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NEWSLETTER for May 2010

President's Corner
by Michael Current
May 2010

Some exciting events in the world of Atari of late!

Surely you heard by now of the big eBay auction of a boxed Air Raid cartridge for the 2600. The owner learned that it was rare and valuable from this March 20 CNN article http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/03/20/mf.rich.off.video.games/ . That article mentioned that Air Raid (Atari 2600) might be worth $1,000 to $3,000. When he realized he had one, complete with box, he decided to auction it off on eBay. The attention and excitement was amazing. In the end, the auction concluded on April 10, for $31,600.00. See it here: http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=110514343174 . CNN's followup article on the sale: http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/wayoflife/04/13/game.sells.for.thousands/

Also, you may have heard (or are about to read elsewhere in this issue of the SPACE Newsletter!) that Atari co-founder Nolan Bushnell has joined the board of directors of today's Atari, SA. Many people surmise this is more of a desperate publicity stunt on the part of Atari rather than a sign of exciting new directions for Atari. But does it matter? Isn't it just cool that Bushnell is on the board of director's of (a company called) Atari for the first time since 1979? Wouldn't it be cool if bold new initiatives did come out of the new partnership?

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday May 14, 2010.

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Treasurer's Report
by Greg Leitner
For April 2010

A beautiful Friday evening for our SPACE April 2010 meeting and eight members were present. I had to come straight from my work place as I couldn't make it home and

back in time to open up. It worked out good for me as I was able to get the room set up and also go through some of the things in our storage room for our next auction. There were still some ST software, books and a few 8-bit items left over from previous auctions.

Our next auction is scheduled for our birthday party in July and I will have very little hardware at least at this point in time. I hope we can garner a few more pieces of hardware or else our auction will consist of mostly software and magazines. The good news is that I have them for both 8-bit and 16-bit ST systems.

Here is how our Treasury looks as of April 30, 2010:

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2010:	710.30
Receipts for the April meeting: Doms	42.00
Expenses for the April meeting: Web-site	10.00
Ending balance as of April 30, 2010:	742.30

To compare with last year's balance at the end of April 2009 we are about $35.00 short. I think this is pretty good since we had an auction by this time last year and we haven't had one yet in 2010. We have picked up another member which brings our membership count up to twelve. Our President, Michael Current, says that we haven't had this many members since sometime back in 2007.

We are going great guns this year and it is good to see members being able to take advantage of testing there questionable hardware and software on a working system which we have set up each and every month. A lot of problems get resolved this way and it is a bonus for being a member of SPACE.

Come to our meeting in May and see that there are a lot of things in the pipeline for our Atari users. Lance always has the insight and will keep us informed of the progression of these new ideas and platforms. Thanks to Steve Peck also for keeping us up to date. Hope to see you all next month.

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Secretary's Report
By Steven Peck
For April 2010

No minutes were submitted in time for this newsletter.

Excelsior!

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BBS Corner
By Nolan Friedland
For May 2010

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: Monday, April 19, 2010 7:40 PM
Subject: Nolan Bushnell and Tom Virden join Atari

ATARI REINFORCES ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WITH THE ADDITION OF ATARI FOUNDER
NOLAN BUSHNELL
AND TOM VIRDEN

Lyon, France - April 19, 2010 - Atari S.A. announces the arrival of two new members to its Board of directors: industry veteran and Atari founder Nolan Bushnell and online entrepreneur Tom Virden step in to further reinforce the strategic insight of the Group and contribute actively to company's planning.

The addition of Mr. Bushnell and Mr. Virden comes at a time when Atari has increased its focus on its iconic brand and world-renowned game franchises while further expanding its business online.

Commenting on this announcement, Frank Dangeard, Chairman of the Board, said: "We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Bushnell and Mr. Virden as new members of the Board of Directors of Atari. We are convinced that their deep industry, technology and online business knowledge will be a substantial addition to the strategic insight of our Board".

Nolan Bushnell is an icon of the video gaming industry. He is the co-founder of the original Atari Inc., which he led to global acclaim with the launch of Pong and of the Atari 2600, a second-generation console which helped to revolutionize home video gaming. Mr. Bushnell has started over 20 companies since then and has been inducted into the Video Game Hall of Fame and the Consumer Electronics Association Hall of Fame. He will be a representative of the BlueBay High Yield Investment (Luxembourg) SARL.

"I am very excited to be reacquainted with Atari at a time when it is poised to make interesting strides in key growth areas of the games industry," said Nolan Bushnell. "The company and its iconic brands have always been important to me, and I look forward to further guiding them at the board level."

Atari's Board of Directors also co-opted Tom Virden, a seasoned executive in the online leisure, technology and travel businesses who will bring Atari his strong knowledge of online business and e-commerce. Lately, M. Virden founded Boatbookings.com, the largest yachts charter-only website. M. Virden previously held a number of senior positions at technology companies, including International Director at lastminute.com, Head of European Websites at Netscape Communications and Vice President, Marketing at Digidesign. Tom Virden will also join the Audit Committee of Atari.

Tom Virden said "I look forward to providing strategic insight and guidance to the executive team as it further expands its business online and builds value around its world-renowned brand and properties."

David Gardner and Phil Harrison have resigned from the Board of Directors.

About Atari SA
Atari group is a global creator, producer and publisher of interactive entertainment for interactive game platforms that include PC, online, consoles from Microsoft, Nintendo and Sony and advanced smart phones (i.e. iPhone). Divisions of Atari, S.A. include Cryptic Studios, Eden Studios, Atari Interactive, Inc. and Atari, Inc.

Atari benefits from its global brand and an extensive catalogue of popular games based on classic owned game franchises (Asteroids, Centipede, Missile Command, Lunar Lander), original owned franchises (Test Drive, Backyard Sports, Deer Hunter), MMO games from Cryptic Studios (Star Trek Online, Champions Online) and third party franchises (Ghostbusters, Project Runway, Dungeons and Dragons).

For more information please visit
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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 9:55 PM
Subject: Atari Headquarters 2010

Atari Headquarters 2010   April 27th, 2010
YERZMYEY/H-PRG^AY_R writes:
Results and stuff from Atari Headquarters 2010 party.

  » Download Atari music contributions
http://files.dhs.nu/files_msx/Atari_Headquarters_2010.zip
  » Watch some photos
http://picasaweb.google.pl/zilqpl/AtariHeadquarters?feat=dire
ctlink#

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 9:56 PM
Subject: SNDH Archive v3.1 released

SNDH Archive v3.1 released   April 30th, 2010
Grazey of PHF writes:
103 new or fixed SNDH files (156 tunes).

It's Outline again!

So once again a couple of months before the party my
D-Bug activities take a back seat and music ripping
comes to the fore!

Again it's a real mixed bag with all the tunes from the
recent 20 year old STE demo and the show stopping
tunes from last years Checkpoint demo.

We still like to throw a spanner in the works so I've
started ripping ancient tunes from Automation menus 1-
30, I'm sure you'll look forward to these!

There's also a rare Mad Max tune featuring one of his
early digi-drum tunes. Speaking of Mad Max expect
some very rare unreleased stuff soon as well!

Thanks must go to those musicians who keep us up to
date with their work, so big thanks to Cerror, 505 and
Ultrasyd!

  » Download the SNDH v3.1 package or update at the
SNDH site http://sndh.atari.org/

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 9:54 PM
Subject: No Fragments #10 released

No Fragments #10 released   April 27th, 2010
Lotek Style of .tSCc. writes:
Welcome to archive ten from the NO FRAGMENTS
series. This archive covers DISK MAGAZINES for ST
and FALCON. You can find over 700 issues of various
atari diskmags on this CD-ROM. The release was
already planned some years ago but I was not able to
find some issues of various diskmags. Instead of letting
the project die I am releasing the current status of the
archive.

I regret that this isn't a 100% complete archive but as I
mentioned in previous issues my time and motivation are
running out. Also the low response these days doesn't
make me feel that many people who are still out there
acknowledge what I am doing or really need these
archives anymore.
Maybe I am wrong but this is my impression.

If there is some stuff missing or damaged, then please
inform me or send me acurate versions and I will collect
it for an update. If I ever will make one. I doubt the
relevance of CD-ROM archives is really still there in the
year 2010.
The future lies in online web collections like Atarimania.
If you still feel the passion you should stay atari but if
not it is time to move on.

  » Browse No Fragments #10 at Atari.Org http://no-
fragments.atari.org/browser/index.php?dir=no_fragment
s_10%2F
  » Download No Fragments #10 ISO
ftp://ftp.untergrund.net/users/ae/No_Fragments/nf_archi
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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 9:57 PM
Subject: No Fragments #11 released

No Fragments #11 released   May 1st, 2010
Lotek Style of .tSCc. writes:
Dear atarians.

Welcome to archive eleven from the NO FRAGMENTS
series. You will find here almost all releases of the last
few years atari related demoparties. I also added some
updates from previous years. I had to leave out
animations from the outline parties due to space
problems. Also I had to juggle a bit with a few other
files and left out several party photos which you will see
soon online.

Not much more to say for now as I want to finish this thing off for Outline. If there is some stuff missing or damaged, then please inform me or send me acurate versions and I will collect it for an update.

  » Browse No Fragments #11 at Atari.Org http://no-fragments.atari.org/browser/index.php?dir=no_fragments_11%2F
  » Download No Fragments #11 ISO ftp://ftp.untergrund.net/users/ae/No_Fragments/nf_archive_11.iso

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 9:53 PM
Subject: Outline 2010 invite released

Outline 2010 invite released!   March 30th, 2010
Defjam of Checkpoint writes:

Hello folks !

Here's the Atari - invitation intro for Outline 2010. Tested on ST,STE & Falcon 030.

Have fun !

  » Download the invitro by Checkpoint http://files.dhs.nu/files_demo/ol2010in.zip
  » Visit the Checkpoint webpage http://checkpoint.atari.org/

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 9:15 PM
To: kirschg@netzero.net; Schmidt, Mike; michael@mcurrent.name
Subject: "Isora" and "Loops DX"

Nosty from GR8 Software announced his new cartridge with "Isora" and "Loops DX" games on it:

http://www.atarionline.pl/v01/index.phtml?ct=katalog&sub=I&tg=Isora#Isora

It is very limited batch, only 60 cartridges will be produced, no more. Both games are also available free, it is always manner in GR8 Software. The cartridge costs 11 euro (15 USD, 39 zlotys) plus shipment. You can find all details, how to order cartridge, on GR8 Software website:

http://gr8.atari.pl/joomla/index.php?lang=en

Some pictures:

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Isora_LoopDX_03.jpg

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Isora_LoopDX_02.jpg

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Isora_LoopDX_01.jpg

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Loops_Isora_2.jpg

and screenshots from games:

Loops DX:

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Loops_DX_(p1).png

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Loops_DX_(p2).png

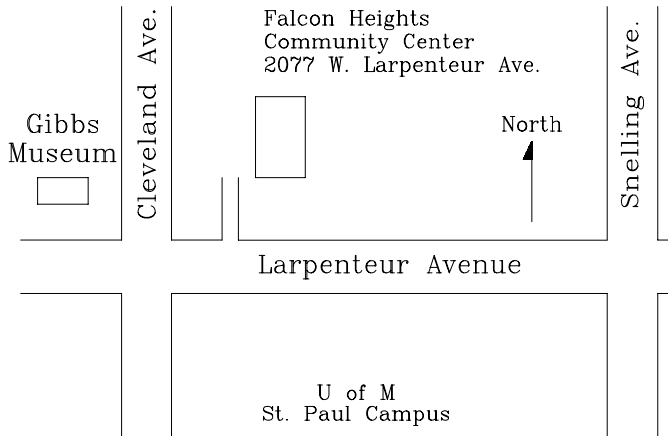http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Loops_DX_(p1).png

Isora:

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Isora_(p2).png

http://www.atarionline.pl/cn/data/upimages/Isora_(p4).png

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            Larpenteur Avenue


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