

SPACE

NEWSLETTER for April 2012



President's Corner by Michael Current April 2012

Welcome to spring! Well, I guess spring sprung pretty early this year, but welcome nonetheless!

Sounds like we might have a great collection of Atari stuff donated to the club this month, don't miss your chance to see what turns up!

No news articles from me for the Newsletter at all this month, that's unusual. But I've still been busy. I started looking into more details of the various controllers for the VCS and 8-bit computers. For example, the CX60 Super Controller, have you heard of that one? Or, completely new to me, the CX10 joystick, which was the joystick that shipped with the VCS at the very beginning in 1977. It looked almost the same as the CX40 on the outside, but inside was quite different, including large springs under all the switches. Have you ever seen one?

I've also been (again) looking into the various versions of the CX22 and CX80 trackball controllers, and also how they both work compared to the Atari STM1 Mouse. I swear no one has gotten this right yet, and I don't have a complete picture yet either. But along the way for solid information I've found the preliminary and final versions of the CX22 Field Service Manual, and the CX80 Field Service Manual. Plus, I actually bought myself a brand-new CX80. So I can finally play Missile Command the way it was intended, with a trackball in trackball mode! I've tried it with the Mouse before, that worked great too.

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday April 13, 2012.



Treasurer's Report by Greg Leitner For March 2012

Another great meeting in March as six members were present. This will be short because as you all know it is tournament season and I can't get enough. I raced home after the March meeting to watch the High School Hockey semi-finals in 2A, and with a DVR this year I was able to watch both games in their entirety. This time of year is heaven for me if only I could set up four TV's and watch all the hockey and basketball games televised around the same time. I can watch one game and DVR another but inevitably I see the score of the game I taped and that screws it up for me. The NCAA tournament starts the week of March 12th and I will be glued to the set most of this month. My only problem is that Jackie's birthday is March 22 and I have to figure out how to celebrate her birthday and still catch all the games.

One of our current members who is not renewing his membership came to the March meeting, and because he is moving out of state is giving up his Atari 8-bit and 16-bit collection of hardware and software. He would like to sell what he can, but he may also donate some things to SPACE. Try to be here next month as he will try to bring in his Atari collection for SPACE members to have first crack to purchase before he decides what to do with the rest of his items.

Now for the financial affairs of the Club for the month ended March 31, 2012:

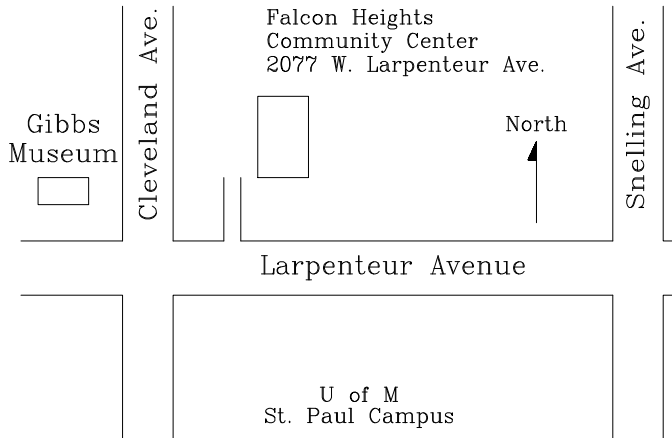
Beginning balance	802.20
Receipts for March:	
DOMS	- 12.00
Expenses for March:	
Room Rental for 2011	- <u>300.00</u>
Ending balance	514.20

As you can see we finally got the bill for the 2011 room rent and that brought our bank balance down to a point

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