

SPACE

NEWSLETTER for November 2011



President's Corner by Michael Current November 2011

Hello once again, SPACE fans, it's November, and you know what that means, right? Time for the SPACE Annual Meeting.

This month, we will hold elections (or re-elections) for the club officer positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. We will also hopefully find volunteer commitments for continuing in the positions of Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor, DOM Librarian, BBS Operator, and Webmaster. We all know there are very few of us available to contribute to the workings of our club, so every person able to step up is critical for our continued existence. Please do what you can, and thank you in advance!

We will also be discussing holiday party plans this month as well, I'm sure. Be there to make your voice heard!

Meanwhile, in modern Atari land, Atari has just come out with Centipede: Infestation for Wii and 3DS, and the Atari Arcade controller has just come out for use with the Atari's Greatest Hits app on your iPad. Are these new-old Atari items on your holiday gift wish list?

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your SPACE Annual Meeting, Friday November 11, 2011.



Treasurer's Report by Greg Leitner For November 2011

We had a larger member turnout for the October SPACE meeting. Four members attended the meeting but unfortunately no officers were present. As Treasurer I held the meeting and now with elections coming up next month in November we will need a better attendance of all our members to make it official. I would imagine that all of our current officers will agree to keep their positions for another year, but we still need to vote.

I am going to try and make contact with Lance to see how he is doing. A couple of months ago I heard he was improving, but since he hasn't made it to any meetings since his illness in June I am not sure he is well enough to attend. I will see what I can find out. Lance is a very important member for the Club as he gives us all the Atari updates each month and we all really miss him and his input to our meetings.

Here is the breakdown for the month ended October 31, 2011:

Beginning balance as of October 1, 2011	664.15
Receipts for the October meeting:	
Membership renewals	30.00
Doms	<u>6.00</u>
Total receipts for the month	36.00
No expenses paid out for the October meeting	
Ending balance as of October 31, 2011	700.15

Were heading in the right direction but we still owe Nolan for two months for the web-site. We are down almost two hundred dollars from the same time last year mostly because we haven't had any auctions this year and I still don't have enough stuff to hold an auction any time soon. That is too bad since I have a great running 1040ST that Michael Current brought in a couple of months ago for a future auction. I am even interested in the 1040 because I have tested it and it works flawlessly. Oh well! Maybe some things will turn up soon and we can at least have an auction after the first of the year.

Thanks to Glen and Al our 1050 disk drive may be fixed, but we will know next month when we start it cold as it seems to run good after a warmup period. Anyway, please come to the November meeting so we can hold our elections. See you then.



Secretary's Report By Brian Little For October 2011

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

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 4:04 PM
Subject: Centipede: Infestation Now Available

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Begin the Infestation With the Re-Imagined Arcade Classic on Wii and Nintendo 3DS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Atari, one of the world's most recognized publishers and producers of interactive entertainment, announced today the release of the re-imagined legendary video game franchise Centipede: Infestation for Wii and Nintendo 3DS now available at all retail outlets.

Media have rallied around Centipede: Infestation's post-apocalyptic action experience:

"It's a fun romp through a good story with some fun gameplay...[Centipede: Infestation] has something that makes it legitimately a fantastic party game." – Nintendo Everything

"On both platforms the game keeps true to the original with its fast pace shooting style." – Pure Nintendo

"...Reimagining of the old-school, post-nuclear shooter converts it to a run-'n'-gun directional shooter." – Nintendo Power

"It's a simple yet addictive gameplay concept, and the controls are very quick and responsive, so there's not much there to impede you in your goal of shooting evil bug enemies that are trying to kill you." - NintendoGal

Centipede: Infestation features run-n-gun shooting style gameplay with tower defense-style objects, paying homage to the original Centipede while bringing the brand into the 21st century. Players assume the role of an orphaned teenager hero named Max as he trudges through the wasteland, fighting off giant bugs. Along Max's travels, he encounters a young teen named Maisy who possesses a collection of seeds that hold the secret to bringing plant life back to the wasteland. Max and Maisy join forces to grow these gardens and protect the last natural resources on earth.

Centipede: Infestation carries a suggested retail price of \$29.99. For more information on Centipede: Infestation, please log onto <http://www.atari.com/centipedeinfestation>.

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 3:58 PM
Subject: The Atari® Arcade Brings Direct Control to Atari's Greatest Hits App

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SEATTLE, Oct. 3, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- The Atari Arcade powered by Duo from Discovery Bay Games joins the growing line of "app-based accessories" designed specifically for the iPad and iPad 2. Boasting a retro design, complete with an analog joystick and four control buttons, the Atari Arcade brings a mobile, arcade-like experience to the "Atari's Greatest Hits" app, which has

amassed over three million downloads to date on the App Store(SM).

To begin using the Atari Arcade, consumers should first download the "Atari's Greatest Hits" app from the App Store. With the app installed, simply connect the iPad into the Atari Arcade's dock and then take control playing up to 100 Atari classics including Asteroids®, Centipede® and Missile Command®. Unlike wireless connections, this hard-wired dock provides accurate and speedy response to actions taken with the joystick or control buttons while also powering the Atari Arcade without the need for batteries.

"The Atari Arcade brings an entirely new dimension to our already successful 'Atari's Greatest Hits' app," said Lee Jacobson, SVP of Licensing, Atari Inc. "The Atari Arcade controller delivers a true mobile arcade experience."

"We've worked closely with Atari to ensure this controller is optimized to the fullest extent for each game offered in their app," said Craig Olson, CEO, Discovery Bay Games. "We've designed the Atari Arcade so that it delivers a cool-factor for today's digital gamer that's both nostalgic and sleek."

The Atari Arcade will be available for \$59.99 at Target (October 2, 2011); Apple Stores, Apple.com, and Toys R Us (November 1, 2011).

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 4:46 PM
Subject: [ST] gwEm/PHF releases 'impossible' 128 byte music demo

gwEm/PHF releases 'impossible' 128 byte music demo (ST)
October 22nd, 2011

gwEm of The Psycho Hacking Force writes:

Some stuff to beat the last Checkpoint prod. Several hours worth of music in 128 bytes executable, featuring the following:

- * Algorithmically generated melody
- * New-skool lead instrument with detuned SID effect!
- * Heavy 187bpm jungle rhythm with raw sounding kick and snare
- * SNDH port (non-emulated player suggested)
- * Source code included

gwEm

» Download '128 byte Choonage' by gwEm of the PHF
http://files.dhs.nu/files_demo/128choon.zip

From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 4:47 PM
Subject: gwEm updates STj

gwEm updates STj
October 30th, 2011

gwEm of the Psycho Hacking Force writes:

A new version of my Atari SNDH DJing program - after five years we are up to v1.30 :) Main new features:

- * Added support for NTSC TOS versions
- * Modified selection of Lazy/Loop/Cue mode
- * Removed some graphics to reduce memory usage and disk space

» Download STj v1.30
http://files.dhs.nu/files_msx/stj_130.zip

As amended by the membership, September 13, 2002

BYLAWS FOR THE SAINT PAUL ATARI COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

NAME AND OBJECT

- a.. The name of the Club shall be the Saint Paul Atari Computer Enthusiasts, or SPACE.
- b.. The object of the Club shall be to bring those with a common interest in Atari computers together for the purpose of sharing hardware, software and information related to Atari.

MEMBERSHIP

- a.. The number of members of SPACE shall not be limited.
- b.. Any person or family interested in Atari computers shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the annual dues for the first year.
- c.. The annual dues shall be \$15.00, payable on the anniversary month of the member's joining date.
- d.. Unused portions of dues are not refundable.
- e.. Any member found to be in violation of the rules or spirit of the club may be expelled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- f.. The Membership Chairman shall be responsible for collecting membership dues and managing the current membership list.

MEETINGS

- a.. SPACE meetings shall be held at 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month, at the Falcon Heights Community Center, unless otherwise directed by the Executive Board.
- b.. Club business cannot be conducted without at least one Officer and one other member present.
- c.. All club meetings shall be open meetings.
- d.. Minutes of each club meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary and published in the club newsletter.
- e.. The Annual Meeting shall be held each November. At the Annual Meeting, Officers shall be elected and volunteers for other ongoing club duties shall be secured.
- f.. The President shall preside over club meetings. In the President's absence, the Vice-President shall preside. In their

absence, the Secretary shall preside. If the first three are all absent, the Treasurer shall preside.

TREASURY

- a.. An accounting for all incomes and charges to the SPACE balance sheet shall be published in the newsletter each month.
- b.. Prior approval by the Executive Board is required if the club is to incur any expense.
- c.. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the duties of managing the club's monetary assets.

NEWSLETTER

- a.. The club shall publish the SPACE Newsletter on a monthly basis.
- b.. All currently paid club members shall receive a copy of the Newsletter by mail each month.
- c.. Newsletters shall also be sent free of charge each month to other Atari clubs which are able to return the favor.
- d.. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the duties of collecting articles from the membership, publishing, and distributing the Newsletter.

DISK OF THE MONTH

- a.. A new SPACE Disk Of the Month (DOM), readable by a standard Atari 1050 disk drive, shall be produced on a monthly basis. This is for the purpose of raising funds for the club.
- b.. DOMs shall include shareware, freeware, or public domain software or other files for the Atari. DOMs shall not include pirated commercial software.
- c.. The price of the DOM shall be \$3.00.
- d.. DOMs shall be available for sale at each club meeting, and may be sold to members and non-members.
- e.. Other clubs may trade DOMs with SPACE on a one-for-one basis.
- f.. The DOM Librarian shall be responsible for the production and sales of the DOM.

BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM

- a.. A Bulletin Board System (BBS) supporting Atari computers shall be made available by the club. The BBS provides an online forum for Atari discussions, and an optional communications medium for club matters.
- b.. The BBS System Operator shall be responsible for maintaining a friendly and welcoming environment on the BBS. Illegal software or offensive language shall not be tolerated.

WEB SITE

- a.. The club shall maintain a home page on the World Wide Web. The site shall be primarily designed to attract new club members, and provide online access to club information.
- b.. The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the web site, and keeping the information presented there current.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

- a.. The Officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall be referred to collectively as the Executive Board.
- b.. The Executive Board shall collectively supervise the affairs of the club, shall be responsible for proper and orderly club operations, shall be responsible for upholding the rules of the bylaws, and shall at all times make decisions with the best interests of the membership in mind.
- c.. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those present, or by acclamation if only one person is running. The term shall be for one year, or until a successor is elected. The

term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the officer is elected.

d.. The Executive Board shall actively seek volunteers to fill the following positions: Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor, DOM Librarian, BBS Operator, and Webmaster. These volunteers shall be subject to the approval of the club membership.

e.. The Executive Board shall also seek volunteers for other ongoing administrative duties, such as meeting location arrangements and post office box maintenance.

f.. Officers shall be subject to a Recall Vote if a majority of the membership so decries. The Recall Vote shall not take place until it has been announced in the newsletter.

g.. The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the club unless they are in conflict with the bylaws, in which case the bylaws shall take precedence.

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

a.. A Quorum shall be defined as either a minimum of 50% of the entire membership, or 10, whichever is smaller.

b.. Provided that a quorum is present, and provided that the amendment proposal has been communicated to the entire membership in writing in advance, the Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

c.. Voting shall be by consenting AYE or NAY if a two-thirds vote can be confirmed, or by a show of hands for a precise tally.

d.. Proxy voting is not permitted for Bylaws amendment votes.

CLUB DISSOLUTION

a.. The club may elect to disband itself by a majority vote of the current membership, provided the proposal has been printed in at least one issue of the newsletter.

b.. In such an event, the Executive Board members shall be responsible for the proper and orderly closing of accounts, arrangements, and all normally ongoing club activities.

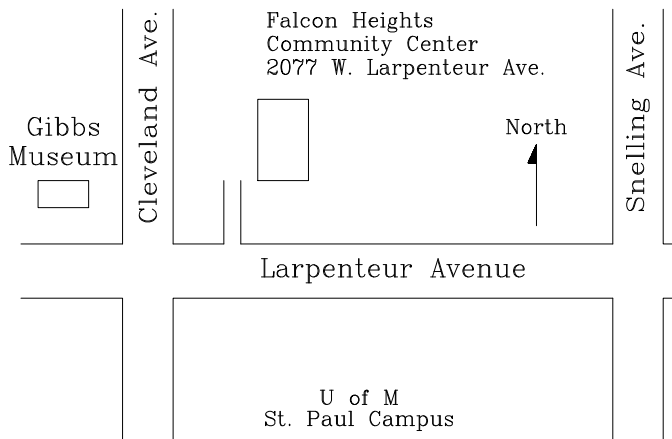
c.. Any remaining material assets of the club shall be distributed evenly among the membership, as best as this is possible. Historical club materials shall be preserved if possible.

d.. When all outstanding charges are paid, the Treasurer shall distribute any remaining club funds evenly among the final group of club members.

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