

# SPACE

## NEWSLETTER June, 2002



### **President's Corner** **by Michael Current** **June, 2002**

Auction this month! And do we mean it! The Club Well, last month's auction was at least as big as advertised! We managed to get through it all, though, and a lot of us came into possession of a lot of great Atari 8-bit and ST hardware and software (plus Greg's laserdisc player!), at extremely reasonable prices, with all proceeds going to our club treasury as usual. A terrific success!

Okay, now I REALLY understand the SPACE web page counter issue. After I noticed the counters still weren't always resetting to zero when they were supposed to, I stared at the counter log file some more. Finally, I saw the pattern. If the page got hit between midnight and the 3:00am server restart, the counters reset to zero if they were supposed to. If the page didn't get hit until after the restart, counters did not reset. I reported this to the software vendor (Maxum), who decided, yes, that makes sense, and yes, that could be considered a bug. I currently have devised the following workaround. I've configured my office Mac to startup just after midnight, launch Netscape and load the SPACE home page, then a few minutes later, shut down again. This should insure that the SPACE home page gets hit at least once between 12 and 3 am each night, ensuring that the counters reset properly every day. This has been working so far. How about that?????

I've promised to take a stab at a Bylaws revision that would address the DOM and voting privilege issues for "non-local" club members. The following are suggestions for discussion, we are not voting on Bylaws changes yet this month.

Suggested new section:

#### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 7: All memberships shall be classified into one of two categories: Local Members or Remote Members. This determination shall be made by the Membership Chairman based upon the member's location of residence and resultant likelihood of attending club meetings.

Suggested modifications, only change "current membership" to "current Local Membership" in both cases:

#### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

Section 1: The Bylaws can be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the current Local Membership, provided the amendment proposal has been printed in at least one issue of the newsletter.

#### **ARTICLE XI: CLUB DISSOLUTION**

Section 1: The club may elect to disband itself by a majority vote of the current Local Membership, provided the proposal has been printed in at least one issue of the newsletter.

Hopefully, the effect that these changes would have is clear.

In terms of the DOM access for "non-local" members, I'm not really sure any change is necessary. Article VI Section 4 says: "DOMs shall be available for sale at each club meeting, and may be sold to members and non-members." This, I think, indicates that the DOM Librarian only has to be prepared to sell DOMs at the meetings, and not to send DOMs out to members elsewhere in the country (or world). If "non-local" members, or non-members, can arrange for someone (such as Lance) to buy a DOM at the meeting for them and send it to them, that seems to be fine by the current Bylaws, and I think this makes sense to me still as well. Glen could do it if he wants to, but he wouldn't be obligated to mail disks out as Membership Chairman.

What do you think? Hopefully we'll have a good discussion this month.

Finally, we're just one month away from our July meeting, which will be not just another SPACE birthday party -- SPACE will be celebrating TWENTY YEARS! We'll decide just how to mark the occasion this month.

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday  
June 14, 2002.



## **Treasurer's Report**

**by Greg Leitner**  
**For May, 2002**

Oh my! What a night. The May SPACE meeting was very successful and entertaining as eight members gathered on opening fishing and Mother's Day weekend to take part in a classic evening. All I can say is that if all our SPACE meetings were like the last couple we may have to bring our sleeping bags with us and camp out until Saturday morning. I am speechless in trying to figure out what has caused such a positive movement in our SPACE members.

Come see for yourself at the next meeting in June.

The auction was a complete success and with all the proceeds going to the Club here is how the SPACE treasury looks like at the end of May 2002:

Beginning balance as of May 1, 2002:	912.02
Receipts for the May meeting:	
Dom's	18.00
ST cd-rom	10.00
Auction	<u>158.00</u>
Total revenue for the May 2002 meeting	186.00
Expenses for May 2002:	
BBS phone	<u>10.00</u>
Total expenses for May 2002	10.00
Ending balance for May 31, 2002:	1088.02

There you have it. Once again the Club has broken the thousand dollar barrier and we did it with no membership renewals and only one cd-rom sold. Just think what the future holds if the cd-rom takes off and our members keep their dues current. Our rent is paid through March 2002 and we current on everything else.

With so many topics on the table we really need a good turnout for the June meeting. We will be discussing the next cd-rom project for the ST, possibly one for the 8-bit, our special anniversary birthday bash, and possible by-law changes that would affect all Club members. So don't miss the opportunity to support and express your opinions of your Club's activity because that is your right as a current Club member. Take time out of your busy schedule and support your Club. See you in June.

**Picture  
Needed**

**Secretary's Report**  
**By Brian Little**  
**For May, 2002**

Before I start into the report I need to do a short venting towards idiots who decide its "cute" to come up with crap such a viruses. Thanks to them I unknowingly got a virus in my e-mail box that slowly deletes stuff off the hard drive - and "best" of all I have no idea of how it got on my system. So after getting as much backed up before doing a system reinstall on my laptop, I realized that the notes from the May meeting turned AWOL on me... so the bad news is that my notes are going to be very much on the short side as I'm going by my memory of what happened at the meeting... so without any further delays....

Mike Current started the meeting then handed it over to me for the Secretary's report. I noted that we had about \$912.02 in our total funds then recapped the April meeting being mostly about the ST CD-ROM.

Greg then gave us his Treasury Report of our funds being at \$912.02.

Nolan gave us his BBS report which he mentioned about more users being on and someone even trying to hack into the BBS but not successfully.

Glen talked about the DOM and gave us the membership count.

We then had discussion of the by-laws in regards of local and out of area members along with the SPACE ST CD-ROM finally done - artwork and all.

Meeting adjoured at 8:30 PM...

See you at the May meeting - hopefully my laptop will be back at 100% by then (haha).

Brian-Angel C. Little

(PS - Yes I will have a picture for this column by next month)

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--From: "Dan Vernon" <dan@retrobits.nospam.net>

--Date: Sat, 25 May 2002 12:31:46 -0700

Hi all,

Just updated Atari810 to ver. 1.3. It now supports high-speed disk I/O (2 times standard SIO speed), like an XF551 or Happy drive.

Download it for free at: <http://retrobits.net>

-Dan

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--From: Video61@webtv.net (Lance Ringquist)

--Date: Tue, 21 May 2002 00:32:18 -0500 (CDT)

We have acquired the rights to distribute the St. Paul Atari Computer Enthusiast's (SPACE) massive ST library of pd/shareware/freeware now available on cd-rom. The library is so massive that this is the library one, library two we hope to release this summer/fall.

There are literally thousands of programs to long to list on this cd-rom. Run it on your real atari, or thru your emulator.

Please visit our website at, [www.atarisales.com](http://www.atarisales.com). Click on the ST/TT/FALCON page to view the front and back artwork of the cd-rom jewel case as well as pricing information.

Thanks,  
Lance

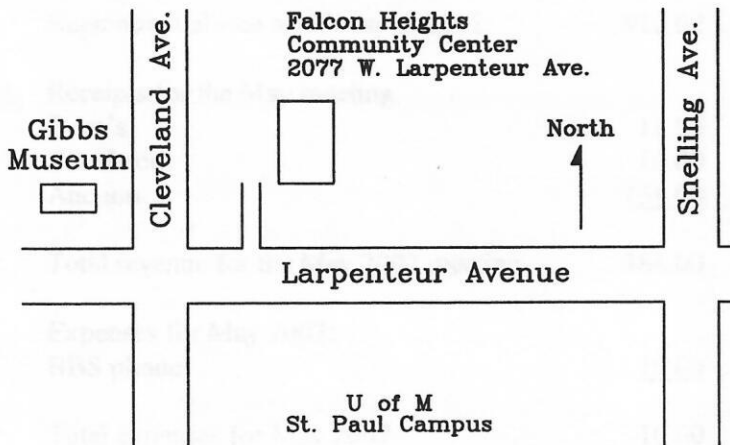
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