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**Meeting Notice: Third Wednesday of each month (except July and August) @ 7:00 PM.** Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 1995 at the Warren branch of Cortland Bank, on Elm Rd. North of McDonald's and across from Sims Buick.

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#### *Future Meetings*

Future meetings are scheduled for

Wednesdays December 20, January

17, February 21, and March 20.



## November meeting

Bob Boyts did a demo TVTech video titler at the October meeting. This program was written for the Amiga platform and allows the user to make titles in several different colors and fonts for home style VCR recordings. Bob couldn't switch colors on his fonts without messing up the color selection for his background colors. If he tried to use a picture in his background, this program changed the colors and made the picture different colors in the background, thereby changing the picture. This program was version 1.x and has been released as freeware to the public. There have been newer commercial versions of this program released, which hopefully work better than the original.

Jay Shonk is going to install a 1 gigabyte hard drive in my computer for the November demo, as an ide add-on (slave-master). In December John Calderwood has scheduled his vacation so he can do a 3DO demo, with hopefully a video demo of some of the 64 bit M2 capabilities (hopefully I can demo the M2 itself next year).

## In the News

### Bank from Home

In an effort to lure computer users into on-line banking, Intuit, Inc. is going to sell an updated version of its' checkbook software called Quicken 96 that will allow small business and personal users to link modems to their bank accounts to get information, write checks, update stock portfolios, and transfer money between accounts. It will begin selling Oct. 26 for about \$40.00. A group of 20 banks will offer home banking services, but none in Ohio have signed up to offer services through Quicken. -- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Advertising on Compuserve

In an effort to lower subscription rates, Compuserve will begin to accept advertising this month. A Compuserve spokesman said ad-

vertising would be in the form of "buttons" or menu pages. --Cleveland Plain Dealer

### **Intel Expands**

Intel Corp. says it will build a research and manufacturing site on 192 acres in Dupont, Washington. Hopefully, the plant could grow to employ 6,000 people. Intel plans to invest \$3.5 billion in new and expanded plants and equipment. --Cleveland Plain Dealer

### **Macintosh News**

Apple Computer, Inc. has resumed shipping its Powerbook 5300 series at a price reduced about \$100. In the middle of September, Apple reported that several of its computers had caught fire in the factory due to a problem with lithium-ion batteries. Delays in rolling out Macintosh clones and hardware add-ons has clone builder Radius in financial straits. In August the company reorganized some of its top management and reported a substantial loss for the third quarter. The company has also slashed its workforce by 20 percent. --Cleveland Plain Dealer

## **3DO Inks \$100 Million Pact With Matsushita for 64-bit M2 Technology**

*REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Oct. 25, 1995* - The 3DO Company and Matsushita Electrical Industrial Co., Ltd. today announced that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to be followed by a definitive agreement to become partners in the development and exploitation of 3DO's 64-bit M2 graphic technology. Under the agreement, Matsushita will pay 3DO a \$100 million license fee plus additional royalties. Matsushita in turn will have the exclusive rights to use the M2 technology to power next-generation consumer and commercial products including 64-bit video games, Digital Video Disc (DVD) players, and interactive television set-top boxes.

Matsushita will also receive the sublicense rights from 3DO that will allow Matsushita to sublicense the M2 technology to hardware

companies and software developers. Matsushita is currently in discussions with several potential partner companies and is likely to expand the M2 alliance over the course of the next two years.

"Today's announcement combines the vast resources of a consumer electronics leader with the industry's most powerful 64-bit technology," said Trip Hawkins, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The 3DO Company. "Matsushita has been a world leader in audio and video and is again poised for success with their central role in the emerging DVD standard. By combining these capabilities with 3DO's interactive graphics and computing technology, Matsushita is well positioned for success in many new digital businesses."

"In order to succeed in this business, we need to acquire the rights and become the licensor of interactive, high-speed, high-performance graphics processing and operating system technology offered by the M2 architecture," said Mikio Higashi, Managing Director and Member of the Board of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. "We will implement this technology in a wide variety of applications in both the consumer and commercial AVC (Audio, Video & Computer) businesses."

Matsushita's exclusive licensed rights under the agreement will include consumer CD, DVD, interactive TV set-top box, portable, car navigation, and kiosk hardware products. Matsushita will grant 3DO a non-exclusive license for coin-operated arcade game, personal computer applications, general computing, and software development tools. With 3DO's help, Matsushita will manage a licensing program for third-party software products and 3DO will receive a part of royalties on such products.

As part of the agreement, 3DO has committed to delivering all M2 custom ASIC semiconductors, reference designs for M2 CD and M2 DVD systems, MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 decoders, hardware development systems, operating system software and software development tools. 3DO is making good progress on completing its

M2 technology. 3DO has been supplying development systems to third-party software developers since July, and Studio 3DO has several M2 software titles already underway.

Matsushita expects that the first M2 consumer product, a CD-ROM system, will be available in the second half of 1996. A system based on Matsushita's Super Density (SD) DVD system is expected at a later date. The companies believe that M2 will be the first real 64-bit CD-ROM system to reach the consumer market.

The transaction has been approved by both companies but is subject to normal conditions of closing including required regulatory approvals.

The 3DO Company (NASDAQ: THDO), headquartered in Redwood City, Calif., invents and designs cutting-edge graphics technologies and develops and publishes interactive entertainment software, under the Studio 3DO label, for the mass market. With offices in North America, Europe and Asia, the company is a leader in the 32-bit interactive entertainment industry and is well positioned for the upcoming 64-bit market with its M2 technology. 3DO also plans to develop products for the personal computer market and the Internet. Additional company information is available on the World Wide Web (<http://www.3do.com>) and on America Online (keyword: 3DO).

## **Amiga Technologies Selects the Service Management Group**

*Columbia, MD, October 24, 1995* - The Service Management Group, Inc. (SMG) of Columbia, MD has been chosen by Amiga Technologies GmbH, a subsidiary of ESCOM AG of Bensheim, Germany, to distribute the Amiga product line in North America. This distribution agreement covers the United States and Canada.

The SMG has been associated with Commodore Business Machines, its distributors, deal-

ers and customers since 1990. Amiga Technologies was looking for a company that had competencies in service and support, and could be more than just a distributor. The SMG fulfilled these requirements and will bring the popular Amiga computers back to the North American dealers and users.

Together with the SMG, Amiga Technologies GmbH will be represented at the Video Toaster Expo from the 1st to the 4th of November in Los Angeles. A press conference will be held on the 2nd of November. During the press conference, Petro Tyschtschenko, Managing Director of Amiga Technologies will reveal the name of the new processor that will be used in the next generation of Amiga computers.

The Amiga 4000T will hit the shelves during the second week of November.

Amiga Technologies and the SMG will also have a booth at Comdex in Las Vegas from the 13th to the 17th of November. The SMG will represent Amiga Technologies at the World of Amiga in Toronto, Canada in December.

For more information see our World Wide Web page at [HTTP://www.Amiga.de](http://www.Amiga.de)

### **TRUMCUG Web Page!**

<http://cc.ysu.edu/~s0176111/trumcug.html>

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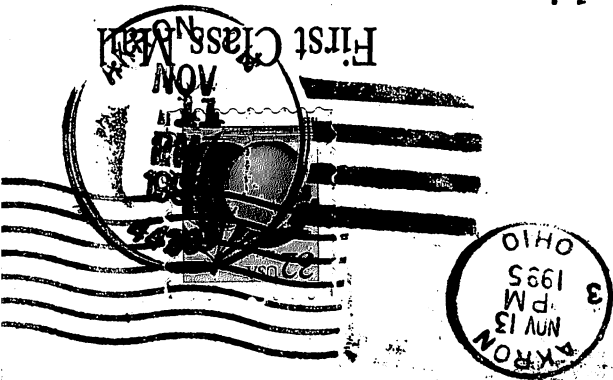
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