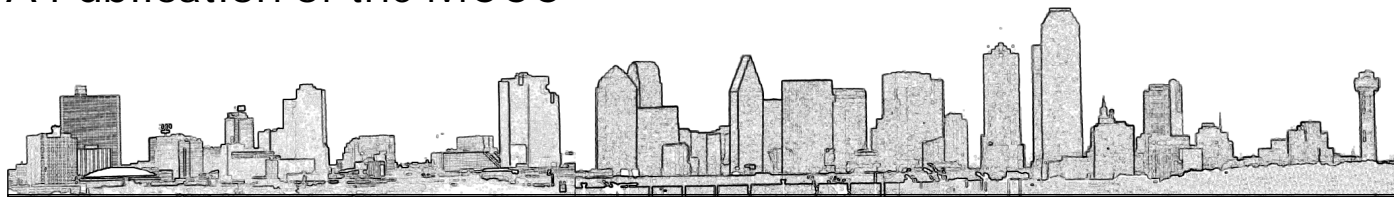


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Executive Update from Bill McEwen

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Greetings to one and all.

I know it has been a long time since I last had the chance to write to all to all of you.

It has been very, very busy, and we have seen some great successes, and some disappointments. I have not been asleep, and to the contrary I have not been getting much sleep of late. There is so much activity, and so little time that I have been spending a great deal of time in other areas and not keeping everyone up to date.

To my Friends in Italy, I apologize that I was not able to attend the show. It was a real disappointment for me personally, as I wanted to greet each and every one of you. The reason was not because we are broke, or out of money as the rumors would state.

Simply, there were two companies in California that I have been working with, and they requested a meeting that occurred over the same period of time. With working with these OEM's we will be able to add several million more Amigans, and the discussions went well and are progressing quickly, these meetings were in addition to what is mentioned in point 3 below.

Now with all the above fun stuff...

Here we go:

1. The SDK for Amiga DE.

This has been very exciting, and we are really pleased with the number of applications and the number developers using the product to create some great products.

The next version of the Software Development Kit will be out in the next couple of weeks. In addition to the Linux

version there is now a version available for Windows. That's correct — you are now able to develop for the new Amiga on either Linux, or Windows.

It will feature a new raft of multimedia (Mesa, the SSEYO Koan Audio Engine, streaming) as well better development tools, a richer AVE and enhanced performance.

2. Amiga OS 3.5 and beyond

We are continuing taking a very hard look at the current Amiga and how we can best move the platform forward. There are discussions on going for some new opportunities and we will be able to share some announcements in the very near future.

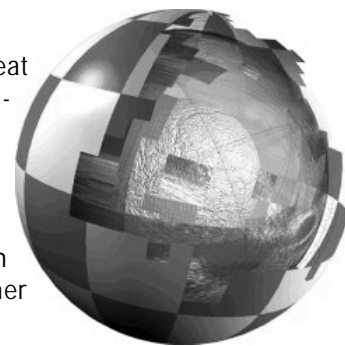
3. Amiga DE business opportunities

Wow, this is an area that is absolutely exploding. For developers this is going to be great news. Not only will the applications you are working on be used by your Amiga family members, but with the deals that are either executed or in motion there will be millions more consumers joining the Amiga family.

Now many of you began to speculate on the Meternet announcement. Meternet is offering a great product, and they are going to be making it available to the Amiga community, but it is not the AmigaOne.

4. The AmigaOne.

We have listened to a great many of you with comments, suggestions, business ideas and technical ideas. Dean Brown has been a huge help, especially that he is now here in Snoqualmie with the other members of the team.



Because of this input we have begun negotiations for a brand new design. Most of the details have been worked out, and I hope to have the finished announcement ready by the middle of October. It is my firm belief that you will all be very pleased and excited.



5. Dealers/Distributors, and our friends in the Press
The well of information for all of you has been too dry, and inconsistent. To better provide information to each and every one of you, Amiga has created two new mailing lists. Please go to www.amigadev.com and select mailing lists on the right hand side of the screen. Select either press or dealer, and fill out your information. We will begin weekly feeds to these lists to better support our press and dealers.

I know that many of you will read that this letter says nothing, and that there is nothing happening, other than a new motorcycle for me.

Well you are very wrong. We are meeting directly with the heads of some of the largest computer and consumer electronics companies in the world, and not only do they see the value in what we are offering but they see where the Amiga community, you, is the real value. ➤

Now we still have a ways to go, but we are moving very fast, and I know that you will all be very proud of Amiga as we continue to make things happen.

The biggest challenge for Amiga right now is to stay focused on our core strengths, and not make the mistakes of those who have walked before us.

The Amiga opportunity is huge, and sometimes overwhelming. There are so many conflicting reports, and I have not done a very good job of being able to communicate to all of you as well as I would like to.

We are getting much closer every day, and every one of you are a major part of the Amiga Family's success.

Bill McEwen and the rest of the Amiga Team

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November Calendar

- Nov 13 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — N.Richland Hills Community Ctr.
Loop 820 at Rufe Snow, N.Richland Hills
- Nov 13 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road
- Nov 16 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- Nov 25 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Website News

New in October
The new message base has been active since early in October. So far, I'm the only one who has left a message. Maybe this is a feature no-one is interested in — or maybe no-one has noticed it. To get to it, just use the button marked "Messages." I'll leave it up for another month to see if there's interest.

There are some pictures from the Amiga North Dallas meeting. Use the "Meetings" button to get there. There are also pictures from the recent Fleamarket. The link on the home page will display the thumbnails.

Coming in November
Look for info on the new AmigaOne computer!