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*** PRESIDENT'S NOTES ***

I'd like to express my appreciation and many thanks to John Hand for all the hours of work he has put in by copying the 60 new Public Domain disks for the club library. Thanks to his work, you club members will now be able to get copies of these disks much sooner. Also deserving thanks is Dr. Norman Sanders for his excellent program last month on his General Ledger tax program.

During the November meeting two important business items will be discussed. One is the election of the 1984 club officers. The second item is the upcoming changes in the club constitution to reflect the upcoming re-organization. These changes will be posted in the meeting room and copies will be available for inspection. We will present a description of these changes this month, prior to voting on the changes next month. Any comments or suggestions from you will be greatly appreciated. The remainder of the November meeting will be spent in our user groups.

If you haven't heard, Commodore is once again shipping disk drives to their dealers. Let's hope that this Christmas season will bring lots of hardware and software at good prices.

Thanks again to those who are helping set up and clean up for the meetings. If you haven't lent a hand yet, why not this month? Remember, this is your club - it only works if you do.

Garry W.

*** OCTOBER MINUTES ***

The October meeting of the MCCC was called to order by President Garry Wordelman on October 8th, 1983. The regular meeting was moved up a week due to scheduling conflicts. Garry announced that the November meeting will be held on the third Saturday as normal. The September minutes were unavailable for reading.

Bruce Nelson reported that membership now totals 284. Garry reported that the NE Plaza RAVE store has gone out of business. Steve Stockdale announced corrections to his Checkbook Balancer program. Garry presented the list of proposed officers for 1984. These include PRESIDENT - Diane Dews, V.PRESIDENT - Ken Widner, SECRETARY - Steve Stockdale, TREASURER - Bruce Nelson, LIBRARIANS - Jesse Carden and Leonard Parker, and NEWS EDITORS - Barbara and Mike Cramer. Elections will be conducted next month.

Dr. Norman Sanders presented the program on how to use the General Ledger program for maintaining tax records. Members were urged to sign the sheets available for indicating their home area. The meeting adjourned to group meetings.

*** CORRECTIONS/CHANGES TO CHECKBOOK BALANCER PROGRAM ***

Please make the following corrections to Steve Stockdale's CHECKBOOK BALANCER program which appeared in last month's newsletter:

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140 V(5)=V(1)-V(3)+V(2)-V(4)+V(6)
145 IF LEN(V$(X))=CT THEN 147
255 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT TAB(9)CHR$(18)" NEW BALANCE ==> $ "V(5)+V(7)
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For you VIC-20 folks, Bill Aiken reports that you can make the following changes to the same program and make it work on your VIC.

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5 PRINT "CLEAR HOME": FOR X=1 TO 44:PRINT "$";:NEXT:PRINT
10 PRINT SPC(2) "CHECKBOOK BALANCER":PRINT
15 FOR X=1 TO 44: PRINT "$";:NEXT
144 V$=LEFT$(V$,X-1)+STR$(V(X))+MID$(V$,X+L):CT=T:TB(X)=35
145 IF LEN(V$)=CT THEN 147
220 FOR X=1 TO 44:PRINT "**";:NEXT
260 FOR X=1 TO 44:PRINT "**";:NEXT
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Thanks, Bill!

*** ADDITIONAL PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE FOR C-64 ***

John Hand has recently donated the new edition of Public Domain software to the club library. A copy of the disk directories is enclosed with the newsletter. This set contains some really super educational and tutorial programs. In order to help us disperse these disks throughout the club, John is making the following offer available for club members only. If you call him by November 15th, he will make you copies of the disks and bring them to the November 19th meeting. This will cost you only \$2 per disk and you receive a new disk full of good software. John's number is 656-1805.

*** WHAT'S NEW? ***

Some of the mail I've received...

There is a new word processor and database manager for the 64 now being marketed by Mirage Concepts Inc (Number 106, 2519 West Shaw, Fresno, CA 93711, (202)227-8369). The two programs are interactive and feature an 80-column word processor (no additional hardware needed) and a database manager which will store, search, sort, retrieve, display, calculate and print reports, lists, and mailing labels. Each costs \$99.

If you would like for all of your keyboard keys to repeat, you can do so by typing in POKE 650,128. To return to normal, POKE 650,0.

If you're into radio communications, there's a COM-IN 64 interface now available which features ASCII program receive and transmit, built-in AFSK generator, seven 80-character message buffers, tone generator, auto transmit/receive switch, and four CW ID lines. The modem is 300 bps half-duplex. It costs \$179 and includes software, hardware, power supply, user manual and schematic. Contact Computer World Holland, Hilvertsweg 99, 1214 Hiversum, Holland.