

SPACE

NEWSLETTER for August 2009



President's Corner by Michael Current August 2009

Thanks one and all for a great meeting, potluck, and auction last month. See Greg's article for the full run-down. SPACE just keeps on ticking!

I won't be able to make the meeting this month, but next time I do I'll be sure to bring along my new toy: an SDrive NUXX. This is the version of the SDrive, developed by Robert Petružela (Bob!k) & Radek Šterba (Raster) of the Atari group C.P.U. that has been adapted by Steve Vigneau, who resides in the vicinity of Detroit Michigan. Project website: http://nuxx.net/wiki/SDrive_NUXX

So what the heck is it? The SDrive NUXX is a "disk drive" that attaches to the end of your Atari SIO daisy chain. Only, instead of using 5.25" floppy disks, it uses a modern SD card. Mine came with a 2 GB SD card, plenty big for working with Atari files!

The Atari boots from a special boot drive image with the SDrive software on it. Then on the Atari, you browse and select what executable files or Atari disk images on the SD card you want to use this session. Then reboot the Atari, this time directly to the drive image(s) selected or directly launching the executable file selected. It's incredibly slick! I paid quite a bit for a pre-built SDrive NUXX, but I'm extremely happy with the purchase. I can't wait to bring it to SPACE so you can see it in action!

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday August 14, 2009.



Treasurer's Report by Greg Leitner For July 2009

Nine members were present and along with spouses we had a total of twelve who devoured most of the food in sight. I think everyone was very full and content by the time the auction kicked in around 8:45. The Club had a lot of stuff to auction this time and with Michael bringing in more goodies it ended

up being one of the largest numbers to auction off in quite some time. I wish it could have brought in more money for the Club, but it's getting to the point where all our members have just about anything our auctions have to offer. So I guess I shouldn't complain since we did make some money and I still have enough items to have another auction in the future. I am thinking we should have one at the Xmas party but I will leave it up to the members to decide if they want one earlier.

Here is how the Treasury looks after ending the month of July 2009:

Beginning balance as of July 1, 2009:	714.25
Receipts for the July SPACE meeting:	
Membership renewals	30.00
Doms	12.00
Auction Sales	<u>29.00</u>
Total receipts for the meeting:	71.00
Expenses for the July SPACE meeting:	
Web-site	<u>10.00</u>
Ending balance as of July 31, 2009:	775.25

Seeing that we picked up \$61.00 for our Treasury for the month I guess that wasn't too shabby. Since we have paid our second biggest expense for the year (Newsletter for twelve months) and the room rental fee for the year won't come until December or later we have a great opportunity to reach the thousand dollar mark by year's end. That means this Club is staying financially strong through one of the toughest economies in many years. If this Club can survive 2009 there is no end in sight for SPACE.

We have accomplished this feat with nine to ten members all year. Thank you for your continuing support. It is a great testimonial that shows what a small group of dedicated individuals can do. See you all next month.

**Secretary's Report
By Steven Peck
For July 2009**

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 8:55 PM
Subject: New release from MJJ Prod

New release from MJJ Prod July 12th, 2009

MJJ Prod surprised us today with a nice release from the VIP party in France.

The demo is called 'Another Kid Story' and is made for STe. It follows the story of Animatrix - A Kid Story. Code by Tobe and Herrv, graphics by C-Rem and music by Tomchi.

» Download 'Another Kid Story' by MJJ Prod
http://files.dhs.nu/files_demo/kidstory.zip

Well we survived another month, didn't we folks?

I really enjoyed the SPACE Birthday Party 2009, didn't you? Just about everyone that was paid up made it to the Party (I believe eight showed up for it). Good food everyone, by the way. Thanks for the contribution to those who did.

It was another good auction. Lots of good Atari ST and 8-bit stuff as usual. I think that overall it was a very good time. I enjoyed it, and I am sure everyone else enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun and I am glad to be a part of it all. I think that we are making our presence known on the Internet with the YouTube channel and the Facebook page for SPACE. With the treasury doing so good at the moment, I am hoping that we can stay strong for another 2 1/2 decades.

After all, I would like to see the SPACE 50th Birthday. But, that still a ways out. Anyway, just being hopeful. Excelsior, fellow Atarians!



**BBS Corner
By Nolan Friedland
For August 2009**

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.

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 9:01 PM
Subject: New Jaguar game released

New Jaguar game released July 30th, 2009

GT Turbo (C.V.S.D., Jagware) writes:

A new Jaguar game !!

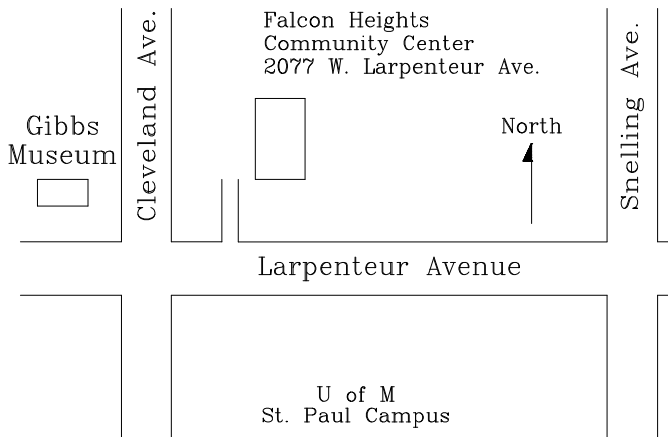
Matmook new C.V.S.D. coder has done is first prod, this one is a Jaguar game, featuring graphics by Bear (Videl Vision).

» Visit the game website
<http://dothesame.jagware.org/>

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