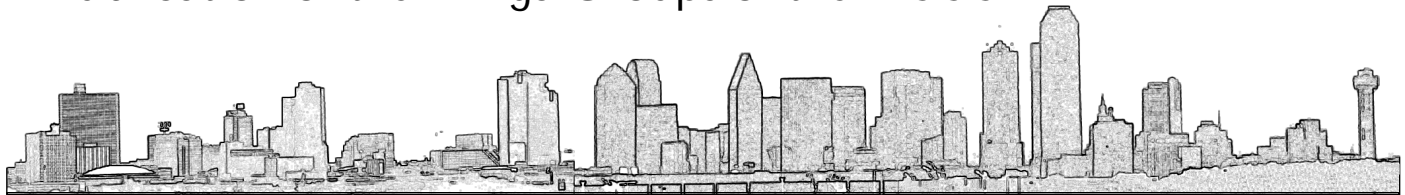# The AGM Connection

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Amiga Quakes!

After months of rumours, it has happened — the Amiga has Quake. id Soft's legendary super Doom clone first appeared on the Amiga in early 1997 in the form of the Amiquake hack, an unofficial port which was made by a small group of Amiga coders after the source code to the game found its way onto a cracker's bulletin board and made it's way around the internet. Back then legal threats from id Software stopped Amiquake pretty fast, but after months of negotiation, Canadian software company ClickBoom have acquired a license to sell the Amiga version commercially. It is ironic that Clickboom acquired the rights to Quake after a small group of hackers was able to prove to the original software house that the Amiga was capable of running the software, as this is a very similar story to the one that lead to the publication of Amiga Myst, also by ClickBoom.

Quake, second choice amongst Amiga users responding to the ClickBoom wishlist, is currently about the most popular and well known game on any computing system, and getting an conversion for the Amiga is something of a coup. Currently, Quake only runs on the Sega Saturn, the PC and the Macintosh. Versions for the Nintendo 64 and Playstation are on again off again affairs that have been long awaited but still appear a way off. By contrast the Amiga version is already almost complete. The Amiga version of Quake has all the features of the PC version. It should be possible to use a wide range of Quake add-ons, and network access has also been promised. Indeed, we can expect to see Quake "clans" of Amiga users turning up on the internet based multi-user Quakeworlds.

We'll have to wait and see how well the final version of Quake runs on the Amiga before we can tell you exactly how fast it will run on your system, but from what we have seen, it's going to be pretty good. Keeping in low resolution, it should be playable on an AGA machine with a 68040 or better accelerator, although clearly the better the processor the better it will run. We'll have to wait for the PowerPC version to see Quake running at its best, however. A Quake demo was shown running on a PowerPC by Haage and Partner in Cologne, and it ran at an impressive speed indeed. We have yet to have confirmation of this, but it seems likely that Clickboom will also be supporting the Permedia 2 based Cybervision and BlizzardvisionPPC graphics add-on cards. Quake is noted for using the OpenGL 3D graphics API, which is directly supported on the phase5 cards by the CyberGL implementation of the OpenGL standard. A 68060 Amiga with a graphics card will run Quake rather nicely... a PPC Amiga with the 3D card will be something to behold. Look out for the March issue of CU Amiga Magazine for more exclusive details.

Oops!

One night, a Delta twin-engine puddle jumper was flying somewhere above New Jersey. There were five people on board: the pilot, Michael Jordan, Bill Gates, the Dalai Lama, and a hippie. Suddenly, an illegal oxygen generator exploded loudly in the luggage compartment, and the passenger cabin began to fill with smoke. The cockpit door opened, and the pilot burst into the compartment.

"Gentlemen," he began, "I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that we're about to crash in New Jersey. The good news is that there are four parachutes, and I have one of them!" With that, the pilot threw open the door and jumped from the plane.

Michael Jordan was on his feet in a flash. "Gentlemen," he said, "I am the world's greatest athlete. The world needs great athletes. I think the world's greatest athlete should have a parachute!" With these words, he grabbed one of the remaining parachutes, and hurtled through the door and into the night.

Bill Gates rose and said, "Gentlemen, I am the world's smartest man. The world needs smart men. I think the world's smartest man should have a parachute, too." He grabbed one, and out he jumped.

The Dalai Lama and the hippie looked at one another. Finally, the Dalai Lama spoke. "My son," he said, "I have lived a satisfying life and have known the bliss of True Enlightenment. You have your life ahead of you; you take a parachute, and I will go down with the plane."

The hippie smiled slowly and said, "Hey, don't worry, pop. The world's smartest man just jumped out wearing my backpack."

Best of the BBS

∨ PageStream 3.3a Upgrade (PGS33A_33.LZX) — Updates PageStream 3.3 to 3.3a.
∨ SetPatch (SETPATCH43_6B.LZX) — The latest system patch file from Amiga International.
∨ Music (Mulitple files) — A very nice collection of music by Jogeir Liljadahl. Ten mod files in all. Well worth having.
∨ Pictures (Multiple files) — 3 excellent pictures: egrets in flight, a yellow crab on the beach, and a Rachel Racoon drawing.
∨ 8N1.device (NEW8N143.5.LZX) — If you are using the standard Amiga serial port, you should be using this device instead of the standard serial.device. It's faster and more efficient.
∨ MCC Updates (Multiple files) — MCC stands for MUI Custom Class. There are a number of updates this month relating to date and time data. You need to stay current.
∨ Datatypes (Multiple files) — These are particularly useful if you have a graphics card:
PICTDT43-762.LZX — Picture datatype. (24 bit)
ANIMDTC0112.LZX — Animations.
ANIMATION4104.LZX — Animations.
AKJFIF43130.LZX — For JPEG pictures.
AKPNG43130.LZX — For PNG pictures.
ADLJPG43130.LZX — For lossless JPEG pictures.
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January 6 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
7:30 pm — Ned Kelly's Place

January 13 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility

January 20 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — Addison Road north of Westgrove

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