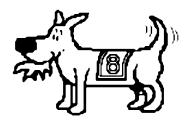
The Zero Page

The newsletter of the Commodore Users of Wichita "For the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers"

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Eight-Bit keeps takin' a byte out of Commodore Computing

Recap of the March CUW Meeting

by Dale Lutes

Last month's meeting of the CUW opened with the usual flurry of activity as members set up their systems and greeted friends. We didn't get an official head count, but attendance seemed a little lighter than in the previous months. Perhaps the extra nice weather had something to do with it!

The business meeting was called to order on schedule by our chairman, Jerry Shook. Marie Both gave a quick accounting of our

club's financial status. Marie also discussed plans to publish a club phone list and asked those present to verify their phone numbers against the club records. We will **not** publish any numbers without permission, so please check with Marie and let her know if we may include you in the directory.

After some discussion, the members voted on, and passed, the four proposals regarding elections published in the last *Zero Page*. Don McManamey brought two more proposals before the club: 1) to officially adopt *The Zero Page* as the name of our newsletter and 2) to officially adopt Eight-Bit (the little dog on the banner) as our club logo. These also passed a vote of the members present.

After the business meeting adjourned, the group watched while Don McManamey demonstrated his technique for producing full-color printouts using the *Print Shop*. It is worth mentioning again that this method can be applied to **any** application that normally prints only in black & white. Thanks, Don for an excellent presentation!

After the demo, members quickly broke up into small groups, sharing software and ideas. Some drifted over to the PD Library which was opened for business by our new librarian, Francis Catudel. Don McManamey was kept busy passing out copies of the latest Disk O'Quarter. Dale Lutes & Marie Both welcomed two new members to the club.

Telecommunications Featured in April

by Dale Lutes

Have you ever wondered what BBS systems are all about? Do terminal programs seem too complicated? Do modems frighten you? Have you wanted to get into telecommunications, but don't know where to start?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then you should come visit us this month! Robert Bales will be giving an on-line demo and helping club members break into the

Next CUW Meeting: Saturday, April 9 1:00 - 5:00 pm 1411 South Oliver

Robert Bales, our BBS representative and Sherer 'N Place sysop, will present an on-line telecommunications demo.

telecommunications world. Robert is our club's BBS Representative and is the system operator (sysop) for the Commodore section on Sherer 'N Place, a local bulletin board. He'll be giving us a guided tour around SNP and afterwards will help new users make that first call to become a registered user.

Robert has made up a disk with the latest copies of Novaterm and Desterm, two of the best terminal programs available for the C-64 and C-128. The club will be selling these disks and Robert will help customize your copy for use with **your** system. The price of the disks will be \$2.00 for CUW members, and \$3.00 for non-members.

Nominations Open for Club Officers

by Dale Lutes

Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are open and will be accepted through the close of the April club meeting. Nominations may be made in person or in writing to the Chair:

Jerry Shook 412 North Morris Rose Hill, KS 67133

Members may nominate themselves. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

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Don's Digest

by Don McManamey

My boys grew up with a Vic-20 and later a 128. When my oldest went off to college he bought an old IBM 8088.

One advantage to the IBM was compatibility with the machines at school. He up graded his system by building a 286 and now, just last month, he bought a Mac. Why a Mac you ask? His major is ad design and the best ad design software is for the Mac. Again, that is what the school has and in addition, he can take his creations to Kinkos and have them printed poster size in full color at 1200 dpi (dots per inch).

In a recent conversation, I said that I thought I had a fellow ready to get a Commodore. To this my boy asked, "Why a 64?" Indeed, why a 64? You're looking at a machine that is 12 years old! Consider this: You can purchase a 64 and a 1541 for less than \$200. Even with a monitor and printer you're not looking at a lot of money (comparatively speaking). The Mac CPU, keyboard and mouse ran about \$1,500. The trinatron monitor was about \$350 and the bubble jet printer was another \$250 for a grand total of \$2,100. Now the software was another \$600. Yes, you read that right, six hundred dollars for a top of the line paint program. Geos on the other hand is about \$40. Admittedly there is a quality difference. I also prefer 80 columns for use in word processors, data bases and spreadsheets, but that can be had if you go to a 128 and you can still pocket \$1,800 to boot!

The answer to "why a 64?" which came forth from someone else was, "For the average family, a 64 and 1541 disk drive will do everything they want to do and for a lot less money". If you spend \$200 on a 64 system and take advantage of the vast P.D. library and then decide to get rid of it, you can get most if not all of your money back. One final point. The Commodore 64 may be 12 years old but most of the software in use today is only a few years old and very good. Explore, have fun and laugh at new IBM and Apple users... all the way to the bank.

P.S. Be kind, don't laugh in their face!)

Fred Earley to be Published in dieHard

by Dale Lutes

We are very proud to announce that long-time club member, Fred Earley, will have an article published in an upcoming issue of dieHard. Fred submitted an article about the Pocket Filer database, for which he recently received a letter of acceptance. Fred was also offered an associate editor position at dieHard, but felt it best to decline. Please accept our congratulations, Fred. We're glad that you'll be staying with us in Wichita and we're looking forward to seeing you this Saturday.

dieHard, "the flyer for commodore 8bitters", is published 10 times per year by LynnCarthy Industries, Inc., Boise, Idaho.

The Helping Hand

This page lists those users willing to share their experiences and



knowledge with other members of the club.

Music

Robert Bales Nate Dannenberg

Telecommunications

Robert Bales Justin Riddiough

Nate Dannenberg

Programming

Nate Dannenberg Dale Lutes

Astrology, Biorhythm

Marie Both

Printing in Color

Don McManamey Jerry Shook

Labels

Jerry Shook

Titling Home Videos

Sue Harber

Cards, Posters & Signs

Fred Earley

Word Processing & Desktop Publishing

Fred Earley Don McManamey
Jerry Shook Dale Lutes

GEOS

Nate Dannenberg Fred Earley

Dale Lutes

Helping Hand Volunteers

Robert Bales	744-2580
Marie Both	652-7783
Nate Dannenberg	777-1037
Fred Earley	722-4044
Sue Harber	942-4884
Dale Lutes	721-0835
Don McManamey	265-2560
Justin Riddiough	522-5277
Jerry Shook	776-2683

Let us know if we may include your name in future Helping Hand listings. If we don't have a category for you already, we'll add one!

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^{*}How long? See the **Roots** column in this issue to find out! ---DL

Roots

by Dale Lutes

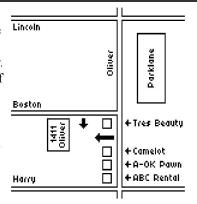
Our club can trace its roots back to 1982 with the Wichita VIC-20 Group. Those of you who are well-versed in Commodore history will remember that 1982 was the year that the C-64 was announced. I thought it would be fun to have a look at what was going on in those early days.

Here is the front page of the January 1983 newsletter. Inside, editor Walt Lounsbery reviewed several games and wrote an extensive article on VIC FORTH. Stephen Meirowsky furnished a technical article on programming and the C-64 video chip. Five adventure games for the VIC were received from a user group in New Zealand and 12 disks were added to the C-64 library. The last page included a program listing for Star Trek for the unexpanded VIC-20.



The Commodore Users of Wichita is a club dedicated to "the sharing, learning, and love of Commodore computers." Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 1-5pm. Anyone who owns or uses a Commodore computer system is welcome to attend. Family memberships cost \$15 per year. Members receive a monthly newsletter, a quarterly disk publication, access to an extensive library of public-domain software, and the right to vote on matters of club policy. We are looking forward to seeing **you** at our next meeting.

If you own an Amiga computer system, be sure to visit our sister club, the C&AUGW. Contact President Hal Wigley (776-9529) or Board Chairman Pete Hein (943-5215) for information regarding their meeting time and location.



You may join or renew your membership by mail. Complete this form and mail with a check for fifteen dollars to:	Name: Address:
Marie Both Commodore Users of Wichita 6606 Cottonwood Wichita, KS 67207	City: State: Zip: Phone: List additional family members who are interested in participating:
What Commodore systems do you use? (please check all that apply) □ VIC-20 □ C-64 □ C-128 □ C-16 □ Plus/4 □ Other	

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