

SPACE

NEWSLETTER for February 2011



President's Corner by Michael Current February 2011

We got a late start as everyone made their way to the SPACE Christmas party, potluck, and auction last month, thanks to the snowy winter wonderland outside. Nevertheless, everyone arrived safely and, I trust, a good time was had by all. The food was good, the auction successfully moved a bunch of Atari hardware and software (to the financial benefit of the club), and the Atari talk was great as always. This is what belonging to an Atari computer club is all about, is it not? Pat yourself on the back for your part in making it all worthwhile!

Now, time to check out those recent Disks Of the Month that Glen has concocted for us..

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday February 11, 2011.



Treasurer's Report by Greg Leitner For January 2011

I don't believe it!! I'll give you a rundown of the luck we had since our family vacation in Disney World, Orlando, Fl. First off on Saturday, December 4th we had seven inches of new snow on the ground when we got up in the morning. Since we knew it was going to be tough getting to the airport we cancelled our plans to have friends drive us to the airport. Instead we made the plans the night before to have an airport shuttle pick up seven of us and the other five would get there with a family van. We all made it on time and it was a great relief so now we could just sit back and let Delta do the rest. Wrong! Because it was still snowing rather hard we had to wait in line to get our plane de-iced. That took an hour so we were already behind our schedule, Thanks to our decision to get a direct flight we didn't have to stop to catch a connecting flight into Orlando. We finally arrived almost two hours late due to the head wind and turbulence from the storm we had just left in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Now because we had reservations for Disney's Magical Express to pick us up at the airport we had to wait longer than usual because other vacationers were making their scheduled times and we being

late were causing a long back-up. I highly recommend using the Magical Express anyway because they pick you up for free and take you right to check-in at your hotel plus they deliver all your luggage right to your room. You don't even see your luggage after you check it in until you get to your room.

All right! Now we are cooking. We made it on time for all our dinner reservations during the week. We had already paid for the meal plan for the week so pretty much all our food was taken care of and we had to do was show our room card to get fed. They provide more food than anyone can possibly eat and we all ate more than our share. The weather was very un-Orlando like for most of the week. I wore shorts for only two of the eight days we were there and most days we needed light jackets or sweatshirts. The daytime temps were in the 40's and low 50's and the nighttime temps were in the low 30's. They had freeze warnings in some parts of Florida and you will all feel the results later this year when you go to buy fruit.

So now we are ready to check out and everything went great. We had the hotel check us in for our return flight and once again Magical Express picked up our bags at the hotel for check in and we didn't expect to see our luggage again until we landed in Minneapolis/St.Paul. Wrong again! We are waiting for our boarding and we get a call from home saying they didn't think our flight was going to be able to land in Mpls because you were getting a mammoth snowstorm. We sat at the airport for six hours and they kept telling us that our flight was being delayed. First it was one hour and they started boarding and then they announced another two hours delay. Now everyone was getting really nervous because most travellers had small children and waiting this long was causing a huge problem keeping the kids calm. Finally they announced our flight was cancelled because of the weather in Mpls. and we all had to book another flight. Problem again as they had no other flights that day (Saturday) and all flights on Sunday were being cancelled as well. So now we had to book the next available flight which was Monday afternoon and it cost me an extra \$1,000.00 to put our families in three hotel rooms for two nights at a Holiday Inn Express. The worst part was we now had to pick up our luggage from the cancelled flight and check it all in again on Monday.

There is a lot more to this story but let me end by saying we did get home Monday evening and couldn't believe how much snow was on the ground. I parked my car in my daughter's driveway and when I went to pick it up I couldn't even see it. There was this huge lump of snow and somewhere in that lump I knew my car would turn up. Sure enough after digging it out I finally got home about 11:00 P.M. I made it to work on Tuesday a day late and they weren't very happy with me as the work had really piled up.

So now it was time for the SPACE Xmas party a month late but I know everyone was waiting for the tacos. Wrong again! It just happened to start snowing again about two hours before the end of work and I thought oh no not again. How could I make it home pick up Jackie, the food, auction stuff and still make it to the party by 6:30. Well I couldn't. It took me almost two hours to get home but we made it to the party by 6:45 and Glen was the only one there. I thought no one would show up on such a horrible evening but I was dead wrong. Eight members braved the weather and treacherous driving to get those tacos. And just when I was resigned to call off the auction Michael walked in and I knew we had to still carry on with the auction. I wasn't as prepared for it as I would have liked but we made it through all right. Members still walked away that evening with some really great deals.

The food was excellent and I believe everyone had a good time. So now on to the actual reason why I right this article:

Beginning balance as of January 1, 2011:	883.15
Receipts for the January meeting:	
Memberships	15.00
Doms	33.00
Auction sales	<u>47.00</u>
Total receipts	+ 95.00
Expenses for the January meeting:	
Room rental for 2010	300.00
Web-site for two months	<u>20.00</u>
Total expenses	-320.00
Ending balance as of January 31, 2011:	658.15

As you can see having to pay the room rental for the year always drops us quite a bit, but if you look at last year at this time we were \$667.30. I think we are doing remarkably well and we should have the same results after 2011. Our membership is staying around ten paid up and we have a couplke more members we need to have caught up so with a possible twelve members and Glen's great doms we should have a wonderful year. I hope we can garner some more Atari stuff so we can carry on with our SPACE auctions. I have a little more left at home mostly disks and magazines but sadly no more hardware.

Anyway things look good for us if we can only get out of this snowy pattern. Now I hear temps will drop well below zero after another bought of snow this coming week. I guess after the January's I don't think the weather is going to stop any member from attending a SPACE meeting. See you all next month.

**Secretary's Report
By Steven Peck
For Jan 2011**

No minutes were submitted for the January 2011 meeting



**BBS Corner
By Nolan Friedland
For February 2011**

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, January 28, 2011 8:53 PM
Subject: New taQuart release

New taQuart release
January 2nd, 2011

Heaven of taQuart has released a new intro for the Atari XL/XE. Featuring a cover of the famous Thalion intro music as well as an original soundtrack by 505 and some neat twister effects.

» Download 'Intro 2011' by Heaven / taQuart
http://files.dhs.nu/files_demo/intro2011.zip

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 8:51 PM
Subject: French new years intro

French new years intro
January 1st, 2011

Baah of Positivity and Dma-Sc of Sector One has teamed up to make a little ST intro for the new year, celebrating 20 years of assembly coding.

» Download '2011' by Positivity and Sector One
http://files.dhs.nu/files_demo/2011.zip

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 8:52 PM
Subject: Final Sillyventure demo released

Final Sillyventure demo released
January 1st, 2011

The last of the Sillyventure demos is finally out.

Laresistance has gone insane and converted the excellent Amiga 1200 demo "Control" by Oxygene to the Atari XL. Code by Pr0be, music by Miker and graphics by Ooz.

» Download at the Sillyventure 2010 download page
<http://dhs.nu/files.php?t=partydl&party=Sillyventure2010>

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 8:50 PM
Subject: Paradize releases Kolmik - Deluxe Edition

Paradize releases Kolmik - Deluxe Edition
December 24th, 2010

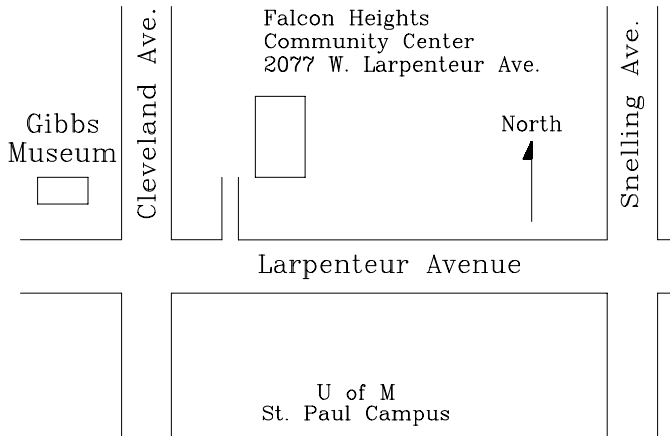
Cooper of Paradize writes:
All the Paradize team wish you an happy X-mas 2010
and an early happy new year.

» Download Kolmik for ST/STe/TT/Falcon
http://files.dhs.nu/files_game/kolmik.zip

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