

# SPACE

## NEWSLETTER for October 2012



### President's Corner by Michael Current October 2012

Remember, next month is the SPACE annual meeting! Please consider running for the club positions of president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, or volunteering for one of the other volunteer positions. SPACE is what we all make of it!

Another "new" name to drop with you today, one that turned up in my Atari history investigations the other day. John Vurich. Mr. Vurich joined Atari (Consumer) in the summer or fall of 1977 with the title of new product manager. He was previously with National Semiconductor. What makes him particularly interesting to me was that he appears to have been hired for the particular purpose of managing the development of a home computer and related product line. That time in 1977 is exactly when we already knew development of what became the 400/800 started. The inventor-engineers of the 400/800 are well known, but the name of the product-planning manager in charge of the project had not turned up in my readings before now. Mr. Vurich left Atari in January 1979, the same month the 400/800 were introduced to the public. By spring of that same year, with startup funds from Nolan Bushnell who had also left Atari at about the same time, Mr. Vurich started Axlon, and became somewhat more well-known for that venture.

SPACE Newsletter digitizing project update: Going back in time, month by month, I remained stalled at February 1987 as of this writing. Maybe I'll get back to it again soon. Visit [space.atari.org](http://space.atari.org) to bring back old memories!

Thanks, keep using that Atari, and come to your next SPACE meeting, Friday October 12, 2012.

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### Treasurer's Report by Greg Leitner For September 2012

Another beautiful evening in September for our meeting but we only had five members present. Not much going on in the Atari world and it ended up to be a very short meeting.

I am making this short this month as Jackie and I are preparing for our trip to Anaheim, CA to see our old friend, Mickey and his pals. This time it is going to be just the two of us, and because of that we are going to spend a lot of our time in the parks seeing side shows and things we usually pass up. You wouldn't believe all the entertainment they have besides all the great attractions, and with five days to see the two Disney parks we should be able to do it all.

Glen sold six Doms at the September meeting, but he is getting more and more programs that are Pal only. I tried this last Dom on my 130XE and had similar Pal problems that Glen got on the 800 XL at the Club. I guess the Europeans are forgetting the U.S. market and catering to mostly their machines.

With the \$12.00 we received from the Dom sales and with Nolan not making it to the meeting, the only change in our bank account is the deposit of the \$12.00. Added to our last balance of \$507.05 we now have \$519.05 in our account. If Nolan makes the next meeting we will owe him \$30.00 for three months, August, September and October.

There are the majority of our members who are coming up for renewal of their memberships (me included) and will give us a little boost for year end when the room rental will come due.

Well that is it for this month. Off to see Mickey. Hope to see more of you next month.

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**Secretary's Report  
By Steve Peck  
For September 2012**

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"Well, happy to return from my absence from last month. Sorry about that, guys. This month's meeting started at 7:35 PM and lasted until 8:05 PM. We had five members show up for the meeting and I believe there were ten paid up with their membership dues. I know I am due in October, so I will definitely pay up then. I encourage the SPACE members that have not paid their memberships up to date to please do. It is a benefit to the club and also yourselves. So, please feel free to update your memberships.

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"Also, please visit the SPACE website. I strongly encourage folks to do that. It is not only informative, but you can download PDFs of older newsletters and maybe current ones as well (I know I am guilty of not visiting there, but I do visit there and will continue to do it more often from now on). I also encourage more people to come to the meeting and to buy DOMs from Glen. We need new faces (and some familiar ones), plus if you buy a DOM, it helps keep SPACE going. The same goes for if you need new blank floppies. I think Glen sells those, too.

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"Anyway, this Secretary is done with the Report. I will see you at the next meeting.

"EXCELSIOR!"

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From: Michael Current [michael@mcurrent.name]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:29 AM  
Subject: New Torment ST release

New Torment ST release           September 10th, 2012  
Spiny writes (ripped from Facebook):

I made a little intro for Sundown 2012:  
placed 4th out of 6 :) should run on any 1meg machine,  
might even run on 512, I haven't checked :D tune by  
Rhino, Gfx by me (spiny) Code also by me with help  
from many many people :) hope you like it, it's not  
much, but was fun to make.

» Download 'Sundown 2012'  
[http://files.dhs.nu/files\\_demo/sd\\_2012.zip](http://files.dhs.nu/files_demo/sd_2012.zip)

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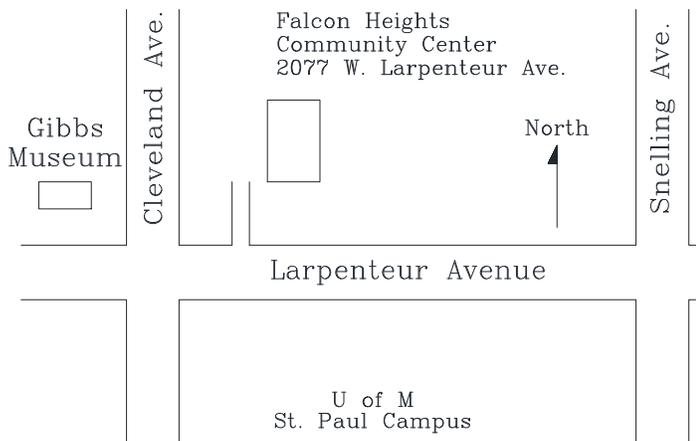
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<http://Space.atari.org>

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Articles for Publication must be received by the Newsletter Editor two weeks prior to the Club's next Scheduled meeting.

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