

The Village Green

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Those that didn't run fast enough

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A.C.U.G. History & Policy

Legend has it that we started out in 1978ce as a PET group. Documents exist that show us active in 1983 as a functioning users group. A.C.U.G. stood for "Astoria Commodore Users Group". This is until the early 90s with the scare from Escom. Then it was changed to be "Amiga & Commodore Users Group". This was changed after an attack on the group by Mark Reed. Who destroyed the Amiga part. Name became "Anything Commodore Users Group" at the July 2006ce business meeting. Group now stands to work with all Commodore PC platforms, including emulators.

Membership is open to all of like mind. A desire to learn and explore this collective PC platform. Cost is #10 per year for North America. Though the attack upon us has cut back many resources that are being slowly rebuilt. Members will receive a membership card, Certificate of membership and a starters disk. All created on a Commodore or hardware that works with a Commodore. Members also receive the monthly publication "The Village Green". A newsletter of group happenings, interests and very biased opinions pro Commodore. Page count is now returning to 20 pages in booklet form. Most often done with Post Print 3.8. An Electronic version is also at times available. Members are able to have the longest time and no U/D credit cost on the BBS [currently being rebuilt] Local members have access to the software and hardcopy library and all members have a discount on Commodore and Amiga items bought through the sponsor shop, Mohr Realities Games. Members also can gain the monthly 1541 disk "The Penny Farthing". Copies are \$1.00 each month. Regardless of the amount of disks issued. Long distance members are able to gain the disks in .D64 through the Inet or from the BBS [both options are being recreated at this moment] We consider ourselves to be the most fanatical Commodore group in the multiverse.

Contact and Next Meeting

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Next Meeting is 7:00pm 15/Oct/09ce at Mohr Realities Games. Demos, visitors and Smokers welcome.

Notes from the Meeting of 17/Sept/2009ce

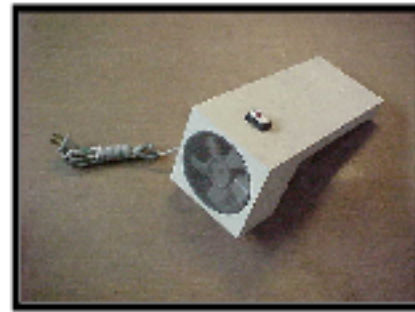
Open: 7:00pm-ish

Newsletter: Approved with some Long Distance members sending in approval as well. Positive comments for the lay out and colour in the CyberSpace issue.

Chancellor: Our furry and black Constable is slow, very slowly to her new domain in the kibbutz. Explaining that she is the boss to the other furies there, who are ignoring her hiss and hiss stuff. Loves her pettings and play with the red dot and string. Though it is different to have the meetings without her security checking everyone and everything.

We have a visitor to the group. Our cracker/fixer from Idaho No.21 Mad Max of the MHI crew. Has stopped by for a few days as he works on his V.A. situation. LR will have the indepth report in his Ramblings. Much to say and it fits better in that area.

Ryte Bytes: 7 jpeg pages arrived of information from our friends there in Kansas City. Lenard is going to be working on his programmes. Check it Out, Check File creator and the TEAs. Still looking for an MPS-802 printer. As that is what he had used to write the programmes for print out. Although my reading of this issue, gives me the understanding that there are problems with other printers. Sadly we here at the ACUG have only in the shop a 1525 in original box, and a 801 for CBM printers. What is stored in the shed 10 miles away is another question. Though Lenard says he may be able to find one with some Eastern users. Mentions that he is also wanting to put in a preview feature, a bit better than what exists, into the TEA & TEA



1541 Fan, Mine

4.2. Wishes to make Check file Creator & Check it Out work together. There are plans to re-vamp his book "run/stop".

Jack Kincaid announced the passing of their longest running member, Leslie Lacy who joined in the mid-late 80s. Passed away at the age of 83. On a brighter note, he continues with things at the August meeting. Where they saw/ran the issues of 5C's and our Village Green. Jack adds "...have so much going on in their club." Thanks for that Jack. Though there is a lot more we could do and at times it feels we are spinning the wheels. Of course LR would report that and how much mud was thrown up, along with how deep is the hole {BG}. Aside to Lenard: are you showing them the issues on a pdf viewer or printing them out? A new section was added to this issue, "The Last Word". Lenard picked up a couple of pentium 1 laptops and some tractor feed printer paper outside of the meeting for \$17.50. If I read things right, the laptops are too old to do anything. But his son, Gabe had a good challenge trying to make them do something. Lenard gives a review of the August meeting where there was some demos of winvice. He learned how to make the screen bigger. Hope he tells us how in the next issue. Since vice on linux is rather hampered by the same small screen problem. Slowing down LR's progress with his poor eyes and the screen.

Anyway the last couple of issues of our Village Green was passed around <They receive our CyberSpace version with the colour and last time 22 pages> along with the 5C's disk. Seems that there was a problem with the juke box programme for them. Though the game to save the town from the flood was working fine. Lenard does announce that all of the ups & downs and stress are over. They did make it, they are buying the house. He mentions the length of time on the payments and if the Mayan Calendar is correct, they won't be worried in 2112. IIRC that is 24/Dec/2112 at around 11pm for the end of the 5th world and the beginning of the 6th world. Well one needs to be a Shadowrun player to have that sort of trivia.

AmiTech-Dayton Gazette: Well not going to make up a story on this one. Actually arrived on New Years, and not before the meeting. Placing it in here and not in order of events. Because of the experiment with graphics. Eric is planning on bringing his Pegasos system to show off the latest version of MorphOS system 2.3. Talks on a review between MorphOS and Amiga OS4 on OSnews.com. Mentions that the writer had little or no experience with the Amiga. Eric goes on about some discussions he has experienced with users of different platforms. Like having the close button on the left hand side. Which windrones think is retarded. Hmm heard that they want to define that word now as offensive, and not "pc". Eric did convert his system to have the button on the left. Hmm that is where it is in Wheels. Wonder if he can tell me how to do the same for my mephis linux system. Being left handed it is just "normal" to have it on the left side for me.

Treasurer: Still holding at \$36.20 LR has used some of the sales funds for the postage and printing of the newsletter. Keeping this base amount untouched.

C= Librarian: Last month LR gained a box

of 3 1/2" disks. Came from an old friend from OryCon days. We want to thank Loran Waldron for his gift of 292 disks. 3 for the 1581 and the 289 others for FD use. Several of the HD ones have already been reformatted and used with GeoDos for file transfer work. Offering this month has on side #1 vampyre Cross from Dunric as we release for the group his games. Side #2 has My World chapter #3. As usual it is in GeoWrite, and Geo Zipped. Both the adult and the general reading audience versions are on side #2. Feel free to delete the version you dislike {yeah that can mean both of them}

Editor/SysOp: Well the cover experiment didn't work out that well for the print issue. There are two images on the cover {mentioned for CyberSpace readers}. A sort of happy face with a logo around it, and a photo that I snapped in experimentation. No.30 found the little pic. Comes from a anime called "Ghost in the Shell, Stand Alone Complex". Maybe little isn't the right term, tiny is better. In fact it prints out unscaled as about the size of the eraser on a #2 pencil. Oh and it is in a light blue colour. Don't know if "gimp" would have helped in making it better for presentation. As the picture didn't scale. Yet in this case, I made it a 1"x 1" image. The photocopier, more on that thing in a bit, actually made the text semi legible. FWIW: says "I Thought that what I'd do is I'd pretend I was one of those dead-mutes". Right it makes a lot more sense if you have seen the entire series.

OK the photo wasn't scaled. At the moment, I am looking at both what came out of the printer and what came out of the photocopier. OK the photo wasn't scaled. At the moment, I am looking at both what came out of the printer and what came out of the photocopier. Honestly I am wondering if it is worth the risk to just print out, in double side, the print issues. That is the reason I am going into this for the meeting. Pic I



1701 Logc

described in the last issue. A hand painted <yeah by me> lead figure that is about 1 1/2" tall. Or for scale I think it was 32mm. Not that I do metric at all. That tile is ceramic and 1/8th inch. OK no idea of the metric measurement. Tis the width of a cassette tape. Also it is 1" x 1" square. Sitting on the right hand corner of this 128D, as seen in the picture. OK here is what is interesting and leading me up to my question, and the cost for the idea.

Dark & grainy is the image on the print issue. This was shot in the style called "sepia" if I spelled that right. Where the black streak on the left came from I have no idea. There is a round thing just above the "r" in the picture. That is the bottom screw on the SCPU. On the right of the pic is a roll of paper from the cash register here in the shop. The figure is black uniform, strawberry blonde hair <bitch to mix that colour>, OD green boots, gloves and belt. Gold Eagle on her right shoulder and gold armour pad on her left. Right got all of that logged in. So why does the Orange illustration of a girl show up so well? She is on an antique pint glass milk bottle, used for a pen holder. As the copy from the printer is much easier to see.

Now when this was printed out I thought it would make the images easier to see for us. Since the new printer at laser quick is not being as friendly to our gray scale as the old one. I did point that out to the guy there, but hey with the smaller print run. Well he has to staple and fold the issues by hand now.

And there is no extra charge for that work.

So here is my point and question. We are down to and average of 10 print copies going out each month. We could print them on the HP 2100TN laser jet. In booklet form it is 5 sheets of paper, for a total of 50 sheets. I still have a ream or so of white printer paper <reams of that yellow stuff I cut to fit>. In order to make the newsletters here, we would need to score up at least one more toner cart. Cheapest I have found them is around \$26 + shipping. I would need to learn how to print them double sided. A task with the imported font isn't as easy as if I used a resident <evil> font in the printer. But I think it can be done, with practice. The other thing is that we would need to have a new stapler. As what we use at this time is an antique one from the 50s or earlier. We need a stapler that has a longer, for lack of the proper term, staple bar. So that at least 5 1/2" is from front to back. In order to staple the issues. Last time I looked and that was at the most expensive place in town and several years ago. Cost for that was \$36. I'll try to see what is cheaper locally. Costs us up to \$15 each month to do the newsletters. Depending on any sample copies that go out to prospective members that want print. Roughly speaking we are spending close to 20 cents per sheet to have them copied and folded and stapled. Word that came to me is that we would be spending about 2-5 cents per sheet to do it ourselves. We could save money that way, but we have to out lay a bit first. So then what should we do? If we go for doing it here. I'll cover the cost and get paid back from ebay and shop sales. Since the cost is for A.C.U.G. things. Send me feed back on this, contact info is on page #2 of the newsletter. {Update: That stapler was not found at any other local source }

Now that out of the way, The CyberSpace issue! Things didn't go as planned. You know the old adage of the best laid plans of mice, men

and machines...? That is about what happened. CyberSpace readers got a fast email on the situation with their copies. For the record, a test was made of a few pages, laid out in GeoPub with jpegs and sent to Nigel at CommodoreFree. These were about 4 pages for articles. Doing the eps part and then placing them in the Scribus programme. Making them into one file. Worked and looked good with the scaling ability. 22 pages of the CyberSpace issue had some problems. Failed to import at a certain page number. OK No.8 and I guessed that there must be an upper limit based on something in memory or a thing like that. His system wouldn't take more than 5 pages. I got up to 10 pages. Made one group of 10. Started on the other and when I went to save the file. Using their default SLA format. Said it was done, and said it crashed with a #6 some sort of error. Really does use a lot of memory power.

OK gang, time was short, and I couldn't find the files that should be on the desktop with the .sla extension. Still don't know where they went. Can tell you that everything slows down when this prg is running. Well time was short, OK that means several days past my self imposed deadline. I had made the usual method of a post script file. Turning that into the issue for the month. Can't say that the idea is going to work for the 20+ page issues of the CyberSpace Village Green. Maybe it is asking too much of that programme? Or too much of my limited skills. Not that hard to insert the pages of EPS into the programme. Anyway, more testing is on the books to see if it can be done. Still don't know how to merge existing files in this programme. No.8 is helping as his time allows. So this issue may be in the new way, or it may be in the old way. Do want to add that those 4 page test files. Well where just a bit over a meg in size. Meaning that there is a fear of the size of the newsletter being past my 15 meg limit at vcs for an attachment.

Deputies: Large amount of work has been

done in shop. As we tried to make space for the new items brought to us from No.21. Well what that really means is that we had to do a mess of things real fast to make space. By doing that, some missing things have been found. Yet it showed the need for better planning and organizing. Putting #30 into the understanding and need to work on the newsletters. Placing them in sleeves and binders for our records, and the scanning for the CDs. Sort of came into play when the stack of the recent master copies fell onto the printer. Along with that is problem with some copies lost in the stacks in the kibbutz, having become scratching posts for felines. Things just not on track with the sho-vah daily attacks on us. What this means is that No.30 will be doing the above tasks of sorting. At - to the exclusion of the other projects in the shop/group. Then from his own collection of newsletters, we will be able to scan them for our records. Well the one task that is going to continue is the move from the old disk boxes to the new file drawer type. That labels have been created for, so that we can have the ACUG library of disks in better order. A task that had been in the planning stages for a long time. Anything missing because of the sho-vah attacks, at least in the last 12 years. No.30 has in his collection. Letting us copy that for our permanent library. That will also be put on CD in the future for further preservation.

No.16 pops by as he can for C= things. Life and work schedules have been unkind to him recently. As he has work, National Guard and is doing what he can as mediator in stopping the sho-vah from attacking us. Though when he can make it to the shop. Work on projects does happen.

S.I.G.'s: Been doing some experiments with the GeoPub programme. Trying to duplicate the ability to insert a jpeg in page graphics. As that is possible. Proof is that the license agreement

document is done that way with a jpeg in the top right corner. Sadly at this time. we are not able to install anything that comes out. Neither in the disk file or printed out on the printer. Using post print 3.8. Next test is to try the v4 version. But hope isn't that great since that version and PP2 are on the disk. How it is done is past us at this stage. More on this in a later report this issue. Have been making new labels for C= things in the shop. File drawers and disk boxes. Aiding No.30 in the sorting work of disks. Programming is slow, interest is there and I am working on finding the JP-4 to toss on the embers and flame it up. Having a lot of trouble with work and life schedules. Along with the small problem of the stacks of things that are now covering the area to the work stations for the C= .

Demo Discussion Close: A few of the works of No.21 shown on his laptop with the emulator. Such as the Judge Dredd game from the tape version. Along with the history and Dox as provided/written by LR. A demo of the history and background of the MHI crew from start in early 80s to 2008ce. Shorts of other demos fixed and a couple of recently fixed games.

Discussed the items that No.21 brought us, and greedy hands reached for them. Getting bitten off at the elbow by the rabid and savage LR. Testing and



Vic 1520 Plotter

sorting must be done first. Then what the main lining C= addict is willing to let out of his clawed hands. Will be up for sale. Members will have first shot at the items. Before they go to ebay at a higher price. Well if there is anything that he lets loose for sale. State of the Geos projects in story writing and all the fiddling bits of RPG work. Project for No.21 on taking the Lost Cat story, and when completed the Wandering Cat story. Revert to 40 SEQ files. Placing a reader, and have LR do a scan and edit the scan for an intro image. Along with doing a voice over with Covox Voice Master. The more adult stories, LR hasn't decided upon for that task. Though No.21 said he would do the work. Need a prg to work the scans and convert them to Koala. Or back to the Handy Scanner tasks. In order to gain good images for modding for the intro screens. A task that is in theory at this time. Discussed on the adventures and other work for out of print games to be made in Geos and placed on the CD for MossyCon6. There is a large milk crate of projects that are up to 30 years old that need to be done. Not just for the CD but also for the game group. Of course done in Geos. Setting time aside for the other members to work on things in the shop, was a topic. Trying to work out a schedule with fluctuating times in peoples lives. Matching that to shop times and when the C= units are open for use. Not an easy task right now. Closed: 8:15pm for the game and more C= talk. Like that ever stops around here.

Lord Ronin Rambles



Nice surprise on Saturday 12th of September. No.21 Mad Max/MHI stopped in for a few day visit. Bringing a mess of C= related items for our use in the group or resale. OK a couple non C= things as well. He has in the past helped us out with the old vacuum Tube BBS. Running on Omni-128. Along with several past visits from Idaho to us, helping and doing a copy party. This time on his way to work out a V.A. thing. He stopped by and has been working on e-texting some of the new books we gained and preserving some of our recently acquired disks.

Brought us a CD of C= things. Personally I was going over several hundred fonts for Geos. Before looking at the rest. Many of them are common ones that I used to have on the BBS U/D area. Others are ones that I have never seen. Like Dungeon 3 and a AD&D font. I had around 65 fonts that he didn't have and cut them for him. Currently looking for more fonts that he is missing. As we are working on having duplicates between us for preservation. New project if it works out is a tool that will allow me to convert jpegs to Koala. Just have to keep bugging him for that tool. He did say that he will take the Lost Cat as well as the 2020 and the It Was My World along with the Wandering Cat, when they are finished. Convert them from GeoWrite to SEQ making them work in a SEQ reader. Disks to have an intro screen I need to create and a voice over from me using Covox Voice Master. Releasing them to the C= world.

Now then on some of his gifts, they are going up for sale. Several Star NX-1000c printers, in the box <tattered box>. Couple of 1520 plotters in the box. Several ribbons still in plastic. Some fit the Star, some have to have the ribbon pulled out and wound in the star cart. A MSD single drive in the <really tattered> box. 1701 monitor and other items. I have a general idea what they go for on ebay. But for members local and long distance, contact me if interested. Hope to have a bigger list in this issue. Along with prices that will reflect shipping,

handling and postage included. Just gotta get a scale someh were to weight this stuff. Oh yeah there is also a flat 128 in the box. We will try to test it all, but not saying it will happen soon. Like two items are not going to be tested. PAL 64 and a PAL 1541. Do have some long centronics cables as well. All stacked up at the moment for testing and sorting. No the 1541 lay over the air vent fan is not going up for sale, it is MINE!!! {says the greedy C= addict}

Now then both print & Cyberspace readers will be seeing some B&W images in this issue. While hunting for some disks. I found one that I did over 10 years ago. Geos Photo Albums of some handy scanner work. Yeah things that I scanned in the early days of my Handy Scanner practice. These where done from, well the Judge Dredd Stuff is from the game that was trained/tamed by No.21, well the original tape cover. Rest are from game books. Placed in here as a new experiment, as I gain enough confidence to try some more things to improve our newsletter.



Thing for these experiments in placement of a photo album image. Simply is to see how it works, so that there might be a way to add graphics directly into the issue for the print as well as CyberSpace readers. OK of course you know that I have ideas for writing up game stuff with this concept as well {EG}.

What is being tested is space for the major part. Yeah sure this is easy to do in GeoPub. Make a box where you want and stash the photo album image into the spot. Got a couple of problems with this in our current work. Ah man like there is no GeoPaint anything in the GeoPub copy that we have working. EPS, PS, JPEG we have for graphics, and I can't figure how to make them work. That is in a different section. If a photo

album image can be inserted in the document in Post Print. I didn't see that on the options menu. GeoPaint yeah, no photo album or photo scrap could I see listed. So for this experiment I am using the photo albums and the C=/W key to insert them. Right then we are at the part that will be used on the next insertion. Still in the space idea.



Now there we have a nicely attired girl scan, from a Lost Worlds game book. Yeah clipped a bit on the sides and bottom. Because the size of the actual image to the Handy Scanner. Nope I haven't learned how to do multiple scan and over lay them to make one larger scan for use. Though I understand that it is possible without the page fox thing that I picked up and haven't fired up yet. So many things to learn about the Commodore tools.

So then what is this space thing? Well as you can see the images are centered in GeoWrite, yeah that is where they are being installed at the time that I write these lines. How will it look for the print version? How will it look in columns in the CyberSpace edition? Not sure at all on this one. Well in print I had done one experiment earlier. When I did the lay out of that board with jumpers for Eddie the One. Came out OK, in both editions. but at that time we were still experimenting with set up. I don't remember if that issue was in columns or not for the CyberSpace readers. That is why the images are being tossed in here of different sizes, to see how they will fit. As well as showing another aspect of what we can do with the C= .



BBS things Update

The above image is from the game High Colonies. Gemini Ordinance Division, or known as "In G.O.D. we mistrust."

Finally was able to gain the files that Eddie wanted, though from another old Omni SysOp. As my master copies are missing to this day. Yeah we have an idea as to what happened to them <sho-vah>. As of meeting time, and a little after. Eddie was wondering about me using the uIEC instead of his device. My answer is still that the uIEC as of last input. Doesn't do Geos, and this HD mech is going out. By the time you read these lines. I will have taken him up on his offer of checking out the boards that No.8 had bought for us to try out for the BBS along with my controller to see what the smeg is going on that is wrong. Perhaps it is a simple and or cheap repair. Another problem with the uIEC that I



Commodore C-16 in Box {#30:

have alluded to in other issues. How well can it make the partitions and subpartitions that are needed for the style of Centipede BBS that I am creating. Jim Brain has a board running, but is using just one gigantic partition. Can this work for all the areas that I make for the BBS? Add to that question, the one on, will CMD HD Tools, work with the uIEC? As that is the only thing I have to make the partitions.

In a recent email from Eddie the One. He told me that his modded version of Centipede has the random login screens, wasn't sure if he had done the same for the log off screens. He had also made it possible to have an intro screen to the file areas. These are two things that I liked in Omni and wanted to see in Centipede. He gifted me a while back with a stripped down, accounts removed copy of his innercircle bbs. Where these things are installed. A 4GB SD card. So we are not yet dead on the work, and exploring two avenues. Three if you add the fact that No.8 is looking for SCSI drives of the right size for the CMD controller. That board will be up! Now we can all thank Randall the Scandal for these delays and problems.



The Tale of the GeoPub Graphic Tests

Mentioned earlier about the inability to make the JPEG images appear in GeoPub. Now then it isn't a

well kept secret that this copy of mine is a demo/pirate copy of Todd's update. I have written to him about the one I have and have asked for the price for an official copy with dox. As of meeting time, there has been no reply to this request. Like to have one that works, with the understanding of how to do the insertion of JPEGs into the actual GeoPub document. Be something that would improve both versions of the Village Green.

Anyway what we have tried is to put the JPEGs into the pages in GeoPub. Now I'll make this short, as space is eaten up with the graphics and I am expecting at least one submission for this issue from members. So it goes this way. Wasn't able to do it in Page Layout. Found that could be done in Page Graphics. Early tests just gave a box that was about 2/3 of the page. Later learned about how to scale that to a different size. Tested some and they came out as a large gray box. When I printed them out. If I was lucky I saw the same thing when I made the disk file. I noticed that the size of the file was not big enough in my mind to have been the entire page with the JPEG. Thought that maybe it was because colour was on/off for print/disk file. Nope that wasn't the problem, or if it is, changing it didn't correct anything. Put the verify file on the ram and tried again. No idea of what that file actually does for the system. Still no joy in MossyTown.

Looked at the files on the disk. There is a large GeoPub, the GeoPub "news" icon for a file and a GeoWrite file. Those are the license agreement thing. PP2, PP3 <really 4> and that verify prg. Along with a jpeg, that being the splash thing for the new GeoPub logo. Took the bits into the ram and in GeoPub looked them over. Here I saw that the JPEG is installed in the Page Graphic option. Well I took a couple of simple pix with the camera. Popped the disk into the FD, ran GeoDos, put the pix into the ram. Switched back to Wheels, and fired up GeoPub. Went into the

Page Graphic area, where I selected the photo album icon. Clicked on the screen, went through the options till JPEG showed up. Picked one of the two B&W images as that is how I shot them. Insert here that the GeoPub image is a gray scale, and it is larger than the ones I shot. Well I set and scaled the first one. Then installed the second one. Not worried about how right they would look scaled. Nope wanted to see them in there!

Into post print, a tool that the user agreement says I need. Laid out the page with the two JPEGs on it, and having them also still in the ram. Told it to make a linux disk file. Then told it to print out the page. Print out was done first with colour off, and then with colour on. both times there is a nice thin



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black frame. Around a dark gray box where the smegging pic is supposed to be located. Linux file was a blank sheet. So till further information comes along. Not going to be able to use this method for the JPEGs.



Hmm things are not that great at this moment. On Saturday, well that is what the furry ones tell me Saturday is called. Anyway it was also New Years for some of us {5770}. I was not able to connect to vesweb. Info-Seeker did a trace route, and showed me how while in the IRC. Died at someplace in Miami. Later our No.8 tried the same and had the same results. By accident I found Gaelyne face book and sent her a msg. By greater chance as I was clicking on things to find out what was what and where on face book. Found a home thing, with a lot of postings. there was a pair of them from Gaelyne. Appears that there was an "Abuser" on the service on Friday night <Their Time>. Now then they did kick him off. But not before something happened. At this point I am not certain of the terms. So what I can give you is just this. All system, what ever that may be, cut vesweb off. Gaelyne posted that they can't talk to any one till Monday morn <21st> here in the states. They are not pleased at all. Word is that they are looking for another source. At this time it is a real downer for me. As my mail is there, thankfully they have backups. All my mail goes there, and you know what happens when mail lists bounce back as undeliverable. That is going to take me some time to rectify.



Well I did that scan long ago and published it the CML. Anyway I saw a thing about a new device. Sorry didn't get the link. Something through www.commodore16.com, IIRC. This device runs over 30 pounds. Ah cost not weight. States that it will take the serial cable and put it into the new systems, via usb. I looked at the pix and read the data. Can't afford it, but it is some sort of device that works with the usb port on a non C= machine. IIRC, as things are chaotic sat this moment around here, it is called something like the "u1541".



ECS is "Ecumenical Counsel of Sol" A part of the High Colonies game. did that around 1999ce. Wonder how I got side tracked on the scanning stuff? Just so many different things to do with the C= I guess. Well this part of the notes is short. On Sunday 20/Sept/09ce. No.8 made a short visit to the command bunker of the ACUG. Did work on my linux thing. Making things function again. Did work as well on the linux thing for No.30 and I am assuming that it is now working better. We did talk a bit on the current crisis, that had me under a stress attack. Not great for this heart and lung combo. That situation is fluid at this time. Losing the shop

and current GHQ for our group is one of the possibilities. So I was rather out of it for that night. A thing he showed me that in the near future I can test for him. A device that in some form will plug into the CMD controller and work the SD or IIRC what he said the CF cards. So that they are seen by the CMD controller like it was a regular mech. Sadly I was not in a healthy enough state to fully follow what he was saying, precisely. I remember that others where also going to test this idea as well. Hope that I can do it for him soon.

Now then we were gifted with some CDs from Beeman. A nice man in Florida that yes raises bees. Many files are to be on them. Though bummer is only a couple of CDs showed up on my linux system. Had No.21 test them on his vista laptop. He copied them for me, but was having similar problems. Beeman used, AFAIK 98/XP as his system. Sort of lost on the non C= stuff. Have some 1581s to look as well from his sending. Liked to have seen his pic of him and his old Bee truck.

Been talking with Steve {Overlord} Bell on face book. He has a telnet 64 board up that he is working upon, apparently created from his study of ML. That reminds me that there is an Image BBS forum on face book, run by Pinacolada. OK and yes I found a few Commodore fan sites, and even worse. I found the man himself, yuppers Jack Tramiel is listed on face book. As well as a fan site for him.

Update on a Test



O.K. I admit it, the above is from AD&D 1st Ed Monster Manual 1. Well I have never denied playing that game for 31 years {EG}. Anyway this part is for the PRINT readers. On 22/Sept/09ce, besides a mess of morning difficulties for me. Too numerous to mention here {G}. No.21 had gone into town early. Looking about and found a place with an Inet cafe, and used computer items. He did find some DVDs at a good price. Poking about he found for an incredibly low price. Out of the box, no sign of wear at all. Bostich long bar stapler. Yuppers gang just what I mentioned earlier, that we wanted for the self printing. Popped into it the staples that we have for the regular one, they fit. So I intend to gamble on this issue. Right, I am going to try to print out the issues here at the C= bunker. Staple them as we have talked about and post them to you. Save us some bread, well OK guys watching this want me to be accurate. Saves me bread to do it this way. Next month I will go for a new toner cart. As I will be printing about 50 sheets of paper for the issue for all of the print readers. Hope there is enough toner left to do this task. We shall see and we thank No.21 for his donation of the new stapler to the cause.

Update to the Email

21/Sept/09ce I tried to use yahoo to send off the Penny Farthings for this month. Two zipped .D64 disk images. Meaning two separate files. At this point, well it is the next day. I am not certain if everyone got the files. Yahoo was at times fast and at other times exceptionally slow in attaching the files. OK 15 minutes for zipped .D64 files is just wrong. Good news is that the max for attachments there is 10 megs. So then the newsletter should be able to go out, as the usual way of making a pdf file. Through yahoo, as I have or had 15 megs at vcsweb. That eps pages to single pdf document is still under testing. Fancy way for saying I haven't gotten back to it yet. Now if I can figure out what "gimp" means by needing to have the image

"indexed" I might be able to convert jpegs and other image files into koala and blazing paddles. Gotten a couple steps farther along that pathway than before. All for the worship of the C= headed goddess. Hmm just remembered, better make some B&W pix for the print issue {G}



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VCSWEB UPDATE

Tis almost the end of the month as this is written. Will be working out the rest of the pages around the first. Meaning that this is a bit short and rushed for an update. As of 29/Sept/09ce our beloved vcsweb is back online. Though in honesty not as it was before. No pine, telnet or ssh. I'd have printed here the message from Rod & Gaelyne. Save that at this time the DL the message on yahoo, is unknown to me. Key points, besides the above is that after you get the vcsweb screen thinggy. You must log in with

your username and domain thing. Didn't know what that meant at the time I first read the instructions. finally got the word from an example that it mean put in your full email thinggy. EX: for me lordronin@vcsweb.com

Right then, once there a new screen pops up with options for mail services. In this case it is horde and squirrel mail. In the past I had squirrel mail and took me some time to learn about it, and help from No.8. As this is written my experience on the new vcsweb is limited. I have tried out horde, and it is going to take weeks to just kill out the spam. Since everything is there it appears, like to the tune of close to 4,000 emails at 19 pages. Anyway that brings me to another thing on the start screen. A place for setting spam. This is complex for me at the moment and I have asked for instructions on the what the smeg does that all mean part. In a way this may have been a good thing, the move that I mean. Looks like more options for the users. For me the learning curve is exceptionally steep. I'll learn about the stuff, be it slow and frustrating at times. Like to find the abuser of the system that did this. I don't know the story. Only that it has something to do with the FreeDNS service. And right, no idea what that is, and it isn't anymore at vcsweb. Guy may think he had some harmless fun. But from my point of view. He made my life exceptionally difficult. Having to switch my email to yahoo and face book. All of the game mail lists had to be changed, even our own ACUG mail list. I had to switch to my yahoo account. A thing that I didn't know a smegging bit about, at the time. Had to do this because of the fear of bounced e-mails would have my mail lists stopped. As happened once many years back. Not a fun thing to have to spend the little free time between the shop and the game. Trying to save the mail lists and letting people know where you are and why. Working from memory and scraps of paper for mail addies. Lots more that I can add to that, in regards to the difficulties and frustration it caused me. How about the other users? what did they go through thanks to this abuser? But

past all of that. Rod & Gaelyne, having to find a new place for vcsweb and move things around to the new place.

I don't know how many hours, or money or what they did to bring the vcsweb back again in just about a week. Based on my work on a BBS in transferring files from one to another hard drive and resetting all the accounts. I can tell it is time consuming for me. A BBS is a minor thing in number of users and amount of files. Rod archived my mail and home directory for me. Since after the hard drive problem and still waiting for the data. I had saved a lot of things to my home directory when I was using wave on the 128. Since there wasn't a working way for me to ftp on the linux system. I had to slowly take the files, in a one by one form. Attach them to an email written in pine and sent to me. Which later I would open up in squirrel mail and DL the attached file. Long process as IIRC there was over a gig of data that Rod saved for me, sitting there at this time. Thank you Rod & Gaelyne for all you are doing. Thanks to go to No.8 for spending his time to grab that data for me and place it on a DVD. Have to learn later how to open it up and access the files. Hope that the abuser is having a good laugh. Hope more that some of us find him and express our displeasure to him.

This Issue

Well guys there are some more updates to what is happening this month. Print issue is going to be attempted to be printed out, all copies, here at the C= bunker. Spot mentioned this in earlier section. Thanks go to No.21 for the proper stapler, and also to No.8 who has ordered for us some back up toner carts for the printer. We are going to try this experiment. What I am looking for now is from the print readers, feed back on how the issue looks to you. There is a question of

bleed through of the reverse page. If this happens, is it too much for the readers enjoyment? OK assuming that anyone reads the newsletter and that anyone who does gains some sort of enjoyment. If it isn't a problem, we can continue on this path. Saving me some bread each month. Letting me put funds into the jar on the counter for the groups project of non profit tax exempt. But if it is a problem, we will return to the photocopy format. Up to you the print readers to let me know. We called it at the con the "orchids & onions" time. good and bad, let me know.

OK now to the CyberSpace readers. Sorry guys but this issue is slated to go out in the same way as before. For the new members, that means simply that don't try to scale it up to a larger percentage. Won't be looking right if you do. All the time that I was going to spend in the last week. Trying to find where the files were hidden on the new linux system. Along with making more experiments on using the tool. Well it got vaped guys. As I had to do all of that work because of the vcsweb going down. Had to learn to use the mail thing at yahoo. Well knowing only one way of attaching a file. Not the way yahoo does. Ah, took a few days and help to get the ability to attach files there. Got it and can send out things out again. I apologize that I don't have the good news of finding a way to give us the scalable version of the newsletter, this time around again.

New Member

OK this is getting bad gang. Did it again, what am I doing wrong. 5th new member this year. On 26th/Sept/09ce we gained Pinacolda as our 5th new member this year. Now this is a gift membership for Pinacolada from No.8. I've known him for a few years now. Long time readers here will possibly remember my report on helping him with NewsRoom for the user group in the Eugene [Oregon] area. Anyway things have changed over

the years. Pinacolda is back again. Though not in the eugene area. He has had this membership waiting for him for many months. Waiting for his acceptance. After talking with him in IRC, he accepted and now we have a guy that is working in programming and the Image BBS in our group. right that means I need to bug him for articles on his work. Besides DMackey and every one else. You guys can't love my work that much can you? {LOL} Anyway, Welcome Pinacolada to the most fanatical C= users group.

Submit

Well with the new members this year. It seems that it is again time to mention about the how and the what to submit to this cat box liner. As for the why, well you guys can tell I can babble on for the 20+ pages each month on the C= and how it relates to the locals. So then what to submit for publication? Hmm, let me see, ah, Commodore & Amiga stuff! OK that is a cop out isn't it? True but really lame. What I say in the IRC each log in is about right for an idea. What did you do in the C= world today? Really, for what we are doing here as trying to learn from each other, that is a good place to start. Log what you are doing. Be it some heavy programming thing, an experiment with software and or hardware, a report on some article, mag, or book you read. Game that you are playing <I have a book of codes for many games> Tips, hints, questions, reviews, reports and all of that sort of thing.

OK I know that after 25+ years of Commodore, there are two things to think about. <A> there is a smegging load of stuff out there about this PC. Great source for articles. Hey so what if some one did it already 15 years or so ago? You didn't and many if not most of us didn't. So <screamers coming> IT IS ALL NEW TO US!!!! What I mean by that is that there is so much stuff that has happened in the Commodore world. None of us know it all. Though here we are trying. Like how this cat box liner is made,

both print and CyberSpace. That is new to many that I have talked to, who are much older hands at the Commodore than I. At the time of this writing I am working with a gamer and C= user on face book about making a character generator. No I am not programming, just giving ideas and tips on what is needed. In short gang there is a lot out there that we don't know. Just because you know it, doesn't mean that we do. OK not everything that we know and can pass along to others is of interest to the others. You really don't want 20+ pages of Commodore and Role Playing games each month right? Still there are members who are interested in both. How about the Commodore and amateur radio? Hint to DMackey. I know of the existence of carts that do things in that field. Hey did anyone have problems in a game? Well tell us about it, see if there is a source here in the membership that can help. Tell us what you are doing, your interests and all of that sort of thing. Or, I get to do it each month {VBESG}.

Severe warning out of the way. How to submit things to us. Well of course there is the snail mail on a 1541 disk. But hey these days save for a few members that are unwired. We have the Inet. I can take submissions that way. The preferred method is of course in GeoWrite as an attached file. I just put it on a floppy, use GeoDos to put it in the ram and do the font and lay out stuff there. Then insert it in the pages. I can do a standard Pet SEQ as well. Bit more work, but it can be done. Can take the article as the main body of an email. I just use wrong is write to convert the ascii to GeoWrite. Though the translation of that has me have to add spaces and paragraphs. Add here that I DO NOT leave in any email addresses, unless it is a part of the article and needed for the article. OK that is about it for the how and the what. Lets see those submissions pour in!

The Pictures

Well guys this is a bit hard to state at this time. As I haven't shot the pix yet. Battery is charging. But for now this is the plan for both editions. Print readers, the pix that will follow are shot in B&W. Placed on the page with I hope some info text under them. Have to be good on the tolerances of placing the pix in the boxes after the text is done. This will be the same for the CyberSpace readers, though the pix are in colour, and maybe not as many. Because of space on the flipping heretic formatted disk. Pix take up a lot of space. CyberSpace readers will also have these scattered throughout the issue, rather than on one page. Since print doesn't go through GeoPub at this time. As does the Cyberspace version.

What I plan to shoot, will be the things that No.21 gifted to us, that are going up for grabs. As part of the membership, we get first refusal on these items. What we don't claim will by meeting time, go up on ebay. Price is not fixed yet, as I am in need of a scale to find out the shipping cost on anything that won't fit in the flat rate shipping boxes. Shipping is the problem at the moment.

OK on the probability that I smeg up the info under the pix. There is a fan that goes over the 1541 and it is MINE!!! Star NX 1000c and there are three of them. 1520 plotter got three of them this one has everything save the manual and disk if there was one. 1701 monitor, and the close up to show the number. Have two of them. Lets see how this works out for the entire issue experiment. ***word just came to me that Karl Konka, who gained us the Moose Lodge last MossyCon, has died***

CyberSpace Stuff

Still have to take the pix for this issue. Going to work on a new idea for layout. See about doing

better with the text under the picture. Experience will show how to do the work. Well I hope it will {BG}.

Some of this will be in the next issue for the print readers. You guys get it first. Print issue ended with a fast note about Karl Konka passing away. Some issues didn't have the last part. Explain that in a little bit. Apparently he fell into the river and drowned, washed up a couple of days later. We here were not notified till the 27th of September. He was found on the 11th.

OK as to why some the print readers didn't get half of a sentence on their copies. The text fit on the last text page for them. That is till after the spell checking. Unknown to me that forced about 5 words to move to the picture page. You see that this print issue was all done right here in the C= bunker. Each copy printed out on the printer, hand folded and stapled. Quality, well of the print out, not the content, is vastly better than what comes from the print shop. The above photos are clear as is the text. So unless there are problems with the bleed through. This is the way we will make the issues. Took me about 15 minutes to layout, print, fold, staple each copy. 5 photos on one page did take longer.

I have to print out the issue. Then go to GeoPub, kill the address on the wrapper. Write in the new one. Kill off all the previous post print files. Then create a new one, lay out all the pages from GeoWrite and GeoPaint. This time around that also meant inserting at each time, the 5 photos. Printing is fairly fast save for the 19th page. Took some time to process the jpegs. Then staple with the long stapler, fold, followed by stapling the side and pop on a stamp. Less photos will speed up the process. Personally I like what came out this time around. Though I made one test copy as the last one for a local member. Used the yellow/orange paper for just the cover. Looked even better. Will do that for all the copies next issue. In any event, there is still a

lot of work to be done on this project. Setting the fold right, creasing it even. Hey with my eyes that isn't a great and easy thing to do, everything for me is at a 30 degree slant to the right {G}.

CyberSpace Pictures

OK gang, I shot some pix, and found on a disk some that had been done earlier. Still a new novelty that pictures can be put on a floppy disk. Sorry no, I have to shoot new ones for those of us here in the CyberSpace issue. As we get colour and I have to do B&W for now in the print issue. Till I can find a colour printer for that task. Now then listing here what I shot for CyberSpace. As it may not all work out with disk space as the ps file.

The fan for the 1541, CBM plotter, in the plastic bags, no manual though in that box, even has some pens. 1701 logo, and the 1701 monitor, gained 2 of them. As shown in another pic with the Star printer on top. A C-16 in the box, which went to No.30 to replace the one stolen by his family members. And the one that has to be placed in here, Mad Max/MHI. That makes 7 pix, and I am not sure that we can do that many with the colour and the text. But hey it is a try out for us. Might be able to now make a way to illustrate more things in a proper manner for our newsletter. Practice and the right head space is what is needed.

CyberSpace Short Issue Explained

Well guys this is the 8th attempt at making the CyberSpace issue. Made a long journal in the other attempts. first attempt was fine. Save for the fact that there was the front jpeg over the title for that jpeg. Welcome to Pinacolda was on the

line, not above it and the gray scale for the text colour was too faint to be read. then a big smegging frell up. As for some reason. I think it is the fact that I deleted the black and white pic from the disk in the camera. Created a false reading of the images seen on the camera screen to the actual number. Only 15 in the camera, but on Geodos the directory read 17. Well thenumber on the camera screen said it was the right picture. so not being able to see them in the issue. I titled the boxes in GeoPub, and popped in the jpegs in post print. Converted the post script file to pdf and saw that the images where all wrong.

Next attempts have been dramatic failures. My colour boxes are in the right spots. Along with the outline box and text for the pictures. all in the right colour and on the right pages in the right spots. However for reasons that I am not fully certain. We ended up with triple printing on some columns. Blank columns, just boxes of colour, not over any text, and others in the wrong places for the text. As the text was in the wrong place.


I think that part of it was trying to put the colour boxes around some of the hewaders for areas. where geoPub didn't show me the font used. I tried to compensate for that by making the coloured box bigger. Sems that may have pushed things into chaos after that point. Or so it seems. One attempt that was #7 actually. Had half of page #2. Officers, policy, history, contacts and next meeting. Half of the policy part was onpage #2 in the center of the page reduced to a 40 column status. Rest of it was on page #3 underneath the meeting notes. Honestly I can see the possibility of some of the errors. But not all of them. Good thing that I copied the main file several times before starting GeoPub.

As this has to be done in two parts. GeoPub having a 16 page limit per file. All of the two pages that I had created each time. Came out fine in the pdf. No colour problems or text mix ups.

OK then, time to explain the look of this issue. First of there is a lot of white space around the jpegs. This is because they are not scaled for this issue. I mean that in post print I didn't make them fit the boxes. This is the size they are when they are inserted onto the page.

Reason for this is that a long time ago I had tried to make an issue using jpegs from another source than this camers. They where larger in size of kb. 5 of them when made into the pdf was too big for the heretic formatted 1.44mb disk. Not knowing how this would turn out with 7 jpegs. I decided not to make them any larger than the stock size. Working on the placement with a box and text for them. Get that down right and the issue will look better. Placement is a bit better, that comes from a lot of practice on this issue <S>

Anyway, time to dash this of into GeoPub and to the post print and then see if it works. Or do I have to abandon GeoPub for this month. I do apologize for the lessor quality of this issue.



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