-DSR error	F8D0;	Check tape stop
EF31;	No-CTS error	F8E2;	Set read timing
EF3B;	Disable timer	F92C;	Read tape bits
EF4A;	Compute bit count	FA60;	Store tape chars
EF59;	RS232 receive	FB8E;	Reset pointer
EF7E;	Setup to receive	FB97;	New character setup
EFC5;	Receive parity error	FBA6;	Send transition to tape
EFCA;	Receive overflow	FBC8;	Write data to tape
EFGD;	Receive break	FBCD;	IRQ entry point
EFD0;	Framing error	FC57;	Write tape leader
EFE1;	Submit to RS232	FC93;	Restore normal IRQ
F00D;	No-DSR error	FCB8;	Set IRQ vector
F017;	Send to RS232 buffer	FCCA;	Kill tape motor
F04D;	Input from RS232	FCD1;	Check r/w pointer
F086;	Get from RS232	FCDB;	Bump r/w pointer
F0A4;	Check serial bus idle	FCE2;	Power reset entry
F0BD;	Messages	FD02;	Check 8-rom
F12B;	Print if direct	FD10;	8-rom mask
F13E;	Get..	FD15;	Kernal reset
F14E;	..from RS232	FD1A;	Kernal move
F157;	Input	FD30;	Vectors
F199;	Get.. tape/serial/rs232	FD50;	Initialize system constnts
F1CA;	Output..	FD9B;	IRQ vectors
F1DD;	..to tape	FDA3;	Initialize I/O
F20E;	Set input device	FDDD;	Enable timer
F250;	Set output device	FDFF;	Save filename data
F291;	Close file	FE00;	Save file details
F30F;	Find file	FE07;	Get status
F31F;	Set file values	FE18;	Flag status
F32F;	Abort all files	FE1C;	Set status
F333;	Restore default I/O	FE21;	Set timeout
F34A;	Do file open	FE25;	Read/set top of memory
F3D5;	Send SA	FE27;	Read top of memory
F409;	Open RS232	FE2D;	Set top of memory
F49E;	Load program	FE34;	Read/set bottom of memory
F5AF;	'searching'	FE43;	NMI entry
F5C1;	Print filename	FE66;	Warm start
F5D2;	'loading/verifying'	FEB6;	Reset IRQ & exit
F5DD;	Save program	FEBC;	Interrupt exit
F68F;	Print 'saving'	FEC2;	RS-232 timing table
F69B;	Bump clock	FED6;	NMI RS-232 in
F6BC;	Log PIA key reading	FF07;	NMI RS-232 out
F6DD;	Get time	FF43;	Fake IRQ
F6E4;	Set time	FF48;	IRQ entry
F6ED;	Check stop key	FF81;	Jumbo jump table
F6FB;	Output error messages	FFFA;	Hardware vectors
F72D;	Find any tape headr		
F76A;	Write tape header		

Processor I/O Port (6510)

\$0000	IN	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	OUT	OUT	OUT	DDR	0
\$0001			Tape Motor	Tape Sense	Tape Write	D-ROM Switch	EF RAM Switch	AB RAM Switch	PR	1

SID (6581)

Voice 1	Voice 2	Voice 3				Voice 1	Voice 2	Voice 3	
\$D400	\$D407	\$D40E	Frequency			L	54272	54279	54286
\$D401	\$D408	\$D40F				H	54273	54280	54287
\$D402	\$D409	\$D410	Pulse Width			L	54274	54281	54288
\$D403	\$D40A	\$D411	0	0	0	0	54275	54282	54289
\$D404	\$D40B	\$D412	NSE	Voice Type: PUL, SAW, TRI		Key	54276	54283	54290
\$D405	\$D40C	\$D413	Attack Time 2ms - 8ms			Decay Time 6ms - 24 sec	54277	54284	54291
\$D406	\$D40D	\$D414	Sustain Level			Release Time 6ms - 24 sec	54278	54285	54292

Voices (write only)

\$D415	0	0	0	0	0	L	54293
\$D416	Filter Frequency					H	54294
\$D417	Resonance		Ext	Filter Voices V3 V2 V1			54295
\$D418	V3 off	Passband: HI BP LO		Master Volume			54296

Filter & Volume (write only)

\$D419	Paddle X (A/D #1)	54297
\$D41A	Paddle Y (A/D #2)	54298
\$D41B	Noise 3 (random)	54299
\$D41C	Envelope 3	54300

Sense (read only)

Note: Special Voice Features
(TEST, RING MOD, SYNC)
are omitted from the above diagram.

Commodore 64 Memory Map

Commodore 64 - RAM Memory Map

Hex	Decimal	Description
0000	0	Chip driver control register
0001	1	Chip I/O memory & tape control
0002	2	Hardware vector
0003	3	Flash-back vector
0004	4	Search character
0005	5	Non-unique flag
0006	6	Non-unique flag
0007	7	Non-unique flag
0008	8	Non-unique flag
0009	9	Non-unique flag
000A	10	Non-unique flag
000B	11	Input buffer pointer + substrip
000C	12	Input buffer pointer
000D	13	Input buffer pointer
000E	14	Type 80 + integer (0 = floating point)
000F	15	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0010	16	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0011	17	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0012	18	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0013	19	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0014	20	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0015	21	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0016	22	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0017	23	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0018	24	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0019	25	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
001A	26	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
001B	27	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
001C	28	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
001D	29	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
001E	30	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
001F	31	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0020	32	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0021	33	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0022	34	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0023	35	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0024	36	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0025	37	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0026	38	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0027	39	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0028	40	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0029	41	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
002A	42	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
002B	43	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
002C	44	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
002D	45	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
002E	46	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
002F	47	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0030	48	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0031	49	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0032	50	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0033	51	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0034	52	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0035	53	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0036	54	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0037	55	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0038	56	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0039	57	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
003A	58	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
003B	59	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
003C	60	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
003D	61	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
003E	62	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
003F	63	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0040	64	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0041	65	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0042	66	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0043	67	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0044	68	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0045	69	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0046	70	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0047	71	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0048	72	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0049	73	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
004A	74	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
004B	75	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
004C	76	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
004D	77	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
004E	78	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
004F	79	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0050	80	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0051	81	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0052	82	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0053	83	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0054	84	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0055	85	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0056	86	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0057	87	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0058	88	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0059	89	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
005A	90	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
005B	91	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
005C	92	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
005D	93	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
005E	94	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
005F	95	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0060	96	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0061	97	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0062	98	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0063	99	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0064	100	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0065	101	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0066	102	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0067	103	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0068	104	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
0069	105	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
006A	106	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
006B	107	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
006C	108	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
006D	109	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
006E	110	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag
006F	111	DATA scan LIST queue memory flag

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Hex	Decimal	Description
02A5	677	Screen row marker
02A6	704-706	Cursor timing (undrwn)
0300-0301	768-769	Error message link
0302	770	Printers link
0303	771	Printers link
0304	772-773	Printers link
0305	774-775	Printers link
0306-0307	776-777	Printers link
0308	778	Printers link
0309	779	Printers link
030A	780	Printers link
030B	781	Printers link
030C	782	Printers link
030D	783	Printers link
030E	784	Printers link
030F	785	Printers link
0310-0312	786-788	Printers link
0313	789	Printers link
0314	790	Printers link
0315	791	Printers link
0316	792	Printers link
0317	793	Printers link
0318	794	Printers link
0319	795	Printers link
031A	796	Printers link
031B	797	Printers link
031C	798	Printers link
031D	799	Printers link
031E	800	Printers link
031F	801	Printers link
0320	802	Printers link
0321	803	Printers link
0322	804	Printers link
0323	805	Printers link
0324	806	Printers link
0325	807	Printers link
0326	808	Printers link
0327	809	Printers link
0328	810	Printers link
0329	811	Printers link
032A	812	Printers link
032B	813	Printers link
032C	814	Printers link
032D	815	Printers link
032E	816	Printers link
032F	817	Printers link
0330	818	Printers link
0331	819	Printers link
0332	820	Printers link
0333	821	Printers link
0334	822	Printers link
0335	823	Printers link
0336	824	Printers link
0337	825	Printers link
0338	826	Printers link
0339	827	Printers link
033A	828	Printers link
033B	829	Printers link
033C	830	Printers link
033D	831	Printers link
033E	832	Printers link
033F	833	Printers link
0340	834	Printers link
0341	835	Printers link
0342	836	Printers link
0343	837	Printers link
0344	838	Printers link
0345	839	Printers link
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0347	841	Printers link
0348	842	Printers link
0349	843	Printers link
034A	844	Printers link
034B	845	Printers link
034C	846	Printers link
034D	847	Printers link
034E	848	Printers link
034F	849	Printers link
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0352	852	Printers link
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0355	855	Printers link
0356	856	Printers link
0357	857	Printers link
0358	858	Printers link
0359	859	Printers link
035A	860	Printers link
035B	861	Printers link
035C	862	Printers link
035D	863	Printers link
035E	864	Printers link
035F	865	Printers link
0360	866	Printers link
0361	867	Printers link
0362	868	Printers link
0363	869	Printers link
0364	870	Printers link
0365	871	Printers link
0366	872	Printers link
0367	873	Printers link
0368	874	Printers link
0369	875	Printers link
036A	876	Printers link
036B	877	Printers link
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036D	879	Printers link
036E	880	Printers link
036F	881	Printers link
0370	882	Printers link
0371	883	Printers link
0372	884	Printers link
0373	885	Printers link
0374	886	Printers link
0375	887	Printers link
0376	888	Printers link
0377	889	Printers link
0378	890	Printers link
0379	891	Printers link
037A	892	Printers link
037B	893	Printers link
037C	894	Printers link
037D	895	Printers link
037E	896	Printers link
037F	897	Printers link
0380	898	Printers link
0381	899	Printers link
0382	900	Printers link
0383	901	Printers link
0384	902	Printers link
0385	903	Printers link
0386	904	Printers link
0387	905	Printers link
0388	906	Printers link
0389	907	Printers link
038A	908	Printers link
038B	909	Printers link
038C	910	Printers link
038D	911	Printers link
038E	912	Printers link
038F	913	Printers link
0390	914	Printers link
0391	915	Printers link
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0393	917	Printers link
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0397	921	Printers link
0398	922	Printers link
0399	923	Printers link
039A	924	Printers link
039B	925	Printers link
039C	926	Printers link
039D	927	Printers link
039E	928	Printers link
039F	929	Printers link
03A0	930	Printers link
03A1	931	Printers link
03A2	932	Printers link
03A3	933	Printers link
03A4	934	Printers link
03A5	935	Printers link
03A6	936	Printers link
03A7	937	Printers link
03A8	938	Printers link
03A9	939	Printers link
03AA	940	Printers link
03AB	941	Printers link
03AC	942	Printers link
03AD	943	Printers link
03AE	944	Printers link
03AF	945	Printers link
03B0	946	Printers link
03B1	947	Printers link
03B2	948	Printers link
03B3	949	Printers link
03B4	950	Printers link
03B5	951	Printers link
03B6	952	Printers link
03B7	953	Printers link
03B8	954	Printers link
03B9	955	Printers link
03BA	956	Printers link
03BB	957	Printers link
03BC	958	Printers link
03BD	959	Printers link
03BE	960	Printers link
03BF	961	Printers link
03C0	962	Printers link
03C1	963	Printers link
03C2	964	Printers link
03C3	965	Printers link
03C4	966	Printers link
03C5	967	Printers link
03C6	968	Printers link
03C7	969	Printers link
03C8	970	Printers link
03C9	971	Printers link
03CA	972	Printers link
03CB	973	Printers link
03CC	974	Printers link
03CD	975	Printers link
03CE	976	Printers link
03CF	977	Printers link
03D0	978	Printers link
03D1	979	Printers link
03D2	980	Printers link
03D3	981	Printers link
03D4	982	Printers link
03D5	983	Printers link
03D6	984	Printers link
03D7	985	Printers link
03D8	986	Printers link
03D9	987	Printers link
03DA	988	Printers link
03DB	989	Printers link
03DC	990	Printers link
03DD	991	Printers link
03DE	992	Printers link
03DF	993	Printers link
03E0	994	Printers link
03E1	995	Printers link
03E2	996	Printers link
03E3	997	Printers link
03E4	998	Printers link
03E5	999	Printers link
03E6	1000	Printers link
03E7	1001	Printers link
03E8	1002	Printers link
03E9	1003	Printers link
03EA	1004	Printers link
03EB	1005	Printers link
03EC	1006	Printers link
03ED	1007	Printers link
03EE	1008	Printers link
03EF	1009	Printers link
03F0	1010	Printers link
03F1	1011	Printers link
03F2	1012	Printers link
03F3	1013	Printers link
03F4	1014	Printers link
03F5	1015	Printers link
03F6	1016	Printers link
03F7	1017	Printers link
03F8	1018	Printers link
03F9	1019	Printers link
03FA	1020	Printers link
03FB	1021	Printers link
03FC	1022	Printers link
03FD	1023	Printers link
03FE	1024	Printers link
03FF	1025	Printers link
0400	1026	Printers link
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040B	1037	Printers link
040C	1038	Printers link
040D	1039	Printers link
040E	1040	Printers link
040F	1041	Printers link
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0419	1051	Printers link
041A	1052	Printers link
041B	1053	Printers link
041C	1054	Printers link
041D	1055	Printers link
041E	1056	Printers link
041F	1057	Printers link
0420	1058	Printers link
0421	1059	Printers link
0422	1060	Printers link
0423	1061	Printers link
0424	1062	Printers link
0425	1063	Printers link
0426	1064	Printers link
0427	1065	Printers link
0428	1066	Printers link
0429	1067	Printers link
042A	1068	Printers

CIA 1 (IRQ) (6526)

\$DC00	Paddle Set A	Fire	Right	Joystick 0 Left	Down	Up
\$DC01		Fire	Right	Joystick 1 Left	Down	Up
\$DC02		Keyboard Column Read				
\$DC03		\$FF - All Output				
\$DC04		\$10 - All Input				
\$DC05		Timer A				
\$DC06		Timer B				
\$DC07						
\$DC0D		Tape Input	One Shot	Timer Interrupt B	Time PB5 Out	Timer A Start
\$DC0E			Out Mode	Time PB6 Out	Timer B Start	
\$DC0F			One Shot	Time PB7 Out	Timer A Start	Timer B Start

CIA 2 (NMI) (6526)

\$DD00	Serial IN	Clock IN	ATN IN	RS-232 OUT	VIC II addr 11
\$DD01	DSR IN	CDS IN	RT* IN	DTR OUT	RTS-232 OUT
\$DD02			\$3F - Serial		
\$DD03		\$00 - P.L.P. All Input	or	\$06 - RS-232	
\$DD04				Timer A	
\$DD05				Timer B	
\$DD06					
\$DD07					
\$DD0D		RS-232 IN		Timer Interrupt A	Time PB7 Out
\$DD0E				Timer B Start	
\$DD0F				Timer A Start	Timer B Start

* Connected but not used by O.S.

Processor I/O Port (6510)

\$0000	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	OUT	OUT	OUT	OUT	OUT	DDR 0
\$0001		Tape Motor	Sense	Write	RAM Switch	RAM Switch	RAM Switch	RAM Switch	RAM Switch	PR 1

SID (6581)

Voice 1	Voice 2	Voice 3
\$D400	\$D407	\$D40F
\$D401	\$D408	\$D410
\$D402	\$D409	\$D411
\$D403	\$D40A	\$D412
\$D404	\$D40B	\$D413
\$D405	\$D40C	\$D414
\$D406	\$D40D	\$D415

L	H
Frequency	
L	H
Pulse Width	
0	0
Attack Time	Key
PUL - SAW	Decay Time
2ms - 8ms	6ms - 24 sec.
Sustain Level	Release Time
	rms, 24 sec.

Voices (write only)

\$D115	0	0	0	0	0	L	51293
\$D116						H	51294
\$D117							51295
\$D118							51296

Resonance	Filter Voices
Ext. V3	V2
Ext. V1	
Master Volume	
BP	LD

Filter & Volume (write only)

\$D119	Paddle X (A/D*1)	51297
\$D11A	Paddle Y (A/D*2)	51298
\$D11B	Voice 3 (random)	51299
\$D11C	Envelope 3	51300

Sense (read only)

Note: Special Voice Features (TEST, RING, MOD, SYNC) are omitted from the above diagram.

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type, they are performed in order from left to right. We can use parentheses to show you better how the VIC actually sets up this calculation. The VIC performs the calculations in order as shown and displays 11 as the answer.

Calculation Trail	Specific Operation Each Time
$10*(2 \uparrow 2)/4+3-2$	$2*2 = 4$
$(10*4)/4+3-2$	$10*4 = 40$
$(40/4)+3-2$	$40/4 = 10$
$(10+3)-2$	$10+3 = 13$
$(13-2)$	$13-2 = 11$

You could **change** this calculation by adding parentheses, like this:

```
PRINT10*2 ↑ 2/(4+3-2)
```

In this case, the VIC will first perform the exponentiation, then the multiplication . . . but before dividing, it will do the parenthetical operation. The calculation trail now looks like this:

$10*2 \uparrow 2/(4+3-2)$	$(4+3-2) = 5$
$10*2 \uparrow 2/5$	$2 \uparrow 2 = 4$
$(10*4)/5$	$10*4 = 40$
$40/5$	$40/5 = 8$

Using Numbers in Programs

This part of our "magical" VIC tour is going to show you how to use numbers in your programs.

You can use numbers in your BASIC programs — not only directly, like you'd use numbers in counting or calculating — but also **indirectly** in the form of **variables** that can change as a number changes.

Our previous section gave you a quick introduction to calculation on the VIC. We mostly worked in the DIRECT MODE. Our next step is to explore how to use numbers in your BASIC PROGRAMS.

Let's begin with a short example.

```
10 INPUTX      (and hit RETURN)
20 PRINTX*10   (and hit RETURN)
30 GOTO10      (and hit RETURN)
```

Type RUN to start the program. Now type **any number** and hit RETURN. The VIC multiples your number by 10 and gives you the result. If you wanted to multiply your number by 10 percent, or by pi or by any other number, all you have to do is change the 10 in line 20 to something else. Also, the calculation in line 20 could also be division, addition, subtraction, or any other calculation.

The key to this program is the INPUT statement in line 10, which accepts the number YOU type in, and assigns it the value X. After it multiplies your number times 10 and PRINTs the result, the program loops back and asks for another number, which becomes the "new X."

To really understand how this program works . . . and in fact how most number-oriented programs work . . . you should understand **numeric variables**.

Numeric Variables

The concept of variables is explained in the VIC user manual, but this is one of the hardest computing concepts to grasp, so we're going to talk you through it gradually.

A variable is like a code. Numeric variables are like codes the VIC uses — and which you can use — to stand for a number. Numeric variables help the VIC remember and manipulate numbers — even change them — in a program. You can use variables for words, letters, phrases and graphics, too, but in this discussion we'll concentrate on those variables we use to represent numbers.

There are LEGAL and ILLEGAL variable names. Numeric variable names can be a single letter, two letters, or a letter and a number. Examples are: A, X, AA, AB, P1, R4, AB2, MU5. A special kind of numeric variable, which limits the value to an integer (whole number, no fractions or decimals) has a % sign as the last character (Examples: A%, AB%, P1%, R4%).

The other type of variable is called a "string variable." Here, numbers are used like words instead of **values** (e.g., a zip code or phone number). String variables end in a \$ sign (Examples: A\$, AB\$) and are mostly used to specify letters, words, phrases, graphic symbols and descriptive numbers. If you tell the VIC that X=19406 then the VIC interprets the X as the **value** 19,406. But if you want that number to be descriptive, like a zip code, then you tell the VIC that X\$=19406 and the number 19406 will be used like a word or phrase instead of a value.

How Variables Work

If I say X=10 then I have just created a **variable** and from now on the letter X stands for the number 10. You might ask why we don't just use the number 10 but in a moment we'll show you why using an X gives the VIC more calculating power and program flexibility.

If I tell the VIC X=10, then any time I use the variable X in my program, the VIC will think of it as the number 10. If I tell the VIC to PRINTX, the VIC PRINTs the number 10. Let's test this assumption. Type this:

```
NEW          (and hit RETURN — to erase
              previous program)
X=10        (and hit RETURN)
```

We've told the VIC that the variable X equals 10. We can do this in DIRECT (IMMEDIATE) mode, without using line numbers. The VIC will automatically store these variables in its memory . . . although the variables may be changed or erased if we RUN a program. Let's continue. Type this:

```
PRINTX      (and hit RETURN)
```

The VIC responds by displaying the number 10. That's because we created the X variable

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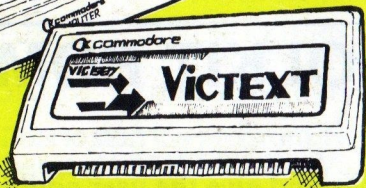
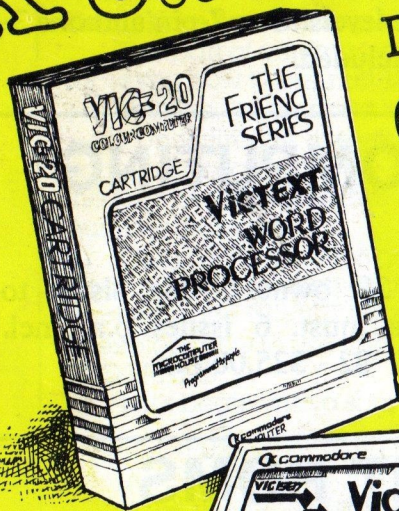
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