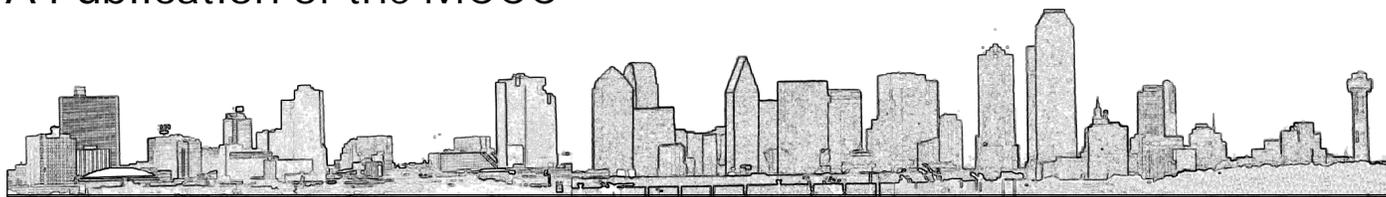


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Extravaganza Update

It won't be long now...

Amiga, Inc. has sent us an A1200 Magic Pack for the show! The club will hold a raffle drawing at the close of the show for the computer. The A1200 is a brand new boxed Magic Pack, complete with software, manuals, and a 260 meg hard drive. Tickets are \$1.00 per chance — cash only. Tickets will be available at the show and at the October By-the-Loop meeting. You need not be present to win. We also received some new, never-before-seen items to be unveiled at the show!

Fleamarket items will be picked up at the October By-the-Loop meeting. Below is a list of collectors for fleamarket items if you cannot attend the By-the-Loop meeting.

<u>Collector</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Mark Stodola	Cedar Hill	(972) 299-6824
Ned Kelly	Arlington	(817) 277-5825
David Owens	Fort Worth	(817) 847-5486
Dan Stockelman	Dallas	(972) 985-8522

So mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14th. Set your watches for 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Dust off your unused hardware and software. Save up your money. Prepare for a good time. The countdown for METCOM '00 has begun!

...Mark Stodola

Our New Website Bigger, better... and a new URL

Many of you have probably noticed by now that your club has a new website. As you may have known, our web space up until now has been generously provided free of charge by Startext, run by the Fort Worth Star Telegram. About a month ago they informed us that they were about to exit the web-space/dial-up business

entirely, and so would be unable to continue to provide us with the space we had enjoyed until now. So I embarked on a quest to find affordable space that would provide us the kind of features that we should probably always have had, but which were unavailable to us with Startext's free service. Anyway, to make a short story even shorter, I found it. The Board of Directors approved the annual expense at the September meeting... and we're off and running.

We're coming very close to providing the same services we provided last year — but instead of it costing \$36/year per member (for club and BBS membership) as it did in 1999, now it costs just \$18/year.

The first change you're likely to notice is that we have our own, new URL. We are now known as AmigaMCCC. The URL is simply <http://www.amigamccc.org>. This should make it easier to find — and it means that even if we move our website, we'll keep the same URL.

As I mentioned, we'll be able to do things now that we couldn't do in the past. The first change will be that I will no longer be removing the downloads at the end of each month. We have plenty of space available, so I'll be leaving them out there... maybe not forever, but for a while, at least. Maybe a year?

The second change that has already been implemented is the addition of a search engine to the web site. This isn't a general purpose web search engine like you'll find on Excite, Yahoo and others (we have no need to compete with them). This is a website search engine. If you'd like to see all the articles Johnny Kitchens has written, just enter Kitchens and the links to his articles will be displayed. Or if you want to see everything about the Fleamarket, just enter flea. What the engine does is search the documents on the website looking for the word or words that you enter. Then it displays links to ►

those documents that you can simply click on. Give it a try — it's pretty neat.

They'll be other changes as well. I expect to add a message base soon where we can post information and exchange knowledge just like we did with the BBS until we had to shut it down early this year. After that? I'm not sure yet, but keep watching.

All in all, I think this is a pretty exciting addition to the club. This makes up nicely for the loss of the BBS to the Y2K bug... and does it for a lot less money than the BBS was costing... most importantly, at no extra cost to the membership. We're coming very close to providing the same services we provided last year — but instead of it costing \$36/year per member (for club and BBS membership) as it did in 1999, now it costs just \$18/year. The bargain just gets better and better.



If you haven't logged on yet, be sure to check it out. And keep watching for improvements. See you at <http://www.amigamccc.org>. Let me know what you think.

...Bill Raecke



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October Calendar

- Oct 9 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — N.Richland Hills Community Ctr.
Loop 820 at Rufe Snow, N.Richland Hills
- Oct 9 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road
- Oct 14 — _____
- Oct 19 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- Oct 28 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Fleamarket '00

Date: October 14, 2000
Time: 12:00pm – 4:00 pm
Admission: Free
Place: Brookside Convention Center
1244 Brookside Drive
Hurst, Texas

