



MCCC NEWS

APRIL 1988

ISSUE 4

TELECOMMUNICATION SPECIAL EVENT

Glenn Schneider, MCCC

Telecommunications and the Commodore computer will be the central theme of the spring event being sponsored by the MID-CITIES COMMODORE CLUB. Club Vice-President Jack DeTore announced the event will be held April 23 at the Arlington Convention Center and will feature many well known area Bulletin Board Service's "SYSOPS" (system operators).

Beginning at 9 a.m. and till 12 noon there will be an on-line demonstrations including STARTEXT, MCCC's graphics and ASCII BBS's as well as other area computer BBS's. Startext Programmer Larry Groebe will present a full on-line demonstration of Startext's Electronic Information Service, encyclopedia reference files, stock quote service and electronic banking by home computers.

SYSOP's, Okley Moss and John Malmstrom, will be presenting the MCCC's graphics message service and ASCII bulletin boards and how their use can be both fun and educational. Also scheduled to be speaking in the morning is SYSOP Jack Smith who will discuss other BBS's available in this area. Club President, Harold Williams, will be giving a class on Archiving and Un-archiving programs for BBS's.

The afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. with a question and answer session where attendees can ask the experts on BBS uses. After that session, each speaker will be available to show specific hands-on uses to those persons so interested. Admission is free to the public, whether they own a Commodore computer or another brand or are just now considering purchasing a computer. This will be an opportunity for interested persons to become acquainted with Commodore computers and the benefits of being a member of the MID-CITIES COMMODORE CLUB.

For further information contact Jack DeTore at 275-3762 or Glenn Schneider at 540-1021.

MCCC OFFICERS FOR 1988

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT	HAROLD WILLIAMS	483-0537
VICE PRESIDENT	JACK DE TORE	275-3762
TREASURER	BILL RAECKE	465-2014
SECRETARY	JOHN MALMSTROM	282-6158
LIBRARIAN	TONY VELEZ	282-7774
BBS COORDINATOR	OKLEY MOSS	282-7751
EDUCATION	ROY BAKER	283-0324
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	VANESSA BENNETT	988-1174

NEWSLETTER STAFF:

EDITOR	VANESSA BENNETT	988-1174
	MCCC - 063	STARTEXT - 226473
ASSISTANT EDITORS	DON LAINGOR	283-1571
	CHERYL HOWARD	169731 831-1853
CIRCULATION MANAGERS	OKLEY MOSS	282-7751
	JOHN MALMSTROM	282-6158
CORRESPONDENCE	BRUCE UMBREIT	244-0975

BBS OPERATIONS:

ASCII BOARD:	268-4191	GRAPHICS:	268-4196
SYSOP	OKLEY MOSS		282-7751
ASST. SYSOP	JOHN MALMSTROM		282-6158

AMIGA CENTRAL CHAPTER:

PRESIDENT	BILL RAECKE	465-2014
VICE PRESIDENT	BILL KEATLEY	485-0666
TREASURER	KERRY BATTS	429-8121
SEC./REPORTER	TIM FLYNN	262-6323
LIBRARIAN	NED KELLY	277-5825

AMIGA BY THE LOOP CHAPTER:

PRESIDENT	RICK SCHULZ	281-3996
VICE PRESIDENT	JODY REIMERS	274-6248
TREASURER	BRUCE NELSON	498-0899
SEC./REPORTER	BRENT WOOD	246-3707
LIBRARIAN	GARY CAMPBELL	297-4125

ARLINGTON CHAPTER:

PRESIDENT	GLEN HERRING	572-0489
VICE PRESIDENT	HERSCHEL GIBBS	275-2253
TREASURER	DICK HEADLEY	457-2082
SEC./REPORTER	JANET HAMM	465-6624
LIBRARIAN	ROBERT SESSIONS	265-2124

FORT WORTH DAY CHAPTER:

PRESIDENT	BOB KRAUSE	292-6639
VICE PRESIDENT	RICK MEYER	292-6387
TREASURER	JACK HAGEMEYER	732-0982
SEC./REPORTER	MARY L. HAGEMEYER	732-0982
LIBRARIAN	JOE OSTROKOL	534-1990

FORT WORTH NIGHT CHAPTER:

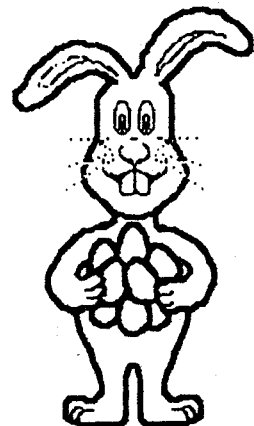
PRESIDENT	BILL JONES	295-8637
VICE PRESIDENT	OPEN	
TREASURER	CLAY SUTTON	478-4833
SEC./REPORTER	CLAY SUTTON	478-4833
LIBRARIAN	DON STEVENS	246-1298

GRAND PRAIRIE CHAPTER:

PRESIDENT	LOUIS NAILOR	262-4576
VICE PRESIDENT	JOE REYES	642-5322
TREASURER	BLAKE BROWN	642-6107
SEC./REPORTER	OPEN	
LIBRARIAN	GUS HOEHN	337-0144
ASST. LIBRARIAN	RAY SLOAN	330-6976

HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD CHAPTER:

PRESIDENT	GLENN SCHNEIDER	540-1021
VICE PRESIDENT	JACK SLAY	354-9159
TREASURER	FRED NOBLE	838-5459
SEC./REPORTER	REBECCA ATWELL	577-0595
LIBRARIAN	CHERYL HOWARD	831-1853



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

An Invitation to some Very Special Events

Betty Clay, MCCC, SCOPE

I. APRIL 16 - JIM BUTTERFIELD AT INFORMART

Jim Butterfield, the best known of all Commodore gurus, will be the featured speaker at InfoMart on April 16. Please come.

Who is Jim Butterfield? Since the beginning of home computers, Jim has been one of the foremost writers and speakers in the Commodore community. He hosts a monthly forum on QuantumLink which is regularly attended by hundreds of Commodore users from all over the country. He speaks at Commodore shows and conferences all over the world. Jim is associate editor of COMPUTE! and COMPUTE GAZETTE. He wrote, produced, and appeared in a series of programs about computers for the Canadian PBS network - a series that is in syndication and has been shown on PBS stations in many parts of the United States and Canada.

For many years, Jim Butterfield was the programmer who distributed the most useful utilities Commodore owners could find. Programs such as COPY*ALL, DISK CHECK, DISK MOD, DISK-CHANGE, UNICOPY, FILESORT, and SUPERMON, games like ADVENTURE, BREAKOUT, and ANDROID NIM, and various utilities for computing mortgage payments, investment records, and income taxes kept his name on our

Commodore screens regularly. He has never charged anything for his programs, though he was an early-on experimenter with the "shareware" idea. If you ask, perhaps he will tell you the story of that experience. (One of the Usenet participants uses it as the classic example of the failures of shareware.) Butterfield is also famous for his ten-hour course in machine-language programming, and for his book that parallels that course.

Because of other commitments, Jim did not jump into the Amiga world as quickly as some of us did. For the past year or more, however, he has been devoting a great deal of time to this machine. He is now an accomplished programmer in 68000 assembly and in C. The normal reaction of a programmer with skills in those languages is to express absolute disdain for BASIC, yet Jim uses it regularly. Why? Jim prefers to use his talents to help others learn. He feels that the average person who is learning about the Amiga will already have a good understanding of BASIC. With BASIC, he can explain the complexities of the machine without having to deal with a complex new language at the same time. His BASIC programs browse the structures, nodes, lists, and other parts of the system. They access the libraries and other

Cont. p.4



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!! Cont.

system software usually used only by C or assembly language programmers. He tells me that he will have a structure-browser and a disk disassembler ready to distribute while he is here.

On April 16, Jim is scheduled to speak to Amiga owners at InfoMart during the morning session, from 10-12 A.M. In the afternoon, he will speak to the Commodore 64/128 owners from 1-3 P.M. Check the CCD schedule on STARTEXT.

We have not specified a topic on which Butterfield is to speak. While he will certainly have some materials prepared in advance, we have asked him to conduct a discussion based on topics suggested by his audience. Please bring your questions to the sessions and speak up.

Above all else, please come and take advantage of this opportunity to hear one of our best-known and best-loved speakers, and to discuss with him the topics in which *you* are interested. There are no tickets and no entry fee. Be there!

II. APRIL 23

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SHOW AT
ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER.

Read Glenn Schneider's article to learn about this exciting show. Jack DeTore is organizing this event and you already know that when Jack plans an event, it is done right. You won't want to miss this one.

III. JUNE 11

COMMODORE SHOW AT INFOMART

There will be a Commodore-sponsored show at InfoMart on June 11. Plans are far from complete at this time, but it is known that Commodore will be sending personnel. Other vendors are expected to have booths in the downstairs vendor area, and representatives from Commodore and from various software companies will conduct seminars throughout the day.

It is expected that this show will be a major Commodore show of the year. Many of the companies involved will be bringing large exhibits to Dallas that week because of the National Education Association's annual convention that will be held there during the week of June 13-17. The convenience of the dates will attract displays that would not otherwise be available.

This show is designed to serve Commodore owners from the four-state area covering Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The Commodore sales representative for this four-state area is giving the show high priority. Plans for this meeting have been discussed with Max Toy, president of Commodore, and with other high-level executives. Some of them hope to come.

Unlike most shows of this sort, there will be NO admission fee for this show. You may attend all of the seminars and see all of the exhibits at absolutely no cost.

You will receive much more information about this show in the next two months, as plans are finalized. In the meantime, please mark it on your calendar. It promises to be the biggest Commodore show ever held in our area. Don't miss it!

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Harold Williams

The MCCC ASCII BBS has undergone several changes in the past few months. The suggestions for changes have come from BBS members and the MCCC BBS committee. The addition of new areas and options has made the ASCII board more useful and easier to use. The ASCII BBS now has an area called On-Line Magazine for uploading, downloading, and browsing articles relating to the C-64, C-128, and Amiga. Currently there are reviews of software packages, articles providing hints and tips for beginners, and articles of general interest to Commodore computer users available in the On-Line magazine. All BBS members are encouraged to submit articles to the On-Line magazine. The On-Line magazine also has a list of about 80 other local BBS numbers to call.

We now have a section devoted to club activities. The club activities section has information areas for each chapter of the MCCC, special club events, a complete calendar of current club activities and a copy of the MCCC constitution. You will also find a list of discounts that are currently available to MCCC members.

Another area recently added to the ASCII board is the Newsletter section. This section is provided to allow members to easily submit articles to the MCCC News. Articles uploaded to the Newsletter section are retrieved by the MCCC News editor for publication in the MCCC News.

An alphabetized user list has been added to allow members to easily look up the names of other BBS members. The list is divided into three sections to speed up searches for names near the end of the alphabet.

The files section has also been revised to add some new options. A directory of files is now available in two new formats. Files can be listed in reversed date or alphabetical sequence. Capturing these directories in your terminal's buffer will allow you to browse through the lists off-line. We currently have about 20 megabytes of public domain software available for download and that figure keeps growing as BBS members upload new software.

Users of the MCCC ASCII board owe a special thanks to Bill Raecke for all the work he has done to provide changes to the ASCII BBS. Bill has done all of the redesigning of menus, adding and rearranging of BBS options.

☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
☆☆	FEDERATED SUPER STORE	☆☆
☆☆	Software for	☆☆
☆☆	C-64, C-128, and AMIGA	☆☆
☆☆	AMIGA Hardware	☆☆
☆☆	1305 W. Pipeline, Hurst	☆☆
☆☆	284-2932	☆☆
☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆

WHAT'S NEW IN SOFTWARE

Cheryl Howard, MCCC

Now that the mad rush to keep the computer software stores supplied during the Christmas season is over, the manufacturers are releasing their new programs. New releases have been minimal until the last month or so as far as Commodore 64 programs are concerned, but now there are several new combat simulations, new word processing and application programs and several new games on the shelves. GEOS 128 from Berkley Software has been available for about a month, as well as Paperclip III, Outrageous Pages and Paperclip Desktop Publishing from Batteries Included. There are programs for combat simulation that deal with the American Civil War, battles at sea, and a new supply of aircraft simulations. Echelon, the space flight simulation, is still a big seller. And of course there are games for every taste, from professional wrestling that displays Hulk Hogan and his opponents as digital images similar to those found on the computer art pictures and shirts, to the recent Olympic games at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

This month, I begin a series of reviews of the new programs available at Babbages in North East Mall. Just released--Epyx's "The Games." (the 1988 Calgary Olympic games.) This latest in the Olympic series produced by Epyx begins with an impressive and realistic rendition of the Saddle Dome.

The overall graphics are better than previous editions, but the game strategy

and mode of play is the same. A new and interesting concept the programs have come up with, is a view of the competition similar to the television coverage of the actual games. This feature allows the player to set up television camera at different locations in the downhill skiing event to best capture your performance. In the ski jump event, you look down the slope just as the skier would see it. You get the same simulation in the slalom event.

All seven events: Downhill Skiing, Slalom, Luge, Figure Skating, Ski Jump, Cross Country Skiing and Oval Track Speed Skating make this game a must for armchair Olympians.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Babbage's policy of discounting software prices, there is NO additional discounts to club members. Babbage's has a discount club in which customers receive credit for each \$15 worth of programs purchased. When you have purchased \$150 worth of programs, you get a \$15 discount on your next purchase. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS IN-STORE DISCOUNT PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS!!!

Nobody Beats

BABBAGE'S

**The LARGEST Selection of
Home Computer Software**

NORTHEAST MALL - 589-0603 Hurst

THE PARKS - 784-1444 Arlington

**Look for our six other locations
throughout the METROPLEX!**

MCCC Program Information

Tony Velez, MCCC Librarian

ULTRATERM Terminal program:

This is the latest version of Steve Boerners very popular c-128/80 column terminal program. Ultraterm is one of the most powerful and user friendly modem terminal programs available in the shareware world. Great use of pull-down menus and windowing make this program a joy to use. This new updated version replaces the older version in use today.

New features have been added and some little bugs were discovered and fixed. There is a complete documentation manual included that you can dump to your printer if you have plenty of printer paper available. Major features include:

- * completely menu-driven with Macintosh-style pulldown menus and windows.
- * compatibility with the 1650, 1660, 1670, westridge, and hayes modems.
- * 64k text capture buffer.
- * xmodem and punter protocols for file transfers (buffer or disk).
- * user-defined function keys.
- * telephone book for storage of your favorite numbers.
- * also stores the baud rates, protocols and function keys for each bbs.
- * file reader and disk commands available.
- * a whole lot more

This program is available from disk number s-101 under the title: uterma-201.sda
HAPPY COMPUTING!

MODEM MADNESS

Jon Pederson, SC-Cubed
SACRAMENTO COMMODORE
COMPUTER CLUB

"You need more excitement in your life!"

This was the message my friends kept insisting I heed.

"Telecommunications is what's happening. Get involved. Get a modem."

Despite my ultraconservative nature, I was sensitive to good advice and hurried to the neighborhood computer store. There I was met by an eager salesman who looked all of 18, maybe.

"Yes, sir! How may I help you, sir?"

If he tried any harder, we would both be embarrassed; as it was, only I was wondering what happened to restraint.

"I'm told I need a modem. To be honest, I know little about these things. What do you have?"

My confession of ignorance seemed to spur him to greater excitement, impossible as that may sound.

"Oh, YES, Sir! What baud rate are you interested in, sir?"

"Bawd rate? Young man, I don't want a dirty joke machine. I just want to see one of these modem things."

"Yes, sir." For some reason, he seemed puzzled. "Oh, a joke, sir. Heh, heh." He brightened. "We not only have the 300s and 1200s, we actually have a 2400 right here in stock. Yes, sir." He appeared quite proud of that. Cont. p.8

MODEM MADNESS Cont.

"Perhaps we had better come back to that part later. What else do I need to know about?"

"Well, sir, we have asynchronous and bysynchronous, odd and even parity, 7 or 8 bit, sir." If the man had a tail, he would have been wagging it like an irrepressible puppy.

"A sin what? Pair of what? Young man, I really must ask you to slow down just a bit. You did say 'bit' didn't you?"

"Yes, sir. Sorry, sir."

For a moment he looked downcast, as though I had hurt his feelings with my reprimand, but then he beamed once more.

"We can offer you parallel AND serial for your interface, sir."

His look was the triumphant, joyful expression of one who has just been saved from tragedy.

"A pair of L'S and cereal for my inner face? Really, that doesn't sound like something very exciting at all...or are they 'alpha bits'?"

My own wit devastated me for several moments as I waited for him to get the joke, but somehow he looked as though he didn't understand. Generation gap, no doubt.

The young salesman steered me to some little flat plastic boxes with tiny red lights staring back at me.

"Here we are, sir, the very best in the business. Needless to say," he paused dramatically for full effect, "Hayes!" With a sweeping gesture, he took in all the little flat boxes on the shelf.

"Haze?" I saw nothing in the air, but at least he knew how I felt. "Dumbfounded" might have said it better.

"Oh, by the way, sir. I forgot to mention the protocol."

Ah, now here was something a little more toward my end to things. Protocol was very important in my line of work. It kept people in their proper station in life, maintained the channels of communication as they should be perpetuated, and allowed us to behave as mature adults. Enough of this "bawd" nonsense, once and for all. A strong, decent protocol--finally, a language I can understand!

He leaned forward conspiratorially, beckoning a finger. I bent to hear his whispered utterance.

"Frankly, sir, I know there are a lot of Punter people out there. But you can give me XMODEM any day!"

This was too much. Modems with bawd rates and cereal for inner faces--my friends must have been playing a cruel trick on me. I fled.

SOFTWARE TERMINAL

AMIGA Hardware

C-64, C-128, AMIGA Software

DISCOUNTS FOR MCCC MEMBERS

**3014 Alta Mere Dr. (Hwy. 183)
Ft. Worth
244-4150**

**From the Editor's Desk:****Vanessa Bennett**

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform and assist the COMMODORE user. I believe this can be better accomplished with a regular listing each month of members who will help in specific areas. All remember when we first met up with a computer and some of the frustrating experiences we had. So, those who feel comfortable in areas such as: BBS-Telecommunications, BASIC programming, printers, interfaces, DOS, AMIGA DOS, databases, spreadsheets, word processors, any specific program, C-64, C-128, AMIGA, and any other area please call me or Cheryl Howard and allow us to list your name, area(s) you will help, and phone number.

I now have my name listed on the bulletin boards for your convenience. You may send articles to me in the mail section or in the newsletter section on the ASCII Board.

Along with serving the needs of the user, we, the newsletter staff are always striving for PURRFECTIION!!

SOF-TEX**Offering Quality Service
and Repair for****DISK DRIVES****C-64 AND C-128 COMPUTERS****Hours: 10 am - 8 pm****(817) 281-2608****H. E. B. CHAPTER NEWS**

Cheryl Howard

All of the HEB members wish to thank Gerry Barker of Startext for his great demonstration of Startext at the March chapter meeting. Also thanks to Earl Drake and Okley Moss for their informative demo of modems and the club's BBS'S.

I personally want to thank Tony Velez for his help showing newcomers how to use the Library Catalog Disk. We also want to thank Glenn, Jack, and Fred for doing their jobs so well.

At the chapter officer's meeting on March 14th, we decided to try to have a computer with modem hooked up at each of our chapter meeting to answer any specific questions you might have concerning telecommunications.

NOTE: There will not be an HEB Chapter meeting in April due to the Computer Fair at Arlington Convention Center, April 23rd. Please visit another chapter this month.

FT. WORTH NIGHT CHAPTER NEWS

Clay Sutton

The meeting opened with a discussion concerning the proposals made at the Board of Directors Meeting. This was followed by a round table discussion of the uses of our computers.

We enjoyed having several visitors this month and we welcome our new member.
Cont. p.10

FT. WORTH NIGHT CHAPTER NEWS Cont.

Our April meeting will be the third Monday, the 18th, at 7:00 pm at St. Elisabeth Episcopal Church. Jim Marshall will present a program featuring COMMODORE DOS.

ARLINGTON CHAPTER
Janet Hamm

Our March meeting was on the 15th at the Arlington Community Center. Thirty computer enthusiasts were in attendance. President, Glen Herring, opened our meeting with a welcome to new members and visitors.

Program director, Herschell Gibbs, introduced our speaker, MCCC President, Harold Williams. Harold presented an interesting and informative program on LIB and ARC utilities. Harold demonstrated the effectiveness and versatility of these programs in uploading and downloading files from the bulletin boards.

A short business meeting followed. Glen reported the proposals that were before the Board of Directors concerning the Grand Prairie and Ft. Worth Night Chapters. He also announced that the Grand Prairie Chapter would like to merge with our chapter. The monthly meetings would continue to be on the third Tuesday at the same time and place. We would support the Grand Prairie Workshop on the second Saturday at 1:30 pm at the Grand Prairie Public Library. We look forward to great things happening with this merger. WELCOME ABOARD GRAND PRAIRIE!

Our next meeting will be April the 19th, 6:30 pm, at the Arlington Community Center. The meeting will start with computer questions and answers. Maybe you have run across something that could help other club members. Bring these queries to the meeting --- perhaps they can be immediately answered. If you are having equipment or software problems, it would help if you brought your equipment so that you could demonstrate when and how the problem occurs. At 7:30 pm the session will be interrupted for some special entertainment provided by a barber shop quartet - The Arlington Good Times Chorus. Then we will get back to the problems and questions and follow with a business meeting.

FT. WORTH DAY CHAPTER NEWS

Mary Louise Hagemeyer

Our thanks to James Dunnam for demonstrating the 1987 Tax Survival Kit. This program, available in the club library, helps you fill out all the tax forms you need; and as we saw in one example, it may even surprise you by printing out a schedule you didn't know you needed!

At our next meeting, we will discuss the use of various combinations of printers, interfaces, and word processors. So if your software isn't on speaking terms with your hardware, we'll try to help you solve the problem. The meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 1:30 p.m., at General Dynamics Recreation Area on Bryant-Irvin Road.

GRAND PRAIRIE CHAPTER NEWS

Don Bennett

Moved by the MCCC Executive Board decision this month to call for closure of the Grand Prairie Chapter in April, the Chapter voted to approach the Arlington Chapter on a merger of the two chapters. Proposed conditions for the merger were that the combined Chapters:

- 1) Conduct third Tuesday Evening formal meetings at the Arlington Community Center
- 2) Conduct second Saturday Afternoon Workshops at the Grand Prairie Public Library
- 3) Maintain two copies of the Library
- 4) Form a committee of the two sets of officers to discuss officer positions and possible renaming of the merged chapter
- 5) Petition the Board to except the merged Chapter rather than persue a forced closure.

The Arlington Chapter voted at their March meeting to accept the proposals of the Grand Prairie Chapter and will jointly approach the Board for acceptance at the April Executive Board Meeting.

AMIGA CENTRAL CHAPTER NEWS

Tim Flynn

And a good time was had by all at our March meeting. Leading off the evening, Jack Smith had a collection of rumors and tidbits about future Amiga activity from Commodore. Reports of future models made with the 68030 CPU chip should be of particular interest to users. With that kind of power, those IBM PS/2 model 80's won't

have anything on us.

The feature presentations of the evening started with a timely lesson by Kerry Batts in using a tax-preperation template for Maxi-Plan. This is definitely the time of year when we need to take a program like this to heart, even while we wish we didn't need it in the first place.

Our second speaker was Bill Keatley, who gave a very interesting demonstration of an Amiga powered with a 68020 chip from CSA. This is the type of third party support that is giving the Amiga the type of power and ability formerly found only in machines costing \$50,000 or more.

Software Terminal made two members happy at the meeting with their contribution of RoadWar Europa and a disk organizer program for the door-prizes. Congratulations, folks.

On next month's agenda so far is a presentation of a desk-top publishing program, which incidently topped the list of personal interests on the survey sheets collected at the March meeting. We also hope to have a printer available with the resolution a package like this demands.

So, until next meeting, keep your Amiga happy and the Guru at bay.



AMIGA BY THE LOOP NEWS

Brent Wood

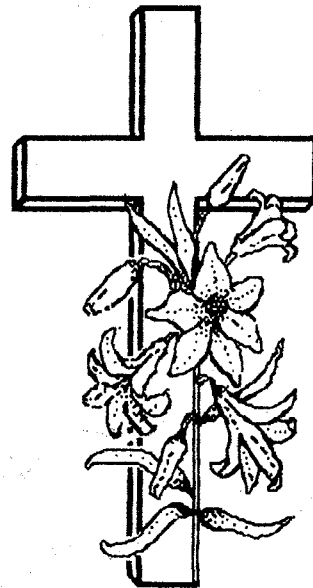
Where were you on the evening of March 8 at 7:30 pm? Well, those of us who attended the chapter meeting now know how to track the stock market and figure our income taxes using Maxi-Plan (tm). (And none too soon with April 15 just around the corner.) Kerry Batts gave another fine demo and told us about some files in the club library that we can use with this spreadsheet in figuring, and 'what-if-ing', income taxes. I think that we should send Kerry on the lecture circuit. He's 2 and 0!

April's meeting will be on the 12th and is scheduled to feature Richard Bilyea on hard disks. Well, not actually ON hard disks. He will be discussing, and possibly demonstrating, hard disks and their uses and capabilities. Come on out and take a look. The meeting starts at 7:30 and guests are always welcome. Bring a prospective member!

Be thinking of some of the gossip that you may have heard around the area and on the major networks. We usually have

someone who can either confirm or deny some of these nasties. And ask that burning question that you can't seem to find the answer to. You may get that boost that rockets you into another income bracket as you become an Amiga Guru! Later...

Easter Wishes



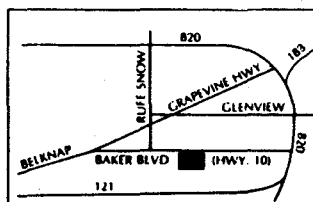
the inkery.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
9:00-5:30

METRO
589-7199

7018 Baker Blvd. (Hwy. 10)
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

- Letterheads
- Business Cards
- Invitations
- Flyers
- Graphics
- Envelopes
- Invoices
- Announcements
- Typesetting
- Copies



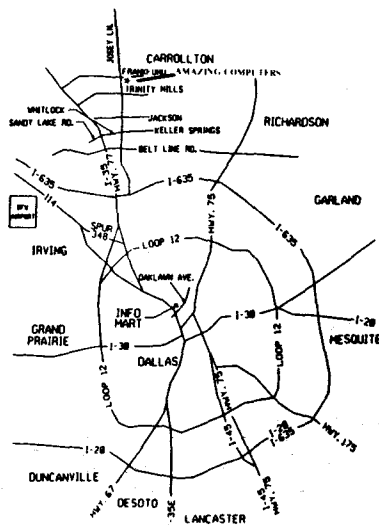
AMAZING COMPUTER'S GRAND OPENING

The most complete *AMIGA* store in the country
with the most **competitive pricing!**

Don't miss all the fun!

10 - 6 Saturday and Sunday April 23 & 24

- ★ Drawings for free *AMIGA* products hourly!
- ★ Demos and talks by leading software developers
- ★ See the new professional quality Genkey
- ★ Exciting demo of 3-D graphics utilizing state of the art hardware
- ★ New shooting gallery arcade game with light gun!
- ★ Refreshments
- ★ Over 700 *AMIGA* software titles in stock
- ★ Wide selection of hardware, accessories & books



AMAZING COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.
Frankford Village Shopping Center
3030 N. Josey Lane, Suite 144
(2 doors south of Skaggs)
Carrollton, Texas 75007
(214) 394-8383

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Secretary's Report

John Malmstrom

As of 3/22/88 our membership is as follows:

Amiga Central -----	103
Amiga-by-the-Loop -----	32
Arlington -----	39
Fort Worth Day -----	25
Fort Worth Night -----	19
Grand Prairie -----	14
H-E-B -----	60

Total ----- 292

At the Board of Directors meeting on March 9, we had a very long discussion on how to increase our membership and improve services to individual members. In spite of increased interest and growth in the Amiga chapters, our total membership is about 17% less than last year. Many good suggestions came out during the discussion and President Harold Williams appointed a Membership/Publicity committee (Glenn Schneider, Chairman) to follow-up on them. Look for good things to come out of this effort.

The board heard proposals to dissolve the Fort Worth Night and

Grand Prairie Chapters and merge their members into the Fort Worth Day and Arlington chapters, respectively. These proposals were immediately tabled until the April board meeting. Notice of the proposed actions was sent to each member of the chapters affected.



DISCOUNTS TO MEMBERS

The following dealers offer special prices to MCCC members on a regular basis. Be sure to show your membership card when making a purchase.

FEDERATED - H. E. B. STORE

AMIGA 500, Software for the 64, 128, and AMIGA

INTERCOMPUTING INCORPORATED

AMIGA

PC EXPANSION

AMIGA

SOFTWARE TERMINAL

64, 128, and AMIGA

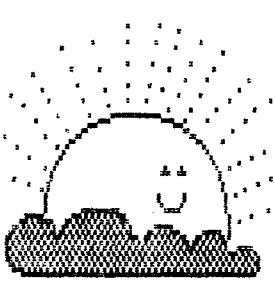
SOF-TEX

Repair for 64, 128, and AMIGA

AMAZING COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

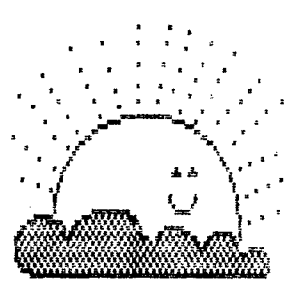
AMIGA





April

1988



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

						1	2 Directors' Western Hills Inn Euless, TX 10 am Harold Williams 483-0537
3 HAPPY EASTER!!	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ft. Worth Day Grand Prairie- Workshop 1:30pm Read details in Chapter News or call President	
10	11	12 AMIGA LOOP N.R.H. Rec. Ctr. N. Richland Hills 7:30 pm 2nd Tuesday Rick Schulz 281-3996	13	14	15 REMEMBER THERE IS NOT AN HEB CHAPTER MTG. THIS MONTH!	16 Jim Butterfield at INFOMART SEE DETAILS INSIDE!!! **MCCC NEWS** **DEADLINE**	
17	18 Ft. Worth Night St. Elisabeth Epic. Church Ft. Worth, TX 7:00pm, 3rd MON Bill Jones 295-8637	19 Arlington Chap. Community Ctr. Arlington, TX 6:30 pm 3rd Tuesday Glen Herring 572-0489	20	21 AMIGA CENTRAL Community Ctr. Arlington, TX 7:30 pm 3rd Thursday Bill Raecke 465-2014	22	23 TELE- COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL MCCC EVENT!!! Arlington Convention Ctr. 9:00 am DETAILS INSIDE!	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING ON THE 7TH, BE THERE!!

MID-CITIES COMMODORE CLUB INFORMATION

THE MID-CITIES COMMODORE CLUB is a non-profit organization devoted to the collection and dissemination of computer knowledge, to the encouragement of computer education and to the use of Commodore computers in the home, at school, and in business. The appropriate and legal use of all types of software is encouraged by this club.

The MCCC is not connected with Commodore Business Machines, Ltd. or Commodore, Inc. Commodore and Commodore product names (PET, CBM, VIC and C64) are registered trademarks of Commodore, Inc.

Our meetings are open to all. Membership dues are \$20.00 a year and entitle the member to a monthly mailed copy of the MCCC NEWS, the club newsletter, library copying privileges, attendance at any or all chapter and club meetings as well as participation in the club-sponsored classes. An additional \$12.00 authorizes club members access to the MCCC ASCII and Graphics Bulletin Boards. Dues are payable for one year in advance.

Material printed in the MCCC NEWS is not copyrighted unless so noted. Articles may be reprinted by other user groups or individuals who find it helpful. We only ask that proper credit is given to the author and the MCCC as the source.

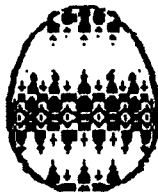
The MCCC NEWS accepts advertising from both members and from commercial establishments. Member rates are free for classified ads. These ads must be computer related and not of a commercial nature. A commercial ad is defined as one where you are running a business and are selling the same item or items to many people. Members submitting such ads will be charged commercial rates. COMMERCIAL RATES are as follows:

\$60.00 per full page ad, \$30.00 per half paged, \$20.00 per quarter page ad and \$10.00 per business card. Non-members will pay commercial rates.

The deadline for submissions to the MCCC NEWS is the third Saturday of each month. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY CAMERA-READY AD COPY. Make all checks payable to Mid-Cities Commodore Club and mail to MCCC NEWS, P. O. Box 1578, Bedford, TX 76095.

MCCC NEWS

Mid-Cities Commodore Club
Post Office Box 1578
Bedford, Texas 76095



BULK RATE
U. S. Postage
PAID
Bedford, TX
Permit No. 32

Address Correction Requested