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Meeting Notice: Third Wednesday each month (except July and August) @ 7:00 PM. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 1994 at the Warren branch of Cortland Bank, on Elm Rd. (Rt. 5) North of McDonald's and across from Sims Buick.

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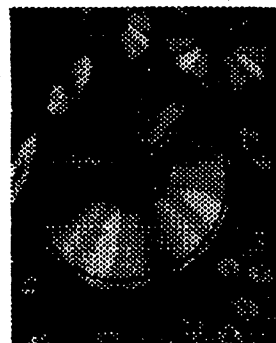
Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays
November 16 & December 21.



October meeting

CD-ROM drives by Ray Williams. Bring any music CDs you want played.



AMIGAWORLD Hotline Update

Wendsday October 5th.

Taken almost verbatim from Amiga World's phone message.

We have had news that a 3rd party has submitted a bid for the Commodore Liquidation while the court appointed trustees have not confirmed this it seems that a German based group, led by Officials from the now defunct Commodore Germany & Netherlands subsidiary with possible financial backing from Australia, have made a bid.

The other two bidders who we have reported on before, CEI of Florida and the former management group of the Commodore UK, are still very much involved. Alex Amor of CEI, and David Pleasance of the UK group, have each spoken on several occasions, over the past few weeks about their plans to re-launch the Amiga, whichever should win. The trustees supervising the liquidation, are supposed to present their recommendations, to the Bahamian supreme court no later then October 15th, how long after that it will take the court to announce a decision is not known at this point.

The Continuing Crisis at Commodore

October 11th, 1994

Ever since Commodore officially declared bankruptcy back in June, there has been a lot of interest in the Amiga technology. Groups like Sony, Amstrad/Phillips, Samsung, Commodore

UK group, CEI and Commodore Germany/Netherlands. The Commodore UK and CEI are currently still the front runners for the technology. While both have pledged their willingness to continue the Amiga line, there is a lot of differences in the way they plan on continuing support.

Commodore UK, lead by it's President, David Pleasance, has pledged to continue supporting the Amiga, but mostly they are interested in the UK region. Because, the Amiga 1200 and CD 32 are the strongest sellers in those areas, as well as having the bulk of the support. It would seem that they see the American market as one that is saturated with Mac's and Clones which would require to much resources to maintain.

The CEI group, has pledged to continue supporting the TOTAL Amiga line, which includes the high end systems such as the A4000, and A4000T. "Their first item of business is to fill the huge gap left by Commodore," as quoted by Alex Amor, President of the CEI group. His first plans are to restart production of the Amiga 4000T as well as the Amiga 1200. In the recent past he has stated that would like to market the 4000T at a price starting around \$1200.00 which would allow the Amiga to compete with the 486 and Pentium systems. He has also stated that he would OEM/license the technology so that 3rd parties could "clone" the Amiga.

Nothing is known, short of their existence, of the latest bid by the Commodore Germany/Netherlands group. It is rumored that they are getting their financial backing from Australia, but it is still as of yet, unconfirmed.

It is not known if this latest bid, will cause any further delays in the Bahamian supreme court's decision. But, the trustees supervising the liquidation, are supposed to present their recommendations, no later then October 15th, 1994. How long after that it will take for the court to announce a decision is not known at this point.

Windows 95 Announced as Official Name for Microsoft Windows "Chicago"

Redmond, WA -- September 9, 1994

Microsoft Corporation today announced Windows(TM) 95 as the official name for the next major release of the Microsoft Windows operating system, previously known by its code name "Chicago." The name Windows 95 was chosen to make it easier for consumers to identify the most current version of Microsoft Windows. Window 95 was designed for a wide range of users, from the novice to the expert, to help make everyday personal computing even easier than before. The name Windows 95 represents the broad scope of today's users of Windows and they new generation of software and hardware it enables.

"We're seeing a new kind of consumer for personal computer products," said Doug Schutt, senior vice president at Price Costco. "No longer is it just the power user who shops for software, hardware or even multimedia CDs, but rather a variety of customers: families, kids, students and power users. Windows 95 will make it easier for our consumers to identify the most current version of Windows."

"More than 600 million copies of Windows have been shipped to date," said Paul Maritz, senior vice president, systems and technology division at Microsoft. "From extensive research worldwide, we have found that most users find our existing version numbering confusing and can't identify the latest version of Windows. Our customers want products that simplify their everyday computing, and our goal is to have both the technology and the name meet that requirement."

Windows 95, targeted for release in the first half of 1995, is designed to make PCs even easier to use while delivering more performance. Windows 95 is a fully integrated 32-bit operating system, replacing Window 3.11, Windows for Workgroups 3.11, and the MS-DOS operating



system as the mainstream desktop operating system. Windows 95 supports features such as long file names and a revised user interface design based on extensive customer usability studies. Windows 95 will run multiple applications faster, more effectively, and with greater safety than it can today. It is completely compatible with the products people use today and an even better platform for the next generation of applications, games, PCs and peripherals that Windows 95 enables.

Windows 95 is targeted for users performing a variety of tasks, from customers who have home computers for running recreational and educational applications to those who want to run business and productivity applications and those who want to work remotely from home.

From Cyberspace Report Weekly on the Multimedia RoundTable on GENie. Reprinted by permission.

[Ed. Note: Oh boy! Microsoft is going to release something they should of over five years ago at least. If they would just port Workbench over...]

F or Y our I nformation

How did the typewriter & the computer keyboard get its QWERTY key arrangement? Christopher Latham Sholes, who invented the first practical typewriter, was having trouble with keys colliding and sticking together. So he took them out of alphabetical order and rearranged them so typing would be slower but collisions less frequent.

The QWERTY (so called because of the arrangement of the first six characters in the top row of letters) has stayed almost the same since Sholes sold the design to Remounting & Sons in 1874.

Guru Meditations

Another newsletter has been squeezed out. I've been working 60 hours a week and have had great difficulty is finding time to do everything, including the newsletter. It takes a number of hours to bring together every month's newsletter.

If anybody has any suggestions on improvements to the newsletter, I would be eager to hear them. From this end, I have only what Ray tells me as to what is happening with the group. Other than that, I have absolutely no input. This newsletter is for the members of TRUMCUG. I need to know what kinds of articles everyone wants to see. Do you want to see IBM, Amiga, general, new technology, or what? Please tell Ray so he can tell me.

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BBS NUMBERS

This is the revised list of local BBS numbers.

Name	Type	Phone #
U.S.A. ¹	Amiga	(216) 872-7464
U.S.A. II (Y-town & Warren)	Amiga	(216) 544-5419
Viper's Pit	Amiga	(216) 847-8669
Blue Thunder	IBM	(216) 372-3579
Technical Solutions	IBM	(216) 372-7270
Home Line	IBM	(216) 847-0427
Sandbox	IBM	(216) 889-9238
Cat's Meow	IBM	(216) 637-8288
Eagle Eye	IBM	(216) 399-3851
The Last Resort	IBM	(216) 394-3063
The Love Board	IBM	(216) 637-8397
Steel Valley (Warren/niles)	IBM/Ami	(216) 544-0095
The Monopoly		64/128 (216) 638-2227
The Ledges	Amiga	(216) 548-2801
Amigaman After Dark	Amiga	(412) 962-0961

(6 PM to 9 AM EST M-F Sat & Sun 24 hours)

¹U.S.A. system operator has decided not to be affiliated with this club since we allow IBM computers.

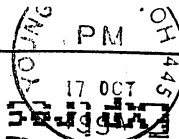
If anyone has a BBS he or she wants to add to the list, leave e-mail to Picard on USA.

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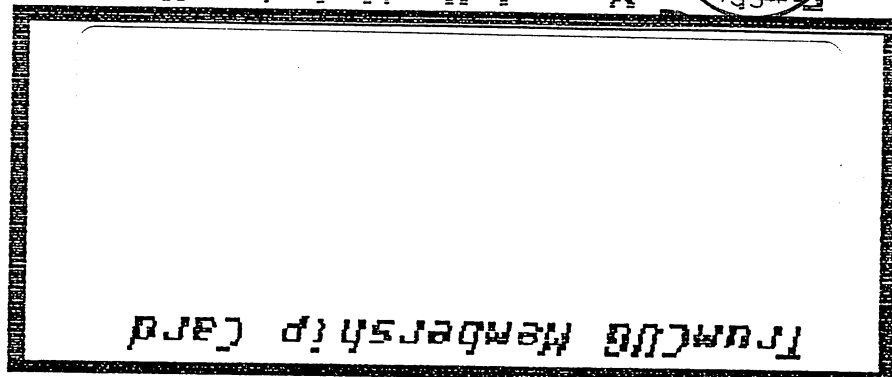
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