

The MCCC Connection

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Amiga News!

Here is the latest from Amiga Technologies GmbH. The ship-date for the new Amiga 4000 Tower utilizing the 68040 processor has been moved back to late October. I'm getting contradictory stories about the configuration it will have. Trust me, there really is an A-4000T coming out. It has been confirmed by suppliers. The raw parts of the A-4000T have been shipped and production is going at a swift but sure pace. There is also talk of a 68060/50Mhz version of the A-4000T due out in November which will depend on talks with the Cyberstorm folks. Talk is that the 68060 is faster than the Pentium 100 by 30%. There is also a new multisync stereo monitor with a 15 to 38 Khz horizontal scan rate that AT/ESCOM is making, the M1438S monitor.

Remember all the bad news of the last couple of months: about the high \$3,500 price tag of A-4000T's and the lack of advertising, A-1200's and CD32's for the North American market? You've no doubt heard about the old behavior of ex-Commodore council, Ed Goff and distributor Alex Amor of CEI? This has been very frustrating as we wait impatiently for the release of new Amigas.

I have talked with our local Amiga dealer, Dan Sorenson of Clackamas Computers. He has told me that CEI is not the only distributor for the A-4000T. There are three other Amiga distributors as well. This is great news as Clackamas Computers can shop around for the best deal for you. He's been hearing prices more in the \$2,700 range. Mr. Sorenson told me not to believe the stories of no Amiga 1200s and CD32's for North America either. If you want them, they can order them for you.

Rumor has it that the majority of A-4000T's have already been sold. Production was based on pre-purchased A-4000T's by the distributors. That could explain why the original price tag was so high. Naturally the ramp-up cost is brought into the price as well but I've heard that the professional video market is screaming for A-4000T's. They are quite content to pay whatever it takes to get an Amiga. The alternative to the Amiga is what can be done on more expensive and slower machines.

There had been a lot of talk of NewTek abandoning the Amiga. These rumors are false. Although NewTek has been producing Video Toasters (and their new Toaster Flyers) for other computer platforms, Mr. Sorenson assures me that NewTek still loves the Amiga. With

production starting up again for the A-4000, that gives NewTek even more incentive to stick by the Amiga.
...Rick Rudge, MC3

A BBS Find

I'd like to let you all in on a GREAT deal. I found a BBS, about 6 months ago, which I joined almost immediately. I've been BBSing for 10 years now, and NEVER have I found a more helpful, or knowledgeable sysop. He runs numerous platforms himself, and when I had trouble with his mail, he set it all up, just for me, in the hopes that other Commodore users would stumble in, and find a home as well. This was, and is, my hope. He added the comp.sys.cbm internet usegroup for me, and already has all of the Fido CBM conferences online. The greatest thing about this BBS, (Contrails is the name of it, by the way), is that the sysop has just added FULL Internet access. The board is connected to the World Wide Web, IS and ftp site, has a unix line, has gopher, whois, finger, and telnet. Lynx is NOT an option on the main board, but is accessible on the unix line, or by telenetting to another www site which incorporates lynx, such as <http://www.law.cornell.edu>. For the sake of those who DON'T like a Cam mail door, and use a platform which doesn't support PKZip2.04g, he has incorporated PKZip1.x into his main mail door, which is a new door contained within PCBoard 1.5.

Last, and best of all, the price is the lowest I've ever seen. FULL access for 1 year is \$49.95. There is a 6 month account as well, or a "file only" account. But from what I've seen and heard, most folks spend more than \$50 for just 3 months of internet access on boards which are NOT Commodore friendly.

The name of this BBS, again, is Contrails, Sysop: Joe Richter. The access #'s are:
Customer support, technical line: 817-545-2599

Ft. Worth Metro lines: (817) 355-9242 (28.8), (817) 355-9252 (28.8)

Ft. Worth lines (all are running at 14.4, and in area code (817): 545-0152, 545-1539, 571-3424, 571-0651, and 571-0958.

Unix line: (817) 571-0878

This BBS has been in service since 1991, and basically serves all of the American Airlines employees, but is

open to the general public. It should be around for some time to come. Online chat, games, and IBM file sections are also available. I have not asked for a Commodore file section, as there are not that many Commodore users online yet to use it, and with ftp access, it's not really necessary. There are over 1600 different mail areas on the bbs, and upon request, Joe, the sysop, will put up any you desire, if he doesn't already have them.

I hope to see many of you online, checking this place out. I love it, and you will too!
...Kathy Cole, MCCC

Elections

The slate of club officers presented at the chapter meetings last month is as follows. The club officers will be voted on at the November chapter meetings.

President	Ned Kelly
VP	Mark Stodola
Treasurer	John Malmstrom
Secretary	Okley Moss
Librarian	Ned Kelly
Educational	David Owens

Also coming at the November chapter meetings: a proposed slate of chapter officers will be presented and additional nominations will be taken from the floor. The elections for these positions will occur at the December chapter meetings.

Library Hot Picks

Good Tracker Music	MCCC-A_950
Virus Checker v7.0	MCCC-A_951
Deluxe Galaga v2.6c	MCCC-A_954
TypeSmith Upgrade to v2.5b	MCCC-A_954

November Calendar

November 7 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
7:30 pm — Ned Kelly's Place
2709 Wolff Drive, Arlington

November 11 — Metro C64/128 Chapter
1:30 pm — UNT Health Sciences Building
Lancaster & Camp Bowie, Fort Worth

November 14 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — N. Richland Hills Community Center
Loop 820 at Rufe Snow, N. Richland Hills

November 21 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — Dan's Place
3509 Claymore Drive, Plano

November 25 — 7:00 am — Newsletter Deadline

Meeting Information

Our Amiga North Dallas meeting place at Richardson Square Mall is not available for our November and December meetings, so we will be meeting at Dan's house for these two meetings. Here are directions as given by Dan:

On 15th street between Coit and Independence, turn north on Montclair, then left at the next intersection (Claymore). Third house on the right. If on Coit (by Applebee's), drive north to Plano HCA. Turn east on 15th street, then turn north on Montclair as above. If on Hwy 75, exit on 15th St. exit and go west...then north on Montclair as above.

The address is 3509 Claymore Dr., Plano, TX. (Mapsco 657U — 1995 Edition). Call Steve Nichols, 214-530-6345, for help.

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