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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, December 20, 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  
January 17,  
February 21, and  
March 20.



## December meeting

At the November meeting, Jay Shonk attempted to install a Promise enhanced IDE controller and a 1.275 gigabyte Connors hard drive in my computer. Due to the lack of any information or support from Mitac computer company (who sold me my original computer system) this couldn't be done. After spending a few hours on the telephone with Mitac customer service and support, I never acquired the necessary manual on my 486dx2 mother board. This manual was never included in the carton that the computer system was shipped in, and I never realized that until months later when I decided to try and upgrade my system. Jay tried valiantly to finish this installation on the meeting night, but he had much technical difficulty without knowing the position of the necessary jumper switches and we had a hard time disabling the IDE controller on the mother board. Later on in the week we made some intelligent guesses on the jumper settings and managed to disable the mother board ide controller. (This was necessary so that we could use the "enhanced" ide controller to recognize a hard drive of greater size than 528 megabyte which is a draw back of earlier ide controllers). We are currently trying to get the bugs out of installing this equipment and have managed to get the 1 gigabyte hard drive recognized. Due to the holidays and some personal delays on my part this is taking some time.

## From the Editor

This month, your's truly will be doing a demo. I'm taking my vacation so I can do this demo. What am I demoing you ask? The 3DO! I have specially ordered the 3do video sampler #5 (\$9.95) to show at the demo. I will also demo the audio, photoCD, multimedia, and a few games on a Panasonic FZ-1 3DO. Also on the video sampler, is a video demo of the 64-bit M2 (which comes out next fall). This is not an

event to be missed.

*John Calderwood III*

## **Goldstar Announces \$199 3DO Price Point**

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ (December 1, 1995) - Just in time for budget conscious consumers, LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. today announced that the Goldstar 3DO(TM) Interactive Multiplayer(TM) System is now available for \$199 at retail outlets nationwide. Included in the \$199 price is an extra \$30 Goldstar 3DO controller (Model 111M 30) and two top-selling software titles.

"The holiday season is one of the most exciting times of the year and we are pleased to offer game enthusiasts an advanced 32-bit game system at a price point below \$200," said Jim Ireton, vice president for the HiMedia Group at LG Electronics. "Advances in technology allow us to be the first 32-bit CD-ROM gaming system to hit this price point," said Ireton.

The \$199 package is available wherever Goldstar 3DO systems are sold, including such leading U.S. retailers as Babbage's, Electronics Boutique, Software Etc. and Best Buy. The Goldstar 3DO system comes bundled with two critically-acclaimed titles: Shock Wave(TM) and FIFA International Soccer(TM), a \$130 value. Free controllers are available at point of purchase.

### **Hot Goldstar 3DO Software Titles Available**

Adding to the more than 200 software titles currently available for the 3DO system, Goldstar will launch their first licensed software titles. The titles include: "Primal Rage", an arcade blockbuster which features seven ancient and powerful dinosaur gods who battle for supreme domination of the new Urth; "Defcon 5", a pulse-pounding, real-time 3D science fiction adventure where players must defend their universe from attacking space ships, rogue defensive systems and a battalion of other alien encounters; and "BC Racer", a 3D cartoon racing game which features cavemen who race in

a prehistoric version of the Indy 500.



## **Amiga goes POWER PC®**

Bensheim 07/11/95--During his key note address held in Los Angeles at the Video Toaster Expo, Petro Tyschtschenko, CEO and President of Amiga Technologies officially announced the Power PC to be the processor used in the future generation of Amiga computers.

The first POWER AMIGA will be available 1st quarter 1997 and will feature the Power PC 604 RISC CPU. Further models will be available later in the entry-level, as well as in the mid-range.

The Power Amigas will be backwards compatible with current models and will also feature a new and more powerful chipset.

"Our pre-emptive multitasking Operating System AmigaOS will be ported to the Power PC platform first. Our goal is to make our OS hardware independent to allow further ports on other platforms", said Petro Tyschtschenko.

He also added: "We have a clear business plan: We do things consequently, step by step. First, we ramped up the production and set up an organisation to handle the Amiga market and satisfy the demand. Now that we have achieved this successfully, we focus on research. The developments will also focus on including more features in the AmigaOS, especially regarding network abilities and memory management.

The development of the native RISC AmigaOS will be made internally at Amiga Technologies. An R This development project will also be involving a dozen companies in close partnership with Amiga Technologies GmbH.

More good news for all Amiga users: The Power PC technology will not only be available for new Power Amigas. Thanks to a close co-operation between Amiga Technologies and Phase V, a German turbo board manufacturer, a full range of Power PC boards will also be

available for the A1200, A3000 and A4000 series.

This will allow a general migration of the Amiga platform towards Power PC in a short time, also for current models.

First Power PC boards for current Amigas will be available before end of 1996.

Amiga Technologies will be flexible in licensing the RISC Operating System as before so that a global solution will be available for all above mentioned Amiga computers. This is especially important for the foreseeable partnerships.

The 68060 board for the Amiga 4000 T will be available during the first quarter of 1996 and will provide the power needed by applications like 3D rendering software, compilers and high-end graphics software.

During 1996, new 68K based entry-level models will be available. These Amigas will be based on the A1200 platform, with faster processors, more memory expansion capacity and CD ROM expansion.

Amiga Technologies is a 100% subsidiary of the ESCOM AG and is based in Bensheim, Germany.

You are welcome on our WEB page for more information at <http://www.amiga.de>.

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## Subject: Authorized Amiga Dealers as of December 1, 1995

From: Service Management Group

This is the latest list of Authorized Dealers for Amiga products. We are signing up dealers and processing orders daily. Please check frequently for new dealers.

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SoftWood, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ USA
TS Computers	North Hollywood	CA USA
The Lively Computer	La Mesa	CA USA
Visionsoft	Carmel	CA USA

408-626-2633	San Diego	CA USA
Wave Systems		
619-495-9238	Paradise	CA USA
Alex Electronics		
916-872-0896	Aurora	CO USA
The Computer Room		
303-696-8973	Woodbury	CT USA
Infotronics		
203-263-5350	Hamden	CT USA
Derrick Electronics		
203-248-7227	Danbury	CT USA
Softown, Inc.		
203-797-8080	Newtown	CT USA
Videology		
203-270-9000 *	Newark	DE USA
DeVine Computer Sales		
302-738-9046	Pinellas Park	FL USA
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813-576-5242	Merrit Island	FL USA
Harddrivers Co.		
407-453-5805	Miami	FL USA
Centennial Video Systems		
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ACS Computer & Video		
404-263-9190	Atlanta	GA USA
Showcase Video		
404-325-7676	Boise	ID USA
Maximum Video Creations		
208-322-3091	Pocatello	ID USA
Blackrock Computers Plus		
208-323-0012	Champaign	IL USA
Select Solutions		
800-322-1261	Aurora	IL USA
MicroTech Solutions		
708-851-3033	Riverside	IL USA
Ring Video Systems		
708-442-0009	Lenexa	KS USA
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913-235-3481	Baltimore	MD USA
Kipp Visual Systems		
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517-366-8569	Madison Heights	MI USA
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612-698-1175	Edina	MN USA
Alpha Video		
800-388-0008	Chapel Hill	NC USA
VIP Systems, Inc.		
919-968-9477	Winston-Salem	NC USA
Magic Page Products		
910-785-3695	Omaha	NE USA
Amicom Computer Technology		
402-556-6160	Mays Landing	NJ USA
Sir Render A/V		
609-625-0472	Las Vegas	NV USA
Electro-Tech		
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Computer Users	Springfield	OR USA
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503-650-0379		
Magic Box, Inc.	Corvallis	OR USA
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British Magazine Dist., Inc.	Hermitage	PA USA
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J&C Repair	Rockton	PA USA
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CDR Systems	Pittsburgh	PA USA
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Kasara Microsystems	Hilton Head	SC USA
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214-702-9119 *		
Microsearch	Houston	TX USA
713-988-2818 *		
Amiga Northwest Studio	Bothell	WA USA
206-488-5664		
Safe Harbor	Waukesha	WI USA
800-544-6599		
Taylor Pro Audio / Video	Wauwatosa	WI USA
414-778-0944		

Any of these dealers can process your Amiga order. If your local dealer does not appear on the list, encourage them to sign up. Dealers can contact us via phone at (410) 715-6850, via Fax at (410) 992-9979 or (410) 715-6850, via Internet email at [pbielski@interramp.com](mailto:pbielski@interramp.com), or via CompuServe mail at 72060,3271.

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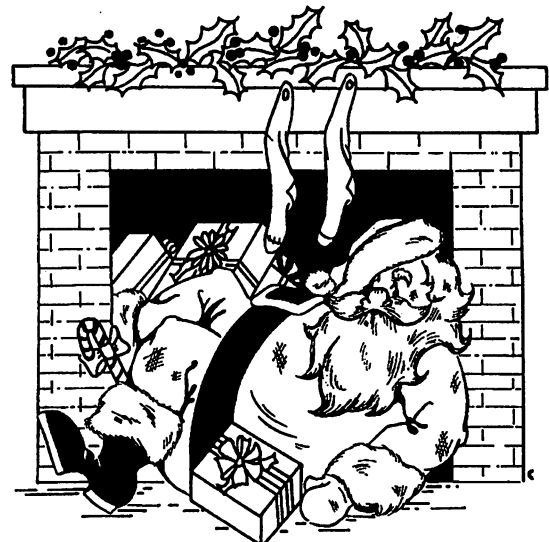
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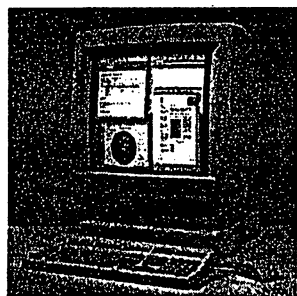
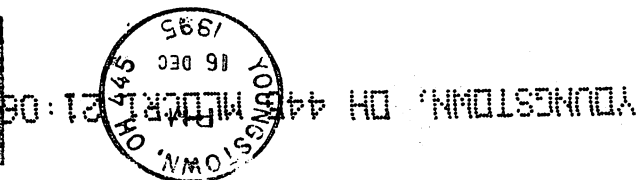
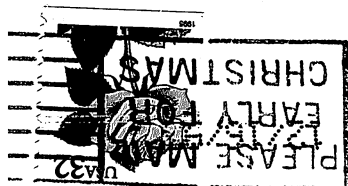
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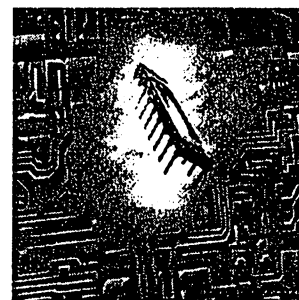
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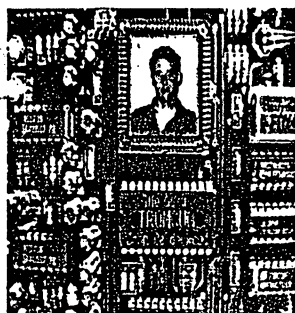
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