

SPACE

NEWSLETTER for August 2011



President's Corner by Michael Current August 2011

On July 8 I set out after lunch for a trip all the way up to Otsego MN, to retrieve a 1040ST system that was to be donated to SPACE. We met in the parking lot of the Ashley Furniture -- success! And a really nice guy. But, such traffic getting out there! I had no idea 94 heading NW out of the Cities would be that busy on a Friday afternoon. Would I make it back down to Falcon Heights in time? I knew the route, and I even stopped along the way to pick up some food for the pot-luck. And, miraculously, I managed to time the trip perfectly!

The SPACE birthday party was once again a success, thanks to everyone for coming and for contributing to the pot luck! We all missed Lance and Brian, and hope to see them back again soon.

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday August 12, 2011.



Treasurer's Report by Greg Leitner For July 2011

The July SPACE birthday party didn't turn out quite as expected. We really missed Brian, Lance and his wife, Beverly. I heard that Lance hadn't been feeling well lately and that he may have contacted lymes disease. I hope his case isn't serious and he gets healthy real soon. The monthly meetings are never the same without him as his Atari knowledge and contributions to our discussions is greatly appreciated. Get well soon, Lance.

As we all know way too well Lance and Brian can put away a lot of tacos so it is no surprise to everyone that we had a lot of leftovers. It worked out though as I had all our grandchildren over for tacos on Saturday. Thanks to Michael and Glen for their food contributions, and all in all the party worked out okay.

Glen had two disks and all four sides of the monthly dom filled with games from Europe. All but one game had problems running even though they seemed to load okay as there was a problem with the 50hz vs 60hz Pal compatibility. This is what formed a very interesting table discussion as we all chowed down. Glen is continuing to pursue other resources to get new material for our SPACE doms. ATR files seems to be the answer but that is way over my head so I will defer to Glen at the meetings for any inquiries you may have.

We had a profitable month in July as our month looked like this:

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| Beginning balance for July 1, 2011: | 615.15 |
| Receipts for the July SPACE meeting: | |
| Membership renewal | 15.00 |
| Dom sales | <u>21.00</u> |
| Total receipts | 36.00 |
| Expenses for the July SPACE meeting: | |
| Web-site | <u>-10.00</u> |
| Ending balance for July 31, 2011 | 641.15 |

As you can see we gained \$26.00 for our Treasury, but we still lag behind last year at this time by \$64.00. Not too bad considering we only had one auction this year and that was way back in January. I still don't have much to show for another auction, but thanks to our President, Michael, we now have a very nice 1040ST and mono monitor that is working great. I tested it out Saturday after the meeting and it worked flawlessly. I even hooked up one of my color monitors to it and had the grandchildren playing games on it. The internal drive loaded every single game I tried. The only problem was a loose number three key and with a very small amount of super glue in the right area and voila! problem solved.

Well that's it for this month. I hope to see you all next month, and Lance I am keeping my fingers crossed that your case is a mild one; take care.



Secretary's Report By Brian Little For July 2011

No minutes from the July meeting were submitted in time for this Newsletter.

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Based in Seattle, Discovery Bay Games makes award-winning and innovative games, apps, and tablet and iOS game accessories that suit all ages and interests. The company's mission is to bring friends and families together to play, laugh, and interact. Discovery Bay is led by experienced game developers and professionals from a bevy of game companies including Cranium, Hasbro, Microsoft/Xbox, and Screenlife. Discovery Bay partners with internationally recognized brands and licensors such as Atari, Broadway Video/Saturday Night Live, GALLOP!, Highlights For Children, and The Smithsonian Institution.

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
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Subject: Sommarhack 2011 stuff

Sommarhack 2011 stuff July 3rd, 2011

Sommarhack is nearing the end, and we're busy uploading stuff from the compos. Once again we've been lucky with the weather gods and got away with no rain.

In the compos we had no less than 21 entries, most which are already available on our download page, including results. We're awaiting final versions of the two remaining demos.

Thanks to everyone who visited Sommarhack and those who sent in contributions! We had a great time will hopefully make this again next year.

Update:
Tomchis "No Monkey" demo in final version now available.

Update 2:
New versions of XiA's releases uploaded.

Update 3:
The final prod is now on the download page: Maximum VBL STE-demo by Hylst.
» Get the files at the Sommarhack 2011 download page
<http://dhs.nu/files.php?t=partydl&party=Sommarhack%202011>

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
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Subject: Discovery Bay Games Announces Atari Partnership

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Discovery Bay Games to Develop Joystick to Control Atari's Greatest Hits App for iPad

SEATTLE, Aug. 3, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Discovery Bay Games is pleased to announce it has partnered with Atari, a global creator, producer and publisher of interactive entertainment, to develop, manufacture and distribute a gaming accessory to work with Atari's Greatest Hits App for iPad.

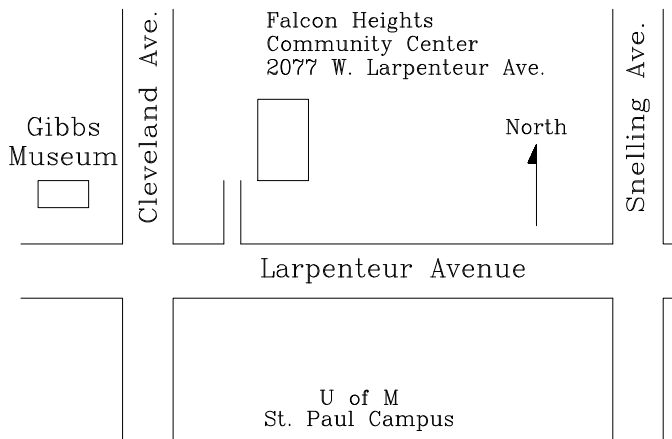
"With over three million downloads to date, the 'Atari's Greatest Hits' App is already popular among gamers worldwide. We're eager to build on this success," said Craig Olson, CEO, Discovery Bay Games. "We believe our partnership with Atari will enable consumers worldwide to build upon an already amazing retro-gaming experience."

"There's significant opportunity to add more value and take 'Atari's Greatest Hits' App to an entirely new level with an analog controller, and we've turned to Discovery Bay Games to do exactly that," said Lee Jacobson, SVP of Licensing, Atari Inc. "The controller will deliver a true mobile arcade experience, complimenting classic titles including Centipede® or Asteroids®."

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