

# Commodore Eight-Bit Boosters May Newsletter

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The CEBB meets monthly at the Beaver Creek Library. A short business meeting is followed by a prepared program of general interest of Commodore 64/128 users. At its conclusion, members may enjoy various services such as the Public Domain Software Library. Visitors are always welcome and membership is open to the general public. All Commodore Systems are supported. Come join us for a fun experience! Doors open at 6:30 pm at 3618 Dayton-Xenia Rd on announced meetings. Membership Dues are \$12.00 per year.

President John Feigleson Vice President Phil Longo Treasurer Michael Dornbusch  
Senior Board Member Vacant Junior Board Member Fred Middleton

## Last Meeting

The meeting was started at 7:05 by the Vice President. It was announced the the President will still be hospitalized. The computerfest tables were briefly discussed. Information handouts were distributed on spinner disk with Die Hard Magazine. The new magazine from CMD handout, "4 C'er" newsletter, Toledo newsletter. The Treasurer reported \$219.12 in the treasury. The Librarian still needs volunteers. Computer fest was discussed. The Vice Presidents wife will be TDY to England and will be looking for Commodore support sources in her spare time. There is a company running a census on commodore for possible importing of Software, Hardware. Meeting closed 7:36.

There were 19 Members and Guest present for the meeting.

## The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on the 29th (Wednesday) of June, at the Beaver Creek Library Activity room. Located at 3618 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Commodore 64/128 machines primarily. Guest are always welcome to visit and seek help in the fun experience of computing. We do support a limited MS-DOS public domain library.

## Commodore Census

Omnicon Inc. is conducting a survey of commodore users for the purpose to determine the feasibility of importing European Software for commodore users. If you wish to participate in this census you can write at the address listed below with information on equipment, software support you would like to see, or have need for your use. We will have a form at the meeting to fill out if you wish. This information was provided by the Four "C" ER Group in Cincinnati.

Omnicon Inc.  
Official Commodore 8 Bit Census  
1406 Euclid #1  
Berksley, Ca. 94708-1944

## Die Schwarze Katze BBS

(513)-237-0268

This BBS serves the members of the CEBB as well as the general public. We are running three BBS's online serving the Commodore 64/128 Amiga, and the MS-DOS machines. These are there for your enjoyment and use. We are in the process of upgrading all three BBS's. Newer software and more games, and files. If you need help getting started in the world of telecommunications attend one of our meetings to obtain help and information. We have public domain terminal programs for all machines. There will be someone there to assist you with yours.

## Commodore Census

I personally think we have more talent here in the good ole USA. We have to find it or get it developed again. Who has the greatest number of Bulletin Boards, Information Networks, and lead the industry in software development. Programmers flourished here in development of software for the commodore. Where have they all gone. Look what GEOS done for commodore before MS-DOS come out with windows. Most of them went to MS-DOS for example Ensemble 2.0 or commonly known as GeoWorks. What we as Commodore users have to do is generate a need for these programmers to take a second look at the market and for us to clean out the closet and start using the machine that changed, and set the pace for todays demands.

We die hards have to support the clubs and continue to search for sources, programmers, and companies willing to carry the software we all have been accustomed to using. I have MS-DOS machines, but I still enjoy using my 64, and 128. Geos still has the best, easiest software to use especially if you are using the REU unit. I will always treasure and use my commodore machines, of which I have about nine of them. Michael Dornbusch (Black Cat)

## *Hamvention 94!*

Hamvention got off to a great start this year. All the spaces were sold out. This year as last I started on Friday. Arriving at Ham, I went to the flea market area. Things I saw were 1541 drives at \$15.00-\$80.00 ea. (working). There were several 64 computers \$20.00-\$60.00 ea, 128 systems with monocrome monitors for about \$125.00, and an SX-64 for \$25.00 without cables. Needless to say the cheap things were gone the second time around the market. I purchased a Super Snap Shot version 5.0 for \$25.00. I also purchased Geo Publish for \$8.00. I now have to locate the manual as the manual was missing from the box. The vendors inside had a 3 1/2 drive for my MS-DOS for \$35.00 (TEC) and now that is in the 286 machine that Wildcat is installed on the BBS. There was a 101 AT keyboard for \$16.95 which was for the 286. Great buys were everywhere. Radio Shack had radio control cars at bargain prices (\$5.00) and they worked fine. I purchased one for parts to fix one that a friend of mine asked me to work on for his son. Well arriving home, my son saw it and the next day we were purchasing several bigger cars. We fixed them with spare parts from the other cars. We now have six radio control cars (working) and enough spare parts to keep them running. They are a lot of fun with the dog we have. He loves to chase and chew on them. Unfortunately they operate on the same channel so we cannot race them which was the original intent.

It was unfortunate that the weather spoiled the next two days of hamvention. I had prepared myself with the proper rain gear, but most vendors had to cover their wares. The operations inside the arena were booming though. I understand through the news cast that even having the bad weather it was one of the largest attended events yet. They said there were approximately 34,000 that attended the event. When it was raining and I went inside to shop it was so crowded that I would estimate it at 40,000. I had fun, my son had fun and maybe next year the sun will shine on you! Don't miss it next year. Remember the up coming Computerfest. Its your last chance this year to shop until you drop! (Black Cat)

### *We Missed Your Presence*

We have missed two members because of illness. We want to send out our best wishes to John Feigleson our president, and to Paul Peters and family. We miss you at our meetings.

We wish you a speedy recovery and see you soon at one of the meetings.

*Get Well Quick!*

## *The Last Demo*

The Demo at the last meeting by Phil Longo was very impressive. For those of you who missed it, I thought it was an exceptional demo of what the commodore 64 can do against the big machines (Commodore Colt) MS-Dos. The demo's consisted of 1. Drag Racing Analyzer, 2. Muscle Builder, 3. Racer's Edge. These were three fine examples of how the 64 can perform with the proper programs. It processed the data just as fast as the MS-DOS, had the same menus, and presented the same answer. This is a program that racers can run at the track if the 64 is converted to 12 volt operation (see radio amateur magazine). The biggest difference between the demo's was the price. It just goes to show that with the proper programmer, software, and interest in this machine (that still amazes me), you can do anything. You missed a excellent demo and I'm sure if there is enough interest we can convince Phil to do another.

### *Last Request for Volunteers*

Help is still needed with sections or part of sections of our library as outlined in the last two newsletters. Present areas in work are 64,128 games, telecommunications, productivity, geos, utilities, and print shop graphics. This task is being done by members having special interest in these areas. Volunteers are asked to take not more than one area, or part of one to review. If you are interested in helping with your library, please contact Phil. Areas of interest not asked for yet include the following: 128 productivity, 128 utilities, 128 telecom, computsoft 64, commodore PD, Music, Comal, Education, Tpug, Misc disk and demos.

### *Computer Fest Comming*

Computer fest will be comming to Hara Arena the last weekend of August. This is an event no computer enthusiast wants to miss. We plan to get three tables at this years event if approved at this months meeting. The last event we had three tables for the club. It was a lot of fun. It helped introduce The Eight Bit Boosters to the general public. It was for members to sell the excess equipment, software, and other computer related stuff they had. Due to the cost of the tables this year, if approved we will charge a small fee for items sold. If you wish to volunteer your time for computer fest, please be at this meeting. If you wish to provide items to sell make your list and submit it to the treasurer so we can make arrangements for transportation, and packing.

## *News From The Librarian*

by Phil Longo

### *Who Da Thunkit!*

Would you believe that one more month has zipped by without a letter from my wife? I get no respect at home either. I know this is no surprise to all of you, but I was hoping I would hear something by now on what is the most important thing that is happening on her trip. You know what I am talkin bout, did she pickup any info or stuff for my 64 over there. I guess I would know only if I act interested in her work she went over there for. O.K., Here goes. How ya doin? What's going on with your job? (boaring). Are you having a good time touring Big Ben? To find out the answers to these questions and even the more important ones, come to the meeting and I'll Phil ya in!

### *Has anyone seen the missing Link?*

You know what I are talk'in bout? Ya know, I done forgot to tell ya who won all the door prizes in the last newsletter. Here goes: The big one went to Bill and the others were Keith, Pat, Gil, Daren, Clarence, and Peter that got software, magazines and products. Next month, we have more donation's from ICE & Mercial Computers.

### *Be in Cool*

Well, the wife just called and I guess I asked the wrong question or just out of order stuff cause I be in deep do-do! I can't understand what could be so important about knowing what is happening here cause she can't do squat about it from over there anyway. So what if the kid got pitched out of day care, the timing belt broke off her car (so I am driving my truck that has got a blowup engine) and the neighbors are raise'n heav'en about the 2 1/2 foot grass I ain't cut cause of the rain. I guess it is off to Brussels now and then home for a day before she is going to Canada for 3 more days. Gee, I am supposed to feel amis over this world traveller. Now, if you think this is bad english, ya should a heard hers! All she wants to talk about is all the Amiga stuff everywhere. At least she is on the right track, ah? Action replay is very popular overthere so either something is wrong or my priorities are messed up.

Grrrrr! Laddy, Squire, Fellow-me-Lad, Boyo, Wipper Snapper, Rubbish-Praise Be, What are ya ears hearinall this pile-o-poo?

### *Contact!!*

At this point, an American stationed in England is going to send us some info and get us to exchange news letters with a users group in the U.K. With every journey, it starts at the begining with the first step.

## *Here I go Again!*

Do any of you want a commerical Library? Was this a bad idea or all of you happy with what you have and need not be bothered with the grim details? I need your input on whether to pursue this or use this effort elsewhere. Call me, Mike, Fred, John or anyone willing to tell me what ya thinkin.

## *Here I go Again, Again!*

Is anyone going to call as above to tell us what ya think of a different meeting day/night for the weekend or otherwise? I promise not to question anything and won't print anything you say unless ya want ta and/or the rest of the membership might get somethin-out-a-it.

## *Software Review*

While John was in the hospital, I got a chance to check out a game he let me see. It is an import from you know where but it's on something that is American as Apple Pie.

"Elvira", Mistress of the Dark. In this, you play a roll or too and there is some neet graphics, but the subject is very pure as a who-done-it.

The new characters included are much different than you would expect from a late nite show hostess. The setting is typical with castles, shackels, knights, monsters, werewolves and vampires. It is totally icon-driven with turbo loading of graphical access, 6 sides of 3 disk, hundreds of locations, real time fighting hand to hand, with a secret spell book for mixing spells and potions. You will get lost in the catacombs and the wicked "Emelda" will be, of course, there to challenge you again and again. There are lots of levels and the story is not the same every time so you won't get board. I guess I ain't the Roll-Playing type but for her, I'll learn to be.

## *Meeting Agenda*

Meeting Starts at 7 PM.

Officers Reports

Old Business

New Business

(Phils report on his Wife's Contacts in the U.K.)

Close Meeting

Have Fun/Demo/Round Table Discussion.

## *We Still Need Input!*

We still need articles to input to the newsletter. Your ideas no matter what may count to other members. Things you found, short cuts, contacts you have made. No matter how short the article is, its news!

## Items For Sale/Trade

The following items are for sale or trade as indicated. You may call and make offers on the items listed here. (o) is make offer.

Tandy Model DWP-210 printer (o) 236-5528  
Vic-1515 printer (o) 236-5528  
Commodore 64/128, 1571, 80 Column monitor  
Okidata 120 printer, games, software, joy  
stick (275.00) 236-5961  
C-64, 1541, Okidata 120 printer (no monitor)  
(\$130.00 or offer) 278-1136  
Okidata UA83a wide carriage for the IBM  
(\$70.00 or offer) 236-5528  
C-64, 1541, 1701 color monitor joystick,  
software (\$120.00 or offer) 356-2330  
Wanted Vic-20 manual please call  
Joe Mahlmeister 419-224-5472 or 236-5528  
Wanted Geopublish manual or geopublish  
that isn't working with manual 236-5528

## Help is Available

For help in the following areas contact after 5pm evenings the following:

BBS Michael Dornbusch 236-5528  
Library Phil Longo 237-8768  
Software Fred Middleton 252-9624  
Geos John Feigleson (at meetings)  
Hardware Fred Middleton 252-9624  
Repair Michael Dornbusch 236-5528

News letter John Feigleson or Michael Dornbusch at the meetings. You can volunteer your time answering questions by submitting your name to the editor.

## About this newsletter

About this newsletter. This newsletter was produced on a commodore 128, using geopaint and an IBM printer. The contents was written by notes of the treasurer. Any spelling, or grammar errors is entirely the fault of the treasurer. Other articles are identified by the author. If you find any errors please submit your articles for print!

## News Facts!

The Government gave the right for Commodore to complete bankruptcy! (in the USA) Stocks were \$3.00 on 12/31/93 and down to \$0.75 on 04/20/94 per share. Tell you anything? ( source was Industry Report)

## Rumor Mill

It is rumored that Sony has expressed interest in marketing the Commodore Franchise in the U.S. I think if you watch the stocks and they change upward the rumor might be true. If not where does that leave us "Die Hard Users"

## Our Thanks To

Our thanks goes out to Gary Benedict who kindly donated his old commodore system to the Eight-Bit Boosters. This consisted of a Zenith monochrome monitor, C-64, Vic 1541, and software. We will use it in the club. Our thanks again Gary.

## Swap Table

Yes folks the swap table is still active in the club meetings. I guess most people have cleaned out the closets. The table will always be there for swap or for sale items. You can list them in the letter or bring them to the meetings.

## The Myth of Speed!

(not drugs)

The Myth of Speed will be a round table discussion at this meeting. Phil will chair the table discussion and it might prove interesting to be there and join in.

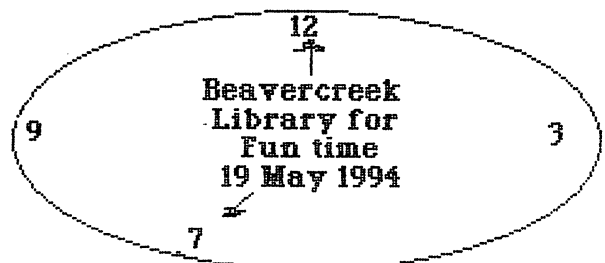
## Reviews Needed!

If you have a favorite software program, hardware item, or just want to chew the fat so to speak, you can submit your legible notes to the editor for print. Needed items are software reviews. You can check out programs that are in the library for review. It is large and there are many there buried that need to be sorted out, reviewed and with a good programmer modified for more flexibility. Not every program has it all. You get a program and modify it to suit your needs. There are some good ones in there so lets dust them off. Get your review in print.

## Have a Happy Vacation

If you are going on vacation look around and enjoy yourselves. When you return you can share your trip with us who by choice, or not don't take one. You can share it right here in your newsletter.

Information is only good if you record it, compare it, share it. Have a good trip and return safely.



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