

# Atari News!

September 1991

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## Swap Meet ! And on Tuesday at that.

This month's meeting will be our glorious summer Swap Meet. Due to the fact that Labour Day falls on the traditional first Monday, the powers that be have decided to reschedule for **Tuesday, 3rd September, 1991**. There will be plenty for sale for both 8-bit and ST. So bring down your tired, your weary, your perfectly good software that has been abandoned for something newer. There might be some of us who would be perfectly ecstatic to take it off your hands. This Event will be held, as usual, at the Northwest Service Centre, on the corner of 18th and NW Everett, downstairs, in the Big Room. Be sure to plan on picking up that club disk you still don't have, and check out the September AIM disks, they will be there. There is no planned demonstration, but those of you with an easily portable machine, bring it anyway. This way we can still have informal demonstrations, and it always helps to be able to see a product in action before you buy it. So don't forget, **TUESDAY**, a Swap Meet. Be there.

### September Calendar

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| 3 Sept  | General Meeting-<br>Swap Meet                       |
| 16 Sept | - Board Meeting<br>- Deadline for Oct<br>Newsletter |

## 8 Bit Softwhere

The Atari 8-bit computers are one of finest home computers ever designed. Unfortunately, after some 12 years on the market, software and hardware has become very difficult to find. Hopefully this will help you extend the life of your Atari. The following is a list of companies and individuals still marketing items as of 7/1/91.

Shadow Software 8023 N. Berkeley Box 2  
Portland, OR 97203 Voice: (503)-286-6276  
BBS : (503)-285-4417 Undoubtably one of the finest software makers in the country, They offer Carina BBS System, DeskTop, and many other fine commercial programs, as well as one of the largest PD libraries available anywhere in the world.

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## Editor's Policy

All articles for PAC's newsletter are to be submitted through ACE of America BBS ((503)285-4417(PAC Board Talk (PBT) SIG)) or in person (mainly to the Newsletter Editor). All submissions shall be considered for publication by the Editor. Decision to publish rests with the Editor. All submissions shall be subject to editing where necessary by the Editor.

Please submit all files in ASCII (ST), ATASCII (8-Bit) or most preferably for 8-Bit, Atari Writer format (It's easier for me to port AtariWriter format files than straight ATASCII.). If articles are submitted that were created on an 8-Bit Atari, please submit them through ACE of America BBS or through the club President, David Hunt.

Please present all newsletter submissions by the 3rd Monday every month. This Monday happens to be the night for the board of directors meeting. I, the Editor, should be there.

Personal ads for club members will be published for free. The Portland Atari Club assumes no liability for articles contained here in. Responsibility shall be assumed by the author.

This newsletter is put together by Robb Albright, PAC Newsletter Editor with articles submitted by PAC Members and downloaded from Online Magazines , and printed by LazerQuick Copies.

## Board Members

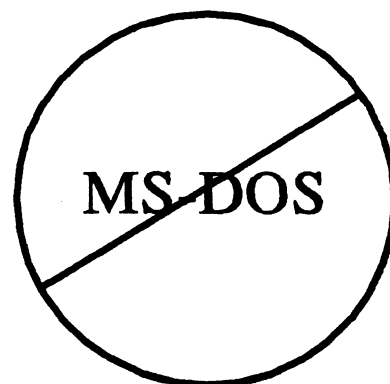
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<b>Advisor</b>	Paul Gittins
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Robb Albright

## Help Lines

If you're looking for help with your Atari and you've got a phone, check out the numbers below.

8-Bit General Help  
David Hunt  
(503)286-6276.  
ST General Help Ben Smith (503)256-9974.  
8-Bit BBS and TeleCom Help  
David Hunt  
(503)286-6276.  
ST BBS and TeleCom Help  
Chris Healy  
(503)775-9073.  
ST Desk Manager Bootup Software Help  
Ben Smith  
(503)256-9974  
ST PageStream DTP Help  
Robb Albright  
(503)786-8215

If you would like to offer your services as a help line, please contact the Editor.



# The Leader of The PAC

by David Hunt



Hi Everyone, another month has come and gone, and I really don't have a lot to report this month, but here goes....

A) ACE Of America BBS is back up and running. Uploads are not currently possible, but there is no download ratio in the meantime.

B) This coming meeting will be on **TUESDAY!!** Sept. 3rd due to the fact that Monday will be a holiday. Same time and place as normal, and **DON'T FORGET**, it is a **SWAP MEET!!**

C) Elections are just around the corner again, so please have any nominations ready to submit by the October meeting. All nominee's will be given a chance to speak at the November meeting, and we will have both the voting and a Swap Meet at the December meeting.

D) The board has decided that due to the fact of the Swap Meet and Elections at the December Meeting, we would not have a Christmas Party this year, but instead have a Changing of the Board Party at the January meeting. The club will supply all of the food and beverages this year.

E) For those of you who didn't know, we are giving away cash prizes at each meeting now. The current pot is up to \$20.00 and you must be present at the meeting to win.

In closing, I would like to congratulate **ALL** of us, as this is the first year in quite a while which we have actually made a little money by this time of the year. Please keep up the good work and renewal's, and I will do my best to see you get your money's worth.

# Editor's Desktop

by Robb Albright

Well, here it is. My first full issue. Things are coming along nicely as I settle in to my new position. I hope you are pleased with what you see before you. Many long hours and a patient and understanding wife have contributed immensely to the finished product. I hope to improve with each and every issue. You, the reader, and club member, can help by giving me your input. I will appreciate any and all tips and suggestions, no matter how trivial they seem. I plan on being at all the club meetings, and you can leave a message either at my home (number listed on page 2), or on GENie at R.ALBRIGHT7.

Another subject I would like to bring up is what goes into this publication. This is *our* Newsletter, yours and mine. It should reflect what is of interest to us, and what our concerns are. Any of you who fancy yourselves as writers, or just want to give it a first try, submit an article. Don't be ashamed. Or try collaborating. If you have some special knowledge you would like to share and know a friend who is a good writer, give him or her your information and let them put it down on paper (or magnetic code) for you. I can only write so many articles, and I'm quite certain you will all tire of my ramblings rather shortly.

By the way, if anyone was wondering, I put this lovely together on a 1 Meg extnded 520ST using PageStream 1.83. This is a great program. If you are thinking about DTP, this is the way to go.

Alas, my space has run short. Just let me reiterate, try to come up with something to tell your fellow club members, and get it to me by the third Monday of next month.

See you at the Swap meet!



Software Infinity 642 East Waring Avenue State College, PA 16801 Good PD selection. Have just begun marketing commercial games from overseas.

DataQue Software PO Box 134 Ontario, OH 44862 Turbo-816 16-bit upgrade board, TransKey hardware for using IBM keyboards on the 8-bit, and other hardware.

B&C ComputerVisions 3256 Kifer Road Santa Clara, CA 95051 (408)749-1003 Huge selection of software and hardware items. Also some new commercial games, unavailable elsewhere.

Sagamore Software 2104 Arapahoe Dr. Lafayette, IN 47905 Good PD/shareware selection with extensive documentation.

Change In Heat 12 Bella Vista Place Iowa City, Iowa 52245 Independent programmer has produced 2 excellent commercial quality games for the 8-bit.

Bresnik Software 555 Ware Street Mansfield, MA 02048 Another independent, producing good educational software yet.

UltraBasic 10 East 10th Street Bloomsburg, PA 17815 8-bit speciality software.

NERDS Software 18 Wendy Drive Farmingville, NY 11738 Printshop related software.

IB Computers 9244 S.W. Beaverton-Hills Hwy Valley Plaza Shopping Center Beaverton, Oregon 97005 (503)297-8425

BellCom PO Box 1043 Peterborough, Ontario, Canada K9J7A5 One of the largest PD/shareware selections.

Compsult PO Box 5160 San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-5160 Closeout items galore.

No Frills Software 800 East 23rd Street Kearney, NE 68847 Closeouts & Printshop graphics.

Miles Better Software 219/221 Cannock Road, Chadsmoor Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 2DD England An overseas mail-order source for the Atari. They have many games which were never released in the US

Electronic Clinic 4916 Del Ray Ave. Bethesda, MD 20814 Refurbished equipment.

Kake Software 9 Smith Ct. Vincentown, NJ 08088 Assorted theme disks.  
Bacmun Software 1671 East 16th Street, Suite 629 Brooklyn, NY 11229 PD theme disks.

Alpha Systems 1012 Skyland Drive Macedonia, OH 44056 Utility software & hardware.

American Technavision 15338 Inverness Street San Leandro, CA 94579 (415)352-3787 Large selection of commercial software at closeout prices, and hardware replacement parts.

Best Electronics 2021 The Alameda, Suite 290 San Jose, CA 95126 (408) 243-6950 Known as \*the\* Atari hardware store. If they don't have the part you need, nobody does.

BRE Software 352 West Bedford Ave, Suite 104 Fresno, CA 93711 PD/Shareware.

C&T ComputerActive PO Box 893 Clinton, OK 73601

Chameleon Software 1013 Marvern Drive East Chambersburg, PA 17201 New & used 8-bit software and hardware. Had a "going out of business sale" in May '91, so they may be gone by now.

MWPDS 890 North Huntington St. Medina OH 44256

Phantoms Atari 8-bit Box 331 Levisa Road MouthCard, KY 41548

Vulcan Software PO Box 692 Manassas VA 22111-0692

Walt Huber 644 East Clinton Atwater, CA 95301 Discontinued software galore, as well as some original programs.

Innovative Concepts 31172 Shawn Drive Warren, MI 48093 (313)293-0730 Accesories, hardware, PD software

CSS PO Box 17660 Rochester NY 14617 (716)586-5545 Specialty hardware items, 8-bit repair service.

San Jose Computers 640 Blossom Hill Road San Jose, CA 95123 (408)224-8575 New and reconditioned hardware and software

## Suppliers cont.

Entertainment Excellence 1805 Princeton Place  
Merrick, NY 11566 Discontinued 8-bit software.

East Hartford Computer 202 Robert Street East  
Hartford, CT 06108 Discontinued software for  
all computers.

Aerion Software PO Box 1222 Riverdale Station,  
NY, NY 10471-1222 Markets a new 8-bit  
commercial game.

Toad Computers 556 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd  
Severna Park, Maryland 21146 (301)544-6943  
Now offers a selection of software and  
reconditioned hardware.

When writing to request catalogs, it's always a  
good idea to include a Stamped, Self-Addressed  
Envelope. -----  
Here is a list of magazines still supporting the  
8-bit Atari.

Current Notes 122 North Johnson Road Sterling,  
VA 22170 A truly excellent Atari-oriented  
magazine, supporting both 8-bit and ST.

Atari Interface 3487 Braeburn Circle Ann Arbor,  
MI 48108 (313) 973-8825 A magazine  
supporting both 8-bit and ST, with input from  
Atari user groups in the US, Canada and the  
UK. They also produce a monthly Atari 8-bit  
disk.

**Support Your  
Club**

**Buy PAC Disks!**

## Human turned Machine

Ben Smith PAC VP

I sometimes wonder about the computer club that I'm a member of. I think about this age of technology we're in, how it affects my computer club and how it applies to people (me included). I sometimes remember my computer club, the way it used to be. Long ago, when the club had a more human element. When there was a tighter, stronger focus on a different goal. Years ago, when I first joined the club, the technology involved in the computers then was wonderful from our point of view, seen through the lens of that time. But still with the upgrades, new innovations and a steady supply of software/hardware coming from a more reliable source, the club was maintaining a more human presence. Back then we were more of a support group.

Lately I've been learning a new lesson in life. For a long time I identified myself with the wrong thing. I thought the measure of a man was determined by what he had in the way of skills. My standard of what I was worth was determined by the treasure I invested in what I knew about computers, etc.. I believed that if I failed at a goal, due to a missed deadline, etc., the self imposed standards that I had set determined that I was less of a man. As long as I followed that way of life I was setting myself up for a lot of heartache. A lot of my time, money, emotion and effort was invested in my playthings and that's where my focus was tightly locked on. It wasn't until life finally confronted me and I realized the importance of what was going on inside of me. Just about all of us have this problem folks. A lot of us place too much value on what we do, on what we know and on the edge we think we have over others. It's a sad thing when we realize that this will regularly fail us. If as a club we keep focusing on the machines we use plus performance, we'll eventually become like them. If you base your security on your skills in functioning in this world of technology, you'll soon find yourself replaced by someone younger and smarter. Experience isn't going to count as much if its with machines, especially when the newer models come out.

That is why I believe we as a club must not focus on the blinding technology, even as enticing as it is. We need to get back to the human element the club had before and can have again. The club should not focus as much on technology as it should focus on supporting its

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# PAC ST Disk Library

## GAME DISKS

# 1 Tennis - Adventure - Space War - Football  
 # 2 Craps - Lunar Landings - Megaroids  
 # 3 Laser Chess - Starbattle - 4 Letter Words -  
 Pong - Trucker - Shuttle  
 # 4 Tunnel Vision - Azarian - Stoneage Deluxe  
 # 5 Plutos - DGDB - Twixt  
 # 6 Eamon Adventure System:Beginner Cave  
 Ad. - Holy Grail Ad. - Devil's Cave Ad. -  
 Players Docs  
 # 7 Stud Poker - Krabat - Aggravation - Checkers  
 - Klondike - Canfield  
 # 8 Target - Trifide - Deathstriker  
 # 9 Bnoid - Mr. Potato Head - Barnyard - Bridge It  
 - Puzzler  
 # 10 Sensori - Stocks - Darts - Wheel of Fortune  
 # 11 Blackjack - Slots - Taipan - Launcher -  
 Treasure - Celestial Ceasars  
 # 12 Cat-n-mice - Yahtzee - Nightcrawler -  
 Windowball - Slalom - Cadenza - Plaything -  
 NeoFun  
 # 13 Dalek - Bomber - Megamaze  
 # 14 Megablitz - Milestone - Aircraft - PacMan  
 # 15 Draw poker - Companion 1  
 # 16 St Vegas  
 # 17 Startrek  
 # 18 HackMan II  
 # 19 Sorry - Siren - Space Merchant  
 # 20 STRabble - STDcat

## UTILITIES DISKS

# 1 STModem - Kermit - Ramdisks - Disk Editor -  
 Disk Database - Slideshow - Dcopy 2. -  
 Guide to installing Battery clock  
 # 2 [ Language Disk ] Forth - C Primer - C  
 Compiler - 68000 Assembler  
 # 3 Folder to Ramdisk Copier - Spreadsheet -  
 Disk Catalogue - Check Balancer - Boot  
 Maker  
 # 4 Aim Version 2.3  
 # 5 1st Base - Sheet (Spreadsheet .ACC)  
 # 6 Desk Accesories  
 # 7 Language Disk A # 8 Language Disk B  
 # 9 Graphic Displays Utilities  
 # 10 DMbanner - Envelope - Fast Find - Format  
 11 - Telelog - Navigate - Grabber # 11a  
 ST Xformer II 1 Meg # 11b ST Xformer II Jr  
 1/2 Meg  
 # 12 [ Copiers and Formatters ] DCformat - Dcopy  
 - Fastcopy - Hypercopy - Reasonable Disk  
 Copy - Copy format ACC. - Format 2X  
 # 13 [ Copiers and Formatters ] Csfformat -  
 DCformat ACC. - Fmtutil - Format II 3.0 -  
 Quickformat - Tofast - Ultimate Format - FMT  
 # 14 [ Printmaster Utilities ] Borders - Icons -

PMCat - PS to PM - Icon 2  
 # 15 [ Hard Disk Utilities ] Turtle - AZT - BYTEfree -  
 FSCK - FSREpack - Turbodos  
 # 16 Arcshell - Arc - FFind - Lutis - Quickprint  
 # 17 Diskcat 1.3 - Ezlabels- Gemlabels - Lblmaker -  
 Stowaway - Lablejrb - Labelmax  
 # 18 Hard Disk Utilities Package 3.01 - Cold Disk Cache  
 - HDcheck - Cheetah 1.1  
 # 19 Desk Manager 3.01 - Superboot 6.0 - Little Green  
 File Selector - Whatis 3.4  
 # 20 [ Extracting Programs ] Arcs - Lzhs - Shells  
 # 21 Vanterm 3.71 - Vkiller 3.11 - FMC - DFormat 1.0 -  
 Pinhead 1.7  
 # 22 Ramplus - STDScat - Suprvil 1 - DCShowit -  
 Cheetah 3.00 - Checkdisk - Flexifast Blink -  
 Twinprint - Drive sweep .04 - Bootedit - Viewgif  
 .08  
 # 23 Diskfix - Pinhead 1.8 - LHA 1.21 - Pagecount -  
 View - Mad Format - Loud Format - Floormat

## BASIC PROGRAMS

# 1 Backgammon - Cribbage - 2 Labelmakers -  
 Biorythm - Clewso - Fianace Programs -  
 Adventures - Graphics  
 # 2 Star Trek - Sherlock holmes - Othello - Journey to  
 the Center of the Earth

## DEMO DISKS

# 1 [ Graphics ] Monarch - Lines - Lowspots - Ringball -  
 Drum Demo  
 # 2 [ Graphics ] Ball-it - Juggler - 3D Demo - Cube -  
 Hex - Sparks  
 # 3 [ DTP ] Page Stream 1.8  
 # 4 Neodesk 3 - Musiclghts

## GRAPHIC DISKS

# 1 ST Tiny Pictures  
 # 2 Viewgif 2 Plus Space Pictures

## MONOCHROME DISK

#1 Megaroids - Labelmaker - Taipan - Squixx - Stocks  
 - Graphic Converter - Windowball - Monoware  
 Monochrome Emulator

## ST KIDS DISK

# 1 Circus - Letterbomb - Match 3 - Wee Games - Kid  
 Grid - Ki- Kal - Molly

## PAC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out the following information, then forward annual dues of \$25.00 to:  
Portland Atari Club Attn: Membership Secretary P.O. Box 1692 Beaverton, OR 97005

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Model of Computer/s owned : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renewal / New Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If renewal, How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

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Account Balances:

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### The Keyboard Prayer

*Our Program Who Art In Memory,  
 GEM Be Thy Name  
 Thy Operating System Come,  
 Thy Commands Be Done,  
 At The Printer As It Is On The Screen.  
 Give Us This Day Our Daily Data,  
 And Forgive Us Our System Errors  
 As We Forgive Those Whose  
 Logic Circuits Are Faulty.  
 Lead Us Not Into Frustration,  
 And Deliver Us From Power Surges.  
 For Thine Is The Algorithm,  
 The Application, And The Solution,  
 Looping Forever and Ever.*

**Return**

# PAC SHOPPER

This plea is to all of those reading this message. If you have Atari related goods that the club can use, things that you no longer need. Or if you've just done some cleaning out of your computer room to make room for new items. Why not donate your Atari articles to PAC to benefit club members? Donated items may be raffled, auctioned, used for door and/or contest prizes. This way you can help the club support its members.

## 8 BIT REPAIRS

Is Old Faithful Playing dead?  
Call Mark Seveland. Currently  
working on 800s and 800XL

624-7290

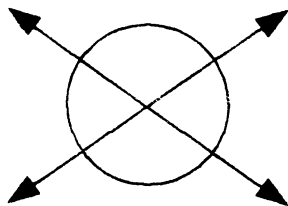
## SWAP MEET

This month's Meeting

Tuesday 3 Sept '91

NW Service Centre

Join Us



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members. Do you own the machine or does it own you? I believe when the club, starting with the members, brings back the human element, the members will be better served. The members of the club will not only be satisfied customers, but also our best salesman/recruiters. And our membership will grow again. And this will be because we focus first on supporting each other and because we stay open and sensitive to the needs of other members. I believe there is a big void to be filled when it comes to filling these needs. Who knows, if we have what the computer user needs, maybe He\She might join us. "Technology changes daily, but basic human needs remain the same. If you can meet someone's need, you may win someone's friendship. And we may gain an ally." Quote by Ben Smith PAC V.P.

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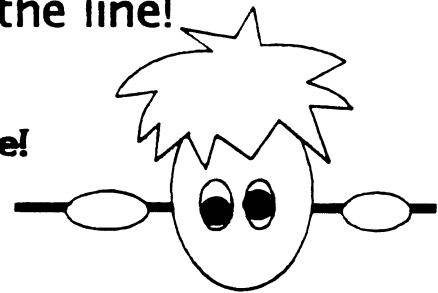
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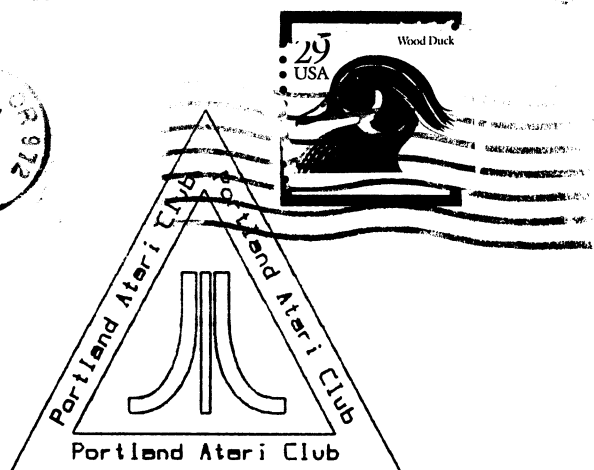
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September 1991

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