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SURFING THE WORLD-WIDE WEB

Jere M. Marrs (Northwest Amiga Group)

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Large Meeting Room
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Glendale, Arizona

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TurboText Demo	Mel Elliott
airTaxi (Game) Demo	Les Carr
DP IV Animation	Bill Hagan
Q & A	The Answerman

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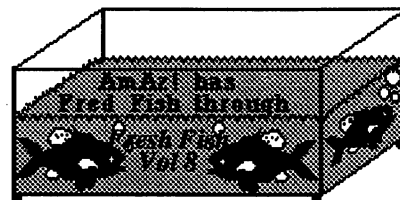
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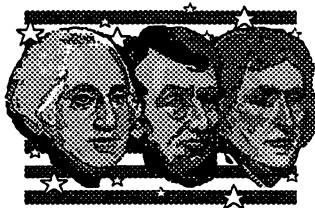


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hi and hello again to another AmAz! Newsletter. Still no real news regarding the Commodore bankruptcy. It appears a few companies are still interested in the Amiga but the longer the uncertainty lasts, the tougher it is going to be to get the Amiga back into production.

In recent weeks it also appears that a number of Amiga companies have either dropped support of the Amiga or have gone out of business. Two of the most important companies are GVP and Amiga World which published its last issue for April 1995.

Hopefully we will hear news soon which will clear up the questions over the Amiga's future.

Back to the club for some local news. Our BBS Sysop will be providing users with information on club plans to begin making a nominal charge for increased BBS

privileges. The money from this activity will help improve the BBS, such as having a CD ROM on-line and by increasing hard drive capacity. Finally, we hope to move up to a 28.8k modem and perhaps FAX capability. See the Sysop's column for more details.

I would also like to remind everyone that the club Garage Sale is coming up very soon, again see later in the newsletter for more details. The garage sale is an excellent opportunity to sell any unused hardware or software you have been meaning to get rid of. Most important, if you are looking for bargains, this is the place!

That's about all for this month, hope to see you at the next meeting, or perhaps hear from you on the BBS. We are always interested in your feedback, both positive and negative!

Until next month.
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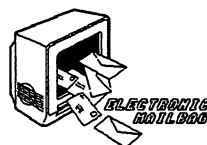


MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

Minutes of the March General Meeting.

Bill Hagan brought the membership up to date on his continuing adventures along the Information Superhighway -

including a class offered by Systems Solutions, Inc., an Internet access provider, and a group purchase discount he is arranging with U.S. Robotics on 28.8k modems (required for Internet GUI



BBS REPORT

by BILL HAGAN

How do you like the look of the new BBS software? Haven't seen it, you say? Oh yeah, that's right only Stan and I have really seen it. But, then again, you have seen it in one sense of the word. Between us, Stan and I are living up to the commitment of keeping the new software looking much the same as the old. At least, initially. Stan is doing his best to sort out the many problems that I have been having and it won't be long now until we have it up and running.

But, that's not the important thing at this time. What I really wanted to report to you this month is the deal that I am trying to work with U.S. Robotics. While I have not received written confirmation, I do have a telephone report that as User Group members, we can purchase 28.8k, Fax capable, V(everything) modems for \$199 plus \$15 shipping. We plan to add a surcharge of \$6 to go towards purchase of a modem for the BBS computer making each modem's price \$220 per individual.

used). Bill also passed around a number of beautiful color printouts done on his new Epson Stylus color inkjet printer; these were much ad-

It has been three weeks since I sent in the Fax to report on our User Group and ask for details. I was told that I should receive a reply within two weeks. Since I have not yet received an answer, I will go on the assumption that we will receive confirmation and without unforeseen circumstances, we may be able to conclude the deal during the month of April. If

you are interested in purchasing the last modem you will ever need to buy, one that will last you well into the 21st century, please contact

me at 934-2993 or leave a note to the Sysop on the BBS.

As soon as I receive confirmation and details from U.S. Robotics, I will pass the information on to you by a return note or phone call. Don't miss this opportunity to get a great modem at a great price.

I encourage everyone to get in on this great deal. It will go a long way towards our implementing the expanded BBS reported in the article Subscriber BBS reported on

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mired. Mel Elliott offered a quick glimpse of AmAz Disk of the Month #93.

Les Carr gave an engrossing

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Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

The librarians desk has been very quiet again this month. I would expect that we will receive a new Fresh Fish CD any moment now. About the only thing I have to report on is the disk of the month.

Everyone remember also that the For Sale column on this page is free to any member who has computer related stuff that they don't need or want any more. Just give me a call and let me know what you have and how much you would like to have for it and it will be a done deal.

The April AmAz! Disk of the Month includes the following:

SUPERPRINT: An OS 2.XX or higher program designed to print ASCII files. This one allows the user to give some format to the document such as font size, margins, headers and footers among others. Most ASCII print programs do not offer these functions.

ZAXXON: A space type shoot-em game that has been developed from a Commodore game. Is quite challenging and other than that is a real time killer.

FASTJPEG: A fast JPEG picture viewer which is, according to the author, compatible with both ECS and AGA machines. The DOC's indicate that some large pictures could require a 1 meg machine but other than that the program should work with any Amiga.

LHA: An update to the Version 1.38 of LHA that has been around for quite some time. I have not personally looked at the program closely

to see what differences there may be and no documentation came with the program. This new version is on this disk as the Archive program.

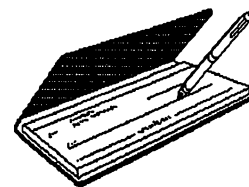
LHASFX: This is an update to this program that is contained in the LHA drawer on the disk. It will UNARCHIVE along with LHA when you click on the ICON. I am not at all familiar with this program but it is written by the author of LHA and apparently will allow the user to convert other archive programs to the LHA format, again I am not sure about this statement. There is some documentation along with the LHASFX program. It will be necessary to run both programs from the CLI/SHELL. If you are not familiar with LHA, just get it somewhere on your computer, CD to that place and type LHA from a CLI/SHELL and the instructions will be printed on the screen. These are shareware programs and the author says that if you register for LHA you are automatically registered for LHASFX.

I will be at the Amazing Computers store in Tempe on the 8th of April with the library, stop by and browse through what is available and buy some disks.

I will be demonstrating TurboText 2.0 at the April meeting. This is a fantastic text editor. I don't have all the functions down as yet but will attempt to give you a basic idea of how it works or how it should work, maybe I should say. Till next month. AmAz!

Treasurer's Report

by Lester Carr



March Beginning Balance:		\$ 710.30
Income:		
Advertising	\$ 40.00	
DOM Sales	13.00	
Memberships (Reg)	72.00	
Fred Fish Disks	9.00	

Total Income	\$ 134.00	+ \$ 134.00

Sub Total		\$ 844.30
Expenses:		
News Letter	\$ 58.51	
BBS Phone	23.91	

Total Expenses	\$ 82.42	- \$ 82.42

March Ending Balance:		\$ 761.88
Membership:	Regular 34 - Subscription 15	

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WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

The development of several new and old technologies are providing computer telecommunications with some remarkable new tools and capabilities. These new technologies are:

- High-speed dialup modems (14.4 and 28.8k, error correction and dynamic compression)

- The availability of local access Internet access providers (IP)

- The availability of networking software, both client/server and peer-to-peer

- The availability of network clients for Internet protocols such as TCP/IP (the internet protocol)

- Client software for such Internet applications as http, ftp, finger, telnet, network news, mail, irc

- Serial port device drivers for the Internet Protocol (IP) of several types (SLIP, CSLIP, PPP, TIA, etc)

- Satellites
- Fiber optics
- Cheap memory
- Large, cheap hard drives

AND FOR THE AMIGA?

The Amiga is rich in such resources and the Valley, from Eugene to Seattle has many Internet access providers.

Editor's note: There are a number of Internet Providers in the Phownix area:

A. ASU offers a FREENET with limited Internet capabilities such a E-Mail and connection with other Freenets through LYNX. You may get on-line with them at (602)965-4151.

B. Systems Solutions Inc. offers a Dialup Shell, SLIP/PPP, Usenet, FTP, Telnet, Archie, Gopher and E-Mail individual account with unlimited connect time for \$20 per month. Phone (602)955-5566.

C. NETCOM offers a full shell account with unlimited connect time for \$17.50 per month. They have temporarily suspended new

SLIP/PPP accounts. Phone 1-800-353-6600.

In the last few years of the Commodore International, they had a team of developers working on both hardware and software for networking. Ameristar developed an ethernet adaptor for Amigas in the form of a Zorro-II board. It is now manufactured and sold by CEI, the erstwhile distributor of Amigas in the US. Commodore also set a team to work on a standard Amiga networking specification for device drivers in about 1991. A standard was established (SANA-II) to which all network software adheres.

There are at least three software packages that allow the Amiga to talk to TCP/IP (the Internet): AS225r2, *AmiTCP* and *AmigaNOS*. To find out more than I know about this, get Dale Larson's book "Connect Your Amiga! A Guide to the Internet, LANs, BBSs and Online Services." This book is published by Intangible Assets Manufacturing. The ISBN number is ISBN 1-885876-02-5 (\$25).

HOOKING UP TO THE INTERNET DIRECTLY

I want to talk about *AmiTCP*. This is a software package that uses the Internet protocol to talk to networks and to the Internet via the local network. That network may just be your serial port suitably disguised as the Internet. There are several serial device drivers that do this: SLIP (serial line Internet protocol), CSLIP (compressed SLIP) and PPP (point to point protocol). These services

supported by your Internet provider.

AmiTCP allows you to configure your Amiga to act just like a UNIX box with the labyrinthine configuration files and cryptic file names. Since this is not an exhaustive or authoritative article, here are some packages (free) that allow you to do this:

1. *AmiTCP* version 4.0 demo (fully functional)
2. *ppp.device* version 1.3 (evaluation)
3. *AMosaic* Version 1.2 (then upgrade to 1.3 online)

These packages are archived on the NAG BBS files section. You will need some things that you have to pay for also:

1. A high speed modem (14.4 or higher)
2. An IP Internet provider (Teleport, Pacifier, RainNet, Netcom...) that offers either SLIP or (preferably) PPP connections.

Editor's note: These programs can also be found on the Amazing Connection BBS in the Telecommunications File Section. Phone (602)435-8695.

SURFING THE WEB

The jewel in all of this is *AMosaic*. It is the Amiga port of the MOSAIC program available in source for compilation for specific platforms. *AMosaic* is that port for the Amiga done and maintained by a group at SUNY Stonybrook. Mike Meyers is one notable among the team that ported it. It is free and can be found on the *AmiNET* CDs and on the Internet *AmiNET* sites. It is

Subscriber BBS

by Bill Hagan

We are nearing the completion of the upgrade to the BBS software. When this is completed and on line, the AmAz! BBS is planning to expand capabilities. These will include, but not be limited to an increase to nearly 750 megabytes on line, expanded message bases, file areas as well as an increased number of files for both the Amiga and the PC. We will probably go to a 28.8k Modem and add a CD-Rom drive for additional files.

The bad news is, this costs money. To defray these costs, AmAz! will most likely go to a full subscription basis as follows:

1. Guest - new callers will be validated as guests and will be granted very limited access for ten days. Access will provide 15 minutes and 3 calls per day, message access to the Sysop and access to download catalogs of available files and lists of the BBS features. After ten days, the guest status will be deleted.

2. BBS Member - Guests who choose to pay an annual fee of \$10 will be validated to BBS Member. This will provide 30 minutes and 5 calls per day, 1meg free download after which an upload/download ratio of 1/10 will prevail. File and message access will be limited to certain areas.

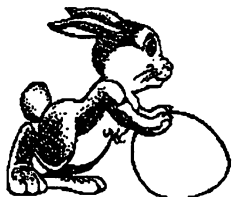
3. Subscriber - Mem-

bers who choose to pay an annual fee of \$20 will be validated to Newsletter Subscriber. In addition to receiving a monthly issue of AmAz!.info, this will provide 45 minutes, 10 calls and 2meg downloads per day. Subscribers will have no Upload/Download ratio and will have access to the nearly 1 gigabytes of messages and files. Subscribers may arrange with the Sysop to be relieved from the byte limit for special downloads.

4. User Group Member - Members of the Amiga Arizona (AmAz!) User Group who have paid an annual fee of \$30 will have all privileges of the Subscriber except the byte limit will be raised to 3meg per day. Additionally, they will have access to files from the Fred Fish, Aminet and other CD collections on a rotating basis. Most CD files will be listed in the catalog and special requests will be accepted.

Comments will be solicited at the April AmAz! General meeting. Your questions and suggestions may also be addressed to the Sysop in the Comments to Sysop section on the BBS.

We encourage comments from all, members and non-members alike. AmAz!



AIR TAXI

by
David C. May

ReviewBy: Jason Compton

Commodore 64 nostalgia mode engaged.

Muse Software was a great company in its day, early to mid eighties. Most notably, they're responsible for the "action/adventure" games Castle Wolfenstein and Beyond Castle Wolfenstein (Nothing to do with the 3D perversion by a similar name. In some ways, the 64 version is still more fun), and Space Taxi.

If Muse had consistent qualities, it was for enjoyable gameplay and crude digitized sound. They would cram little voice snippets into that small memory to add atmosphere to their games. (Who could forget Hitler pacing back and forth in his bunker, frequently stopping to say "Heil!" to the seated Nazi officers, who would reply in a deeper voice the same "Heil!?"

Space Taxi wasn't about Nazis, but it made use of voice samples as well. The premise was this: you drove a small flying vehicle and shuttled people from pad to pad on a screen which could have anything from candy to a marching Nazi to block your path.

It was, in short, a fun game. I remember discovering that the level of my choice could be reached by shutting off the disk drive on level 1, playing

it X times, then turning the drive back on: X+1 would be loaded.

I've seen other Space Taxi clones on the Amiga, but none that captured the spirit of the game as well as David May's airTaxi. Even though the original samples have been replaced by much less scratchy incarnations, the old feelings come back with every call of "Hey, Taxi."

May has put a lot of sophistication into the game. No longer just an experience for one player, with the right tools (a parallel-port joystick adapter) and 4 friends, you can have up to 5 taxis cruising around the screen at once. However, based on results of my games with Katie, two's a crowd, as things can get pretty cramped on the screen, and collisions are fatal.

The upshot of the game is still the same: fly customers from one pad to another, and get paid based on how long it took you to get them there. This, of course, means that if you're not a quick and efficient cabbie, you'll be a cabbie operating at a loss, since fuel is necessary and expensive. There are three types of customers: red, yellow, and white, who offer increasingly large tips. However, since you get penalized for killing customers (as in, getting yourself killed with a customer on-board) according to how much they tip, if you get killed with a white customer in the car early on, you may as well hit ESCape.

The levels are often quite complex, offering zero gravity environments, drafty

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presentation of Pretty Good Privacy, the controversial data encryption system. Les demonstrated how to make public and private keys, signatures, and how to encrypt & decipher messages.

Paul Fleischer continued his series on Imagine with a videotape of his creations using that program and Sculpt 4D - this included more of the beautiful flowers Paul has shown before as well as other examples of his work.

Finally, Bill Hagan retook the projector for another of his DPaint animations, this time an approaching train.

Software Drawing Results:
Gary Bowdish won a mouse perch; Les Carr chose 5 blank disks; Ricky McDonald took the game Pool of Radiance; Paul Fleischer won an AmAz Library Free Disk Coupon; the hidden member was Mark Carter #318, who was not present to claim his prize.

Minutes of the March 18 Exec Board Meeting.

The meeting was held at 9 a.m. at Sara's Cafe, 27th Avenue & Camelback.

Les Carr gave the monthly Treasurer's report on the state of club finances.

The Agenda for the April meeting was set, to include Mel Elliott's demo of the new Turbo Text, demo of the game airTaxi, and an animation by Bill Hagan.

Bill Hagan pointed out that the video series on the history of computers which he has

been showing prior to the General Meeting is almost finished; Bill suggested that the next tape should be one on computer espionage (the 'Cuckoo's Egg' case, an exciting true story of how a brilliant Sysop plays Sherlock Holmes and exposes an international computer spy ring).

Bill Hagan then passed around copies of a proposed info sheet announcing the new subscription policy on the BBS. After a discussion it was decided to put the matter before the membership. The possibility of offering access on the BBS to Fred Fish and other CD's was also discussed.

Pete Guldager then gave a report on trademark and copyright law as it affects the club, and it was decided that trademark registration was too expensive.

Mel Elliott reported on progress on the upcoming yard sale. Hours will be 10 to 4. Those selling software that is not Amiga Dos 2.0+ compatible will be requested to clearly label such items. There was a discussion of advertising, and Bill Hagan again volunteered to pay for a newspaper ad.

Bill Hagan then brought up the possibility of upgrading the BBS modem to a U.S. Robotics 28.8k for practically no cost.

President Brian Hunter adjourned the meeting at 10:45.

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NEW CD32's Your guess is as good as mine as to when new production will be. Various Packages Available starting at \$259.95
3 month warranty. Call or stop in for information on Packages. Few units left, availability is spotty at best.

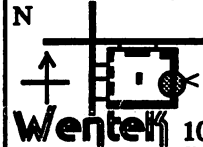
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areas, hell-bent destructive seeking satellites, and magnetic spheres to make your job difficult.

The game is written in AMOS and is ECS, playable on just about any configuration, and is NTSC. It's also a mere US\$5 to register, and the shareware levels should be more than enough to convince you. Arcade fans and those who shiver in anticipation at the words "pad 3, please" will want to pick this up.

David C. May
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Scott Sassa
President
Turner Entertainment Group.
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currently at version 1.3.

The best way to describe *AMosaic* is to draw an analogy with *AmigaGuide* (AG). With AG, you have key words that become buttons. When you click on those buttons, you traverse to another part of the document (called a "database") relevant to that word. This is commonly called "hypertext." *AMosaic* behaves in a similar manner except when you click on an active part of the document, instead of going to another part of the document, you may go to another part of the world! Moreover, *AMosaic* supports graphics (pictures), sound samples, animations, mods and it also lets you save documents as text, formatted text or as a hypertext document. Check out the March *AmigaWorld* (the late, lamented) article by Harv Laser. The cover story is about *AMosaic*.

So *AMosaic* is an Internet application that is hypertext in nature and is a transfer protocol for the particular kinds of files used in *AMosaic*. So we can call *AMosaic* a 'hypertext transfer protocol' or http. It pokes around in Internet servers (all over the world) and finds http files that have ".html" extensions. This stands for "hypertext markup language" and is very similar to writing *AmigaGuide* documents and it's very easy to do.

The "World-Wide Web" (WWW) is made up of computers (or servers) all over the world that have these ".html" files to look at. They contain "hot words" or "hot pictures" that you can click on to move

from one place to another. It can be from one part of a page to another, from one file in a computer to another or from Norway to Australia. The pictures are great. The Amiga is quite lucky, because we can observe or hear anything that we have a "datatype" for (OS 3.0 or higher) and that is a lot.

The WWW has been around from some time, but it's been waiting for the high speed modems (for pictures) and graphics-capable computers. So *Mosaic* is growing by leaps and bounds on platforms such as PC clones and Macintoshes. There is a text-only program on local UNIX access providers called LYNX that allows traversing the Web.

WHAT'S LEFT TO DO?

A great deal when you read the ReadMe files in these packages. From the user's point of view, the next important upgrade to *AMosaic* is to support FORMS. This allows "filling in" surveys, order sheets, etc. There is a version of EMACS for the Amiga that will support forms with a text-only Web reader.

You can run *AmiTCP* alone with an IP connection if you want, and there is a large number of client and server applications such as telnet, finger, ftp, ncftp, news readers, mail posters and readers that you can use directly from your computer. These things do not require the *AMosaic* program. NAG

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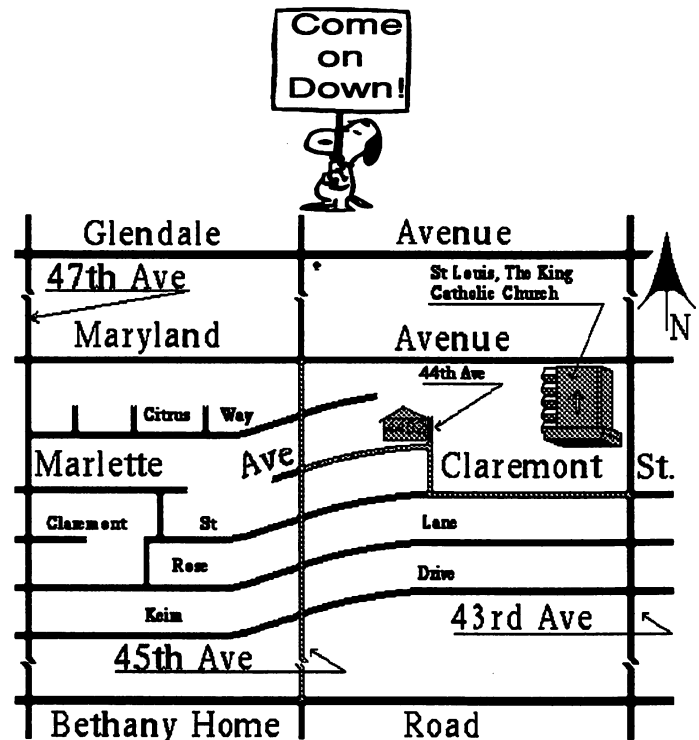
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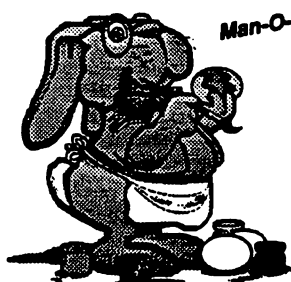
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