PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I'd like to welcome all of you new members. As of June 4, we have 124 C64 members, 56 VIC, and 3 PET for a total membership of 183.

It is evident that we are experiencing some growing pains. Although we had hoped that we would have a permanent "home" at the Hurst Rec Center, we may have to look elsewhere if we continue this rapid growth.

One step which we must take is to more formally structure our meetings in order to avoid the seeming chaos at last month's meeting. To this end, please note the following rules and agenda for the June 18th meeting:

1. All machines should be left OFF until the software demonstration/exchange period.
2. The first hour will consist of the business meeting, program, and questions pertaining to these two topics only.
3. The next thirty minutes will consist of the 64 and VIC individual group meetings with the Group Leaders presiding. At this time, they will answer written questions which you will have been given an opportunity to write, as well as announcing what programs are available for copying.
4. After this Q & A period, the informal discussion and exchange will take place. PLEASE try to keep the noise level down! Your courtesy will be appreciated (and, we hope, reciprocated) by all.

At the June 4 executive meeting, the following expenditures were approved: $30 to purchase the VIC-20 public domain volumes; $45 to purchase miscellaneous supplies pertaining to the newsletter; and the funds necessary to publish new directories and publish and mail the newsletter.

Many thanks to the following volunteers: Ken Westbrook-VIC 20 group leader; Diane Dews-C64 group leader; and Joe Kent-Education Chairman.

Please note that this month's program deals with "Screen Format and File Processing for Business Applications" by Henry Zaehringer. Henry is Bell Helicopter's Educational Coordinator. It should be a great meeting -- hope to see you there.   Garry W.

MAY MINUTES

The May 21, 1983 meeting was called to order by Garry Wordelman. Minutes of the April meeting were read by Secretary Ken Widner. Treasurer Bruce Nelson reported the club's finances and membership status - 97 C64, 48 VIC, and 3 PET. David Sunkel announced that up to 3 library disks may be mailed in one mailer. Steve Stockdale asked for comments on the newsletter - the response was favorable - and encouraged people to contribute.

Ken Westbrook was named as the new VIC-20 group leader. Twenty-two members expressed an interest in Ham Radio.

Garry announced that Taylor Computers was selling out all VIC software at 50% off. He also reported that expenses to incorporate may be prohibitive.

Todd Stine and Dennis Foreman of Metroplex Computers presented the program, discussing repair of Commodore hardware.

Some monitor problems were discussed among the members, the most significant being that with the new Commodore monitor, the rear plug-in provides greater resolution than the front plug-in.

Joe Kent volunteered to become the Education Chairman and set up a course in BASIC.

The meeting adjourned to informal chaos and software exchange.

Ken Widner

SPECIAL THANKS

...to Bert Gray for printing our membership cards for no charge.

Bert Gray
ABC Quick Print
5911 East Lancaster
Fort Worth

...and David and Fred Noble for the use of their 4040 disk drive to copy disks for the library.

Noble Firearms, Inc.
3340 N. Beach
Fort Worth

(Free Service = Free Advertising)

The following amendments to the constitution will be presented to the membership at
the June 18th meeting and will be voted upon at the July 16th meeting. Please read
and ponder prior to the next meeting.

1. ARTICLE II, Section 1.

   ELIGIBILITY. Membership status shall be extended to any dues-paying person or
   family without regard to race, color, or creed.

2. ARTICLE VII, Section 3.

   Expenditures required to conduct regular club correspondence such as the newsletter,
   membership directories, software catalogs, etc. shall be exempt from the approval
   requirements. Exempted expenses shall include costs associated with reproduction
   and distribution to the membership.

3. ARTICLE VII, Section 4.

   Any items which are purchased by the club to further club activities and goals will
   become club assets and remain the sole property of the club until the club is dis-
   solved.

4. ARTICLE VIII, Section 3.

   DISSOLUTION. An amendment to dissolve the club shall be the process by which the
   club shall cease operations and void all memberships.

   Upon dissolution, all club assets shall be sold within a reasonable time. The
   proceeds of the sale, along with any cash remaining in the club treasury, shall
   be equally distributed to all regular members at the time of the dissolution vote.

ESCAPE CHARACTER WEDGE

by Steve Scott

Have you ever had need for an "escape" key and
only then noticed that your C64 doesn't have
one? Some word processors, like Word Pro 3,
or text services like Star Text, require the
use of escape characters. The accompanying
program makes this facility available to you.
This is accomplished by re-defining 'F1'
(chr$(133)) to escape (chr$(27)). Lines 40-70
place the wedge at $C020. The machine
language routine was placed there because
$C000-$CFFF is protected from BASIC. This
insures that the wedge will not interfere with
your Basic programs. Line 130 places a very
small routine at $2000. This routine simply
changes the hardware vector ($0314-$0315)
from its usual value ($EA31) to point at the
wedge ($C020). The wedge in turn jumps to the
usual hardware interrupt vector. Those of
you with Supermon 64 (or similar utility) may
disassemble the wedge to see how it works.
Once the program is run, typing 'F1' will
output an escape character. The re-definition
will remain in effect until a Control Z or
the Run/Stop-Restore sequence is entered.

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5    RESTORE
10   PRINT  CHR$ (147)
20   PRINT  CHR$ (159) CHR$ (17) CHR$
     (17)"PROGRAM LOADING...."
30   PRINT
40   FOR I = 0 TO 43
50   READ Q
60   POKE 49184 + I,Q
70   NEXT
80   PRINT "ESCAPE CHAR WEDGE INSE
     RTED...."
90   PRINT "ENTER 'F1' TO SEND ESC
     ( CHR$ (27) )"
100  PRINT
110  PRINT "ENTER CTRL-Z TO RETUR
     N 'F1' TO NORMAL"
120  PRINT "FUNCTION"
130  FOR I = 0 TO 12: READ Q: POKE
     8192 + I,Q: NEXT
140  DATA   32,159,255,173,119,2,
     201,133,208,9,169,27,141,119
     ,2,169,1,133,198,173
150  DATA  119,2,201,26,240,3,76,
     49,234,120,169,49,141,20,3
160  DATA  169,234,141,21,3,88,76
     ,49,234
170  DATA  120,169,32,141,20,3,16
     9,192,141,21,3,88,96
180  SYS8192
190  NEW
200  END
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USER BITS

VIC-20 4-slot expander board with fuse reset
button and selector switch. Several re-
maining - only $35. Rick W., 261-5995.

BEGINNERS CLASSES for 10-15 year olds, Apple
or Commodore. Private instruction, $7.50/
hour, six 2-hour classes. Call Shaun Clark,
283-5507.

WILLING TO PAY for help in translating
HP41CV programs for use on C64. Rob M.,
282-2227.

HOME INVENTORY software, includes disk and
instructions. Only 5 copies left. Steve S.,
571-9187. $15

STORE DISCOUNTS

VIDEOLAND - 10% non-sale software
RAVE   - 10% non-sale software

FYI

√ Your computer monitor should be compatible
  with your video cassette recorder - the
  resolution is much better!
√ If your power supply dies, it can be revived
  by the repair team of Todd Stine and Dennis
  Foreman for about $28. Or, you can order a
  new one from Commodore for about $19.95 plus
  shipping and 4-6 weeks.
√ A toll-free number to get a WWV time hack is
  1-800-957-9999.

BRAINSTORMING

(or, "Idle Thoughts I've Had While
Contemplating Syntax Errors")

How about if the club provided an incen-
tive for people to type up the programs
listed in magazines such as COMPUTE,
COMMANDER, etc.? Say a certain amount per
line, or 10 lines, to the first person to
mail a diskette to the librarian with a
correctly entered program?
Is the timing right for the newsletter?
Would you rather receive it sooner, or later?
What about passing it out at the meeting,
instead of mailing it?

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE MEETING

√There will be a sign-up sheet for a BASIC
 course for beginners. See Joe Kent.

√Questions for group leaders will be written.
 Have your questions ready when you come.
 You'll be given a chance to write them down
 during the meeting, or do it prior.

√You'll be asked to complete a survey. Think
 about what your current interests are, what
 your future interests might be, and what you
 really want out of the club.

√If you've written software or have public
 domain programs, please bring them to trade.
 REMEMBER-No copyrighted programs are to be
 copied during any meeting!

√Several amendments to the Constitution will be
 discussed.

√We have over $1800 in the bank. We'll discuss
 buying some software for the library which may
 be loaned out to club members.

JULY MEETING

√A printer demo is planned. If you have one
 and can bring it, please contact one of the
 group leaders.

√Pat McCoy will demonstrate the Word Pro 3
 word processing program. If anyone wishes to
 demonstrate another package, contact Garry.

COPYING THE C64 DØS WEDGE
(From the June issue of COMPUTE! magazine)

You may copy this handy program to any of your
diskettes with the aid of a machine language
monitor now available from the Club Library:
SUPERMON-64. Here is the procedure:

1. LOAD and RUN the SUPERMON-64 program.
2. Within the monitor, load the DOS 5.1
   program into memory by entering
   L"DOS 5.1",08.
3. You may now save the wedge into any
   diskette by entering S"DOS 5.1",08,CC00,
   CF5A.
4. Exit the monitor by entering X.

To load the wedge, enter LOAD"DOS 5.1",8,1.

To enable the wedge, enter SYS52224.

Bruce Nelson

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***MCCC MEETING AGENDA***
        18 JUNE 1983

1:30-2:30    Business Meeting
             Program-Henry Zaehringer

2:30-3:00    Group Meetings

3:00-        Software Exchange,
             Discussion
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C64 ➡ PET

To get a C64 program to run on a PET 2001,
do the following:

Type in: "Ø REM", RETURN
          "POKE 2048,Ø", RETURN

Load the program:

          "POKE 1Ø25,1:POKE1Ø26,8", RETURN
          "Ø", RETURN
          "RUN", RETURN

                          Charles Hinckley

VIC-20 VOLKS!

Group Leader Ken Westbrook urges you to
bring your computers to the meeting! With
our new set-up, there can't be too many.

A NOVEL IDEA! Everyone bring a cheap cas-
sette with 4 or 5 of your best programs on
it. Everyone who brings one will get to
draw a different one to take home. (Just
like Halloween, only different.)

Volume IV of the Public Domain software
should be available by the end of July.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

          Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.
          413 Chisholm Trail, Hurst

All officers, group leaders, and committee
chairmen please attend. Please call Garry if
unable to attend.

ENHANCEMENT TO SINGLE DISK BACK-UP

This addition to your SINGLE DISK (or 1541) BACK-UP program will allow you to
either exit the program or copy another program.

                          Dr. Norman H. Sanders

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725 bc$="remove disk...Press return":gosub965:Poke53272,21
726 Print"Do you want to copy another disk?(y or n & RETURN)":Poke53272,23
727 inPutd$:ifd$="y"then100:ifd$="yes"then100:Poke53272,21
728 Print"Thank youFor using our Program."
729 forw=1to1000:nextw:Print"":end
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   We are presently mailing the newsletter to these dealers. Beginning with this issue, we
are accepting free ads on a trial basis in order to get more info to the members. If you know
of other dealers who might wish to participate, please contact Steve S. at 571-9187.
   Dealers, if you wish to include an ad for the July newsletter, please contact Steve
Stockdale, 2920 Tangle Oaks Ct, Bedford 76021, 571-9187 (home) or (214) 462-5606 (work).
To assure your ad will be included, please reply by 2 July. Size of the ad will vary
according to allowable space.

Taylor Computers - 949 Melbourne Rd

.... Now under new management

- Discontinuing all VIC-20 equipment - <u>40% off</u>

- Complete line of C-64 software, especially all business applications programs
  * * * Easy Script Word Processing - $<u>99.95</u>

- Can order any software not in stock

- Complete service and repair (including power supply)

- Will accept trade-in's (No VIC-20, please)

- Smith-Corona TP-1 with tractor feed - $<u>475</u> (1 only)

- <u>15%</u> discount to MCCC members with <u>ID</u>

RAVE

... Now has <u>new</u> CBM business machines

   * * * CBM 8032 Computer   - $599
         32K, 80 Column, Built-in
         11" Monochrome Monitor

   * * * CBM 8050 Dual Disk Drive (500K)
   * * * CBM 4040 Dual Disk Drive (340K)
   * * * CBM 8023 Dot-Matrix Printer

NE Plaza   Prestonwood Mall   Medallion Center

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Mid-Cities Commodore Club
413 Chisolm Trail
Hurst, TX 76053

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1:30 P.M.

GROUP LEADERS

FUZZY WIEST	927-8301	C-64
BRYAN FOLEY	498-6305	C-64
DIANE DEWS	485-4747	C-64
KEN WESTBROOK	439-3366	VIC
GARY STALLCUP	571-2264	PET
GEORGE CROWLEY	283-0516	MODEM

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DAVID SUNKEL	485-0582	LIBRARIAN
STEVE STOCKDALE	571-9187	NEWSLETTER
JOE KENT	281-7506	EDUCATION

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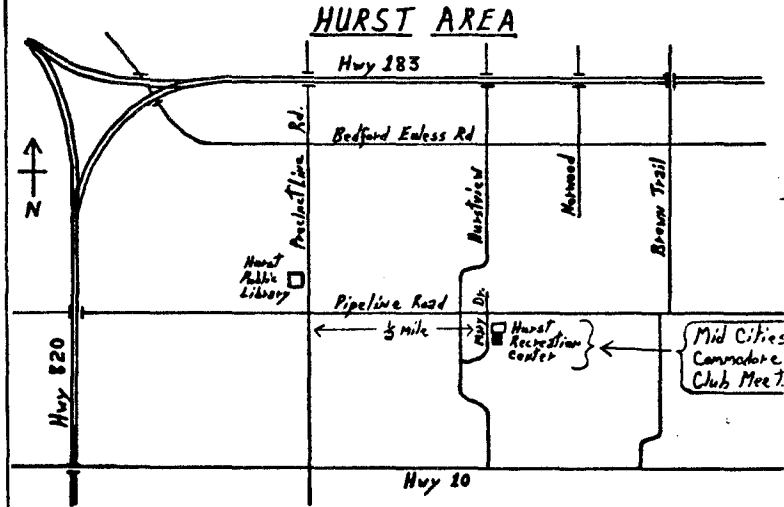
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