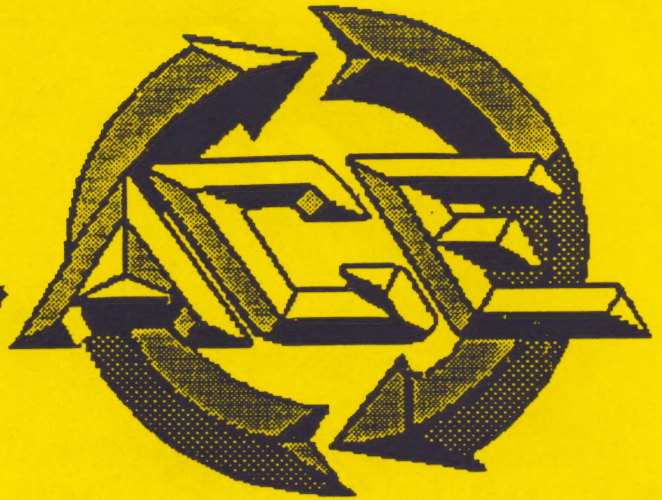




JULY, 1991



New Strokes!
-new BBS commands
by Deb Wimmers



Jeff Golden takes his
'Way-Back Machine' to 1981!



Siber news from CCD'
says Prez Marc Salas

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Submissions are welcome in any form. It is requested of any 8-bit user that s/he upload articles to the club BBS or furnish a disk or hard copy to the editor.

Meeting Information

10:00 - 11:00 8-bit SIG
11:00 - 11:30Disk Sales
11:30 - 12:00Main Meeting
12:00 - 12:30New users SIG
.....Newsletter Exchange SIG
12:30 - 2:00.....ST SIG

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June Meeting News:

8-Bit

Jeff started off the meeting by giving everyone a visual rundown of his June Newsletter article on modems, making many points clear. Then talk went to connectivity and the use of on-line programs and comparisons. Several members recommended Compuserve, but felt there were problems with pricing. America On-Line, was mentioned and we were cautioned to look closely at their pricing system. Prodigy came highly recommended by Rene Tucker, but she cautioned us to "watch what you upload". Bill Hanna showed us what Visicalc could do. Did you know that Visicalc was around BEFORE Lotus? Did you happen to wonder where Lotus got their goodies? Did you also know that Visicalc was bought out by...guess who!? You guessed it! Lotus! And we are talking the 8-bit program! You can also transfer files (DIFF) to ANY other system--IBM, MAC, whatever--through modem into Lotus or other spreadsheet program and visa-vers into Visicalc. Pick it up if you get the chance. Bill used Visicalc and Atari's little 8-bit to handle a quarter million-dollar business for two years.

Main Meeting

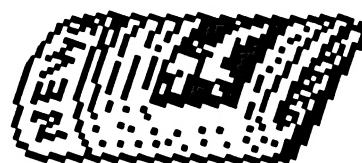
Megabyte has a new face and his name is Ted! Tell Ted hello when you visit the tables downstairs and buy some goodies from him. Jay Wimmers told us that the club's hard drive is out of space. We need 5 more megs or to buy a good used drive--SCSII embedded drive. Marc Salas, our president told us that we need to all start showing up at the meetings, or CCD will not allow us to stay at the Infomart. Talk was bandied about concerning meeting at Megabyte. Your input is requested--not to mention your warm, smiling, face. Marc also read us a letter from an Aussie 'mate'

looking for coorespondance with fellow Atarians. He has an Atari 1040ST with Supra (60meg) and a 44meg removable hard disk. Gary Kendrick is mainly interested in C and 68000 assembly language programming, graphics and database applications. He has a GEM desktop, uses IBM (emu) software-supercharger- and an OS-9 operating system (Microware, Des Moines) Anybody willing to go for the airmail postage can write Gary at: 49Morton St., WEETANGERA ACT 2614, Australia. There is much interest in having an auction, perhaps in August. The usual 40/60 deal. You ST-ers over at AUNT wouldn't be pushed out the door if you wanted to unload any of your ST stuff early! Hee, hee,hee. Jay and Debbie both mentioned lack of business on the BBS. We're gonna lose this great resource if there is no interest! What did you say? Can you say that on the BBS!!! Computer Discoveries and Megabyte are both having sales. Check them out. Those of us who do, voted to go bowling again. Article somewhere in this newsletter.

Recent renewing members are: Randy Smith, Randy Randolph, Rene Tucker, Harold Lewis, Debbie and Jay Wimmers. These people renewed at the meeting.

Don Wallace, a former member away for quite a time, has joined us again. Be sure to welcome Don.

We had two renewals who used the form attached to the back of our monthly newsletters. These are Lee Hardesty of Eueless, and Gary Reed or Rowlett.



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The Megabyte Adventure

It was getting dangerously close to closing time, but we said, "What the hey!" Megabyte would either be closed or he'd be open. Simple. We whirled into his modest parking lot. There were two cars in slots by the door! Open! Success! Ted gave us a friendly wave, then tried to figure out where he'd seen us. We helped him out.

"We're from Dal-Ace. Sandra and Bill. Goinna buy you outta your 8-bit stuff."

Ted laughed and signaled a "just a minute" as he rung up some merchandise for a computer enthusiast.

Ted came over to expound upon the many treasures lurking behind others upon his 8-bit wall. We filled our arms with some games we did not have and the 8th grade science for our budding genius. (hey, knowledge is power, dude!) The buys were very good, \$4-5 range, some as low as \$1.99!!! (We got three!)

When we checked out I mentioned that we were looking for cartridge games--easier for kids to handle, more damage resistant than floppies. '

"Let me close this place and I'll take you there!"

It was worth the jog down this street and the whistle up that one. To make this little saga short, go by the Megabyte store, buy them out of all the 8-bit goodies you can carry, then head on down to the 5000 block of Broadway in Haltom City for some of the best cartridge buys around. They have about 70, both in and out of packaging.

Check them both out if you are in Megabyte's neck of the woods.



Price List circa 1981 by Jeff Golden

While rummaging through my Atari books for programming information, I ran across a 1981 Atari price list that I thought you all might find interesting.

Perhaps it is more interesting to me than you because I can still remember happily paying those prices since they were the lowest in the industry. (IBM floppy disk PCs were going for more than \$5,000 if you could find one).

One should also remember that we were spending 1981 dollars, not '91 dollars, but for those of us, who were brought up on \$185 per hour main frames, being able to go out and buy your own computer was a very exciting time and worth every penny of it.

I can remember responding to a "come-on" ad by walking into the computer store with a pocket full of cash. (Only the rich people had credit cards back then). That was also before I realized that you can't do much with a bare 16K computer. Let's just say that it was a good thing I could get home without taking the tollway.

An Atari 800 keyboard with 16K of RAM could be had for \$1,080.00, but then everyone needed two more RAM boards. The total price for a 48K 800 was \$1,279.90.

Disk drives, (the 810 variety), went for \$599.95, and anyone who was serious about computers had to have one.

I was serious, but I also had to eat, so we settled for an unreliable cassette deck at \$89.95.

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Atari had a bigger floppy drive, the 815, that sold for \$1,499.95. Nobody ever bought one that I know of. I wonder why.

Eighty-column 9-pin printers were also cheap at \$995.95. And you needed an 850 interface to drive it, only \$219.95.

One single-density floppy disk sold for \$5.00. Yes I said one disk. I wish I had \$5 for every disk that flops around this place.

Atari Basic was sold separately for \$59.95, and you paid extra for the manual, \$10.95. The "good" game cartridges sold for a nickel less than \$40.00.

I made a dreadful mistake about six months into this Atari business and counted up the dollars spent. Thank goodness I wasn't married at the time.

Is there anyone out there who wants to buy a slightly used 800 system and some \$5 disks. I will let the whole thing go for only \$3,600 and ninety-five cents.



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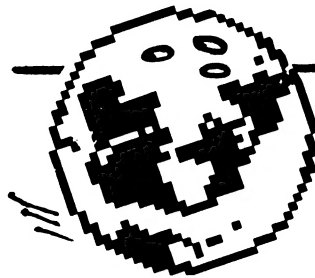
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Bowling for Dal-Ace II

Well, it was another great success! Deb Wimmers came from behind again to do really well. She's such a tease! Randy Smith joined Marc Salas with friend Bill, Sandra and Bill Hanna with daughter Sierra, friend Sara, Jay and Deb Wimmers (with non-bowling son, just turned two), and, of course, Jeff Golden. Fun was had by all and Marc got razzed pretty good for letting Sandra beat him. Oh, well, there's always next time! Anyone interested should certainly come out and join us! The bowling lanes are practically ours for the morning! 11-2pm. Don Carter's off Walnut Hill. Be there! Next bowling date to be announced.

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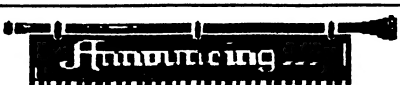
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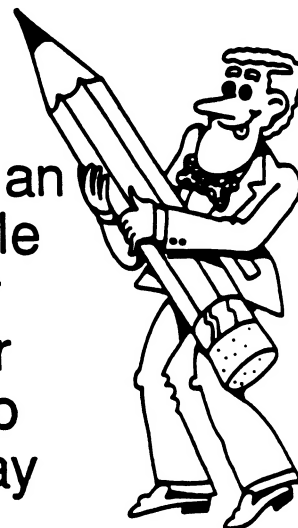
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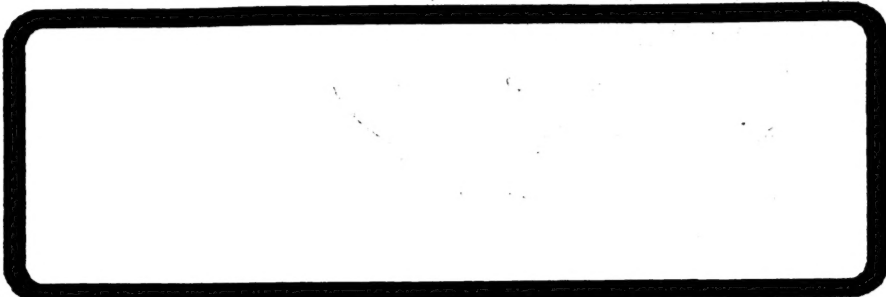
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