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From: RanD DeVaux (1:141/1030)
the third installment

Best place to undress: The Natural Connection provides a digital haven for nudists, promoting the clothing-optional lifestyle, which "is serious business to us," says Pat O'Brien, the board's sysop. Users of this board post messages about their experiences and opinions on naturist sites, laws, politics, law enforcement, and other issues of interest to disciples of the nudist lifestyle. For more information, contact Pat O'Brien at (414) 426-2357 or have your modem call (414) 426-2110.

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Next Meeting: 15 November 1995, 7 PM
Executive Towers Building
207 W. Clarendon Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

AGENDA

Disk of the Month	Mel Elliott
Gravevine	Bill Hagan
FinalCalc Demo	Ric Fischer
Software Drawing	FinalCalc

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Disk Prices

\$2.00 AmAz! member
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DOM

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



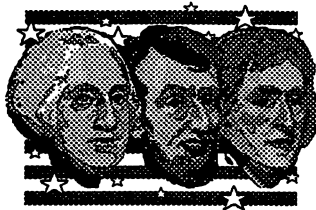
AmAz! Library has:
Fresh Fish CD Vol 10
Aminet CD #8

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and newsletter are
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Tempe, AZ 85281
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hello again and welcome to another issue of AmAz!.info.

Yet another month has passed without any concrete news on the local Amiga scene. There is one glimmer on the horizon; take a look at the article "New Amiga's" on page 6.

I think everyone who was at the last meeting will agree that the meeting room at the Executive Towers Building provided excellent facilities. Since it appears we will be unable to confirm a meeting room at the library, the Executive Board voted to continue meeting at the new site for the immediate future. We have looked at a number of rooms at various sites, but none met our needs. Thanks to Ed Lippman and the people at Executive Towers. This appears to be just what we are looking for and we will be

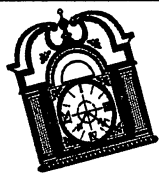
meeting there as long as it is available.

The holiday season is approaching. Speaking on behalf of the AmAz! Exec Board, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Above all else, enjoy the holiday season, but if you are visiting friends or relatives near or far, please be careful. We need you back here after the holiday. We can't afford to lose any of our friends or members.

I must also apologize for missing last month's meeting, I had visitors from Scotland, where I am originally from, and I totally forgot which Wednesday it was! Thanks to the rest of the Exec board for filling in for my absence so very well.

Until next month,

Brian Hunter AmAz!



MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

General Meeting Minutes -

The October General Meeting was held in the community room of the Executive Towers building at 207 West Clarendon.

Mel Elliott previewed the latest AmAz! Library Disk of the Month (number 100!!)

and also announced the arrival of Fred Fish CD #10.

Bill Hagan distributed a step-by-step tutorial on how to create an animated clockface with DPaintIV.

The major portion of the meeting was devoted to a fantastic demonstration by Gary



BBS REPORT

by BILL HAGAN

Finally, something has worked out alright! Well, almost. I was beginning to think I had been invaded by spooks, ghosts, goblins and witches. Nothing seemed to work right for me. Is it me or are programs getting more complicated and difficult these days?

Then suddenly all seemed right with the world. Ironically, the Evil Ones were exorcised on October 31st, Halloween, and I was able to get the update to the CD-Rom Drive software for the BBS to work. Well almost.

I think you (Members of AmAz!) are going to like it. The new version has features which will allow you to access the CD's and download files much more easily.

First, you can download file

lists, from within the CD-Rom utility, of all the CD's in the AmAz! Library in new formats: as Text files or as Amigaguide files. In the privacy of your own home, you can study these lists and choose the files you desire.

Next time you are on the BBS, if the files you desire are on the CD that is ON-LINE, you can download them on the spot. If the CD is not on line, you can reserve them and with the Sysop's cooperation, you can download them the next time you

logon.

This is the almost. There is a "Syntax Error" in the software, but since it is written in AREXX, I'm sure we can correct it. Not that I'm such an expert in AREXX, but I

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Bowdish of how to navigate the Internet with Amiga Mosaic. Using his SX-1/CD32 Gary connected to CNN, Yahoo, and the Chicago Sun-Times among other sites.

October Software Drawing:

Joe Benedetto won a Trak-Ball; Bill Hagan won 5 blank disks; Bob Ball won a free disk coupon. Mike Osburn claimed his hidden member number prize.

The October Exec Board meeting convened at JB's Restaurant at 35th & Camelback on Saturday October 21st at 9 am.

Sysop Bill Hagan reported on the BBS, including problems with Xenolink and the Aminet and FidoNet feeds.

An "Amiga Computing" magazine user group discount subscription offer was discussed.

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Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

The AmAz! Library has received Aminet #8 of the Aminet CD Series since the last issue of the newsletter. This CD has some pretty good new programs on it. The contents files are posted on the BBS and will also be available for your perusal at the general meeting and at the Amazing Computers Library Day. If you desire to order any of these programs or any of the other disks/programs in the library leave me a message on the BBS or give me a call at home. If you do order anything from any of the CD's that are included in the library please include the path that is shown at the bottom of each program description. It makes it much easier to find the program.

AmAz! November Disk of the Month:

ARCHANDLER: A sort of nifty program that allows the user to view, edit and perform other functions on an archived file without first extracting the file from the archive. Contains a use before installing function that works quite well until you decide for sure if you want to install it. Shareware fee of \$20.00.

EXIT 16: A freeware game wherein the objective is to move blocks adjacent to other blocks with the same pattern at which time they disappear. Simple but not an easy game. Requires a minimum score to progress to the next level.

DOPUS 5 New ICONS: A set of new ICONS to be used in the lister toolbox of Directory Opus 5. I have not installed the program but instructions are included.

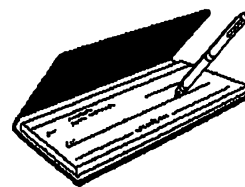
VIRUS CHECKER VERSION 7.18: This version of Virus Checker fixes some problems that the last three versions contained. The Motorola Amiga Users Group Newsletter (MECCA) quotes an article concerning the problems associated with it. The history also includes the changes to previous versions.

Our thanks to Mr Ed Lippman for the use of the community room for the October meeting. The November meeting is all set for the same location. Our featured giveaway in the drawing this month will be a new copy of Final Calc (a spreadsheet) from Softwood. This program is listed in the mail order sections of the Amiga magazines at \$149.00 per copy, so come on out and participate. Ric Fischer of Softwood will also demonstrate the program prior to the drawing. I have also received a free update to Final Writer Release 4 from Softwood. This fixed some minor problems what were not detected prior to the original release.

See ya next month. AmAz!

Treasurer's Report

by Mel Elliott



October Beginning Balance:		\$ 822.87
Income:		
Advertising	\$ 40.00	
DOM Sales	2.00	

Total Income	\$ 42.00	+ \$ 42.00

Sub Total		\$ 864.87
Expenses:		
News Letter	\$ 65.62	
BBS Phone	52.22	
Fresh Fish CD #10	18.00	

Total Expenses	\$ 135.84	\$ 135.84

October Ending Balance:		\$ 729.03

Membership: Regular 37 - Subscription 16 - BBS - 0

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COMPUTING US EDITION 

The Users Group has received information from Amiga Computing, US Edition (the magazine that replaced Amiga World for those who had existing subscriptions), relative to a special offer for Users Groups. The information is as follows:

1. If a minimum of 12 members of a Users Group order the magazine a 25% discount on the subscription price will prevail.

2. Magazines ordered may be sent to individual addresses but the Users Group order must be placed in a single envelope.

3. The subscription price for this offer is \$20.00 as

opposed to the regular price of \$28.00. This offer is only good for the standard US subscription which does not include a cover disk.

4. I will consolidate orders and will submit applications to the magazine if enough members are interested.

If any members have a desire to participate in this offer please let me know via the BBS or call me at home.

I have been receiving the magazine since Amiga Worlds demise and it is not a bad magazine. Mel Elliott.

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Best place for good, clean fun: Who could resist checking out the Internet newsgroup devoted to the health-food store staple Dr. Bronner's soap (alt.fan.dr-bronner)? This soap does it all--from washing your dishes to curing halitosis. The forum isn't very active but it's worth visiting.

Hobbyshop Hangouts

When it comes to hobbies, one person's absorbing pastime is another's crashing bore: A knitting addict may never understand the appeal of CompuServe's Aquaria/Fish Forum (GO FISHNET).

Rosalind Resnick--who has subscriptions to six online services--considers net cruising one of her hobbies.

Best place to learn to tat: Whether you've got a knack for knitting or a craving to crochet, there's somebody on CompuServe's Crafts Forum (go crafts) who shares your interest. The forum features "live" quilting bees every Tuesday night at 10 p.m. (Eastern time).

Best place to relive the past (1): In CompuServe's Living History Forum (go living), enthusiasts from all over the world talk about history, archaeology, and the cultures and mores of times past.

Best place to relive the past (2): Whether your name is Kaplowitz or Kelly, whether your grandparents originally hailed from Kiev or County Cork, Prodigy's Genealogy Bulletin Board (Jump: genealogy bb) or CompuSer-

ve's Genealogy Forum (GO ROOTS) can help you discover new branches of your family tree.

Best place to buy Kurt Cobain's autograph: Want to buy (or sell) an autograph of Richard Nixon or bid via e-mail on a "guaranteed authentic" photo of Harrison Ford? alt.collecting.autographs is clearly the place to be.

Best place to find a swap meet: Prodigy's Collecting Bulletin Board (Jump: collecting bb) hosts discussions of just about every conceivable collectible--from artwork, antiques, and books to glass, coins, comics, stamps, toys, and even casino chips.

Best place to talk about little trees: If you need advice on nursing a sick bonsai back to health or just some tips on getting started, the Internet newsgroup rec.arts.bonsai is the place to get your questions answered.

Best place for fast drivers: Wanna soup up your old Chevy and really make it fly? Alt.hotrod is the hottest place to get the lowdown on racing oils, pressure sensors, and other performance boosters.

Best place for sci-fi authors: GENIE's three sci-fi forums, or roundtables (type sftt at the system prompt), give equal time to readers, writers, and viewers of the popular genre. Attend a "live" writer's workshop on Wednesday nights at 10 p.m. (Eastern time) or mind-meld with Trekkies at Star Trek night on Tuesdays, also at 10 p.m. (Eastern time).

Best place for trivialities: To match wits with the likes of LaserLady, BirdOfPrey and Madame S., log on to America Online's Trivia Forum (keyword: trivia). You'll find a folder with a Daily Trivia Teaser and "live" trivia games.

Best place for brainiacs: Think you're pretty smart, huh? Well, hang out awhile in CompuServe's Mensa Forum (go mensa), and you might change your mind.

Money, money, money

Five years ago, Computer Life Editor Chris Shipley started banking online. Since then, she's roamed the online services looking for tips, tactics, and investment secrets. She has yet to make any money, but she has found some solid-gold online resources.

Best place to ask a stupid question: David and Tom Gardner are the Tappit brothers of investing. Their AOL chat session, Motley Fool (keyword: fool), is aimed at new investors. The Fools are online Tuesdays from 9 to 11 p.m. (Eastern time) in an open forum and again during the same hours on Thursdays to talk about shorts.

Best place for hot tips: There's lots of talk about money on Prodigy's Money Talk (Jump: money talk) bulletin board, but investors will find the most meaty morsels in the stocks subject areas, where investors make no bones about tossing juicy tips on which stocks to buy when. Just don't believe everything

you read--there or anywhere.

Best place to learn about investing: "Better investing through education and self-development." That's the motto of the National Association of Investors on CompuServe's NAIC Forum (go naic), a nonprofit investors' group. They're online to teach you about their method for investment success.

Best place for Quicken tips: CompuServe's Intuit Forum (go intuit) is where the Cult of Quicken gathers to share secrets and ask questions of the great gurus of automated personal finance. If you've made this program an important part of your financial life, you'll want to stop by this forum from time to time to find out how you can make it even more useful.

Best place for a tax break: Whether you're looking for legal ways to trim your taxes or wondering about shady schemes to beat the IRS, people in the Internet newsgroup misc.taxes can help.

Computer hangouts online

Of course, we think one of the coolest places to hang out is Computer Life Online. You can meet the editors and other CL readers, talk about the magazine, ask questions, and download files. If you're already a member of CompuServe or ZiffNet, go life will whisk you straight to our domain. Otherwise, follow the directions on page 223.

Here are some of the CL staffers you'll meet in the Computer Life forum and some of

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the online places they frequent.

Linda Jacobson, Senior Editor, buzz

My modem has dialed the WELL at (415) 332-6106 so many times since 1990 that I can whistle the tune made by the tones. The area of the WELL that I most frequently visit is the VR conference (at the OK prompt, type go vr). It's where leaders in the virtual-reality community talk about the applications, technologies, culture, and future of synthetic, digital, immersive environments. I also check the Usenet newsgroup sci.virtual.worlds daily, which is more research oriented.

Donna Meyerson, Assistant Editor

I hang out in the Cooks Online Forum (go cooks) on CompuServe to find all kinds of great recipes, from flavored vinegars to barbecued meats. When I need cooking help, I just leave a message--there's always some online chef ready to give advice.

Sherry Huss, Director of Electronic Publishing

By far my favorite online hangout is Morph's Online, which is part of Morph's Outpost, a magazine for multimedia mavens. [You'll need First Class Software to access it at (510) 704-7100.] Because I'm always interested in what Laurie Anderson is doing, I also check out alt.fan.laurie.anderson. William S. Burroughs is getting the most coverage in this

forum at the moment. Why did he do the Nike ad? Is he the voice of Sharkey? Is he alive or dead?

Victoria von Biel, Senior Editor, Features

I've been spending more time than I should hanging out in alt.tv.kids-in-hall, which is dedicated to closely analyzing the skits of the late, great Canadian comedy group. (I admit it: I actually contributed an arcane factlet to the Kids in the Hall FAQ.) To discuss a different kind of kids, I pop into AOL's Parents Interactive Network (keyword: pin), where I can talk about potty training and tantrums with the only other people I know who find these subjects as fascinating as I do.

Alice Hill, Senior Technical Editor

When I go online, I generally head straight for ZiffNet's Computer Life Forum (go life) and Computer Shopper Forum (go compshop) so I can answer readers' questions. When I'm off duty, I check out the New Car Showroom Forum on CompuServe (go newcar). I actually chose my new ride (a Honda Del Sol) after snooping around there.

Michael Penwarden, Senior Editor, Reviews

My new hobby is sailing, so I've been cruising around CompuServe's Sailing Forum (go sailing). Not only do I get tips on sailing, but I can live vicariously through the adventures of other members.

PC Connections

Some people actually get paid

to cruise the Net. Ben Templin and Crystal Waters, who run the online service ZiffNet/Mac, are two. They spend their days online, searching for places to talk about computers. Here are some of the places they recommend.

The best place to get the FAQs: FAQs, or Frequently Asked Question files, are featured in the Internet's newsgroups and function as primers on nearly every imaginable subject.

A whole newsgroup is devoted to them (news.answers), where experts (professional and amateur) compile FAQs on topics ranging from screen savers to hard disks--with lots of noncomputer topics too.

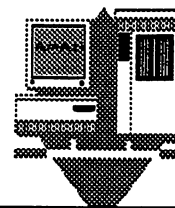
Best place to talk about smart houses: Comp.home.automation is a newsgroup for folks who want to computerize their houses. If your computer interests aren't quite so arcane, check out the other computer newsgroups, where you can talk about everything from hard drives to word processing. Start with the comp.sys path and branch out from there to find your computer and interest.

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The newsletter needs material - all members are urged to submit articles.

The November meeting will include a demo by a representative of Softwood of their



AMIGA U.S.?

According to Gilles Bourdin of Amiga Technologies, Service Management Group, the company that provided warranty service for Amigas in the US, will have non-exclusive North American distribution for the remainder of 1995.

Maximum Video Creations, a US dealer, has begun advertising Amiga 4000Ts for mid-October delivery, at a price of \$2700, with the full Amiga 1200 software pack (including Scala MM300, per the 1200 HD bundle), a one year SMG warranty, a 1 gig SCSI hard drive, and a double-density floppy. Apparently, Amiga Technologies was unable to secure high-density floppy drives for this release of the machine.

SMG can be reached at 410-992-9975.

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new spreadsheet Final Calc. Softwood have generously donated a copy of the program for the monthly prize drawing. You can't win if you don't show up.

Submitted by Pete Guldager.
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Amiga

CD-ROM Guide

VERSION 1.2

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DESCRIPTION

Amiga CDROM Guide (ACDG) was made to help Amiga-owners to pick the right CDROM for their needs. It doesn't include commercial games or photo CD-discs, but all Amiga PD/clipart/fonts modules collections.

• It is in the Amigaguide-format.

• You will find all the vital information on a CDROM, like price, contents, publisher etc.

• Covers 157 CDROMs

• 70+ of the CDROMs have a review

• If you're interested in for instance raytracing, click on the keyword "Raytracing" to get a list of all CDROMs that can be associated with raytracing.

• Other keywords: Clipart, fonts, pictures, utilities, GNU, text-files, fish etc.

• It's up-to-date with the latest CDROM releases.
NEW FEATURES

• 28 CDROMs added:
Aminet 6
Da Capo
Fresh Fish 9

Freshfonts 2
Sex CDROM no.1
Sex CDROM no.2
Sex CDROM no.3
Gateway
Magic Illusions
Zoom
QwikForms
Amiga Tools 2
Lechner Collection
N.T.W.I.C.G. 2
Scenic Views
Aminet 7
Ten on Ten
Groliers Encyclopedia
The EPIC Collection
Multimedia Mania
Pro WB Backdrop Collection
Frozenfish (Aug 95)
CBM 64 Sensations
Fresh Fish 10
Speccy Sensations 2
Hottest Amiga Demos
Shuttle Encyclopedia
Internet Info Vol 2

• A new field: Access Software, which describes search utilities and index files included on CDROMs.

• You can now tell from the listing of all the CDROMs whether the CDROM includes Amiga software or is just a PC CDRO - support the Amiga!

• Other CDROM material, like CD-Write is also covered.

• A lot of minor enhancements has been made.

• Some faulty information corrected, and more prices and reviews added.

Wentek AMIGA Computers

New Amigas ? A4000 Towers supposedly in the first or second week of November. No U.S. A1200's till early '96

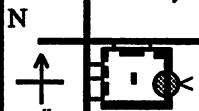
New CD32s...5 at this price w/2controllers & Pinball Fantasies/Sleepwalker..... only \$229.95
SX-1's are in StockStarting at \$194.95
Defender of the Crown II CD32for only \$15.00
Jungle Strike CD32 -excellent game only \$33.95
Gloom...Pointless Shoot'm'up, 'DOOM' like, 1 to 4 players, Very Good..... only \$29.95

AMIGA Software and Games in Stock, including:

ArtDepartment Professional v2.5 only \$134.95
Deluxe Paint V only \$114.95
Image FX 2.0 only \$239.95
Gold Disk's Professional Calc v2.0 only \$ 64.95
Directory Opus 5 only \$ 74.95
Final Writer rel. 4 only \$119.95
Studio II - professional printer driver package only \$ 89.95

Other Great Stuff!

PicassoII 24bit hires graphics card w/2meg ram & TVpaint JR. \$399.95
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DataFlyer SCSI+ SCSI on your A4000 without using expansion slot..... \$114.95
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Prices and availability subject to change without notice and/or prior sale.



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Wentek 10317 N. Scottsdale Rd. st.B Phone #483-7200

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

You will need a program able to display Amigaguide files, like Multiview or xkpGuide.

AVAILABILITY

Amiga CDROM Guide is available from any Aminet site, for instance:

ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/docs/hyper/ACDGV12.lha (60523b)

PRICE: Amiga CDROM Guide is freeware.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

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know someone who is. By the time you read this, it should work as advertised.

What does this mean? I'll tell you what it means! If you are a member of AmAz!, you don't need no stinkin' Internet, you can have every program on Aminet and Fred Fish right off the BBS. AmAz!

Fidonet News

**Connecticut
Harassment law/what next?**

I was recently shocked to learn that my state passed the nations First computer/network "anti-harassment" bill into law. The reason for my shock stems from the fact that I do not see how this law can be either enforced or outlined. What is harassment on a computer? If I received phone-calls or snail-mail of a harassing nature, I may deem fit to take issue BUT computers, BBSs and the internet have always been self-governed entities with their own set of rules governing behavior.

For instance, my first experiences with BBSs back in 1983 were probably typical of many youths. I called a local BBS also run by youths whereby we partook in "bitch wars"...flaming each other and sometimes going overboard in the things we said. I guess you could consider it harassment if you wanted to: a bunch of kids with handles flaming each other in a message base each trying to outdo the other. Even today, on my BBS and probably every other in America and abroad, there are kids 12-16 leaving little "stabs" at their friends', foes and acquaintances. Personally, I find not-too much wrong with this, as long as it's done in good fun but now this kind of activity is seemingly bordering on harassment.

What is harassment? On a computer-network such as Fidonet or Internet, just about ANYTHING can be misconstrued into being harassment. For instance, how many times have you posted a

message to someone in an echo or whatever and someone misinterpreted your words? I remember so many instances where this has occurred to me throughout the years. What about the Internet...how does a State-law encompass a worldwide network into its realm? I shudder to think what would happen if our Governor ever were to go on to something like Lambdamoo and subscribe to a couple of "mailing lists" there or partake in conversation with some of the more-bigoted people that frequent there. What, also, happens when the brand-new SysOp gets his first logoff "hatemail" that states 'You suck and your board sucks'....Is that harassment? What happens when a user inadvertently uploads a file that has a virus in it...that can be looked at as harassment too even if it was of no-fault of the user.

It is sad to me that our representatives, congress people and law enforcement authorities are...for the most part...still so out of touch with the realities of Computer-networks. BBS's have been around since 1978 and "The Internet" was opened up to universities in 1983 and yet you still hear this squabble from our leaders about this new thing called the Internet and Cyberspace and how we need to regulate it.

The reason I am so opposed and upset about this law is not that I don't empathize with those who have been legitimately "harrassed", but rather because there are two

factors which make this law into a possible blind-justice/witch hunt law. If those in power are so apparently ignorant to online-computer-networks, how can they possibly create or enforce laws based on them?

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**Chris's Button
Strip V1.5 :**

*HTML Editing
For Final Writer*

I don't know how many people out there use Final Writer extensively, but I have developed an HTML "editor" for use with it, using the user menu, button strips, Arexx scripts and text clips.

I use it to produce HTML for Web authoring, aswell as converting ascii text into html.

The system works by taking whatever has been selected by the mouse, and placing html code either side of the selection.

If nothing is selected, then the html code appears, and the cursor is placed *within* the code, to allow you to type.

All html code appears in a different color (red), and text is justified and highlighted depending on what you've done to it. (eg, clicking on the 'italic' button will add the <i> and </i> to the text, and also turn the text between the code to an italic font.

The macros are packaged on

my web site. The application is 'ChocWare' - if you like it, send me some chocolate, and I'll send you the latest version.

You can get to it directly via:-

<http://www.icbl.hw.ac.uk/~cjs/cbs/index.html>

If anyone wants the archive but has no web access (can't think why you'd want it then..?), I can email the uue file (100k with pictures).

Enjoy !

And thanks to Woody for continuing to support us.. !

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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 monthly drawing is held for regular members, the prizes are selected software items, blank disks and disk coupons. Our extensive disk library contains the entire Fred Fish & Aminet CD 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).

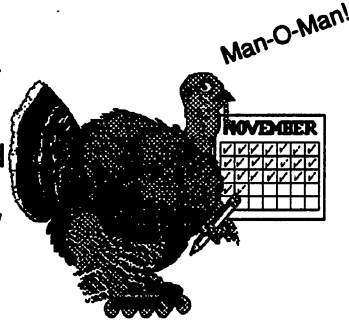
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