
NEWSLETTER

San Leandro Computer Club
For ATARI 400 and 800 Micro Computers

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President's Notes

This newsletter is Volume 1, Number 4. We have our first formal elections this month. As you might suspect the success of a computer users group comes about through the active participation of its members. Since the founding of the club last February we have had very enthusiastic support. In particular I would like to mention all our committee chairpeople who have provided the kinds services that we all expect from a user group. Moon Louie has done a fine job with the Floppy of the month, providing consistantly fine programs for you. Charlotte Fleming has put out an informative newsletter each month. Our assembly language group headed by Bob Barton has been both informative and interesting. I think Bob's personal touch in arranging this project will make it one of our club's most outstanding committees.

We have our first formal elections this month. So far four people have accepted nomination for office. They are; Bob Barton - President, Bill George - Vice President, Nai Hsien Mao - Treasurer and Phil Mitchell - Secretary. Further nominations will be accepted at the meeting. In addition to the officers we will need people to head up and serve on the committees.

Committee meetings meet during the month at various members houses. We've tried to keep the meetings on Tuesday nights since most of you have been able to make the main meeting. The software committee will meet at my house on Saturday, June 18th at 1pm. The Assembly Language group will meet Tuesday night, June 14th at

Bob Barton's house and the Basic committee will meet at Bob Frye's on Tues, June 21st. The Newsletter and Executive committee meetings are yet to be announced.

Please call the local computer bulletin boards (BBS) that are supporting Atari users. We have two boards with Atari software available for downloading using the modem program, AMODEM. These boards are:

SYSTEM/80 in San Leandro @ 895-0699 and
SUNRISE OMEGA in OAKLAND @ 452-0350.

We have been placing programs from our floppy of the month on these BBS's in case you missed getting them at the meeting.

Jack Cassell mentioned a couple of local TV programs concerning computers. Bits Bytes and Buzzwords is on channel 26, 7PM on Wednesdays. The Computer Programme is on Channel 54, 7PM, also on Wednesday.

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You should notice that there is a membership card included in your newsletter if you are a paid member. There was a shortage of cards, therefore a few of you will receive them at the meeting rather than here. If you want to see if we have you on the paid member list, check the phone numbers elsewhere in this newsletter. Only paid members are on it. 3E Software on Mission Blvd in Hayward is offering some special deals to you if you present these cards at time of purchase. Some of their games have a good discount and their diskettes (single density elephants) are an especially good buy.

C L U B O F F I C E R S

President - Bill George
Vice-President - Jack Cassell
Treasurer - Nai Hsien Mao
Secretary - Dick Fleming

C O M M I T T E E S

Software - Moon Louie
Tape of the Month - Dan Chun
Newsletter - Charlotte Fleming
Assy Language - Bob Barton
Basic - Bob Frye

A B E N D A

San Leandro Computer Club Meeting
Tuesday June 7, 1983

8:00 - Introduction of officers
8:05 - Final approval of Constitution
8:10 - Election of new officers
8:30 - Open Discussion
8:40 - Break for Refreshments
 - Floppy of the Month \$3

 Member Presentations
9:05 - PRINTERS - 6 types discussed
9:50 - Atari print commands & techniques
10:05 - Question & Answer
10:25 - Close Meeting

GAMES GALORE by Jack Cassell

In our first Issue of the Newsletter I reviewed my all time favorite game...PACMAN. This month I will give you my evaluation of one of the all time favorites of most ATARI Owners...STAR RAIDERS. If you don't own this game you are really missing something. It is such a classic it should be part of everyones library. This game is simply great...Despite all the new games in the past few years...none can surpass the visual effects. People who are able to view it on large projection screen TV say it is awesome.

STAR RAIDERS is a high speed space battle game...with fast visual effects and great player missile graphics. It is very simple to learn...yet difficult to master.

There are four levels of play...at the NOVICE level your ship is virtually invincible. This is the training level. The advanced levels of PILOT,WARRIOR and COMMANDER require considerable skills.

The Atari Joystick acts like the control stick of an airplane...pulling the stick back causes your ship to climb, pushing forward causes your ship to dive. The enemy doesn't stand still, but is constantly firing energy bursts at you...even with considerable skill it is difficult to keep the enemy in your crosshairs long enough to blast them with your photon torpedoes. You can select the level of play and turn on your shields, tracking computer, manual target selector, long range sector scan. When ready you Hyperwarp to the enemy sector and into action.

The friendly starbases allow you to stop for repairs. Docking at a starbase enables you to receive a new supply of energy and to repair damaged and destroyed equipment.

This game is fantanstic, despite the newer games over the past two years and numerous attempts to surpass the 8K games visual effects, STAR RAIDERS remains the classic.

FLOPPY OF THE MONTH

SCRIPTOR.BAS

AN IMPROVED TEXT EDITOR DOWNLOADED FROM COMPUSERVE BY PAUL LEW. WRITTEN IN BASIC

ADVENT.TWO

AN ADVENTURE PROGRAM WRITTEN IN BASIC. PLAY IT TO SEE HOW IT WORKS

AGAIN

A 5 COLOR SIMON SAYS TYPE OF GAME. BETTER THAN THE STAND ALONE GAME YOU PAY 20 DOLLARS FOR.

ATTILER.BAS

A SHOOT 'EM UP GAME. YOU FIRE AT YOUR OPPONENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN. GAUGE WIND VELOCITY, RANGE AND AMOUNT OF POWDER NEEDED FOR A DIRECT SHOT

RTCLOCK (& RTCLOCK.OBJ)

THIS PROGRAM PUTS A REAL TIME CLOCK ON YOUR SCREEN. JUST RUN RTCLOCK AND IT WILL PROMPT YOU FOR THE TIME . FROM THEN ON IT WILL DISPLAY THE TIME ON THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF YOUR SCREEN.

CHOPSTIX

GRAPHIC/MUSIC REPRESENTATION OF THE FAMOUS OPERA, 'CHOPSTICKS'.

ETCHSKCH

DRAW DESIGNS WITH YOUR JOYSTICK.

HELIDEMO

GRAPHICS DEMONSTRATION OF A HELICOPTER LIFTING OFF. YOU CAN LEARN MANY PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES BY REVIEWING THIS PROGRAM.

Dan Chun is providing a tape library for the club in response to several requests for such a service. The tapes listed below are available on a loan basis. A \$5 deposit is required upon borrowing each tape and it will be refunded upon return. Dan is making an effort to provide a new tape each month to correlate to our Floppy of the Month.

For Atari 400 and 800 Computers

Utilities

Side Program Description

- A Autonumber by Compute Mag.
- B Antio Typo Checksum

- A Analog Typo Checksum
- B Joystick Port 3 & 4 to Printer

- A Hex to Dec. data generator(tape)
- B Hex to Dec. data generator(keyboard)

- A Machine language back-up boot tapes
- B Shorting by alphabets

Education

- A Hangman by Softswap graphic and sound
- B Scramwrds by Softswap Unscramble words

- A Math Fun by Compute Mag. Color and sound
- B Multiplication table from 1 to 12 times

- A Text revised version of tiny text use on a 40 or 80 col. printer
- B Textinst Instructions for text

- A Mail listing by Antic Mag.
- B Typing Exercise by Atari User Group

Games

- A Bats from Antic Mag.
- B Skill from Compute Mag.

- A Yahtzee Family game color and sound
- B Time Trials Race car driving

- A Simmon Color and sound for preschool children
- B Spider Draws form Antic Mag. Graphics and no sound

- A Filler Up by compute Mag. This will make a boot tape
- B Filler Up boot game tape.

- A Pack Invaders from Antic Mag.
- B Bank Shot a pool game by Stan Ockers

- A Lunar Lander sound and graphics by Stan Ockers
- B Alien-Shoot with joystick for preschoolers.

ASSEMBLY GROUP
FOR ADVANCED & BEGINNERS

by Bob Barton

The ASSEMBLY GROUP is designed for the more advanced assemblers to collaborate between one another and to help the not so advanced assemblers. We also hope to be able to work on projects in the future that will help programming and the other desired needs of the entire club.

The ASSEMBLY GROUP will also be willing to help the Basic Group and anyone else in the club that might need help with a project or a program.

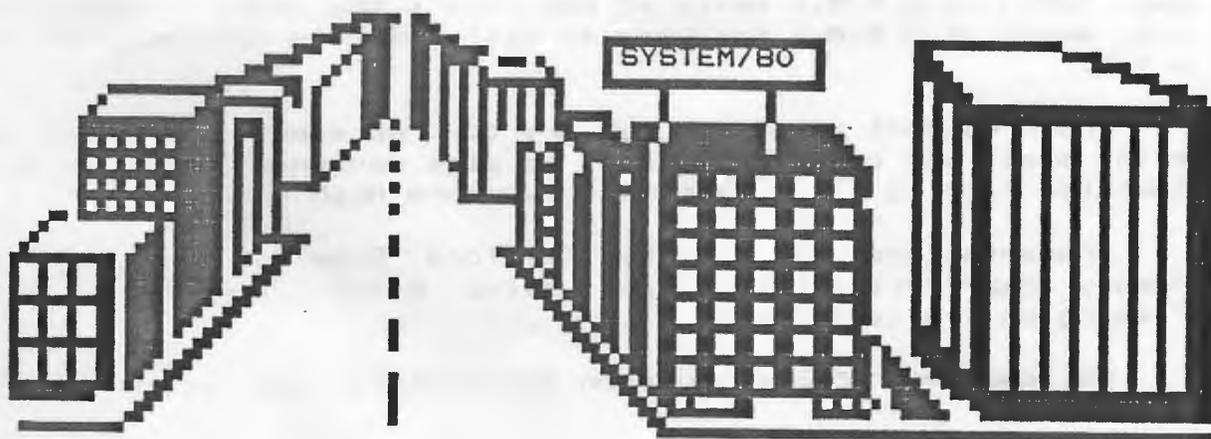
At this point in time we have had two meetings and one presentation (by Cliff Engels) on the Atari memory map. We hope to be able to have more presentations in the future for the club.

At our last meeting the ASSEMBLY GROUP has come up with the idea to keep the advanced and beginners working together and as a whole so that neither or them get bored.

We are also working on a project at this time to enhance any capability of working with the Atari. We will inform you about this in more detail at a later date.

All work done in the ASSEMBLY GROUP will be available for the club members to use and study.

Without the following people we could not have an ASSEMBLY GROUP. Thanks to Frank Daniel, Clifford Engels and Paul Lew.



San Leandro Computer Club
Minutes for 5/2/83 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Bill George. New people in attendance were introduced. Officers were introduced. Brief explanation of "Floppy of The Month" for the benefit of those not aware of it's purpose.

Treasurer's report by M Mau.

Dan Chun gave a report on the Tape library. Tapes will be available to take home. A \$5.00 deposit will be requested on each tape which will be refunded on its return. An effort will be made to provide tapes from the "Floppy Of The Month" disc's.

Bill George provided a suggested constitution for review and discussion. He then proposed a change in the dues structure to assist the Club in complying with the requirements to use the present meeting facilities. We now have 27 paid members of which 8 are residents of San Leandro, Ca. We are required to have 50% of our membership residing in San Leandro.

The constitution, with revisions, was approved by vote from the membership. A second vote will be at the next meeting.

Membership cards were discussed and will be available in the near future. Some Computer stores will provide discounts to those who present a membership card at the time of purchase.

Nominations were accepted for officers to be voted on in the June meeting. Nominated were: Pres. Bob Barton--Vice Pres.: Bill George---Treasurer: Nau Hsien Mao--- Secretary: Phil Mitchell.

The President announced mid-month meetings which are: Assymblly Language at Bob Barton's home the second Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M.; Basic at Bob Frye's the third Tuesday of the month at 8 P.M.; Software at Bill George's Saturday 5/14/83 8 P.M..

The President asked for members to represent the club at swap meets and computer fairs. He also announced the Livermore Computer Fair is 5/14/83 at the Livermore High School.

Presentations were made by: Clifford Engels on the Atari Memory Map---Bill George on Useful Basic Commands--- Dick Fleming on Visicalc.

Following an open discussion the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

R.G. Fleming

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