SPACE

NEWSLETTER for Dec, 2007

President's Corner
by Michael Current
December 2007

You won't want to miss this one. Will it be the best SPACE meeting of the year?

You won't want to miss the potluck holiday PARTY, including homemade beef stew!

You won't want to miss the AUCTION, including a HUGE amount of 8-bit and ST hardware and software!

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hang out with your fellow local Atari computer users.

Now for the Thanks Department:

Thanks for re-electing me President, even though I can't make many meetings. I'll continue to try to contribute as I can.

Thanks to Nolan, Steve, and Greg for agreeing to run for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer again. SPACE could not continue without your support!

Thanks to Glen, Nolan, and Mike for continuing on as Membership Chairman/DOM Librarian, Sysop/Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. SPACE could not continue without your support!

Yes, it's still the season of Thanksgiving!

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next BIG SPACE meeting/Holiday Potluck Party/Auction, Friday December 14, 2007.

Treasurer's Report
by Greg Leitner
For November 2007

Many thanks to 80% of our membership showing up for the November meeting. We had an awesome time with 8 members hashing over many things going on and coming up for SPACE. The elections were held and we will remain status quo for another year for 2008. I hope Michael is okay with remaining our president. Everyone else has agreed to another term.

We are all excited about our Xmas party in December. My wife will be making a homemade beef stew and I will be bringing the pop and all the table fixings. Tony will be bringing cookies from Kowalski's and if Brian remembers, he will be bringing the French Bread which goes great with the beef stew. Lance might bring his little hot dogs and possibly a little keg of 1919 root beer. Everyone else can bring whatever comes to mind. With the auction as an added event the Xmas party should be well attended.

Just a little sampling of the items for the auction:

800XL computer
Mega STE computer
1050 disk drive
44 Meg Syquest drive
many St and 8-bit games
a load of 8-bit magazines
various joysticks
paddle controllers
Seagate hard drive
ST laser printer
Atari books
and much much more

You don't want to miss the December SPACE Xmas party and auction!!!

Now for the treasury for the month ended November 30, 2007:

Beginning SPACE balance as of November 1, 2007:   871.51

Receipts for the November meeting:
  Memberships   30.00
  Doms   21.00

Total receipts for November   +51.00

Expenses for the November meeting:
Web-site for November   10.00
  Web-site yearly renewal fee   8.95

Total expenses for November   -18.95

Ending SPACE balance for November 30, 2007:   903.56

Well it really looks good on paper but just remember I haven't received the billing for the room rental at all this year. I left a message about the billing but no one has bothered to return my call. I guess I will have to keep trying until I can get ahold of a real person.

We are going into 2008 with a healthy bank balance and with auction supplies in abundance I don't see any financial problems for all of next year. Keep those memberships renewed and make Glen's time and effort on the doms appreciated by buying as many as you can next year. Thanks for all your support and we will be seeing you December 14 for a great 2007 SPACE Xmas party.

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**Secretary's Report
By Steven Peck
For November 2007**

No minutes were submitted in time for the Newsletter!

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**BBS Corner
By Nolan Friedland
For December 2007**

If anyone has any comments, suggestions, ideas, or submissions for the BBS Corner column or the SPACE BBS web site, you may email them to me, Nolan Friedland, at the address shown on the back of this newsletter under the "CLUB OFFICIALS" section.

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 10:30 AM
Subject: NETUS-Bee design up for download

NETUS-Bee design up for download ::
Nov 19, 2007 - 09:43 PM

Lyndon Amsdon reports that the design for the NETUS-Bee, his Network & USB adaptor, is now released to download. He explains that the reason for this is that he wants to spend time with designing new hardware, and by releasing the details for the old project he enables other interested hardware makers to make new batches of the NETUS-Bee.

http://hardware.atari.org/netusbee/netus.htm

While Lyndon didn't specify exactly which project he aims to explore further, it seems likely that he is spending more time evaluating his plans to recreate Atari Falcon compatible hardware by programming FPGA chips with VHDL.

http://hardware.atari.org/projectx/projectx.htm

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 10:29 AM
Subject: GFA-BASIC Compiler v3.6 r14 released

GFA-BASIC Compiler v3.6 r14 released ::
Nov 18, 2007 - 07:08 AM ::

GFA-BASIC Compiler release 14 notes:

Missing procedures and labels are now detected
 RESTORE missing_label   !fixed
  Program would still run,
  but the wrong DATA line was restored
 GOTO/RESUME missing_label   !fixed
 ON ERROR/ON BREAK GOSUB missing_proc   !fixed
 EVERY/AFTER x GOSUB missing_proc   !fixed
 ON MENU GOSUB missing_proc   !fixed
 ON MENU KEY/IBOX/OBOX/BUTTON/
 MESSAGE GOSUB missing_proc   !fixed
 ON x GOSUB missing_proc1,missing_proc2   !fixed

   These were all fatal! -> JSR 0.L or JMP 0.L
 Code removed which was suppose to skip spaces in
 '$F%' and '$X'
 Code always failed anyway, thus this never worked '$ F%'

 Added error code -3 (Procedure or label undefined)

http://gfa.atari-
users.net/ftp/download.php?fn=gfa_comp.zip&vn=3.6r14

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 10:17 AM
Subject: EMU>atari++ 1.53 available for download

--Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 16:48:32 -0800

Hi folks,

a new release of the C++ atari emulator is available for download at its usual location:

www.math.tu-berlin.de/~thor/atari++

This release fixes the ADC and SBC implementation in BCD mode if supplied with non-BCD input. Furthermore, support for network mounted data is better now, and I also addressed a keyboard issue that made some keys effectively unreachable. As always, you find sources and binaries on the page.

Have fun,
   Thomas

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2007 10:31 AM
Subject: Daynaport SCSI/Link Drivers Updated

News:: Daynaport SCSI/Link Drivers Updated ::
Nov 23, 2007 - 03:17 PM ::

Roger Burrows posted on the newsgroup..

I've uploaded new versions of the SCSI/Link drivers for STiNG and MintNet to the Anodyne Software web site; you can download them from this URL:

http://www.anodynesoftware.com/ethernet/main.htm

The previous versions are still there, just in case ...

The fixes are as follows:
STiNG: Fixed bug that caused problems when the MAC address of the SCSI/LINK changed, either due to replacing the device, or due to overriding the default MAC address.
MintNet: Fix problem with ARP when using Daynaport firmware v1.4a.

Any problems, please let me know,
Roger Burrows

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2007 11:18 AM
Subject: Atari to Refocus Business Plan on Publishing and Distribution in North America NEW YORK – Nov. 13, 2007 – Atari, Inc. (Nasdaq: ATAR), an interactive entertainment company, today announced the company will re-focus its operations on publishing and distribution in North America, completing its withdrawal from the production business. Atari also announced that it has licensed its Test Drive franchise to

Infogrames Entertainment, S.A. ("IESA") under an agreement which includes a $5 million advance royalty.

Restructuring Initiative Atari has determined to focus its resources on the publishing and distribution segments of the rapidly growing video game business. The Company's operations will involve title acquisition, sales and marketing, and physical distribution of products from IESA, its 51% shareholder, and other selected partners.

In line with that goal, Atari has agreed in principle with IESA to terminate its Production Services Agreement in the near future. As a result, Atari will no longer provide production and quality assurances services to IESA. Rather, Atari plans to transfer certain employees and contract other staff on a project basis for a limited period of time.

As part of the company restructuring, Atari, Inc. will reduce its current workforce in order to realign the Company's cost structure with its on-going business base.

Test Drive Licensing Agreement

Test Drive Unlimited, an award-winning product in 2006, together with the entire Test Drive franchise has been licensed to IESA under a 6-year agreement that provides for a $5 million advance royalty. Test Drive Unlimited, an award-winning product in 2006, together with the entire Test Drive franchise has been licensed to IESA under a 6-year agreement that provides for a $5 million advance royalty. The agreement allows IESA, whose Eden Studios originally developed Test Drive Unlimited for Atari, to develop and market at least two new releases of the franchise during the life of the license. It is anticipated that the deal, signed on Nov. 8, 2007, will assure the continued vitality of the franchise and will strengthen the relationship between Atari and its parent company while providing an important element in the on-going financial restructuring of Atari.

Curtis G. Solsvig III, Atari's Chief Restructuring Officer, commented "Atari continues to take important steps to streamline operations and establish a winning business plan. We expect that the actions we are undertaking today will position us for the future as a preferred business and distribution partner."

As previously announced, Atari recently signed a deal with BlueBay High Yield Investments (Luxembourg) S.A.R.L ("BlueBay") for financial support in the form of a $10 million credit facility as part of its overall financial restructuring. Blue Bay owns in excess of 20% of IESA's stock.

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2007 11:06 AM
Subject: MyIDE Tool V0.30 released

--Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 14:25:16 +0100

MyIDE Tool V0.30 is now available from my homepage
http://www.horus.com/~hias/atari/

MyIDE Tool is a program for Linux/Windows PCs that provides direct access to MyIDE harddrives. Just hook up your IDE harddrive or your CompactFlash card (either with a CF-IDE adapter or with a cardreader) to your PC and quickly transfer ATR files from/to your MyIDE drive!

This version also supports Shawn Jefferson's MyIDE Image Manager (version 4.1 is required, previous versions are not compatible with MyIDE Tool) so you can specify category names, sort image manager lists etc. on your PC.

so long,
Hias

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2007 11:15 AM
Subject: Memo Pad Release 6

--Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 20:27:29 -0800

Hello All,

Memo Pad Release 6 is ready for downloading.

- Fixed a crash that appeared when opening a non-Atari
  BASIC file as an Atari BASIC file.
- Fixed the file dialog; it was not remembering the previous
  path used. I broke this while implementing the Open As
  feature for Release 5.
- Added support for opening Turbo-BASIC files.
- Added error messages to report why a BASIC file failed to
  open.
- Added support for mouse wheel scrolling.
- Added an option to Binary View Preferences to allow
  changing the number of data bytes displayed on each line.

http://joyfulcoder.com/memopad/

Thanks,
Eric

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2007 11:10 AM
Subject: Retro Review Magazine for free !!!

--Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 14:23:09 -0000

Hi folks,

After several years sleeping around, the Retro Review crew (Read Jorge Canelhas and Ian Gledhill) decided to make the past issues of Retro Review public, so feel free to download them at http://www.retroreview.com in the archives section

the Retro Review Crew

Ian Gledhill
Jorge Canelhas

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 8:46 PM
Subject: Sio2OSX Version 2.0 Released
Sio2OSX Version 2.0 Released

Nov. 8, 2007, 8:26 PM

All,
Yesterday I released a new version of the Sio2OSX program for the Mac. You can get it at http://www.atarimac.com.

The new features are:
  a.. Added 850 Emulation to allow Internet Modem capability and the ability to connect serial devices.
  b.. Added the ability to swap disks between any two drives by holding the option key while dragging a disk from one drive to another.
Mark

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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.

Gibbs Museum

Cleveland Ave.

Falcon Heights
Community Center
2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

North

Snelling Ave.

Larpenteur Avenue

U of M
St. Paul Campus

S.P.A.C.E.

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Inver Grove Heights   MN   55076-3037

You can find the Club's home page at:

http://Space.atari.org

Articles for Publication must be received by the Newsletter Editor two weeks prior to the Club's next Scheduled meeting.
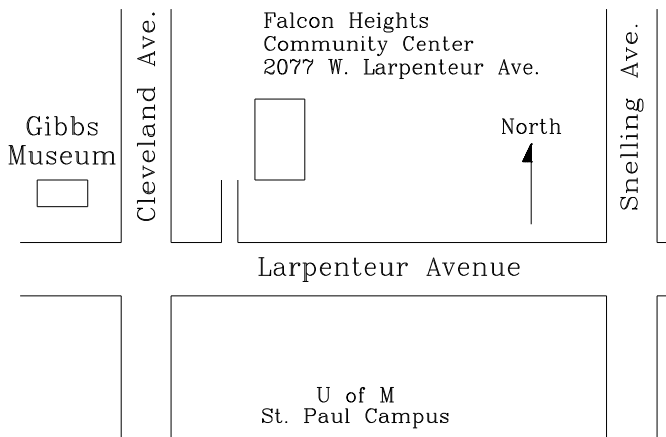
SPACE BBS

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http://spacebbs.atari.org/

Supporting:

ATARI 8-Bit Computers

ATARI ST Computers

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