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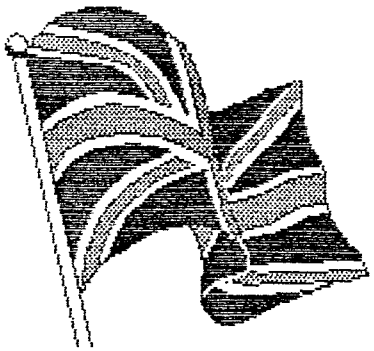

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It has been another quite hectic month, with 12 new members and another 2 or 3 who have written with enquiries but have yet to join us. We now total 48, of the new members 4 are from Australia which is due entirely to the efforts of Peter Hunt. So our country totals are now Oz 6, Germany 4, Belgium 1 (and we have probable from Malta). We are unfortunatley loosing one member, Steven Preston of N. Ireland and GeoCellar fame has gone Amiga, I make no further comment.

Now 2 sad tales, the first one concerns the TIB 3.5" disk drives that have been given some publicity in this publication over the past 2 months. One of our members in Milton Keynes ordered one at the beginning of March, they promised a 2-3 day delivery it in fact took over 4 weeks. When it did arrive it did not work satisfactory and a number of telephone calls were made with return calls promised by the manufacturers that never materialised. The last I heard was a refund had been requested, lets hope

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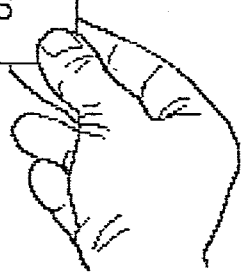
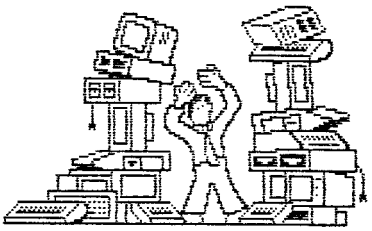


Commodore Trade Fairs

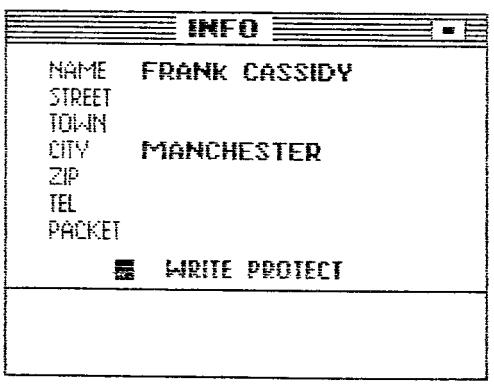


The following article appeared in the April addition of the German C64'er magazine. It concerns the European Commodore Group, which have done very well as far as sales are concerned in the past number of years in Germany. The aim of the article is mainly to keep you in the picture, as to whats happening over here!

After the poor results of the Systems Trade Fair in Munich, and the similar results of the Orgstech trade Fair in Cologne the year before last; Commodore has changed it's tactics at least on the Trade Fair front, in Germany!! To solve the problem it has been decided that a change of style is needed, and that a new Trade Fair should be introduced, which Commodore can call their own! It is for this reason that Commodore will not be taking part in any other Trade Fair in Germany in future, with exception to CEBIT; the annual Hannover Trade Fair, which takes place every year! instead they have decided to keep their presence to a minimum and hold a trade Fair of their own each year. To aid them in this they have sought help from a professional Organisation Team called; **Fairs and Fun.** This team is to help Commodore build up a professional and attractive Trade Fair working appearance. This will affect all aspects of the new "Trade Fair Look", and include the Sales, Presentation, as well as the "fun side" of things. All aspects of Commodore Computers will be incorporated, from the C64/C128, through Amigas to the PC's and include all other peripherals on offer from Commodore. The Trade Fair is to take place in the Frankfurt Trade Fair Centre. Commodore are also interested in getting as many software firms, hardware companies, & User clubs to take part on their very own trade Fair.

A name for the Fair has not yet been thought up (as of 29.03.1992), but the first one to take place will be between 26.11.1992 - 29.11.1992, whereby the 26.11 is reserved for the professionelly interested to have a snoop around. Entry Prices should be DM 10.- for school children, DM 15.- for Adults and DM25.- for the business clientel.

:-) Roy
(2.9DM = €1 Ed.)



geoWIZARD

GeoWizard a program by Jim Collette is a GEOS accessory I would certainly not like to be without, it pushes the C64/C128 and GEOS further than it has been pushed before and much further than was ever envisaged when these machines were first designed. It will allow Screen Dumps from any Screen not just the desk top etc. and it is what I use to create all my screen dumps. It will allow you to jump from a GeoWrite page into a GeoPaint page and then back to the GeoWrite page very much like multi-tasking. For me personally what makes it so special is that it will get you out of most "SYSTEM ERROR" 's and return you to Desk Top with the RAM Disk intact.

The program is made for REU'S and you must have at least one 64K bank free in order to run it. When loaded, it sits resident in this spare 64K bank waiting to be activated. Then with a simple mouse click it temporarily takes over the running of the computer. Included with GeoWizard is MiniDesk which as it's name implies is a miniDesk Top which allows the normal manipulations like Copy, Scratch, ReName etc and it is ideal to have on your RamDisk to enable you to move about your programes quickly and efficiently. No need to quit one program to run another for example if you're in the middle of writing an article in GeoWrite and remember that you have left a photo album on another disk, just call up GeoWizard, load MiniDesk swap over to that drive collect the album bring it onto the RamDisk you are working on and then back into your GeoWrite file, it saves a tremendous amount of time. It also supports multiple file selection and 3 drives so files can be moved between drives easily.

GeoWizard can be started by double-clicking it's icon from the Desk Top, it will then install it'self and display a dialogue box telling you that it is sucessfully installed in the REU and which bank it is in. It will Auto.EXEC. if placed on your boot disk and so will automatically install itself each time you boot up.

To activate press the Back arrow key and the mouse button together and a dialogue box will appear across the top of the screen.. This gives a choice of ScreenDump, LoadDA, LoadProgram, QuitToDeskTop, ReBoot.. If for example you are in GeoWrite and need a graphic that is in a GeoPaint file. Activate GeoWizard and LoadProgram, choose GeoPaint from the dislogue box, copy the graphic into a PhotoScrap, quit GeoPaint and that brings you back into GeoWrite where you left off ready to paste the graphic into your GeoWrite document.

At present this program is not available from any source within the U.K. so you will have to order direct from **Complex-Software, 6782, Junction Road, Pavilion, New York 14525 U.S.A.**, it costs $16.50. When ordering please mention geoNEWS, anyone not happy buying products direct from abroad please contact me I may be able to help.

To determine if you can use geoWizard calculate the following.

Divide your RAM size by 64 then subtract 1

For example if you have a 512K devided by 64 = 8-1 = 7.

Subtract for each RamDisk the following,

RAM 1541/Shadowed 1541 -3

RAM 1571 -6, RAM 1581 -12. If you are left with a number greater than 0, geoWIZARD will run on your system.

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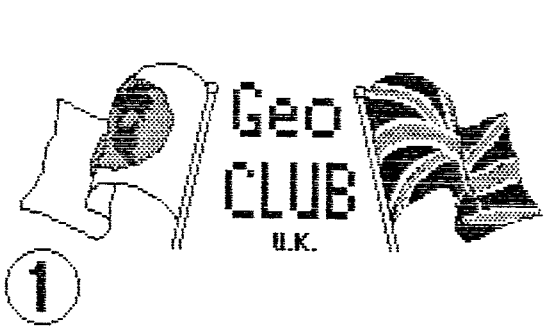

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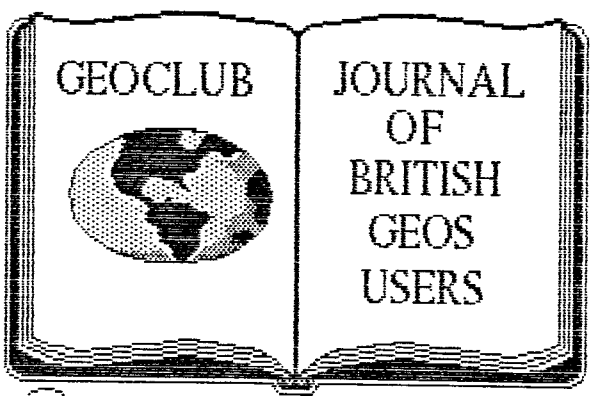

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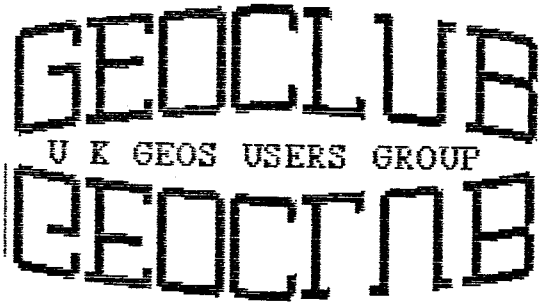

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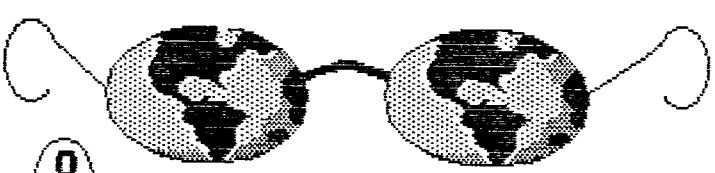

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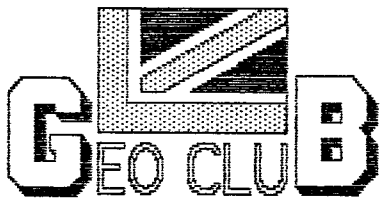

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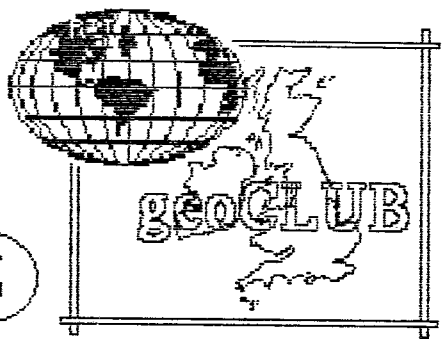

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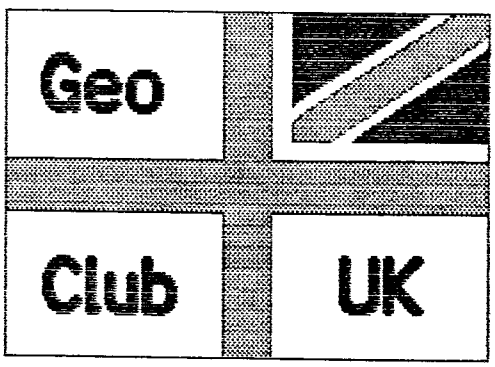

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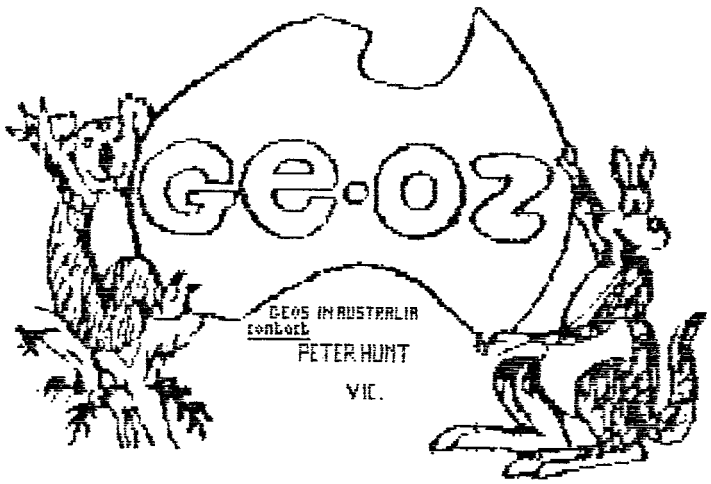


I was asked to write a short article about the GEOS scene here in Australia. I would first like to tell you all a little about myself, where I live and my life here downunder. I was born in Watford Herts in England and I have lived in Australia for the past 22 years so that makes me a POM (person born in England). I bought my trusty old Commodore 128 computer and disk drive some 6 years ago and stared getting interested in GEOS about 2 years ago, I still have a lot to learn and there is a great deal I wish to find out. I saw Frank's letter in Commodore Disk User and I wrote him a letter as I felt he was a fellow user, he wrote back enclosing a copy of his first newsletter called geoNEWS. I subscribed soon after. I sent a copy of geoNEWS to Owen James of Australian Commodore Review, he was kind enough to write a few lines in his C64 column about geoNEWS and the fact that if anyone was interested they could write to me, so far within 2 weeks I have had 9 people write to me expressing an interest so I have photocopied issue 4 of geoNEWS and sent one to each of them along with a subscription form as of 19/4/92, 4 of these have already joined. I am also a member of the Mt. Waverley Commodore User Club, I joined them some 4 years ago, our membership is about 24 people, we meet in the local Scout Hall every 4th Thursday of each month and the meetings usually start at 7:30 pm; subs are A$20 (£10) per year or A$2 each visit. We have a president Jeff Travis who starts the meetings off sometimes we have guest speakers other time members get up and give a talk or demonstration about some particular software or hardware, it's not easy I can tell you to get up and talk for about 15 to 20 minutes without loosing your cool. We also have a newsletter which consists of about 2 -3 pages which contain articles and general information. We use GeoPublish to produce our newsletter. in the state of Victoria where I live we have about 12 Commodore User Groups and a total throughout the country of around 50, as far as I know there are no GEOS user groups here as there are in the USA, I believe the reason for this is that the country is so large being 36 times bigger than the UK yet we only have 15 million population. I live in an average 3 bedroom house (***looks like a bungalow to me Ed.*** .) with a third of an acre attatched in the town of Doveton, population 15,000. Close by is the big city of Dandenong whos population is 85,000 and about 20 miles away is our Capital city Melbourne with it's 2,000,000 population. Doveton is quite close to the sea and only 10 miles from the Dandenong mountains, the summer temperature can reach 40 degrees plus with bush fires, but fortunately this year we have been lucky so far. If any member would like to write and know more about life down-under please feel free. My Address is, Peter Hunt,

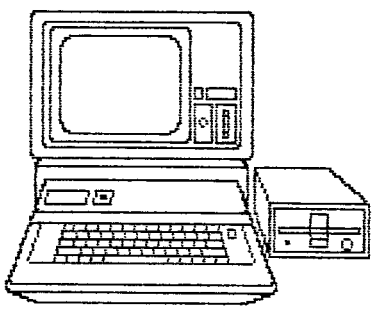
Victoria

WANTED :

Original copy of GEOS DESKPACK PLUS that contains the CALENDAR program that will allow Photoscraps of the monthly calendars.
Original disk plus manual required.
please state (reasonable or cheap!) price including postage.

MICHAEL PEARSON,

Stratford upon Avon.
Warwichshire.
07 (After 6.30pm or Sundays.)



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1. C64 in New Cabinet, all chips socketed
2. Cassette with Dust Cover
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£75:00 THE LOT

Alan Morris,

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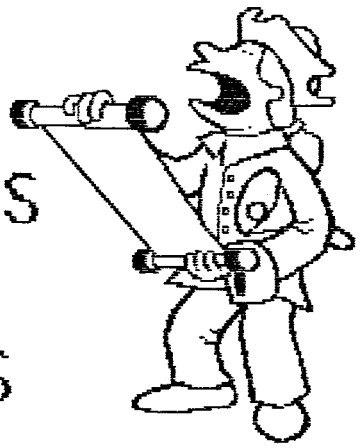

Dear Frank,

I use a Commodore MPS 1230 printer and have one or two problems. ONE, I cannot get hold of a double strike printer driver that will work with this printer. TWO, When printing out a multi page document the first page prints out OK but then for the second page it 'paper feeds' about 7 to 8 inches then proceeds to print the second page (over the perforations) then the gap again before printing the next page, any ideas ?. Terry Watts , Derby

Hi Terry,

Sorry , I cannot help here but I am sure someone can. You didn't say which printer driver you are using but I would think by the sound of it that you do not have the setting correct on your DIP switch(es) within the printer. Anyone out there with the answer? Please write to Terry direct at the following address, Terry Watts, Derby

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Dear Frank,

I have tried the UK fonts that you sent to me some time ago but I still cannot get either of my printers to print me a pound sign. I tried a program given on a CDU disk some time ago called GeoPound it is supposed to convert the printer drivers to UK standard but all I get is " File Not Found". Can you help please, I need drivers for the Start LC10Colour and MPS 803.

Hi Ken,

I am sorry but I cannot understand why you are having so many problems. To start with, all the GEOS fonts are not really fonts at all, well not like your printer fonts, they are all graphics which is why GEOS has an unlimited number. So in fact it doesn't really matter what printer you have but you must use the correct driver then it will print whatever is on your geoWRITE page. Many printers especially the 'Epson' compatible type will work with many different drivers some give different effects and this is due to the Dots Per Inch (DPI) the larger the DPI the better the quality. According to BERKLEY SOFTWORKS the following applies to the STAR LC10Colour....

When using a Black ribbon and the Commodore ready version (ie no other interface between computer and printer) use the driver for STAR NX10C with DIP set 1,5+6 off.

When using colour with a Commodore ready printer, use NX1000 Rainbow driver with DIP st 3,4,7+8 ON.

If you are using a Centronics Printer try the DIP set SW1. 1+8 ON SW2. 2,3+4 ON.

You may need to experiment a little with these DIP switches but if you check what each one does in your manual you can eliminate some (ie Auto carriage return). Do not forget that when you change a setting of either of these switches then the printer needs to be turned off and then on again so as to re-initialize itself.

As far as the MPS 803 is concerned, this has no DIP switch or any other way of changing the set up so by using the MPS803 Driver there is no way

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you can go wrong, the print quality is not as good as some other printers but GEOS cannot be blamed here.

So all I can ask you is, if you are using the UK fonts that I have already sent to you why can you not get the £ sign, are you pressing the correct key,? For example if you depress the Commodore and UpArrow key you will get £ sign when using the fonts University-UK and Roma-UK etc. do not try to use the actual &key on the keyboard this is an odd-ball for England. I hope that solves your problem..

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that doesn't take as long as the delivery. The second is an advertisement that dropped through my letter box just befroe Easter advertising NewTools 2 and Dweezil Disk 1 at £9:95. The flyer had no name on it only an address and telephone number but I suppose these are adequate. As most of you already know, I possess the sole distribution rights to all Quincy Softworks products in the UK, which consists of the Dweezil Disks so the software advertised in the flyer are illegal copies. The advertisment states " Buy NewTools 2 and get Dweezil Disk 1 free". They are one and the same thing, Dweezil Disk 1 consists of NewTools 2 and a few other GEOS utillity programs. Don't be fooled by this advertisement, if you buy from this PIRATE source you will recieve no back-up should you have problems and, although I personally hold the rights, geoCLUB recieves the benefit because all the commission from the sale of this software goes into club funds therefore subsidising us all. The matter is in hand. You will findon page 11 + 12 of this issue a questionnaire, I would appreciate it being filled in where appropriate and return as soon as possible. This was compiled by Terry Watts (but edited by me), it was also his idea, so what he plans to do when we have all the information should be interesting. If you can think of other questions you would have asked please include them for future reference. You will also find within these pages a number of geoCLUB logos, after a slow start quite a few came in last month, too late for the April issue, as the standard is quite high I think we should keep the 'competition' open for the benefit of our newer and overseas members and hold a second round in a couple of months time. The prize for the No.1 will be an item of Quincy Softworks products (I bet that has suprised Mr. Ferguson, he will not know about his kind donation until he reads this) should the winner already be in possesion of these products then an alternative prize will be offered but not necessarily of the same quality or retail price. I would like to start a "Meet the Members" colum so we can all learn a little more about each other, it can contain whatever personal information you feel would interest other members. If you feel your lifestyle is exciting why not share it with the rest of us, you never know you may find a kindred spirit. If you have a GOOD photograph send that also I'll try and scan it in so we can also see what you look like, if it scans in OK but your not too good looking I'll endevour to do what nature omitted and geoPAINT can do, doctor it. the photo will be returned. Finally, do you use a Brother HR5 printer ?, if so please let me know which printer driver you have found the best and do you use an interface with it, if so which one, we have a new member who has one but is having problems getting it to work . I think that about covers everything, happy GEOS-ing, FRANK

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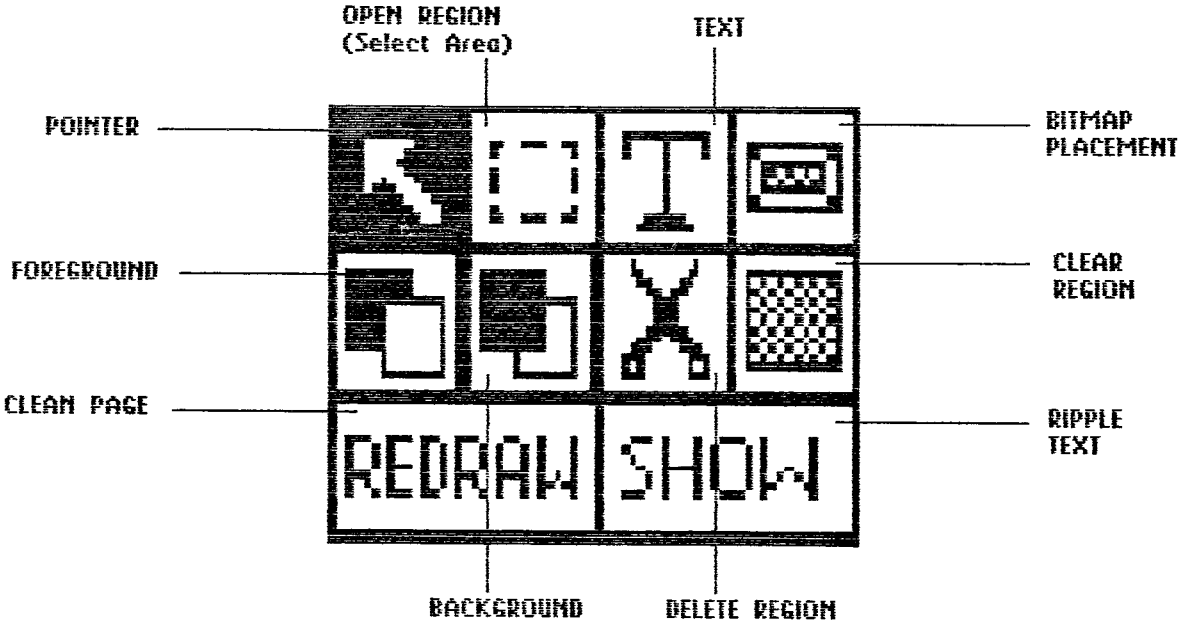

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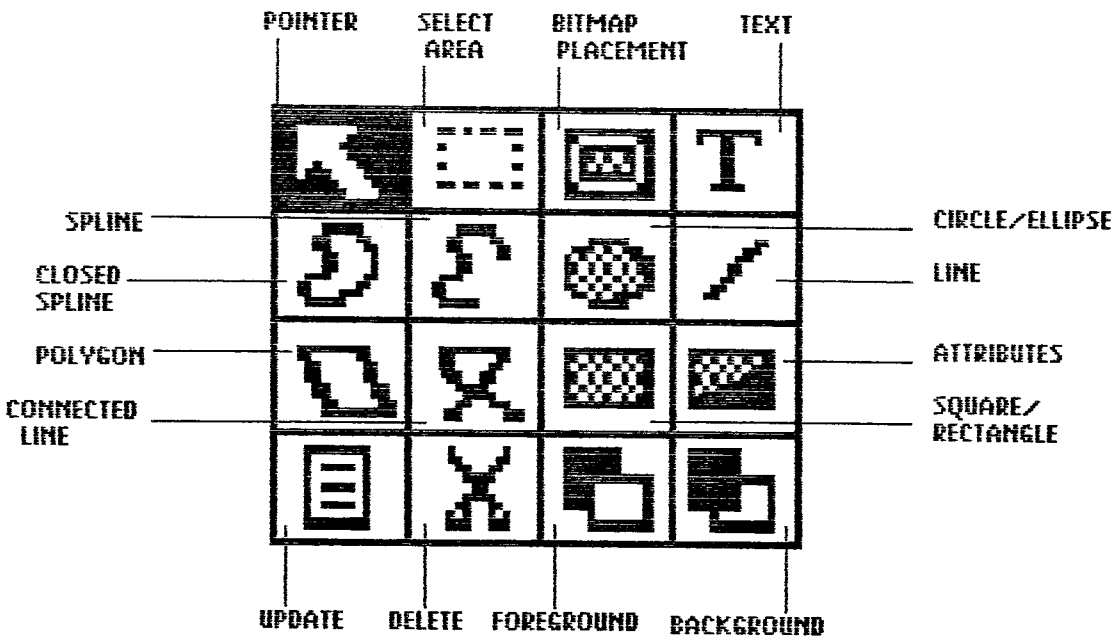

NEW geoCLUB DISKS

geoCLUB DISK 7

A selection of fonts which include..
HEARTS 32 FROSTY 24 SIDEWAYS
4th JULY FLAG 28 OZ FONT
3 GEOS GAMES total 27 different items

geoCLUB DISK 8

Various Scanned in Graphics by Paul Humphreys which include Beatrix Potter, Planner 1992

geoCLUB DISK 9

GeoCANVAS new geoPAINT demo
GetIt Write reviewed last month
LAZARUS 1571+ Documents
TRASHPICKER 64 + Documents
GEO-INFO 64 + Documents
BIGTOP 128 FROG PEOPLE
FROG FONT MAP Plus a little Clip Art

geoDisk 10

Irene's art 1, ClipArt 1, MAC People, MISC. MAC CLIPS, LARGE CLIPS
Sports Album, Butterflies, BOOP-O-MATIC
All Disk are as usual one on each side ie sideA Disk7 sideB Disk8
Cost £ 1:25 per double sided disk ie Disk 7 and 8 one disk £ 1:25

QUINCY SOFTWORKS PRODUCTS STILL AVAILABLE

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DWEEZIL DISK 3	£9:00
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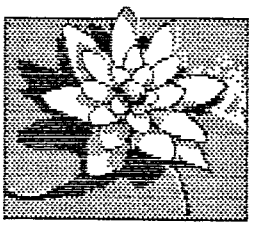

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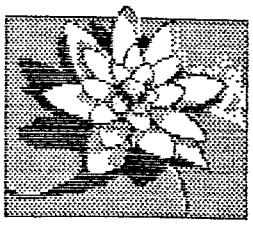

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