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MS-DOS on the Amiga "CrossDos"

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Plymouth, MI, USA -- CONSULTRON has announced that it will be shipping CrossDOS (TM) Version 6 Professional on April 3, 1995. CrossDOS has been enhanced to better support MS-DOS formatted floppies and hard disks. Here's a quick list of our "New and Improved" features:

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Next Meeting: 21 June 1995, 7:00 PM

Glendale Public Library
Large Meeting Room
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Glendale, Arizona

AGENDA

Disk of the Month	Mel Elliott
Final Data Demo	Mel Elliott
Scala Demo & Video	Stan Krawczyk
Fun with DP IV	Bill Hagan
Chaneques, Game	Bill Hagan
Software Drawing	\$20.00 Gift Certificate, Amazing Computers

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CLUB POLICY: AmAz! does not condone piracy of commercial software. Although AmAz! recognizes your right to make a working backup of software you have purchased, copying of software you have not purchased is illegal and may result in loss of membership and privileges in AmAz!.

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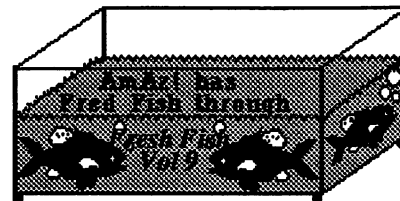
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DOM

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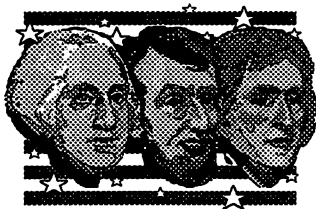


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hi and welcome again to another Amaz! Newsletter. We have quite a few exciting things going on in the Club and the Amiga world this month. First some more news from ESCOM, the new owners of the Amiga technology.

ESCOM have announced plans to get both the A4000T and A1200 back into production, the first A4000T's should be available in September, with the A1200's to follow in October. ESCOM also announced plans to sell Pentium based IBM PC's under the name Commodore in Europe. Unfortunately they appear to have problems getting the CD32 back into production and we may have to wait until next year before we see anymore of them for sale - unless there is still some old stock available.

Back to the club for some of our latest news. We have recently added a new hard drive to the BBS system to allow for more file storage space. See the Sysop's column for the latest details. We have also converted the BBS over to the newest revision of the Xenolink software - the goal initially was to make the transition as invisible as possible so you may not have actually noticed any changes, but the new software does allow for more flexibility in the way the BBS looks and runs. Look for some BIG changes in the near future.

The annual Garage Sale for 1995 was a success. We sold a number of club items and made some income for all other items sold. See the Treasurers report for details. Lastly, we have received

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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

Minutes of the May 1995 Exec Board Meeting.

The first order of business was a unanimous decision to apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by the cancellation of the May meeting. The library was being recarpeted and failed to notify

us that it would be closed. The member whose number was hidden in the May newsletter will have a chance to claim his prize at the June meeting.

After a discussion of the new BBS software, Bill Hagan asked all users to try out all the features of the new sys-



BBS REPORT

by **BILL HAGAN**

Problem is my middle name. For each problem we find and solve for the new BBS Software, two new ones seem to crop up. But, the important thing is the BBS is back up and running and Users are able to conduct *most* of their business.

Enough about the past. Let's look to the future. Here is a list of things to do:

1. Solve all the problems that continue to plague us. Sometimes it seems we have more wrong with the BBS than is right.

I've got two lists that I keep, one with the immediate priority problems and one with things that can be deferred. You can be of great help here in pointing out things you see that are in error. Anything, and I mean anything you are not sure of, please bring it to my attention. Leave a note to the Sysop on the board, or if that is your problem, for example, you can't get an Editor to work, then call me. My number is 934-2993 and you are

welcome to call anytime between 6:00 am and 11:00 pm.

I won't promise to solve your problem, but I will give it my best shot and I do have some experts backing me up. One thing for certain, if I'm not aware of a problem, it surely will NOT get solved.

2. Add new files and message groups to fill up the new hard drive. Did you notice that we

now have 745 megs online? As an adjunct to this, get the CD-Rom Drove online. (As I write this, the CD drive is connected to the BBS, I just have

to get the software sorted out and the menus set up).*

Here again, you can be of help. Do you have some favorite software that is not already on the board? Even if it is an old file, if others have not seen it, it is new to them. Be a good neighbor, upload away and share your goodies. Of course, it goes without saying, upload PD files only, no commercial products, Please!

3. Add new features and

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tem (particularly the Doors) and to report any problems to one of the Sysops. Consideration was given to whether the BBS software to access CD-ROM disks should be freeware or shareware, and it

was decided that a reasonable shareware fee (\$20) was acceptable. Bill also talked about the need for a co-sysop who would verify files uploaded to the PC sections of

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Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

As most of you know I am also the User Group Treasurer now. One of the most rewarding things that I have noticed happening is that our new and renewed members has picked up considerably. We have added a total of 4 Regular members and 4 Subscription members over the May Stats. Keep up the good work and see if any of your friends who have Amiga's would be interested in joining us.

No new CD's for the report this month, although I did purchase for myself the AMINET series 1-4 as well as AMINET 5 so I will make any files on these disks available to anyone who would like them. I am not going to publish a list of the files but if you know where the file is or what it's name is we will work it out. The best time for this would be at Amazing Computers on the second Saturday of each month.

Disk of the Month #96:

LOOP-D-LOOP: A puzzle game where the player builds loops from pieces shown. The pieces may be rotated and moved to place them where you need them to be. When a loop is completed it is removed from the board. The number of points scored depends on the size of the loop and the level you are currently playing on. When twenty loops are completed you will progress to the next level. As you progress through the levels the time allowed is shorter, pieces are more complex and more obstacles appear on the grid. Not easy to master.

AMIGAMAZE: A maze puzzle for which there were no DOCS but it is quite self

explanatory. There are different levels, some multi tiered. Again not so easy to follow when you get into the higher levels.

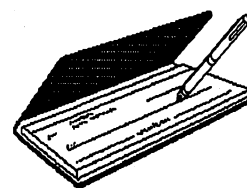
AFILE Version 3.30: This program is a data file manager that will allow the user to create and manage files such as address lists, video/audio/cd collections or clients using an Intuition interface. There is no limitation on the number of records or fields. The program uses AREXX as it's programming language. Has some neat functions.

VIRUSCHECKER Version 6.54: The latest update to this venerable virus checker from John Veldthuis of New Zealand. Our user group has kept the latest versions of this checker available to our users for several years now. It has detected the only virus's that I have encountered in my 7 years as an Amiga owner. Hope John keeps up the good work with his very timely updates.

I am still working on installing the AMAZ! Disk of the Month files into the most recent version of Kingfisher. I still have plans to demonstrate it at a future meeting after I have completed the DOM installation. It will not be possible to put the complete Fred Fish and DOM files on floppies in order that members may have a copy, as the Fred Fish data files alone are 21 Megs on my hard drive and on top of that there are index and the operating files. Putting the DOM's on will enable me to check if a program has already been used. AmAz!

Treasurer's Report

by Mel Elliott



May Beginning Balance:		\$ 802.37
Income:		
Advertising	\$ 40.00	
DOM Sales	22.00	
Memberships (Reg)	144.00	
Memberships (Sub)	108.00	
Yard Sale	721.00	
FF Disk	2.00	
Modem	1160.00	
Misc Income	28.75	

Total Income	\$ 2225.75	+ \$ 2198.75

Sub Total		\$ 3001.12
Expenses:		
News Letter	\$ 61.71	
BBS Phone	24.27	
Misc Expenses (Stamps)	.64	
Yard Sale	541.10	
Hardware (Hard Drive)	320.65	
Fred Fish CD	18.00	

Total Expenses	\$ 966.37	- \$ 966.37

May Ending Balance:		\$ 2034.75
Membership:	Regular 39 - Subscription 17	

NOTE: Income listed as Modem, is money collected from members to participate in a User Group Modem purchase plan from USRobotics.

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.....Garage Sale.....

The 1995 AmAz! Yard Sale is history. Thanks to all who participated, either with your items for sale or those who made purchases. The sale overall was a success, better than some past and not as good as some but OK. The weather man sure did his part in making it a success.

The overall results are that the User Group Treasury was increased by about \$200.00 before expenses (\$29 for an AD). We also signed up three new members during the day so that helps as well.

In the Treasurers report above you will notice income listed as Modem. This represents money collected from User Group Members who opted to participate in a special 28.8 Baud Modem program by US Robotics for the purchase of these modems. If you are a member of the AmAz! User Group and you have not been contacted by a member of the Executive Board please get in touch with Bill Hagan or Mel Elliott as soon as possible if you are interested in this program.

So much for the 1995 yard sale. Hope to see you next year at the Memorial Day Weekend sale. AmAz!

► CrossDOS page 1 Faster Hard Disk Writes

We've optimized CrossDOS disk caching and disk access routines to speed up writes to MS-DOS hard disks approximately ten times.

Partition MS-DOS Hard Drives

Using our QuickPrep utility, you can create a 'true' MS-DOS hard disk partition entirely on your Amiga. You are no longer required to preformat the disk on an MS-DOS computer first.

Read and Write MS-DOS Disk Images in Files

CrossDOS now supports Bridgeboard MakeAB and JLink files, PC-Task hardfiles and AtOnce/GoldenGate disfiles.

Network Compatible

We've improved CrossDOS to be compatible with most Amiga networks.

Improved Hard Disk Configuration and Diagnostic Utilities

We've made substantial enhancements to many CrossDOS utilities including the hard disk configuration and diagnostic programs.

Full-time Technical Support

We still provide full-time technical support for our products. Tech support is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM EST.

Runs on any Amiga

CrossDOS will run on any Amiga with 512K or more of RAM using AmigaDOS 2.0 or higher.

Availability and Pricing

CrossDOS are scheduled to be available April 3, 1995. The suggested list price is: \$60.00

CrossDOS Version 6 Professional should be available from most Amiga software retailers or directly from CONSULTRON (include \$5.00 S&H for USA and Canada or \$10.00 S&H elsewhere). (We now support Visa and MasterCard.)

"Same-day" Delivery Service

For qualified credit card customers, we can provide "same-day" delivery on our software products. Call for details.

CrossDOS Upgrade Policy

CrossDOS owner upgrades from previous versions are available from CONSULTRON only. To qualify, you must be preregistered with us and your cost is \$15.00 plus shipping and handling (\$5.00 S&H for USA and Canada or \$10.00 S&H elsewhere).

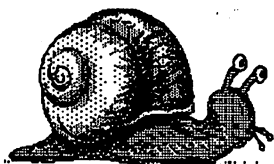
High-density drives for sale:

To further support our customers, we have purchased a supply of Amiga compatible high-density drives in both the internal and external models. This is the original Chinon drive designed for Commodore to support the 1.44M formatted MS-DOS disks. Call for pricing. (While supplies last).

Please Note: CrossPC is no longer bundled with CrossDOS and has been discontinued. CrossDOS is a trademark of CONSULTRON.

[This is an article typed from Computer Retail News (UK) Dated Monday 24th April 1995. - Jason]

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Subscriber BBS

by Bill Hagan

The Amazing Connection (AmAz!) BBS is expanding its capabilities. There is now 745 megabytes of file and message space on line. Message bases will be expanded in the very near future as will file areas. We will increase the number of files for both the Amiga and the PC as time permits. We have set aside 100 megabytes for PC files and 600 megs for Amiga files. A 28.8k Modem has been ordered and a CD-Rom drive is connected, but must be configured for access.

Effective July 15th, 1995 access to the BBS will be by subscription only. We will have four categories of members 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 terminated and caller will no longer have access to the BBS unless he has chosen to upgrade to a higher status.

2. BBS Member - Requires payment of an annual

fee of \$10. 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. All PC files and approximately 300 megs of Amiga files will be available.

3. Subscriber - Requires payment of an annual fee of \$20. Subscribers will receive a monthly issue of AmAz!.info and access to the

BBS of 45 minutes, 10 calls and 2meg of downloads per day. Subscribers will have no Upload/Download ratio and will have full access to all

messages and files. Subscribers may request additional time, a larger byte limit and special files on a one time basis.

4. User Group Member - Requires payment of an annual fee of \$30. User Group Members have all privileges of the Subscriber except there is no byte limit. 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.

Effective July 15, 1995 any BBS User who has not

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Shareware

By Dave Pare

Amiga Users of Southeastern
Massachusetts

Has anyone ever actually purchased shareware? First, let's define what shareware really is, where and why it originated and it's real purpose.

The terms "Public Domain", "Freeware" and "Shareware" are often confused and often used interchangeably. They are not however, all the same. Public Domain are programs that were released by the authors to be freely used by all, with no intention of gaining personal profit from them or are programs whose origin is not known and, not being copyrighted, are determined free for all to use. Freeware is released by software developers generally as a taste of what they have to offer. Freeware is free for you to use indefinitely, and is generally a crippled version of some bigger and better program which you can get by spending some money. The purpose of freeware is to whet your appetite for the program and allow you to try it out in a somewhat limited way. It amounts to a working demo of a program. Shareware however, is released in full working form (here some authors actually help lead to the confusion and do not release fully functional versions). When shareware is released, it generally allows you to use, and "SHARE" the program for a limited period of time, at which point you either pay the set fee, or discontinue use of the program.

The idea behind shareware is idealistic. You will love my program, use it often and appreciate my effort in producing it so much that you will gladly send me money in order to continue using it in the future and to be sent any upgrades I make in that program down the road. I will also offer my support to you to help you overcome any problems you may have in using my program. I say this idea is idealistic because in reality it seldom works this way. There are many people who use shareware programs on a regular basis and have NEVER sent a dime to any of the authors EVER. From personal experience, there are authors who after receiving a shareware payment, cash the check and fail to hold up their end of the bargain. Shortly after I first got my Amiga, I found a shareware program called "Your Money." It was the type of program that fit my needs for tracking bank accounts. It was simple to use and effective in keeping records. I used the program for several weeks to see that it did indeed work as advertised and sent off my shareware payment to the author. At which point I assume he took my money and left town. I was never able to contact him about some of the problems I later ran into, I never heard of any upgrades and/or improvements in the program.

Shareware HAS to be a two way street. If you are an author who intends to release the fruits of his labors as shareware, you must be willing to offer support of your product to those who do pay the shareware fee. You

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Piracy



By Jonathan Potter

POTTER ON PIRACY (In a letter to Amiga Report)

Jason,

I just thought I'd write a quick letter to Amiga Report to express my disappointment with the actions of some members of the Amiga community. As you may be aware, Directory Opus 5 has just been released. This is a significant upgrade; the program has been completely rewritten after more than 6 months of hard work. Less than a week after its release, pirate copies have already spread around the world.

Software piracy is a problem as old as computers themselves, and of course we'd be naive not to expect it. But to have the program appear so quickly on pirate BBS' makes me wonder just exactly how tuned in to reality some people are. The position of the Amiga at the moment is exceptionally precarious, as I would have thought was obvious to anybody, and the only thing

keeping it alive are the developers who still believe in the platform.

Many times in the past six months I've had to ask myself why I was wasting my time programming for a nearly-dead computer. Obviously, I do it because I enjoy it, but the hard truth is that I have to justify it in dollar terms - philanthropy is all well and good, but if I don't make any money I don't eat. The Amiga market is already small enough without the added burden of rampant piracy to contend with.

I guess all I'm trying to do is to appeal to people; if they really believe in the Amiga, and really want to see it continue, don't contribute to its downfall by ripping off the hard work of the very people who are keeping it alive.

Regards,

Jonathan Potter

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Previous Column

owe this to the other authors who DO support their work. A few experiences with lack of support will surely stop anyone from sending money to any authors. On the other hand, it IS the obligation of anyone who continues to use a shareware program after the "trial" period, to mail off that shareware fee. In most cases the fee is reasonable and far

less than that of a commercial product of the same type. More often than not, it is merely a token reward for his effort. Any author who plans to make a living from shareware fees must truly be dreaming. In most cases the programs were written to perform some personal need and released to the public in a measure of generosity by the author. Dave AmAz!

Assassins

CD by Weird Science

Review By: Jason Compton

Game compilation CDs are considerably more interesting to review than font/clipart creations...especially if the games are good, and even more if the design is nice. In all of these areas, the Assassins CD is a success.

A bit of background first. If you've ever seen an advertisement for a PD/Shareware disk seller, you've seen mention to the Assassins line of floppies, basically a couple hundred disks with freely redistributable games on them. Having a modem and net access, it's never been very attractive to me.

Of course, having all 200 on one CD, with a full graphical interface, bootable from the CD32, is a completely different story.

The story is this: The CD comes ready-to-run on basically any Amiga, all the way down to CDTV. A title screen, animation, and music greet you, followed by a menu choice to either use the Workbench (for Parnetting or just direct access to the CD) or their graphical menu system.

Don't pass up the menu system, even if you're not using a CD32/CDTV. It's quick, attractive, and most importantly will do what all CDs of this sort should be required to do: tells you what you need to run it! The built-in scripts, should you choose to play, put your machine into the proper con-

figuration for playing the game. I have yet to find one that fails.

The menu system breaks down games into six categories, in which are alphabetical listings and indications, if necessary, that a game is AGA (well, it says NOT CDTV, which you can interpret to mean AGA...) Usually, some sort of description is available using the interface.

There really isn't much left to be desired. The Assassins disks are also compressed and stored on the CD, so as not to be wasteful with space or if you're planning to pull them off onto another Amiga.

This is good stuff. It's simple enough so that anybody can get it up and running instantly (games don't even choke on my SX-1's fast RAM, which means they covered all of the bases), and has enough games on there that you're destined to find SOMETHING that meets with your approval.

*** NorthWest Public Domain, the provider of this disc, has a deal for Amiga Report readers. NPD will sell the disc at the price of US\$16.95 to anybody who admits that they read AR. Shipping to North America is US\$2.00, US\$5.00 elsewhere. (AR has nothing to do with this deal, and we don't profit from it in any way...)

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Wentel AMIGA Computers

ESCOM owns the Amiga, and claim new machines(A1200/4000/CD32) will be available within 2 months. Keep your fingers crossed!

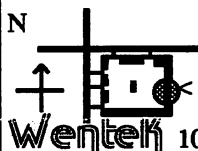
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FIDO NEWS



Editorial

I am a programmer, and I sit here at my terminal in a smallish city up here in Canada, working for a living. Nothing special, just a two person firm doing okay. Not rich, not poor. Just folks.

Yet I talk, each day, to people all over the world. My neighbours are down in the States, over in Germany, a fellow from Korea that drops a note every once in a while, and a few mad Englishmen.

Then I read my "newspaper." It is all government fighting with government: government this, and government that. They have even turned sport into a fight between governments. I am tired of governments. I am 47 years old, and have been a staunch Canadian all my life. But these damned boundaries are getting me down. I want to live with my neighbours, have fun, take care of the mess the world is in, and get on with life. If the net is international, what the hell do we need boundaries for?

Lets start using this net thing we have created. Lets stop fighting, and be civilized.

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THOUGHTS

THOUGHTS TO GET YOU
THROUGH ALMOST ANY
CRISIS

*From Comm-Link
Author Unknown*

1. Indecision is the key to flexibility.
2. There is always one more jerk than you counted on.
3. You can't always tell which way the train went by looking down the tracks.
4. This is as bad as it can get, but don't count on it.
5. There is absolutely no substitute for genuine lack of preparation.
6. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
7. Happiness is merely the remission of pain.
8. The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.
9. The other line always moves faster until you get in it.
10. It is hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.
11. Someone who thinks logically is a contrast to the real world.
12. Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.
13. I have seen the truth and it makes no sense.
14. If you think there is good in everybody, think again.
15. If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
16. One seventh of your life is spent on Monday.

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document just how the new BBS will work. I have some ideas on changes I want to make, but I've put a low priority on them to make time to take care of the higher priority items listed above. You will see some changes in the near future.

Most of you are already aware of the good news from U. S. Robotics. We are taking advantage of their offering of a very special price on 28.8k Baud Modems that are Fax capable. At the same time we will be upgrading the BBS to operate at 28.8k and change access levels to allow users to take full advantage of the higher speeds.

I will be adding some new features and changing some of the current ones. Many of you have asked about the Message Download Utility. The one we had on the previous incarnation will no longer work with the new software. I've been looking for a new utility, but the only one I've found is shareware which must be paid before it can even be tried. I've not heard any good reports on how it works. I will keep looking. Could be when we all get to 28.8k, it will be redundant.

* The CD's will be available only to members of the User Group. I invite you to read the companion piece in this issue "Subscription BBS."

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Retyped by Mel Elliott

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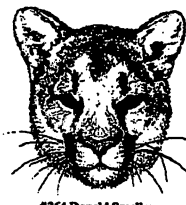
the BBS; free membership will be offered to someone willing to undertake this responsibility. The Board also decided to leave to Bill's discretion who else should receive BBS privileges, such as Sysops of other bulletin boards.

At the time of the meeting Bill had not heard from U.S. Robotics, but in the interim he has received official word on a User Group discount deal on 28.8K modems - due to a short time limit anyone interested should contact Bill Hagan at once.

Mel Elliott gave the treasurer's report and discussed the transfer of the responsibilities of that office. Mel also spoke about the Aminet CD-ROM disks, and final yard sale matters. It was decided to explore the possibility of reciprocal advertising with other user group newsletters for yard sales, etc. Mel has made arrangements for an alternate meeting location for October, but there are still two other months when the library meeting room will not be available. Anyone with any ideas should speak up.

It was agreed among those present that there is no interest in merging with any other user group at this time; our finances are solid and diversity is certainly one of the spices of life.

Submitted by Pete Guldager.
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registered in one of the above categories will be dropped from access to the BBS. The increased rates will take effect immediately for new Subscribers and User Group Members and upon renewal for current Subscribers and User Group Members. This information will be posted as a bulletin on the BBS. We encourage you to continue participation on our Bulletin Board System and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Some current Users with special status such as Visiting Sysop will be exempt from this policy. AmAz!

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word from US Robotics concerning the modem special they are offering to User Group members. Please contact either Mel or Bill Hagan ASAP if you are interested in a new 28.8 modem.

That's about all for this month, remember we are always interested in your feedback, both positive and negative so let us know what you think!

Until next month. AmAz!



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At our meetings we provide demonstrations of new or interesting Amiga programs/equipment, sometimes by developers or dealers if we can line them up. A software drawing is held for regular members. Our extensive disk library contains the entire Fred Fish collection plus demo disks from developers as well as our own Disk of the Month. Disks may be ordered at meeting's, on the BBS or by calling the Librarian and may be picked up at meeting's or mailed (small fee). The library is also at Amazing Computers on the 1st Saturday of each Month. Members of the group may purchase disks at a reduced price.

The Group owns and operates a 24 hour Bulletin Board System (BBS) called the AmAz!ing Connection (602) 435-8695. This BBS supports baud rates up to 14,400 BPS. The BBS is open to any caller, however, members of the Group are allowed an extra 15 minutes per day and no limits on download privileges.

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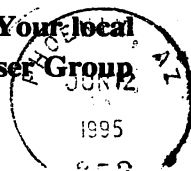
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