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## The Amiga Lineup

by Eric Schwartz

I'm not sure exactly why I did this one. I guess since I had/have so many Amigas over time I felt semi-qualified to put together some kind of evaluation of the Amiga models past and present. So here goes - please forgive for inaccuracies.

**A1000** - The first Amiga, and at the time one of the most powerful home computers available. One of its biggest competitors then was the Atari ST, which got a lot of mileage out of a lower price and claiming a speed advantage since it had an 8Mhz 68000 while the Amiga's ran at 7.14. It took a while to stabilize the OS, so the A1000 had to load its from a Kickstart floppy, starting the Amiga's power of having features which were both advantages and disadvantages, depending on your outlook. One of the greatest machines of its time, but underappreciated. Sound familiar?

**A500** - Probably the best selling Amiga ever, and the one that really started its popularity in Europe and the UK. Except for some minor hardware advancements, the basic specs were the same as the 1000 with the main exception of Kickstart on ROM and that it was a one piece design, *☛ The Amiga Linup page 5*

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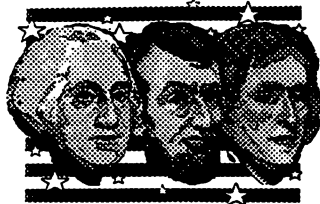
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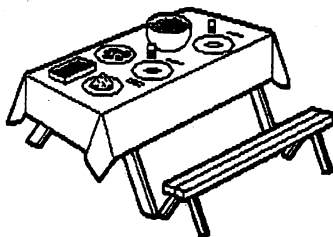
## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



It has been said that at the building of King Solomon's Temple, the Master Masons would occasionally call the craft from labor to refreshment. It is my unique pleasure to do the same for our craft, the members of AmAz! For all those attending the September 1996 General Meeting, September 18th, we invite you to partake of free refreshments consisting of a Submarine Sandwich, Potato Salad and soft drinks. Plates, cups, eating utensils, napkins and ice will also be provided. We do hope that you will avail yourself of this treat. Of course other activities are planned for your information and entertainment. If we have a good turnout, we will try to schedule this type activity more often. We leave that up to you!

As you know we still do not have a permanent SYSOP.

Someone is going to have to stand up to the task or I am afraid we may have to close down the BBS. That would be a great shame. It is totally unfair to keep asking Bill Hagan to continue the SYSOP duties after giving so much of his personal time and efforts to that task over the past innumerable years. IS there no member willing to rise to the occasion? In the meantime, we bow to Bill Hagan for his noble action of keeping the BBS running for the benefit of AmAz! members. - jja AmAz!



## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

### August Monthly Meeting Minutes

Before the General Meeting was brought to order AmAz!.info editor Mel Elliott confessed that due to technical difficulties there was no hidden member name in last month's newsletter. Best try goes to Joe

Benedetto for holding the back page picture of a schoolbus up to a mirror and deciding the Group had a new member named "SUB LOOHCS."

There were several announcements: Ed Lippman graciously extended the use of his building for Group



## BBS REPORT

by BILL HAGAN

He said it was the fault of AT&T, but I find it ironic that Gary was ready to take over the BBS, as Sysop, until I sent him a fourteen page list of the tasks involved in running the BBS. Then suddenly, he found a reason why he couldn't take the BBS. AT&T could not find the phone line!

You believe that? Wanna buy some choice swampland?

Well, whatever, you're still stuck with me as your Sysop. Looks like the more I kick this tar baby, the tighter it clings to my foot.

Now I realize there are some problems with the BBS. I had hoped to pawn them off onto Gary, but now it's up to me. Gary has pledged to help me solve the more complicated ones, but first there is a major obstacle.

I've lost my enthusiasm for running the BBS. Whether or not I regain it depends on you.

We have fifty-five registered

meetings. At the same time Ed reiterated his belief that our time would be better spent as part of a larger group. Joe Benedetto reported that there are bargains in the AmiNet CD

Newsletter subscribers.

During one recent ten day period, twenty of those registered made ninety-two calls to the BBS. Nearly half, forty-five to be exact, were made by just two members; myself and Mel Elliott.

At the same time, not counting the files for the newsletter, only one User uploaded a

file. There were a number of files downloaded, which is every member's right, but only one member shared some of the many files available with other users

on the BBS. I've discounted those files that your Sysop has uploaded and the article files for the newsletter.

On top of this, I found absolutely no communication between members. I can't even find where any member left a message of any kind. Again discounting those few pertaining to the newsletter.

Even the Executive Board Members failed to make use of the BBS to conduct ordinary and routine business on

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department at Wentek Computers in Scottsdale. Also that the commercial versions of Termite TCP and AWeb (MUI not required) are available at Wentek. Thanks

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## From the Editor

by Mel Elliott

As most everyone is aware at this point we do not have a new SYSOP. Bill Hagan has offered to continue to operate it until something can be resolved.

CD's. We have received Aminet # 13. This will be available to the BBS shortly. This was the last issue in our subscription that was placed with CRONUS (Fred Fish) when he first started distributing the Aminet series. I have reserved a copy through Wentek Computers for any future Aminet series CD's. There are several very good programs on #13. The index has been loaded to the BBS for your information.

**September General Meeting:**  
At the 18th September meeting a submarine sandwich, potato salad and soft drinks will be provided for attendees.

The High Density Floppy Drive mentioned in this column last month has been purchased and is alive and well for use at meetings to facilitate showing programs that are brought forth on HD disks. The drive was purchased from Wentek Computers and works fine.

**Disk of the Month #111:**  
Programs on the disk include:

**BUD:** A very small budget management tool. The

current version is limited to planning, recording, reporting and graphing but the author (Canadian) indicates he is working on a bigger and better program. Shareware, fee \$10.00 US and requires OS 3.XX.

**PUCMAN:** A clone of PacMan with appears very similar. Screen mode should be set to PAL to operate.

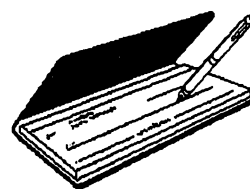
**SPLIT-JOIN:** Another of the split, join programs to facilitate movement of large files. I personally use this type of program as I have two Amiga's, one I use for BBS and the other for doing the Newsletter etc. This one is very easy to use. "IF YOU WANT WARE" per the author.

**VIRUSZ II V1.33:** An update to this virus checker by a German author. Program is shareware with a fee of \$15.00 US. I do not personally use this program but it is provided for any of you who might do so.

It is getting harder and harder to locate any material that I feel would be of use or of interest to our users. If anyone has any ideas please feel free to let me know. Upload items to the BBS that you use and think may be of use to other members. Thanks, AmAz!



## Treasurer's Report



by Mel Elliott

August Beginning Balance		\$ 1309.36
Income:		
Advertising	\$ 25.00	
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Total Income	\$ 25.00	+\$ 25.00
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Sub Total		\$ 1334.36
Expenses:		
Hardware	\$ 128.53	
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Total Expenses	\$ 196.11	-\$ 196.11
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with no separate keyboard. One notable loss was the TV and color composite video outputs were moved to a little box sold separately. I guess they wanted to sell more monitors. The A500 had a number of incremental improvements over its fairly long career, one of the more interesting being the A500Plus, an A500 with A600 parts sold only in Europe before the A600 was ready. Considering the short life of the 600 and the well developed third party support for the 500, Commodore might've been better off ditching the 600 and producing A500Pluses instead.

**A2000** - Almost any worthwhile Amiga professional had some incarnation of a 2000 at one time. These huge armor-plated boxes were the first in the Amiga line with easy expansion thru internal slots, for Amiga and IBM cards. Very big, very roomy and it had a lot of names. When C= brought out a SCSI card, the A2000HD model was born. The A2500 was a 2000 with a Hard disk card and an accelerator, either 68020 or 030. In Europe there was a slightly cut down version (with no hard drive, which implies that A2000s had them over there) called the A1500. Also a very popular Amiga model, more with the professionals, especially once a little piece of hardware called the Video Toaster came out. There are probably very few A2000s out there that haven't been expanded in some way and in fact its one of the only pre-AGA machines still supported by many third party hardware developers today. Who wants

a 68060 card?

**A3000** - One hell of a machine. A 68030 processor, fast SCSI adapter and new display enhancer to allow flicker free display on VGA-type monitors was all put on a new mother board that was 32-bit all the way through where previous models were 16-bit. Fewer internal slots and a smaller (but pretty) case made it not as expandable as the 2000 series, but much of the things you'd put on a 2000 were built in to the 3000 anyway. Some considered it the second coming of the A1000, because it was a compact design with a lot of new technology and it got its Kickstart off (hard) disk. The reason for this was the A3000 premiered version 2.0 of the operating system in a somewhat buggy stage, so 1.3 OS was also made available to keep compatible. As usual, the A3000 didn't sell as well as it deserved, partially because many were scared by the A3000's high price and all that new stuff all in one box with no route back, preferring to get a nice, safe A2000 instead and the Video Toaster card, a BIG reason to get an Amiga at the time (still is.) did not fit inside the A3000's cramped case. It was, and still is, however, one of the best overall Amigas for those who don't require an AGA chipset Amiga, especially if you can find one cheap and upgraded to OS 2.04, 2.1 or 3.1.

**CDTV** - Basically an A500 with a CD-ROM drive made to look like a stereo component, the CDTV was Commodore's first attempt at a multimedia "set top box" to compete with and beat Philips' CD-1. Nobody quite understood the concept of

such a machine and neither CDTV nor CD-1 sold in the "not really a computer" market they were meant for. It did find a mild cult following among Amiga people, mainly because a CDTV could be a full Amiga quite easily and it offered CD-ROM capability, which was rare among Amigas then. Because it was designed as an integrated unit it was difficult (but not impossible) to expand and far from future-proof. Many liked it though, because it was an Amiga with a shiny black case and an LED front display.

**A600** - The shortest-lived Amiga and a real testament to Commodore mismanagement. The original concept was to be the A300, an incredibly inexpensive Amiga aimed at the bottom end, but somewhere along the line, it was decided that this "A300" would be the replacement for the A500. As such, A500 production was stopped, but the A600 was not ready in time for the Christmas season, so the A500 was put back into production without the right parts, thus the A500+ was born, with its A600 ECS chipset giving it the ability to access 2 megs chip RAM and more video modes. When the A600 came out a little late, the A500 career finally came to an end. The A600 is an appealing low-end design, with an IDE drive controller and PCMCIA card slot built in to a case so compact the keyboard had to be truncated, but it had no support for pre-existing A500 expansion and all main chips were surface mounted, so chip-sandwich expansions were out too. This proved to be a tremendous liability, as it

made the A600 almost totally unexpandable beyond a certain limit and almost nobody made any expansion for it. (An A600 68020 accelerator came out not too long ago, so nothing's impossible.) In a final insult, roughly six months after the A600 was introduced, the A1200 came out at the same price and the A600 price was dropped. Naturally, many consumers felt burned when they bought an A600 and found out they could've had a far superior machine for the same cost if they'd have only waited a bit.

**A3000T** - It's an A3000 in a big, big tower case with more slots. Some of the later ones had 68040s instead of 68030s, what more is there to say?

**A4000** - The final result of the A3000Plus project and a disappointing one for the engineers. It was a bit of a cobbled-together mishmash of parts, but as the first machine with the AGA graphic chipset, it was impressive nonetheless. The AGA chips were the first truly significant improvement in Amiga graphics since its introduction in 1985, which shows how strong they were back then. The only disappointing aspects of the A4000 was that it only had a IDE drive controller and it could not access memory at the full speed of the 68040 processor without extra help (a later, less expensive version with a 68EC030 processor had less trouble). The A4000 also introduced a High Density floppy drive as standard, previously only available as a weird hack or hidden in some late-model A3000s and ver-

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## SHAPESHIFTER - ONE YEAR LATER

by Colin Thompson

A year ago, Christian Bauer set the Amiga world on it's ear, when he released a complete software-only emulation of a Macintosh IIci. The emulation was good, very good. It quickly rose to "Cult" status among the fast growing cadre of SS users.

As usual, I jumped on the SS bandwagon with a passion. I really enjoyed learning a new platform. For my birthday, one of my friends gave me Claris Works for the Mac. I had hopes of being able to produce the NotePad with Claris each month. (It's a lot better than ProPage:)

Alas, that did not come to pass. My little 1200, although accelerated, was not equipped with enough memory to run the typical Mac applications software. For all other purposes, 8MB of fast ram is plenty and those 16MB chips were going for \$450 at the time.

The other reason I did not take the Mac seriously was it ran slowly when I used a screen with more than 2 colors. Remember - the 1200 does not have slots for a CyberGFX card. SS sat on my drive, pretty much unused. I installed each new upgrade, but did little with it.

Until last month. RAM prices dropped to something affordable, so I bought a 16MB SIMM for \$102 from the Chip Merchant. That was the turning point for me. Now I use the Mac all the time. The slow graphics refresh is a thing of the past. There are several new external video drivers that squeeze more

bandwidth from the chip ram. Now I run SS on a 16 color screen for everything. I can actually run a 256 color screen, but it's just a tad too slow with NetScape for comfort.

With the new chip in place, I can give SS 13MB to use. That made all the difference in the world. I have installed SYS 7.5 and am quickly learning the fine points of NetScape, QuickTime, RealAudio and other modern marvels that have been denied to me in the past because I have an Amiga.

I see all these new things on the TV and read about them in the paper, but until I installed that chip, I had no chance to actually experience them. The Amiga remains a hacker's machine and I love it just for that reason. I am a hacker at heart, but I really wanted to see a QuickTime movie before I died!

NetScape is something to behold. There is a lot to learn, but it is fun to try my hand at something different. I still don't know exactly what an extension is, but it no longer scares me...

I also learned that System 7.1 is really the "1.3" of the Mac world. Now that I have 7.5 installed, the world has opened up for me. I even devoted another disk drive for the "Mac".

I am a perverse person. Just to prove a point, I installed the Unix Amiga Emulator - Mac Verson - on ShapeShifter. It worked and there is a screenshot in Amiga Alley to prove it. I recommend you get some more memory while the price is right. *From Sept 1996 SDAUG NotePad AmAz!*

► *The Amiga Linup page 5* sion 3.0 of the Operating System, which was stable enough to put on ROM this time. The full design may have been a bit of a letdown for some, but the greatness of the parts shows through.

**A1200** - The second AGA Amiga was put together with a bit more care than the A4000. Its a one piece design, like the A500 and 600, with a 68EC020, IDE drive controller and PCMCIA and "LocalBus" slots on a 32-bit motherboard, new to the low end. This was the Amiga that truly replaced the A500. Unlike the earlier A600, it had a much better potential for expansion and adding RAM and processor accelerators was easy. This was a very popular machine, especially in Europe, second only to the 500 and 2000 in overall sales. A very nice machine. I have one. I would have two if I could find one cheap.

**Amiga CD-32** - The third AGA Amiga was also Commodore's second attempt at the set-top-box with A1200 guts instead of A500 guts this time, marketed as a 32-bit CD-based game machine. Some extra chunky-to-planar conversion hardware was added to make games with complex DOOM-style effects run better, as well as facilitate the conversion of PC based CD-ROM games. Very few games ever used the chip, either because it didn't work that well, or they didn't want to make too much work for themselves when putting together versions of a game for both CD-32 and A1200. Like the CDTV, the CD-32 could be expanded to be a "real" computer, but the 32

required some expansion hardware to get the necessary ports. One neat feature was an MPEG digital video cartridge to play videos on CD and add new options to standard CD titles, available at an extra cost (if you could fine one). The CD-32 was intended to be Commodore's "cash cow" to build up operating capital, so they shut down production of all else to build as many CD-32s as possible and quickly found out many would've preferred to buy an A1200 instead. This was one factor which led to Commodore's bankruptcy and ultimate demise, but not before...

**A4000T** - Released about an hour before C= died, with about 1000 hand-assembled pre-sold units shipped. It became better known as the first "new" Amiga released by the successor, ESCOM AG and Amiga Technologies. Aside from a slightly different casing and a low-D floppy instead of Hi-Density, the AT A4000T is identical to the Commodore one. It's an A4000 in a big, big tower case with more slots. Need I say more? OK, I will. It's also got a fast SCSI-2 hard drive controller in addition to the IDE controller the original A4000 had and the more slots includes a second video slot, so it's a bit more than a A4000 in a tower case. Many have complained that the price tag is too high, but it is a powerful machine, suitable as a video and animation workstation. One can only hope there will be a next Amiga to keep his list going, if nothing else.

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# The JOY of being a SYSOP

by Bill Hagan

**T**hat is the biggest, blackest cloud I've ever seen, said Mrs. H. at about a quarter to six on the evening of August 14th. I looked up from the handsome voluminous tome, the TV Guide, that I had been perusing. Not being used to interruptions from my evening studies, I nevertheless replied in my most courteous manner reserved for these family discussions, "Uh Huh."

Sensing there would be no further discussion of the matter, I returned my attention to the volume at hand. This proved to be pointless since in a very few minutes I was struck blind! At least I thought I had been struck blind, but in reality the lights had gone off caused by a power failure.

Once I had regained my senses, I found that I could see with the use of a flashlight. I waited a few more minutes to determine the power was not going to come back on then I cheerfully, spell that G-R-U-M-B-L-I-N-G-L-Y, levered myself up out of the easy chair and made my way through the house turning off switches.

I digress here a moment to tell you about my house. As originally laid out, the Ar-

cadia door and the kitchen door opened out upon the back yard. Several years ago I added, onto the rear, a screened porch (which you might call a patio or an Arizona Room, but where I come from it's a porch) a laundry room and a workshop. It is within this workshop area that I've placed the BBS computer.

Now, back to my story. After turning off all the switches within the house, I proceeded to the Arcadia door to go out to the workshop to unplug the BBS computer. Imagine my surprise when I found it almost impossible to open the sliding door. The wind was blowing in such a manner as to cause a vacuum within the house. This was further attested to by the fact that a small flag on the screened porch was flying pointed straight out towards the yard. Away from the house!

I finally got the door opened and made my way to the workshop where I pulled the plug on the BBS.

I then made my way back to

the easy chair, where after procuring a portable radio upon which I can tune the VHF TV stations, I proceeded to make myself comfortable. I remembered from my earlier research, that the Republican Convention was in progress, so as a part of my civic duty (there was nothing else on) I decided to listen to a few political speeches. I was so deeply engrossed in this subject that I failed to notice that it had started to rain.

Once again, I was interrupted by Mrs. H., who announced that water seemed to be coming down the back wall and onto the screened porch. Remember that add on. The water was leaking into the joint where the porch roof joined the house roof.

"...the joys of being a Sysop, that part that's not listed in any manual."

Once again I cheerfully jumped to my feet and promptly located the foot stool with my shin. I found the flashlight and after profusely apologizing to the stool with my extensive vocabulary of expletives, I made my way once again to the Arcadia door. After struggling to slide it open, I quickly determined that sure enough water was leaking onto the back porch. This was proven to me by the water that ran down my back.

Leaping into action, I screamed, "What'll I do, What'll I do, What'll I do?"

After I got this off my chest, I grabbed up some large sheets of plastic and proceeded to the work shop to cover the computers.

I digress again here to tell you that at our most recent yard sale, I purchased a second Amiga 2000, which I had set up near the locale of the BBS computer. It was on one side of the roof partition while the BBS computer was on the other.

Water was running down between the computers with most of it hitting the keyboard of my newly acquired computer. I covered the computers with the plastic and then made my way outside to see if there was further damage. I could see up on the roof that many of my shingles were standing straight up. I grabbed a ladder and went up on the roof to straighten them out.

What with the wind blowing so fiercely and the rain coming down so hard and lightning flashing all around, it soon became apparent that this was a damn fool thing to be doing. I did get the shingles straightened as best I could and turned off the water to a cooler that runs to the workshop before I hastily descended from the roof.

By this time the worst of the blow was over so we settled down to wait out the rest of the storm. We turned to the radio and though we could not determine the full extent of our own damage, it was readily apparent that others were in much more serious situations. This proved to be true more than ten fold by news reports the following day. We were even more fortunate in that power was restored to us less than four hours after the storm hit. Next morning proved that

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damage to the house was not too serious except for the water that had leaked into the two computers.

But there were bigger fish to fry, so I rounded up two rolls of roofing material and five gallons of tar and proceeded to make temporary repairs to the roof. I was certain there would be a repeat performance the following evening. There wasn't!

But, I didn't know that at the time, so I spent most of Thursday and part of Friday up on the roof making repairs and cleaning up the trash that had blown up in the yards.

It sure gets hot after a storm in Arizona in August, but the heat turned out to be my ally.

And now I get to tell the joys of being a Sysop, that part that's not listed in any manual. I was reluctant to apply power to any of the BBS computer components which included the computer, monitor, external hard drive, CD-Rom Drive and the Modem.

I disconnected everything, removed the covers from the computer and monitor. I placed them outside in the sun. Meanwhile, I returned to the shelves where the computer rests for further inspection.

I determined that since the CD-Rom drive, the external hard drive and the Modem were under the shelf, they had not gotten wet. I returned to the computer and monitor and upon close inspection, I found them to be dry also. They had either received no water inside their respective cases or else it had all dried from the extra hot two days they had been off-line.

I put everything back together, reassembled the individual components and applied the power. It came back on-line without difficulty.

I next turned my attention to the extra computer and after giving it the same treatment as the BBS computer, I found the only water damage was corrosion on the underside of the keyboard printed circuit board. A little judicious cleaning soon put that right and after reassembling, it too was running with no further difficulty.

One final benefit was that during the cleaning and inspection I determined that the clock backup batteries in both machines are in good condition and show no evidence of corrosion.

Next time Mrs. Hagan mentions a big black cloud, I'll respond more quickly. And cheerfully! AmAz!



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the BBS. Many matters could be resolved if the Ex Bd made a practice of calling in frequently.

The point of this discussion? What is the purpose of the BBS? There is little or no communication. No one shares PD files, in fact there are few downloads of the vast number of files available from either the files section or the Aminet CDs. I repeat, what is the point of continuing the BBS?

You want me to be enthused, you want me to spruce up the BBS? You become enthused!

I repeat my challenge of a couple of months ago: "Upload a file a week" - I know there is a paucity of files out there, but I also know you call other boards and I know you call the

Internet. I know you download files somewhere. Share them with the rest of us.

Write some notes. I'll even settle for some complaints. I'd rather have compliments, but any kind of note will suffice. Write to each other; I'm sure there are a number of topics you can discuss. Avoid politics and religion, these are potential dynamite. How about technical problems? There are answers to anything you have trouble with out there in the ether.

Do you want to know how to add a second floppy drive to an A2000? Leave a note to me on the BBS and I will tell you how I did it.

You want a BBS? You get enthused. I'll get enthused! AmAz!

## Minutes page 3

to Rob Wendling (Wentek Computers) for his donation of games and CD-32s.

After reviewing the August Disk of the Month, Mel Elliott continued his demonstration of the BBS, reading and leaving messages, downloading files from the CD-Rom Library, and offering an expert tutorial on the online games.

Software Drawing:

Mel Elliott won 5 blank disks. Joe Benedetto took "Rules of Engagement." Jim Aboltin chose "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?" Mac Emshwiller won a Disk Coupon.

A high density floppy drive has been purchased for demos at meetings. Its at Mel's house. Bill Hagan more or less agreed to continue for a while as sysop of the BBS, although in view of the board's dwindling use and lack of a potential replacement sysop, Bill recommended that it be shut down. It was decided to bring the matter before the next general meeting. Mel Elliott gave the treasurer's report and was appointed to take care of catering the September general meeting. Free Food! Submarine sandwich, potato salad and soft drinks will be provided.

Submitted by Pete Guldager  
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August Executive Board meeting.





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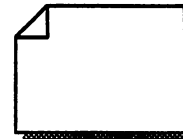
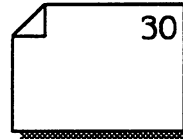
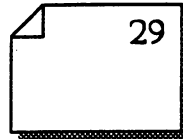
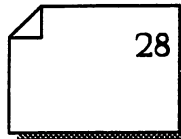
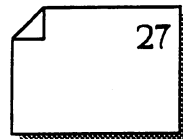
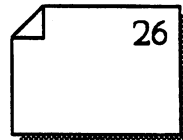
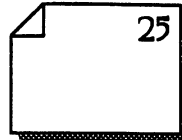
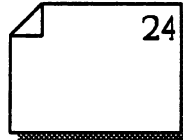
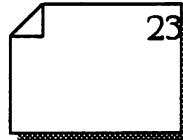
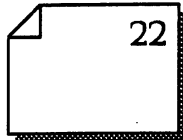
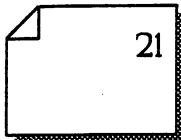
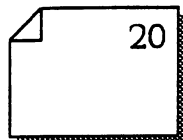
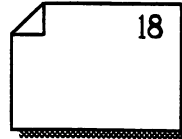
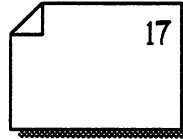
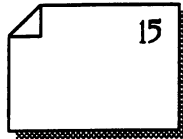
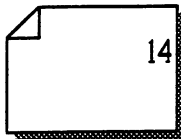
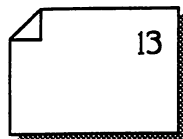
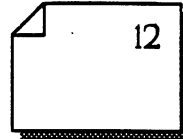
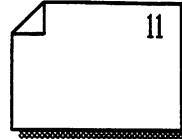
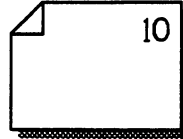
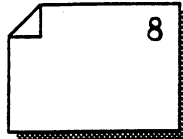
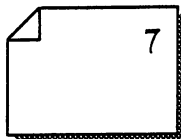
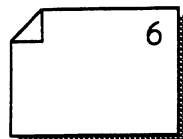
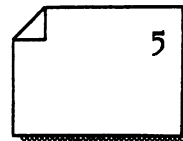
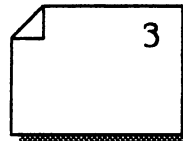
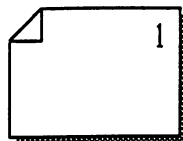
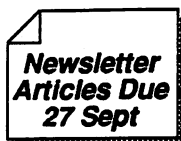
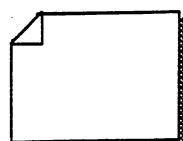
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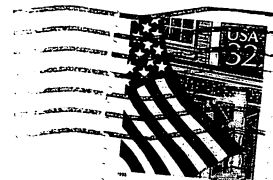


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