# 2004 Classic Amiga Flea Market and AmigaOne Extravaganza

**Background**
This year we are putting on our club's eighteenth annual Amiga computer show. So come join us and show your support for the Amiga.

Where:       The Brookside Convention Center
             Hurst, Texas
When:        Saturday, October 23, 2004
Time:        2:00 PM until 5:00 PM
Admission:   Free

**Amiga Flea Market**
Amiga hardware and software from members and non-members will be available for sale. Tables are available for $1 for members and $2 for non-members for the sale of your merchandise. Please make arrangements in advance for your tables. If you do not wish to man your own tables, we will also be accepting merchandise for consignment to be sold along with items the club has for sale at tables manned by club officers. The club will charge a 5% commission for members and a 10% commission for non-members with a $1 minimum. If you are wanting to sell things this way, please contact one of the collectors before the show date.

The collectors are:
    Dan Stockelman     Plano         972-985-8522
    Mark Stodola       Cedar Hill    469-575-0451
    Ned Kelly          Arlington     817-277-5825
    Wayne Brodnax      Fort Worth    817-244-0828

If you have any questions about this new arrangement, please contact one of the club officers.

**Demos And Stuff**
We will have at least one AmigaOne on hand running the Beta pre-release of OS4 and we will be giving demonstrations on it throughout the day.

**Other Attractions**
We will have some CDs available containing the club's complete collection of Amiga software for sale. A special on memberships will be offered: thirteen months for the price of twelve.

**Directions & Parking**
The Brookside Convention Center is located at 1244 Brookside Drive in Hurst, Texas. To find the Convention Center get to Highway 183/121, take the Precinct Line Road exit, and drive south on Precinct Line Road. After approximately 0.3 miles, turn left (east), on Bedford Euless Road. Drive 0.4 miles to Brookside Drive. The Convention Center is on the southeast corner.

**Contact**
Your assistance is necessary to make the show a success so if you can volunteer to help please contact us. If you have any questions, please contact any of the club officers or contact me, Ned Kelly, at home at (817) 277-5825, or by email at nedkelly@ticnet.com.

# Computerfest Show Report

Well, another Computerfest® has come and gone. This year's was the first in several that we did not run an official Amigafest, though we did have a presence that equalled or bettered that of the previous year. Special thanks go out to Mr. Bryant Pedigo from the Amiga user group in Indianapolis, for bringing in his Amiga One system with the pre-release version of Amiga OS4, which generated a great deal of interest. The system and the new OS, while lacking for a few needed features (it is not a final release, after all) showed itself to be more stable and capable (and familiar) than many might expect for a "beta" pre-release. Two of our group members brought their own Pegasos II systems, running MorphOS, so there was a fair deal of friendly rivalry and

feature comparison going on, but none of that "Blue troll — Red troll" anger seen on message boards was to be found.

Our groups' tables were placed in the flea market area this year, which, as a fairly central hub for all parts of the Computerfest and MACES (Mid-America Consumer Electronics Show), allowed for some very good foot traffic and exposure. There isn't a lot of opportunity to make an impression on someone walking by, so my Pegasos spent much of its time multitasking, playing Mp3s with AmiNetRadio, while running a combination of musical displays, videos, and emulated games with MAME. I've rarely tried to do as much at once, or as many things I haven't tried before with my Pegasos, so I was pleasantly surprised that the

machine and its OS handled the load as well as it did, only needing one reboot as I was shutting down software on the last day.

Overall, it was pleasing to see the interest generated by the new machines, especially the Amiga One. Seems there are a lot of former Amiga users out there from the original Commodore days, and it takes a lot to catch them up to the Amiga's present (and even more to explain "related" systems like the Pegasos). Many folks, often Linux users, seem to want an Amiga OS (or Morph) which runs directly on Intel/PC hardware. Luckily, we were able to show them to Lora and Andy's table, where they had the Amiga Forever emulator on display. As I said earlier, we had our own presence at Computerfest this year, not an official "Amigafest"

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The Flea Market is coming — Saturday, October 23

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# October Calendar

October 11 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
    7:30 pm — University Center, Pedernales Room
    W. First St. & S. West St., Arlington

October 11 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
    Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Fridays
    Cooper Street just south of I-20, Arlington

October 21 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
    7:30 pm — Junkins Building, SMU
    Dyer and Airline Extension Rd., Dallas

October 30 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

(mostly because we were unable to lure out any dealers), but in many ways we met or exceeded our expectations, even those of previous years, largely because we were able to show the public no less than three modern Amiga and Amiga-like systems (Amiga One, Pegasos II, and emulation) and make an impact with them, however subtle.

…Eric Schwartz
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