SPACE

NEWSLETTER   February, 2001   *March*

President's Corner
by Michael Current
February, 2001

So we had another exciting auction last month, and we have yet another this month. This month's auction will feature a virtully COMPLETE run of Antic magazine, going back to the very first issue, volume 1 number 1, April 1982. If you don't have these "rare" early issues, don't miss your chance at this month's meeting!

We don't plan to have an auction in April, and we'll have enough stuff left for one more auction to plan for May. But folks, that's it! We're just about through selling off the library. So it's getting to be about that time where we have to consider what to do with the big ticket items in our possession: the huge set of Dorsett educational tapes, and the MAST (and SPACE) disk libraries.

And even more importantly, we'll have to start really looking at our financial situation, without an auction to supplement our income nearly every month. Things aren't dire just yet, but we can't afford to ignore our near future. Just a couple weeks back I heard from from PACE, the Pinellas Atari group, who asked about our PO Box (just our luck that they sent their last newsletter during that window when our PO Box wasn't available), and let us know that we won't be receiving any more Pacesetter newsletters because their club has just folded. We know Ol' Hackers also recently folded.

What is the future of SPACE? Is our goal to be the very last of the last of the Atari clubs? If we can do it, I say, let's do it! I can promise you that as long as I live in the area, I'll participate in our club. If enough of us feel the same way, we could go on indefinitely!

I also wanted to throw in here a thanks toward Glen for the February DOM. I love demos like these! I know the great demos can be a pain to find, especially when so many turn out to not be NTSC compatable, but I sure enjoy them!

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday, March 9, 2001.

Treasurer's Report
by Greg Leitner
For January, 2001

With Mother Nature once again battling it out for our precious time on another Friday night meeting, we held our own with nine members braving the cold and the roads. I commend your commitment to the Club and your welcomed contributions you r.ake to the meetings and of course the treasury. Your purchases of the Doms, your membership renewals and your bidding on the auction items are what is keeping SPACE going strong.

We are coming down to the last of our SPACE items for our auctions and I can see maybe one or two more this year before we have sold everything. There are a couple of issues we need to discuss next month about what to do or how to auction off the last of our holdings. This involves our MAST library and the Dorsett tapes, and there are a lot of both of these two items.

This is how our Treasury looks for the month ended February 28, 2001.

Beginning balance on Feb 1, 2001:	1,224.25
Receipts for the February meeting:	
Dom sales:	12.00
Auction sales (net):	58.00
Total receipts for February:	70.00
Expenses for February:	
Newsletters-Aug 2000 thru Jan. 2001:	43.56
BBS phone-Dec 2000 and Jan. 2001:	20.00
P. O. Box-for one year:	100.00
Total expenses for February 2001:	163.56
Net Gain/Loss for the:	-93.56
Balance at February 28, 2001:	1,130.69

This balance could be reduce further by the fourth quarter 2000 room rental that has yet to be billed to SPACE. I would think that by the time we meet in March I would have this bill and our Treasury will actually be sitting at around $965.00 which is still very good considering that our major expenses will be paid pretty much up to date.

We still need to see our members keep up on renewing their memberships on a timely basis seeing that our income will suffer with the loss of our auction sales in the near future. Your yearly membership fee will be our major source of income and the purchase of Doms also.

Well, next month my wife and I are off to Disneyworld on Saturday morning right after our March SPACE meeting. We leave at 5:50 in the morning so I hope our March meeting will be rather on the short side. This will be our first vacation trip together wihtout at least one of our children along so we are calling this the Honeymoon we never had. So I will probably be feeling like someone who won the big game and was asked what I will be doing now and I can answer: I'm going to Disneyworld!!!

See you all in March.

Secretary's Report
By Mike Weist
For February, 2001

Space meeting for February 2001 opened at 7:40 PM. Michael Current, Space club president, welcomed members to the meeting.

Michael asked for a secretary report. Mike Weist, club secretary, recapped minutes printed in February newsletter..

Michael asked for a treasurer report, Greg Leitner, club treasurer, reported that 21 DOMS were sold at January 2001 meeting ($63). The auction in January took in $46. There were no expansive for January. The treasury stood at $1224.25 ($109 gain).

After January meeting $43.56 was paid out to Mike Schmidt of newsletter expense. There was a Space club Post office box renewal at $100 paid out. Nolan Friedland was paid $20 for BBS cost for 2 months. The treasury will now stand at $1080. Greg has contacted the City of Falcon Heights about being billed for room rent. This will reduce the treasury further to $824.

Michael asked for a DOM report. Glen Kirschenmann, DOM chair, gave a report. The disk of the month for February has a German Demo, SHAKE & FANCY on side A. On side B is a German game called TECHNOLD.

Michael asked for a membership report. Glen Kirschenmann, Membership chair, gave a report. Glen said membership is down by 2. Red Muchow and Mike Schmidt need to renew. If Nolan Friedland wants, he can renew tonight

Michael asked for a BBS report. Nolan Friedland, BBS SYSOP, gave a report. Nolan stated that the BBS is getting more calls.

OLD BUSINESS:
Greg Leinter said discussion about the Space club post office box will be brought up in November 2001.

NEW BUSINESS:
George Viita, club member , talked about ZYBEC game software.

Mike Weist, club member urged members to submit interesting articles to Space newsletter.

Michael Current, Space club president, talked to members about Space club web site

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.   Mike Weist, club secretary
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Subj: Infogrames Entertainment Completes Acquisition of Hasbro Interactive
Date: 01-02-10 16:14:28 EST
From: mcurrent@carleton.edu (Michael Current)

LYON, France, Jan. 29 /PRNewswire/ -- Infogrames Entertainment SA (Euronext 5257) announced today that it has completed its acquisition of Hasbro Interactive from Hasbro, Inc. (NYSE: HAS - news), creating one of the foremost powerhouses in the mass market digital interactive entertainment world.

``The completion of the acquisition is extremely exciting for us, as it fits perfectly with our corporate strategy of building the premier publisher of digital interactive entertainment for the whole family," stated Bruno Bonnell, chairman and CEO of Infogrames. ``We felt that Hasbro Interactive was an ideal partner due to its lineup of over 250 titles, together with licensing access to Hasbro's 600 franchises, in addition to our shared vision and commitment to shareholder value."

Effective immediately, Hasbro Interactive will utilize the Infogrames name and branding strategy. Further details regarding the integration of Hasbro Interactive into the Infogrames family will be provided in the coming weeks.

The strategic agreement, signed this past December, is comprised of three main elements, including Infogrames' acquisition of all of Hasbro Interactive's assets including Atari and MicroProse; the acquisition of Games.com; and a long-term licensing agreement with Hasbro, Inc. giving Infogrames exclusive rights to develop and publish digital interactive games based on current and future Hasbro properties on all existing and future digital interactive formats.

Infogrames purchased 100% of the common stock of Hasbro Interactive for $100 million -- comprised of $95 million in Infogrames Entertainment SA securities (approximately 4.5 million common shares) and $5 million in cash. The deal was unanimously approved at a general meeting of Infogrames Entertainment shareholders on January 23.

About Infogrames

Infograms is a major international publisher and distributor of video games for consoles (Microsoft, Nintendo, Sega and Sony), PC CD-ROMs, and Macintosh hardware, as well as all interactive platforms such as interactive television, Internet, WAP devices, and in-flight entertainment systems.

Infograms is a global publisher of video games for the whole family, with a catalog that includes popular franchises (Driver, Alone in the Dark, V-Rally, Unreal Tournament, Test Drive, Roller Coaster Tycoon) and many international licenses (Warner Bros.' Looney Tunes, Paramount's Mission: Impossible, the Brazilian national football team, Le Mans 24 Hours, and the world and European champion French national football team).

Infograms, led by Bruno Bonnell, distributes its games in about 60 countries worldwide with a particular strength in Europe and the U.S., where Infograms possesses an outstanding distribution network.

With its U.S. subsidiary Infograms Inc (Nasdaq: IFGM - news), Infograms Entertainment (Euronext 5257) has become a contender for worldwide industry leadership with the recent acquisition of the interactive assets of Hasbro, the American toy giant.

More on http://www.infograms.com .
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Subj: a8jdpeg version 0.5 now available
Date: 01-02-24 17:34:46 EST
From: mcurrent@carleton.edu (Michael Current)

Date: Friday, February 23, 2001 12:58 AM +0000
From: Raphael Espino <atari8l@rjespino.freeserve.co.uk>

Hi all,

Just to let you know that I've uploaded the latest version of a8jdpeg (the jpeg viewer for the Atari8) to my website. a8jdpeg is an Atari 8-bit port of the C=64's juddpeg, written by Stephen L. Judd.

It is available for download at either of these addresses:
http://rjespino.atari.org
http://rjespino.webhop.org

The main changes are:
o Added HIP viewing mode
o Added HIP save mode
o Reduced flickering in flicker modes
o Files can be selected from the directory list
o Wildcards can now be used when loading files

Enjoy!
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Subj: Final Ol' Hacker's Newsletters
Date: 01-03-03 16:10:52 EST
From: mcurrent@carleton.edu (Michael Current)

From: Kevin Savetz <savetz@northcoast.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 12:16:17 -0800

The final two newsletters published by the now-defunct Ol' Hackers Atari User Group are available for download from the Ol' Hackers Newsletter Archive.

The final issues are July/August/Deptember 2000 and October/November/December 2000

http://www.atariarchives.org/oldhackers/
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Subj: Atari to PC joystick Interface
Date: 01-03-03 16:15:07 EST
From: mcurrent@carleton.edu (Michael Current)

From: "Emmanuel Fernandes" <manu@writeme.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2001 14:51:37 +0100

Hi Everybody!

 Since many people are asking, before christmas I made the promess that I'll release a two-button version of my Atari-to-PC joystick interface (http://users.swing.be/atari/joystick.html).

For people who don't know, this device let's you connect a classical Atari Joystick to your PC through the gameport. No extra software is needed, and it can be used with any Atari emulator (atari 2600 and atari 8bits emulators. It is always better to play old atari games with REAL atari sticks).

I've been working in a new version supporting 2-buttons joypads such as the Atari 7800 joypad. Well, this version needs a lot of work and it is not finished yet. BUT, I have an intermediate version with the following characteristics :
 - less electronics (and easier to build) ;
 - support also a 2-buttons device : the Sega Megadrive joypad.

For the version supporting the Atari 7800 joypad, you'll have to wait a little bit (I have not enough free time). But enjoy what has been done till now :
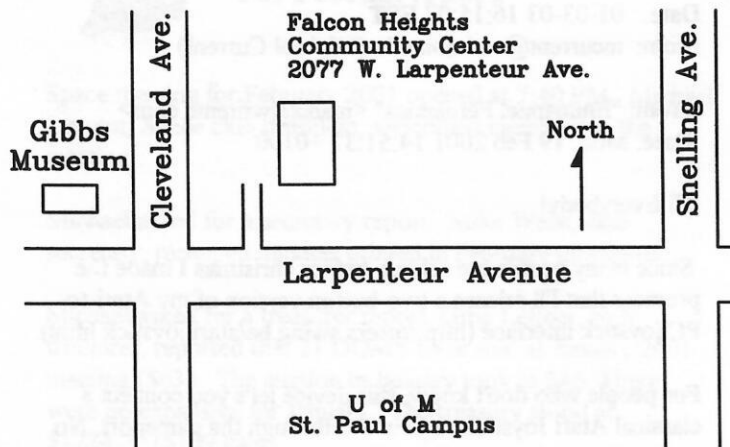
http://gauss.math.ucl.ac.be/~manu/a2pc

You'll find there GIF and TIFF versions of the schematics. The TIFF ones have the correct resolution/size to be printed out by any 300dpi laser printer on a A4/letter size sheet of paper.

Enjoy and have fun,   Emmanuel.

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Saint Paul Atari Computer Enthusiasts (SPACE) meets on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Falcon Heights Community Center at 2077 West Larpenteur Ave. Doors open at 7:00 PM.

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