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ANALYZERC

REVIEW: ADVANCED AMIGA ANALYZER

By: William Near

HARD/SOFTWARE: Advanced Amiga Analyzer v1.11

MANUFACTURER: Wilcom Australia Ltd.

DESCRIPTION: Combination hard/software diagnostic utility for all Amigas

PURCHASED FROM:

Software Hut (800) 93-AMIGA - orders
313 Henderson Drive (610) 586-5701 - info
Sharon Hill, PA 19079 (610) 586-5706 - fax

PRICE: I paid US\$75.95, this includes \$6 S&H.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: The Advanced Amiga Analyzer will work on any Amiga model.

SYSTEM TESTED ON:

Amiga 2000 (Rev 4.4), ECS chip set, GForce '030 accelerator CHIP + 8 MB FAST memory, Quantum LPS270S hard drive with Trumpcard Professional controller, Picasso II RTG board, ioExtender, Workbench 3.1

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Next Meeting: 20 Sept. 1995, 7:00 PM

**Glendale Public Library
Small Meeting Room
5959 W. Brown St.
Glendale, Arizona**

AGENDA

Disk of the Month	Bill Hagan
KGB, Computer & Me	1 Hour Video
Open Agenda	Brian Hunter
Q & A	The Answerman
Software Drawing	Leather Goddesses

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\$3.00 non-member

DOM

\$3.00 AmAz! member
\$4.00 non-member



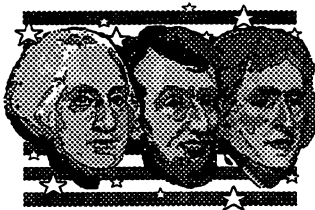
AmAz! Library has:
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Aminet CD #7

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Tempe, AZ 85281
(602) 929-9488

Wentek
10317 Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85253
(602) 483-7200

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hi and welcome once again to another AmAz! newsletter. My employment still keeps me from participating fully in club activities. I am pleased with and appreciate all the help from everyone pitching in to keep things running in my absence.

One major problem with running the club is finding interesting meeting agenda. As you know, there will no computer for this month's meeting, but we will have a video about computer hackers as well as discussions on topics of your choice and as always, the drawing.

The October meeting is set. We will be meeting in the Executive Towers Building in downtown Phoenix. Gary Bowdish has promised an interesting meeting about connecting to the Internet with Amiga software.

After that, we are at a loss for subjects and I encourage you to suggest topics you would prefer.

There is good news from ESCOM. They may reduce the price of the T4000 to near \$2700. This still seems a little high to me, but it is moving in the right direction. They also plan to increase production of the 1200 for shipment to the US. This may prove to be one of their smarter moves.

Finally, I'd like to thank to Bill Hagan and US Robotics. Thanks to Bill for persisting until all members who wanted one, got a USR 28.8K modem and to US Robotics for their support. USR is to be commended for their Sysop and User Group Support programs.

Until next month. AmAz!



MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

General Meeting Minutes:
Bill Hagan went through the contents of the Disk of the Month.

Gary Bowdish demonstrated some of the new features of Final Writer Release 4, the latest upgrade of the leading Amiga word processor, including a grammar checker

and a highly configurable user interface that features click tab pages, tool and status bars and floating palettes galore.

Bill Hagan tried his hand at a run & jump game from Mexico called Chaneques.

It was announced that since



BBS REPORT

by BILL HAGAN

August 1995 will go down as a very memorable month in the minds of many.

For some, it will be remembered as the month they finally got a computer operating system that provides features built into my computer when I bought it in 1988. For some it will be the month they spent their hard earned money on a computer system that bogged down, slowed down, wouldn't read all data on and generally screwed up their computers. They may remember it as the month they installed and promptly removed an operating system that was supposed to provide features working on my computer since I bought it almost eight years ago.

For me, August 1995 is memorable for several reasons. First, the MODEM CAPER came to fruition. As a result there are 451,552 new bauds in the AmAz! User Group. What I really mean is that thirteen AmAz! members and the BBS computer are sporting brand new U.S.

Mel Elliott and his Amiga will be on vacation there will be no computer (and no Mel) at the September meeting, so a videotape will be shown in addition to a discussion period and the Software

Robotics high speed FAX capable modems: ten Couriers, three Sportsters and one Mac&Fax.

Second, I am one of those recipients; I got a USR Courier 28.8K Fax V. Everything modem that was already programmed to 33.6K. To date, I am the only one connecting to our BBS at 33600. I get it nearly every time and

I regularly get 3500+ CPS on downloads of large size files. Who could ask for anything more?

The final high point was when I finally connected to the Internet. Admittedly, my connection is far from perfect, but I am there. It just needs a little fine tuning. I'd like to tell you more about the Internet, but for now that's all I know! Maybe next time I can tell you how I did it and maybe even how you can do it.

The result of all this has been that my mind has shifted from the parallel port, where I was doing several things at once, to the serial port where I seem to be able to do only one thing at a time. I start a

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Drawing.

The August prizes were a Trakball (Donated by Wentek) won by Gary Bowdish; five

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Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

Just a brief note to say how good it felt to get out and come to the August meeting if only for a short time. My recovery is coming along as well as could be expected. Hope to be back in full swing by the end of September. I still plan to leave town before the middle of September and will be back on the 6th of October or thereabouts.

We received, in August, the Aminet CD #7, still have not received any new Fresh Fish CD's but feel that it should be arriving any day now.

It is getting increasingly more difficult to find interesting programs to include on the AmAz! Disk of the Month. I'm sorry about a duplication of type of programs on the September disk but I just couldn't come up with anything that I thought would be of interest.

AmAz! DOM #99:

The September Disk of the Month contains the following programs:

AMICHECK:

A demonstration version of a Checkbook type accounting program. Requires OS 2.XX or higher. The program is shareware and has a fee of \$25.00. It contains information for both

68000 and 68020 processors. Seems to work quite well. Has information for ordering custom made checks if you desire to print them out with your computer.

THE GRID:

A two player game wherein the players attempt to get 4 playing pieces aligned vertically, horizontally or diagonally before his opponent. No computer play option. Contact Ware program.

BARTENDER:

An alcoholic drink mixing list. Contains 1000 different recipes with ingredient lists and mixing instructions. Giftware.

CHECKITOUT:

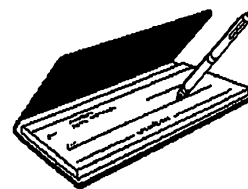
Another demonstration version of a checkbook accounting program. This one is also shareware with a fee of \$40.00. The author states that is quite fast. Requires Operating System 2.XX or higher.

I am planning to be at Amazing Computers on September 9th with the club library, so if you have a desire for any programs from the Fred Fish, Aminet or AmAz! DOM series stop by and see me.

Till next Month! AmAz!

Treasurer's Report

by Mel Elliott



August Beginning Balance: \$ 772.52

Income:

Advertising	\$ 50.00
DOM Sales	14.00
Memberships (Reg)	30.00
Memberships (Sub)	20.00
Misc Income	34.25
Modem	9.00

Total Income \$ 157.25 + \$ 157.25

Sub Total \$ 929.77

Expenses:

News Letter	\$ 60.67
Modem	20.82
BBS Phone	24.33
Aminet CD #7	18.25
Misc Exp (Stamps)	6.40

Total Expenses \$ 130.47 - \$ 130.47

August Ending Balance: \$ 799.30

Membership: Regular 39 - Subscription 15 - BBS - 1



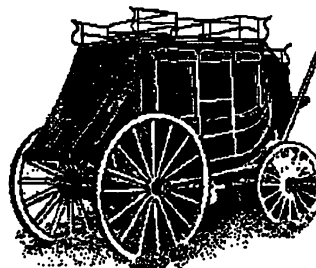
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AMIGA A2000

Vector 030/25mhz accel, 9 megs RAM, 170meg HD, 1084 monitor, 9 pin dot-matrix color printer. VHS backup system. Much software including, VLAB, Genlock, Final Copy, Dpaint IV and ADPRO. Sound Capture.

\$1000.00

Call Chuck @ 780-3117



SCALA MM210

Multimedia creation program complete with original disks, manual and dongle, ready to operate. Takes up quite a lot of hard drive space when installed.

\$40.00

Call Mel @ 931-1117

SUPRA MODEM

2400 Baud Rate. Being sold due to upgrading to 28.8 Baud Modem. No problems with modem while in use.

\$20.00

Call Bill @ 934-2993

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PACKAGING: The hardware, 8 page dittoed manual, and floppy disk of software all came in a bubble wrap envelope.

INSTALLATION: The Analyzer hardware consists of a plastic box (5"x2.5"x1.5") with four port dongles, a joystick port pass-through and eight LEDs (parallel, video, serial and mouse). To conduct the preliminary hardware test you must first power-down your computer and attach the serial, parallel, video, and joystick port dongles (A1000 requires gender changers.) Turn the computer back on and check that all the LEDs are lit. If one or more did not light up then this indicates a problem with the corresponding port(s). If all of the LEDs lit then power-down the computer and remove the mouse and video port dongles. Reattach your mouse and monitor and power-up the computer with the supplied disk in the drive.

TESTING: The Analyzer's software boots up into the Gameport tester screen. From this screen you can see a graphical representation of your mouse and joystick ports. By moving your mouse in all directions and pressing any single or combination of mouse buttons, you will see a light appear in the corresponding pin position(s). The mouse X and Y coordinates are also displayed on this screen. The same happens when moving your joystick in all directions and pressing the fire button(s). If any of the corresponding lights do not light then this indicates a problem with that

specific pin on the port. By clicking on any of the graphical representations of the port pins a text box will appear indicating what this particular pin controls and what hardware to check on the Amiga for possible causes of the problem.

It should be noted that the diagnostic information comes from the A2000 schematics. While other models vary, the general chips should be similar enough to allow you to troubleshoot any model Amiga.

There are a series of buttons at the bottom of the main screen. By clicking on any one of these you will be taken to that testing or information screen.

PARALLEL: This screen contains a graphical representation of the parallel port's 25 pins. Each pin may be clicked on to see what it controls and what hardware to check in case of malfunction. A parallel port test is also included. By clicking on the Run Test button you will initiate a parallel port test using the hardware and software of the Analyzer. The test is ended by clicking on the End Test button. Any errors that may have occurred will appear in a window with the complete explanation for what hardware to check. If the test was passed then the window will indicate this.

SERIAL: This screen contains a graphical representation of the serial port's 25 pins. Each pin may be clicked on to see what it controls and what hardware to check in case of malfunction. A serial port test is also included. By

clicking on the Run Test button you will initiate a serial port test using the hardware and software of the Analyzer. The test is ended by clicking on the End Test button. Any errors that may have occurred will appear in a window with the complete explanation for what hardware to check. If the test was passed then the window will indicate this.

MEMORY: This screen contains two windows. One window displays all CHIP, FAST and other expansion memory that is installed on your computer. The other window displays any errors that may have occurred during testing. When you click on the Run Test button, a memory test is done on all installed memory. A display at the top of the screen shows which pass number the test is on, as well as the address block and current address of the test in progress. The test is ended by clicking on the End Test button. If no errors were found then a Test Passed requestor will appear; otherwise, the lower window will display the errors that were encountered.

DISK: This screen allows you to test any of up to four floppy drives that are connected to the computer. You can initiate either a READ ONLY or a READ/WRITE test on any of the floppy drives.

The **READ ONLY** test will only test for read errors on the inserted floppy disk(s) in the drive(s) to be tested. As each track is read from, a green box will appear with the error number encountered, if any. This test will continue until you click on the End Test but-

ton.

The **READ/WRITE** test will check for read and write errors on the inserted floppy disk(s) in the drive(s) to be tested. Each track is tested by performing two write and read tests, and as each track is read from a green box will appear with the error number encountered, if any. This test will continue until you click on the End Test button.

If you encountered any errors while testing the floppy drives then you can click on the ERRS button to see a list of seventeen possible errors.

You may also check the drive alignment for any floppy drive by using the **READ/WRITE** test on a known good floppy drive and disk. Take the good floppy disk and insert it into the suspect drive and then run a **READ ONLY** test on this drive. If you encounter any errors then this drive's alignment is questionable.

VIDEO: This screen contains a graphical representation of the video port's 23 pins. Each pin may be clicked on to see what it controls and what hardware to check in case of malfunction. A video port test is not available. The hardware of the Analyzer will only test the integrity of the three power pins on the video port.

CONFIG: This screen will display the following information about the system being tested:

- * ROM version
- * Agnus version
- * Denise version
- * CPU
- * FPU

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- * Display (NTSC or PAL)
- * Any expansion boards installed
- * All memory installed

AUDIO: This screen displays four boxes on the screen (one for each of the four Amiga audio channels) which contain a musical scale. When you click on the Run Test button a scale of notes will be played through each of the four sound channels one at a time. This test will continue until you click on the End Test button. If, during the test, you don't hear some or any of the notes being played then this could indicate a problem with the hardware.

MORE TO COME: This is the most annoying button on the screen! The author tells you how he's constantly trying to upgrade the hard/software. This is all well and good, but he asks that you contact him with any ideas or comments you may have -- he also neglects to give you any contact information in four different locations throughout the manual, software, and readme file. This makes it quite difficult to do.

HELP: This button appears on each of the above testing and information screens. When you click on this button a window will appear which explains the current screen's testing procedure.

DISLIKES: The cables that lead to the various ports could stand to be a bit longer. It is usable now, but 6 more inches of cable wouldn't hurt. The dongles for the ports could use better screws. The ones included need a flat

blade screwdriver -- using the thumb screw approach would be much better (the type found on most modern cables.) I would also like to see the inclusion of an Email and/or snail mail contact address for the author. He goes out of his way in asking for suggestions and comments, but doesn't supply the needed information for submitting these suggestions and comments.

SUMMARY: All in all the Advanced Amiga Analyzer is a useful tool. It can be used to analyze your current Amigas or possible purchases of used equipment. It saves you the trouble of opening up the computer to see what boards and chips are installed, as well as eliminating the fear of buying defective, used equipment. The Analyzer can track down 90% of Amiga hardware failures and suggests some very good leads on what parts of the hardware to check. If the Analyzer saves you from making one service visit or from buying one defective, used Amiga, then it's more than paid for itself.

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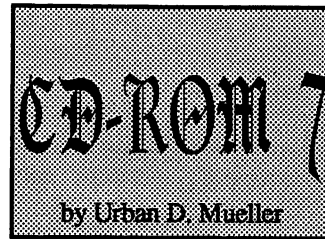
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blank disks selected by Jim Aboltin; a Star Trek game won by Joe Benedetto; a Free Disk Coupon went to Michael Osburn.

President Brian Hunter adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. AmAz!



#389 Dean Frey



Aminet CD 7 contains over 1 gigabyte of freely distributable software. The newest file included is dated June 26th. Besides the the new software, the CD concentrates on pictures and clip art. The space on the CD is used as follows:

- 650M of software newer than Aminet CD 6 (more than ever before)
- 350M of images
- 50M of top downloads

- These consist of:
- 1500 pictures (+7700 clip art images in large archives)
 - 1250 tools
 - 380 mods
 - 130 games
 - 70 demos

The pictures were collected from various sources besides Aminet, and will show up on Aminet eventually.

ACCESS SOFTWARE

Amigaguide based user interface, allows easy unpacking and viewing using a single mouse click.

Extensive search facilities. Finds words in descriptions or readme's, and outputs matches as an index that allows direct viewing.

New access features for the following categories of files:

- Images: All .jpg images can now be converted to IFF using a single mouse click. There is also a simple batch conversion facility.

- Clip art: The clip art images on the CD are organized in large archives but can be displayed individually. The clip art has meaningful names and sometimes comments. Clip art can be viewed using thumbnails, slide shows or descriptions. There is also a textual search facility for the clip art.

- Software changes: The 'Find' program can search for several words at a time now, PicZoo has comments for many pics and runs on gfx boards (at least with clip art). And of course various bug fixes.

PRICES

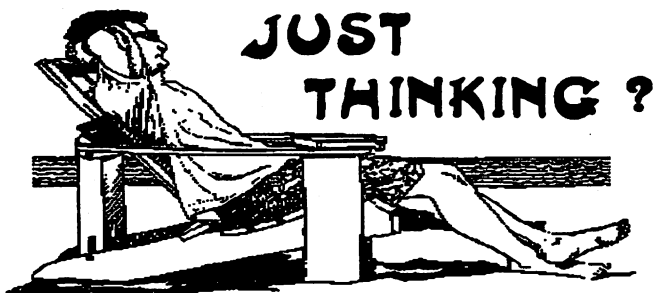
The CD can be ordered from the following addresses: (credit cards OK)

USA: Fred Fish
Tel: +1-602-491-0442
Price: \$19.95

Price excludes shipping. Subscriptions are available. More information, including distributors in other countries, is found in the text file docs/misc/CD-Orders.txt on Aminet. A complete index is found in disk/cdrom/Aminet-CD-7.lha

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Editors Note: AmAz! members do not need to purchase Aminet CD 7. It will be online on the BBS on October 15, 1995 AmAz!



by Bill Hagan

Though I might be preaching to the choir, I think this needs saying. As Sysop, Newsletter Editor and member of the Executive Board, I am privy to much that most of you are not aware of. I get some pretty spicy comments on the BBS, I see newsletters from other User Groups and I see the membership rolls and club finances.

Lately, most Comments to the Sysop are complaints that we're charging for access to the BBS. One complainant said that he had been a member on this BBS for five years and he didn't see why he suddenly had to pay. He went on to say the BBS has always been FREE; you can't charge for this!

The fact is the BBS has never been free. Someone bought the computer, the operating system, the disks, hard drives, CD-Rom Drives, the BBS Software and finally, someone pays the electric and phone bills. For our BBS, AmAz! is that someone. And that is problem number one.

While reading newsletters from other user groups, I notice a continuing trend. Many newsletters grow smaller overtime and then suddenly disappear. We no longer hear from those groups

and we must conclude the groups are dead. For whatever reason, the bottom line must be: "They have no bottom line." And that is problem number two.

From its beginning, AmAz! has met in the Glendale Public Library, but our meeting place is in jeopardy. We've been preempted in October. November is OK, December is doubtful, but January '96 is a definite no. In February and March we are relegated to the Small Meeting Room. April and May are definite no's and after that the future is very doubtful. We are looking, but so far the best we can do is City Hall. You remember, we met there a couple of times in the past at a cost of \$50 per meeting. And that is problem number three.

These are three heavy duty problems that threaten the future of AmAz! We walk a thin line between solvency and bankruptcy. AmAz! members voted themselves a hefty increase in membership dues and Subscribers agreed to a lesser increase in their rates. It seems only fair that BBS users help pick up the tab.

We've added new features to make it a premier BBS. Close

Next column

Wentek AMIGA Computers

New Amigas ? A4000 Towers availability has now been promised for September, possibility of 1200s in October

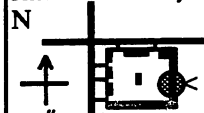
New CD32s...5 at this price w/2controllers & Pinball Fantasies/Sleepwalker..... only \$229.95
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Previous column

to a Gig of hard drive space, a CD-Rom Drive that offers 600 meg of new files every few weeks, expanded files and message sections and even a place for our PC friends. Only the Internet offers more.

We ask very little. Less than twenty cents a week gets you access to files and message sections. Very few restrictions and even these might be lessened in the near future. Double that to thirty-eight cents a week and you get increased access, no restrictions on downloads and a monthly copy of our newsletter. Triple it to fifty-eight cents a week and you get everything there is to offer.

I remember a jingle from my

youth: "Pepsi Cola hits the spot; 12 full ounces, that's a lot; Twice as much for a nickel too; Pepsi Cola is the drink for you!" But, those days are gone forever, a Pepsi today costs more for a single can than a six-pack did when I was a kid. There just ain't no free lunch these days. You gets' what you pays for!

If you're reading this, not as a member or subscriber, we invite you to join us. We're sorry that it can no longer be free. Even so, I doubt that you would have to give up even one Pepsi per week to become a User Group Member, less at one of the other levels. You pick your own level, the more you pay, the more you get. You're invited to be part of our solution, so come on, join us today. AmAz!



SMOKE 'EM POKER

Reviewed
by Jason Compton

Oh, sure, it's always nice to get that big bubble-wrapped package from England with a game inside to review. But it's been a while since one of those graced my mailbox, so I decided it was high time to hit Aminet and see if I could come up with anything genuinely fun that was worth mention in AR—It took me about five minutes.

I've been interested in cards for years, and was even successful in getting together a regular Friday-night poker game in the past few months. Blackjack and poker are my usual haunts, and I've got a few programs on the Amiga that are worth clicking away at during long downloads or simply when there's little else to do. Usually, they lay idle for months until I remember I have them, though.

I don't think I'll forget I have Smoke 'em Poker. Dave O'Brien, a regular poker freak himself, has come up with a very memorable, very PLAYABLE 5-card draw poker game, unique in that instead of being a "video poker" (single player, merely trying to get a high enough hand to win a reward proportional to the odds against getting that hand) game, it is a "real deal" poker game, with up to 5 computer opponents of varying skill, where the goal is not just to get the best hand, but to outplay the other guys. Or girls.

Smoke 'em's interface opens

on an overscan NTSC High Res screen, to accomodate the 6 squares that hold the cards. (The player's cards are in the lower middle space.) Betting is done with three options (default to a raise of \$10, \$25, and \$50, but alterable through preferences.), players can fold at any time. The computer players have skill levels of Bonehead, Fair, and Good, and you can opt to know or not know how good they are. Interestingly enough, in my experience, Good players often lose more money, simply because they don't take the sort of chances Bonehead players do.

The player can configure the opponents, giving them male or female voices. Did I say voices? Yes, voices. O'Brien uses the very dusty SPEAK: device to give the game some atmosphere. The voice parameters he chose aren't the greatest, but at least they're comprehensible. You can also opt to see everyone's cards, but that's cheating.

The game can, between hands, generate statistics on the game so far, including each player's win/loss/fold ratios, their best hand shown, the breakdown of hands shown and how many times they were the winners, and a line graph of each player's cash over the past 100 hands. (I've never had the stamina to make it that far, though.)

If the strain is too much for you, you can opt to sit out some hands and let the computer players fight it out. The sounds and speech can also be disabled at will, which you may want to do if you plan to think about a hand for a

while-the computer gets impatient and prods you to make your move. Nice touch.

Smoke 'em Poker was written in CanDo, which I suspect may have something to do with the rather large size of the executable (over 500k). There is also apparently a small memory leak that I haven't seen yet. The game requires 2 megs of memory and an 020 or better is recommended.

O'Brien declares this game as BeerWare (a variant of freeware in which the user should drink a beer if they like the game), and welcomes suggestions for future enhancements. Hey, I'm sold. How about 7-card stud, Dave?

Version 1.4.1 by Dave O'Brien

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project, I finish project before I can go on to another.

The BBS has suffered while I've had fun with all these toys. I need to get back to solving some of the problems that have plagued us for more than a while. The new modems solved the upload download problems for some. Others with 14.4K modems are still experiencing errors on the upload side, but I don't have an answer for them. There must be a setting somewhere that if changed, would resolve it. Since the new modems cleared it up for some, I believe it must be in the User's System rather than in the BBS. I have tried every change I can think of without improvement.

I have a list of other things



October
Meeting

We have been preempted from our usual meeting room in the Glendale Public Library in October.

Ed Lippman has made full arrangements for us to use a meeting room in the building where he resides, including permission for a telephone connection.

Gary Bowdish will demo connecting to the Internet with Amiga Software. Don't miss it.

In addition, by special request, Bill Hagan will do an encore presentation of a DP IV animation of the clock hands.

The October meeting will be in the Executive Towers Building in downtown Phoenix. The address, directions and a map will be in next month's newsletter. AmAz!

that need doing and I will do them in the order of their priority. Since the new modems have generated interest in the Internet, I plan to open an Internet File Section and Message Base. This may be a done deal by the time you read this. The file section will be for those programs useful for accessing the Internet. With your help, I want to include a file for Hotspots (Internet Sites of interest to the Amiga community). I can keep it current if you send me a note with the address of someplace you found interesting along with a brief description of what you found there.

At this rate, 1995 may turn out to be a memorable year.

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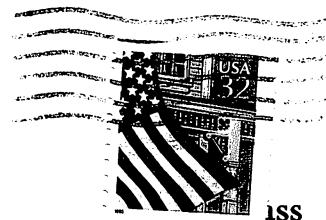
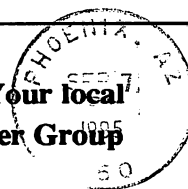
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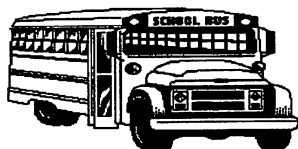
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