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Newz from the Prez
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Hello once again fellow club members! New and exciting things are on the way for us now that fall has started. November will see the eagerly awaited SPACE ELECTIONS and December will be our annual Christmas bash, so you will want to be sure to plan on making both of those meetings. As for this month, we will be having nominations for officers and there will be a very special deal for club members which you will see listed in the pages of this newsletter. I have been planning many things for future meetings in order to enhance the club further. One thing that I have planned are the production of "informative pamphlets" designed to help out the ATARI user with information regarding printers, modems, business software, etc. Richard Mier and myself are already producing the printer pamphlet and hopefully we will be able to get that ready for the January meeting. We have had many questions in the past regarding printers and modems so I thought that was a good place to start. That is really about all I have this month. The meeting is October 12th, so please make a special point to be there for the nominations. Also, October 12th happens to be my Birthday, so I will have a special something for all who attend!

Happy Computing!
Nathn Block

MINUTES OF THE SPACE MEETING September 14, 1990

by Pat Krenn, Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Block at 7:40 P.M.
2. The "Antic" magazine has ceased publication; rumor has it that the

"STart" magazine is now going to carry some of the 8-bit information. Issues of the "Atari Interface" magazine from Unicorn Publications (3487 Braeburn Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, phone (313)973-8825) were available to look at the meeting. This publication consists of articles from various Atari user groups around the U.S. It was pointed out that SPACE had considered joining this publication in the past.

3. A good Atari 8-bit mail order dealer is American Techna-Vision (15338 Inverness St., San Leandro, CA 94579, phone 1-800-551-9995), which distributes a catalog freely. Also, Lance Rinkist, from Video 61 (21483 Viking Blvd NE, Linwood, MN, phone 462-2500), is in the back at the Club meetings. He's the only known Minnesota Atari 8-bit dealer.

4. Nathan Block reported that there are many Atari people in Europe and many more outlets selling Atari merchandise.

5. A question was asked on response from the Witchita Atari Club. Nathan sent information to them two weeks before this meeting but has not heard back from them. A follow-up appears necessary.

6. A HAMFEST is occurring Saturday, October 27th. The club in the past has had a booth at this event. It's to be the largest Minnesota Indoor Hamfest and will be held at the Hennepin Technical College, 9000 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN. President Nathan Block was looking for volunteers to help run a booth at this event. Please let one of the officers know if you are interested in volunteering your time to handle the SPACE table at this hamfest.

7. The BBS has been up and down since the electric power at SysOp Ken Modeen's house has been going off for 1/2 minute or less. This causes the system to hick-up and it must be rebooted by hand.

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8. It was noted that additional Atari Clubs exist in Duluth and Fargo-Morehead areas. If you are ever visiting these areas, you should check if the local Atari Club is meeting and attend the meeting.

9. Joe Danko reported that he has hooked his Atari to his IBM PC system using BOBTERRM on the Atari and QMODEM on the IBM, using a null modem cable between the two systems. Atari and IBM disk formats are similar and he has backed up his entire Atari library to the hard disk on his IBM system.

10. Joe Danko reported that he is re-categorizing all the programs in the SPACE library; future disks will be grouped by similar functionality and will be available at the meeting.

11. The meeting concluded with demonstrations from the DOMs available at the meeting.

End of the minutes for the September 14th, 1990 SPACE meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Krenn,
Secretary

Monitors!!!!!!!

The club was offered AMDEK and HITACHI monitors that became surplus equipment in Columbia Heights School District. A notice was posted on our BBS and the response from members for these monitors was tremendous! As of this writing (Sunday Sep 30th) there were still 17 (seventeen) monitos available for \$35 each.

I'm using one of the monitor while putting this newsletter together and the color and sharpness is just great. So, for those members who don't use the BBS, you might have missed out on this deal. The remaining monitors will be available at the OCT 12th meeting to current paid up members only!

T-SHIRTS!!!!!!

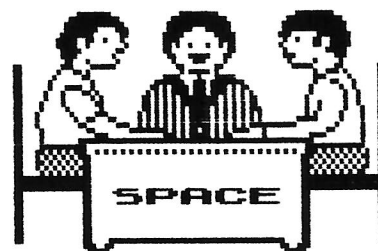
I've only recieved one order for T-Shirts so far, not counting my own for two. We need more orders to enable us to have the T-Shirts silk screened. So if you want one, there will be order forms at the meeting and one included in this newsletter.

HAMFEST!!!!!!

I still need some bodys to volunteer to help me man the table at the HAMFEST. You wouldn't need to be there the whole 8 hours. A couple of hours would be fine. Also if you want me to bring any Hardware or Software to sell there, let me know at the next meeting so we can make arrangements to get the stuff to me by Oct 26th. If you submit anything for sale, I'll want a complete list of the equipment you give to me.

MODEMS!!!!!!

I'm going to attempt to get a modem hooked up again. I'm going to try and get an adapter for the multiline so a single line phone can be used. I saw one in a mail order catalog, but not enough time to order one, will have to try and locate one locally.



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SPACE SOFTWARE LIBRARY NEWS
October 1990 SPACE Disk of the Month

The library will be offering software for sale as usual, at the meeting or via the US mail. All disks are \$3 each. If you can't make the meeting call Joe Danko at 777-9500 after 6 PM or mail your request to:

Joe Danko
2766 Chisholm Av. N.
N. St. Paul, MN 55109
Mailed software will cost an additional \$1 for each multiple of 3 disks or so.

BLANK DISKS will be for sale at 30 cents (\$0.30) each.

DISK OF THE MONTH

SIDE 1

* SPACE	DOM 000	YATZ	BAS 102
* OCT90SIDE1	000	BLACKJAKBAS	130
* XXXXXXXXXXXX	000	DESMOND COM	086
* DOS	SYS 037	BUGATTAKCOM	101
* DUP	SYS 042	ASTROWARCOM	076
AUTORUN	SYS 001	DIRLABELBAS	035
MENU	026	HELP	DOC 016

YATZ.BAS

ATARI BASIC simulation of the popular dice game for one or multiple players.

BLACKJACK.BAS

ATARI BASIC simulation of the casino game of chance, blackjack or 21, that supports one or multiple players.

DESMOND.COM

Machine language levels and ladders type of game where the player has to collect bags of gold and deposit them in a chest on the top level while dodging spiders and falling bowling balls dropped from helicopters.

BUGATTAK.COM

Machine language millipede type game.

DIRLABEL.BAS

By popular demand I am releasing a version of the program I wrote to print disk labels for the SPACE library disks. It is designed to print

a 59 character title line and eight lines of four columns of files names. It can print the directories of both sides and can be set to ignore certain kinds of file names. Hardware required is a printer that will print condensed subscripts on single-width 7/16 inch by 3 1/2 inch labels.

SIDE 2

* SPACE	DOM 000	TPDOC	TOC 062
* OCT90SIDE2	000	TPDOCE	14 125
* TEXTPROX455	000	TPDOCE	15 065
* DOS	SYS 037	README	ME 009
* DUP	SYS 042	TEXTPRO	MAX 005
TPX455	COM 144	TPHELP	044
LIBRARY	008	TPHELP	00 005
MAILLIST	003	TPHELP	01 006
CALENDARMAX	007	TPHELP	02 006
CLOSE	MAX 003	TPHELP	03 005
ENV	MAX 008	TPHELP	04 006
FIXMAC	MAX 005	TPHELP	05 005
LETR	MAX 009	TPHELP	06 006
LIBR	MAX 006	TPHELP	07 006
MAIN	MAX 005	TPHELP	08 006
MEMO	MAX 004	TPHELP	09 006
QUOTE	MAX 004	TPHELP	10 006
XCLEAR	MAX 002	TPHELP	11 005
XLOAD	MAX 002	TPHELP	12 006
XSAVE	MAX 002	TPHELP	MAC 003

TEXTPRO version 4.55X

Yet another release of the fantastic shareware word/text processor by Ronnie Riche. This is actually a beta test version preliminary to the release of the last and final version 5.0 sometime in early 1991. Riche has decided he can't stand to look at the code anymore after that. He will also be releasing the source code at that time so that the user community can continue development, a rare and unique occurrence.

This version adds powerful features to the macro capabilities. One can now have libraries of macro commands with individual functions selected from the command line. There are also many fixes for minor bugs from the earlier version 4.54. For 130XE/800XL expanded memory systems there is enhanced support for back switching. Version 4.55 now supports two independent styles of macro commands, XXXXXXXX.MAC and XXXXXXXX.MAX

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and display fonts can now be changed on the fly from the command line. There are more other changes so get the disk and give it a try. I have included the HELP system from the earlier version 4.54. I may not get it all converted over in time for release but it will be there just the same. For complete documentation, version 4.54 is required which can be found on side 2 of the SPACE DOM for March, 1990.

OTHER SPACE LIBRARY RELEASES THIS MONTH

CC65 'C' PROGRAMMING SYSTEM

As this is going to press I have not finished constructing the release disks for CC65. I have all the files and I am still assembling them in the proper order. I am sorely tempted to release them in two ways, a two-disk ready-to-use version and a one-disk ARCDed file version. That way the user would save money and it would be easier for the library inventory. ANYWAY...CC65 is supposed to be the most complete and compile the fastest 'C' code of all ATARI usable 'C' systems. I have not used it but there are benchmark programs on the SPACE DOM for September, 1990 that show execution speeds about double prior systems.

SPACE LIBRARY DISKS

I would like some input concerning the manner of release for SPACE disks.

1. It would be simpler and cheaper for everyone if certain software was released in ARCDed form, especially complex applications that have a large number of files and require multiple disk sides.

2. De-ARcing is 100% reliable these days if Bob Puff's latest version of SUPERUNARC is used. This would be made available for \$1 to all members who would require it. This system can be configured to UNARC with a single disk drive using disk swaps and it is

compatible with every DOS

3. I am now prepared to start release of Disk Of the Month files on disks collected into program categories. The traditional DOMs will still be released as sufficient new material is collected. After about six months the new DOM material will be added to the new base of specialized disks.

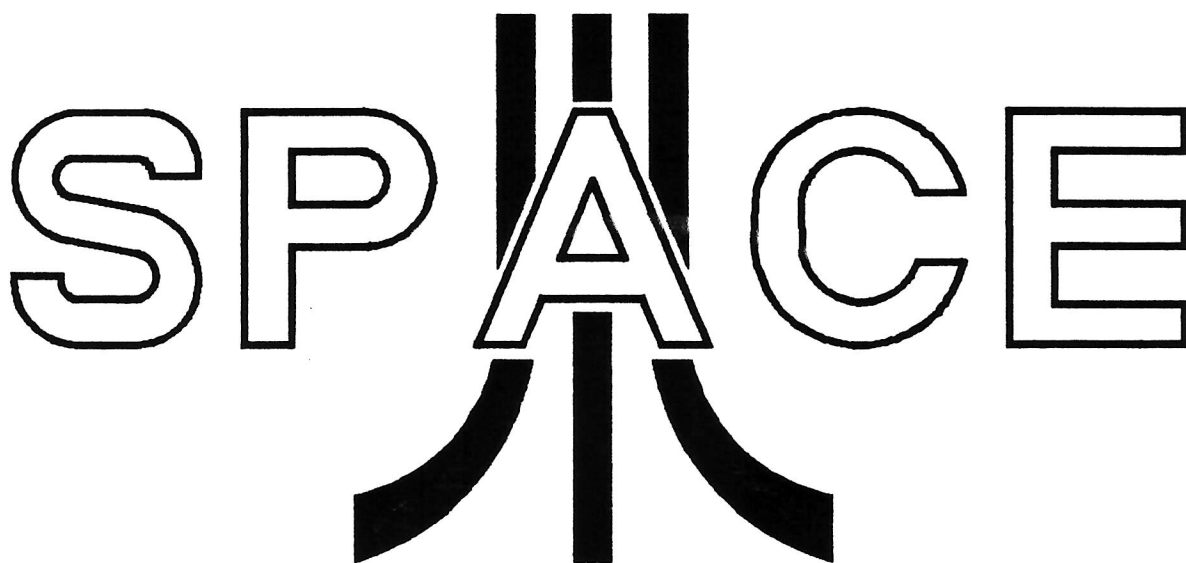
4. If it is desirable, this new class of disks will be configured as Double-Sided, Single Density with no DOS but with a HELP.DOC file.

5. The cost of this new class of disk would be \$5 each. For users requiring a DOS and MENU a UTILITY disk would be sold for \$1. This would be the same disk mentioned above for DeARcing.

6. This new system will make cataloging and distribution much easier for the SPACE Librarian.

Speaking of which, I have been doing the disks for nearly three years and my life is changing somewhat. The time has come for me to pass the library on to someone else. I will continue until 1991 by which time I should have the new library disks assembled. Due to space problems in my home and new activities the SPACE LIBRARY must be out of my house no later than December 20th or so. This has been a very hard decision but one I can not delay.

The job can be broken up somewhat. One person can handle the ANTIC/ANALOG copying and distribution and one or two can handle the SPACE LIBRARY. I will continue to assist in the collection of new material and the purchase of blank disks if necessary. I will be available indefinately for advice and counsel. I will certainly be coming to all the meetings and will be glad to assist with sales or anything else at the meetings. I may even be available for an elective position again. (jeez, what an ego). See you at the meeting. BUY DOMS!



SAINT PAUL ATARI COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS

- * Orders for T-Shirts must be recieved no later than 12 OCT 1990.
- * Do not send cash thru the mail, use check or money order to make payment for your selections.
- * Make your check or money order payable to SPACE.
- * Send payment and the completed order for to:

SPACE
C/O M. SCHMIDT
11349 Palm St. NW
Coon Rapids, Mn 55433

- * you may pick up your order at the NOV SPACE meeting.

SPACE MEETING SPACE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

I am ordering _____ white shirts with blue lettering at \$6.75 each.
I am ordering 2000 blue shirts with white letering at \$7.20 each.
I have enclosed a total of \$ _____

I acknowledge that if the total number of orders from all members fails to reach a minimum of 12 orders for each style, then i will be refunded my purchase price for that style and no order will be made.

I plan to attend the SPACE meeting in (month) _____ to pick up my T-Shirt(s).

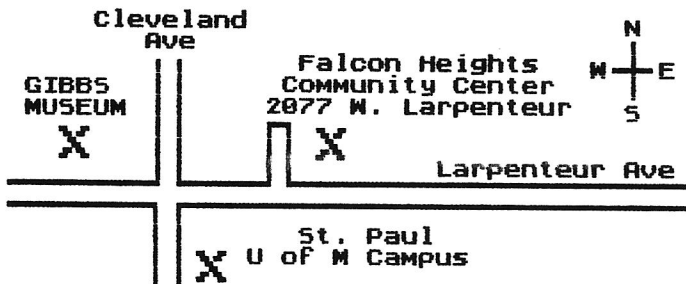
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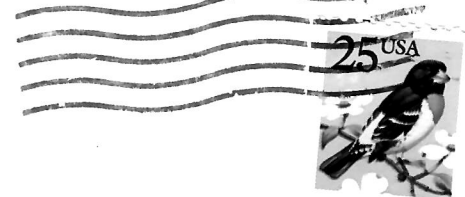
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