

Saint Paul Atari Enthusiasts - Newsletter - April 1993

MINUTES FOR MEETING - SPACE MARCH 12, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Sherm Erickson acting in Nathan's absence.

Greg Leitner was introduced as the new club Treasurer, and he gave a short presentation including a Treasurer's report, which was necessarily brief as the funds had just changed hands. Greg will establish a checking account and have a complete report at the next meeting.

There was no further old business and no new business introduced. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Greg Leitner

It's finally Happened!! SPACE now has its own checking account at TCF as of March 13, 1993. A transfer check in the amount of \$738.37 along with the deposit of the March meeting intake, and less monthly expenses leaves our Club with a healthy balance of \$794.63. Unfortunately, we didn't have a good month for February in that our intake fell just short of covering the cost of the February Newsletter. That meant we made no deposit to our account for the February Meeting. Let's all make an effort to attend the monthly meetings, buy those disks and keep our memberships up to date. This is the way we will continue to make our Club as successful as it has been in the past.

Copies of current year banking activity will be available for all members to see at the April meeting.

IMPORTANT:

Those of you who were at the March meeting are aware of the problem we had in getting our AIM subscriptions. We have received a refund of our fee from AIM and they have indicated that they will not be taking any new subscriptions in the future. The SPACE members who paid the \$6.00 fee for their AIM subscription will be getting a cash refund at the April meeting.

If anyone is interested, Atari Classics is still going strong and you can subscribe to this instead. I will have copies of the subscription form at the April meeting.

BBS INFORMATION - Sherm Erickson

From some of the questions received lately it appears that we could use another demonstration of the BBS basics. Mike Fitzpatrick has agreed to bring in a system to use and after the meeting we will give a short demo of BBS commands for non users, and some of us who don't use many of the commands regularly and have forgotten them as well. Adding a MODEM to your system can greatly increase its usefulness and your own enjoyment as well. Even if you don't own one yet stop by and see how it works.

NEWZ From the PREZ
April, 1993

Due to recent events, the winds have really been taken out of my sails. This column will be my shortest one, the message is short and sweet.

I have been keeping a very close eye on what is going on in the club and feel we have reached a crossroads. This has been further complicated by certain other events invoked by members. Mike Schmidt has stepped down as Editor.

IF YOU ARE NOT THERE, YOU WILL MISS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR. I am not going to waste any more paper saying this. If you are serious about your SPACE membership, it is mandatory that you attend the next meeting.

Enough said. If you're serious about this club, we WILL see you in April.

THIS CLUB NEEDS TO TALK and we are going to do it, April 9th, at the Falcon Heights Community Center at 7:30 P.M.

SPACE CLUB MEETING
April 9th - 7 PM

SPACE Disk Of The Month NEWS April 1993

by Joe Danko

SPACE Disk Librarians: Joe Danko-Glen Kirschenmann

April 1993 DOM

Side 1:

HEARTS.OBJ, HEARTS.DOC

The classic card game written in assembly language. Requires a joystick.

LOAD.PR.BAS, PRTB.COM, TB32Q.COM, TB32Q.DOC, BATTLE.TXT

TURBOBASIC-XL modified to run with SPARTADOS 3.2d.

ECHO.COM, ECHO.DOC, ECHO.ASM, BASIC.BAT, PRINT.BAT
SPARTADOS utility to emulate the MSDOS ECHO command.

FOLDRLBL.BAS

ATARI BASIC program that prints sideways labels for use on the spines of manilla folders.

Side 2:

RUBBERBA.COM, BALL.OBJ, BALL.SPL, BALL.ZS, RUBBERBA.TXT

The game is called RUBBER BALL. Bounce your ball through the maze with a joystick. It's a lot harder than it looks. Start by executing RUBBERBA.COM.

AUTORUN.CTB, T1000.FRM, T1000REA.DME, TURBORUN.COM.
Animation of the T1000 from Terminator II written in compiled Turbobasic. Run it by executing TURBORUN.COM.

SPECIAL DISK:

Color Graphics System by Tom Hunt:

CGS is a terminal protocol for use with CGS equipped electronic bulletin board systems (BBS) such as WARP-10. CGS makes use of special fonts and graphics routines to enable the BBS to control the power of Atari graphics via a modem/telephone link. An 800XL is the minimum requirement along with a MODEM and a copy of BOBTREX which SPACE will include on the disk. Read and follow the instructions carefully.

SPACE BBS MESSAGES

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Message: 2 (#4408)

Title: Newsletter Editor

Author: MIKE SCHMIDT

To: All

Posted: Sun 21-Mar-93 at 9:09:00am

Replies: 0

A few people know the reasons I stepped down as newsletter editor, now the rest will know. I thought the job of editor was being in full control of what goes in the newsletter? If that is not the case, then I am just the publisher. If Nathan wants to screen the content of the articles, then he can put together the newsletter. The second reason is I'm working full time at Anderson Windows and part time in the evenings for a local Engineering firm, doing background drawings on my home computer. This part time work has taken up 20-30 hours a week (over 7 days).

(2/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 3 (#4430)

Title: TAIG

Author: MICHAEL WEIST

To: Michael Fitzpatrick (Recvd)

Posted: Mon 22-Mar-93 at 3:50:00am

Replies: 0

NATHAN IS RIGHT I WASN'T THERE WHEN TAIG WAS AROUND, BUT WHEN I ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CLUB I WAS TOLD THE CLUB KIND OF FELL APART BECAUSE OF LACK OF INTEREST TO KEEP IT ALIVE BY A FORMER TAIG MEMBER. WHAT I AM SAYING IF THE CLUB DOESN'T DO SOME SERIOUS BRAINSTORMING IS THE CLUB GOING DOWN THE TUBES. BESIDES WHAT THE CLUB DOES, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROMOTE SPACE TO BRING THE MEMBERSHIP UP?

(3/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 4 (#4432)

Title: Survival of SPACE

Author: Michael Fitzpatrick

To: MICHAEL WEIST (Recvd)

Posted: Mon 22-Mar-93 at 9:37:00pm

Replies: 1

You asked a lot of good questions. There are a lot of answers but it takes co-operation to make those answers work. Last year we did the Puff event and the club made money and those who did attend were happy. There have been several suggestions as to what various club projects could be but as yet no-one seems interested even in forming a steering committee to get some stuff going. Right or wrong the club has to get off it's collective duif and do something or else apathy may just kill it (the Club). One thing for sure either an organization grows (not necessarily

in member numbers) or it dies from lack of interest. Will talk to you more at the club meeting in April.

(4/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 5 (#4433) - Reply to #4

Title: Survival of SPACE

Author: MICHAEL WEIST

To: Michael Fitzpatrick (Recvd)

Posted: Tue 23-Mar-93 at 12:57:00am

Replies: 0

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME IS JOINING THE SPACE CLUB. THE MEETING, PARTIES, SPACE BOOTH'S AT THE ELECTRONIC SHOWS AND ALL THE FRIENDS THAT GO ALONG WITH THE CLUB. I DON'T WANT THAT TO END, I HOPE THAT TURNS AROUND SOMEHOW. YEH, SEE YOU AT THE MEETING. I LIKE CHATTING WITH YOU, SHERM, MIKE, JOE, GLEN, LARRY ETC.

(5/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 6 (#4436)

Title: TAIG

Author: Nathan Block

To: Michael Fitzpatrick (Recvd)

Posted: Tue 23-Mar-93 at 1:19:00am

Replies: 5

Embezzlement my ***, it was simply a matter of a group running out of funds. Whoever made that bizarre joke is wrong, I was there, right to the end.

Nathan Block

(8/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 9 (#4444) - Reply to #6

Title: TAIG

Author: Amos Jackson

To: Nathan Block (Recvd)

Posted: Tue 23-Mar-93 at 10:47:00pm

Replies: 0

Questions were asked concerning the user group, so as what I consider an outsider, I will answer from an outsiders point of view, and as someone who views SPACE as a club more for officers than for members. I feel that the primary goal of SPACE is to make money, rather than serve the needs of it's membership.

SPACE comes across to me (as to others that I have talked to

at meetings--sorry no names) as a club that caters to officers and money, rather than the general membership, and makes many in the membership feel that way. There are quite a few items that I personally have discovered on my own that I have tried to share with SPACE, that the regining members of SPACE look upon as trivial because they did not discover them first. To mention two of them: 1. Getting free upgrades on BBS software. 2. CGS

(Color/Graphics System--which allows ANY graphics mode to be sent across the modem using supplied software), but because SPACE officers did not discover it first, there has been little to no interest shown in it by SPACE, but all others that have seen it have been VERY impressed.

(9/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 10 (#4445) - Reply to #6

Title: TAIG

Author: Amos Jackson

To: Nathan Block (Recvd)

Posted: Tue 23-Mar-93 at 10:54:00pm

Replies: 1 [> Edited <]

This causes me and others that have spoken to me to feel that the general membership's interests are not being taken into consideration. Only the interests of the club. But what is the club? A few officers that have been elected to positions, or the general membership? How can a club that claims that they have the interests of the Atari community at hand ignore free upgrades to bbs software, or phone software that adds an element of excitement to users bbs calling?? It appears to me that the officers of SPACE don't have the interest of the users at heart.

SPACE needs to broaden it's horizons! It ** IS ** the best user group around for the Atari 8-bit machines, but needs to realize that behind every 8-bit machine, there is a PERSON!, looking to broaden his/her horizons. To me, that is what a user group is supposed to be about. To aid the community, and give members their moneies worth. The example I can give is over at Spectrum Analysis. Sure I charge \$25.00 a year, but as all can see,

(10/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 11 (#4446) - Reply to #6

Title: TAIG

Author: Amos Jackson

To: Nathan Block (Recvd)

Posted: Tue 23-Mar-93 at 11:01:00pm

Replies: 0 [> Edited <]

I am coming up with new and interesting things that will make memberships worth paying. CGS has caused many a member to say, "Do you have some docs that you could send to me that can help me learn about this and create my own demos or games?" That is pure interest. While back, many of the officers asked, "Why is Amos in the officers base? He is not an officer, and sometimes he is hard to deal with." So what makes me hard to deal with?? Because I tell it like it is? Because I have the users best interest at heart, and get not upset, but out and out mad because ** I ** feel that this is not so? SPACE needs people like this that will make the membership feel that they are worth more than just \$15.00 a year. Why am I posting in this base now? Because I was asked for assistance by the SysOp of this bbs, after swearing that I would NEVER call SPACE again, or be a part of the Atari Community because I felt that there were too many that just do not care about **THE USER ** !!

(11/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 12 (#4447) - Reply to #6

Title: TAIG

Author: Amos Jackson

To: Nathan Block (Recvd)

Posted: Tue 23-Mar-93 at 11:10:01pm

Replies: 0 [> Edited <]

I still feel that way. Out of all of the officers of SPACE, how many have looked into CGS for the Atari, and for those who are aware of it, who has stated anything to the general membership about it? It's like if SPACE doesn't discover it, it is not worth mentioning. SPACE needs to really make its membership feel that what they want or feel or need is worth it to the club. Personally, I haven't seen that. I personally have made more discoveries that SPACE can use than SPACE has, and have been shown without a doubt, that because SPACE didn't come up with it first, it doesn't matter. I have shared with SPACE, and have always been willing to share with SPACE. All I wanted from SPACE was some acknowledgement that there is someone in the general membership that cared enough about SPACE to share with them, and that maybe others could catch on and do the same. These last few posts were ** EXTREMELY ** hard for me to post, but

I had to make a choice within myself in letting SPACE keep going the way it was, and knowing that there are many that cannot accept me as a down to earth person who will tell it like it is, and let that keep me from posting what I see, and what I've been told, or to care enough to say, "this is what I know, and it goes like this."

There is a song with some lyrics that go like this:

Don't ask me what I think of you, I might not give the answer that you want me to."

I feel that SPACE has the ability to be second to none, but SPACE needs to realize the needs of the general user, and not place a dollar value behind it, and also be willing to work with ANYONE in the Atari community that is willing to work with them.

As for myself, I have totally left the Atari community because of the reasons I've stated in the last few posts. I charge to let

users on my system, but I spend at LEAST 4 times as much as TOTAL memberships to get the users items that they haven't seen, like CGS and Megablast, which is ONE OF THE BEST GAMES I'VE SEEN for the Atari 8-bit.

I'll stop here, and hope that people will see the care in my posts, rather than negative attitudes.

I care, but will not care more than you do!

(13/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 14 (#4451) - Reply to #10

Title: TAIG

Author: Nathan Block

To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 1:27:00am

Replies: 2 (> Edited <)

It seems very inappropriate for you to be answering that question when you have hardly made it to a meeting in the last six months! I have done everything I could to "broaden" the club's horizon. You are appealing to a very sectioned portion of our club that uses their ATARI's for modeling and not much else. Your board gives away free software, we have to survive by selling DOM's to make money. If we don't sell DOMs, there will not BE A CLUB>

As for a club that is catering to officers, that is "BS!" As for a club that is catering to profit, that is "BS!" We have tried time and time again to do things that would interest people! That BOB PUFF thing should have been a monumental meeting that everybody should have attended including you. WERE WERE YOU and all of these "names" that you are talking about? I didn't see one caller from WARP 10 at that meeting. Instead who I saw were the regulars of the club, many of whom don't use modems at all, but occupied the front row of every chair in that hall. I edited my language, but I am sure you can fill in...

(14/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 15 (#4452)

Title: SPACE

Author: Nathan Block

To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 1:30:00am

Replies: 0

This club has done damn near everything to "broaden it's horizon." I tried to kick off an ATARI Expo, but it didn't go through, instead we managed to turn it into the Bob Puff visit, which I consider a success for the few people that did come.

We have:

A FREE SOFTWARE RENTAL LIBRARY

A FREE BOOK LIBRARY

A FREE BBS WITH PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE AND ONLINE GAMES

DEMOS OF SOFTWARE AT THE MEETINGS

FREE NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH (and yes, just because Mike quit, we will still have one)

A BONIFIED ATARI RETAILER WHO COMES TO AS MANY MEETINGS AS HE CAN WITH NEW/USED ATARI SOFTWARE TO SELL

We started a programmer's SIG, but it fell through due to lack of interest.

I am not NEAR THROUGH YET....

(15/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 16 (#4453)

Title: SPACE

Author: Nathan Block

To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 1:33:00am

Replies: 0

Just recently I suggested a movie night as a

break from our routine.

I thought perhaps we could just spend some money, rent a hall out and see a movie on the big screen. NOTHING CAME OF IT, nobody even said, "Gee, let's think on it a while and come back to it."

Recently we started the Crash Crew in which 7 members volunteered to make phone calls and even house calls to people in need of ATARI equipment. But since you never come to the meetings you wouldn't know this would you.

I am so angry by your post I cannot even begin to express it. I am sick to DEATH of hearing how SPACE is out for profit. In my term as President, I have attempted to revive SPACE's bank account and, I'm sorry, but I did a damn good job. When I took over, SPACE had a balance of around \$200. Now we have around \$1000 or so. We were on the verge of going under and I went after getting us a solid groundwork that would carry us in case interest dropped off.

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(16/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 17 (#4454)

Title: SPACE

Author: Nathan Block

To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 1:36:00am

Replies: 3

WELL GUESS WHAT AMOS, INTEREST HAS DROPPED OFF! And you are living proof of it. You used to come to the meetings and get really involved and make glamorous speeches about your BBS. Now, you somehow get into the officer's base and tell us how rotten a job we are all doing and you don't even show up to the meetings. Well I am sorry, but I think we are doing all we can and I think your post was, well, a lot of nonsense. TO EVERYONE READING THIS, EVEN THOSE THAT SHOULDN'T! If you feel as AMOS does, you had better speak NOW. I have had it with these kind of accusations about SPACE. With what is happening in the club right now, I don't need this. You are either on the boat, or you are off. And quite frankly, if this kind of attitude is going to prevail, I am going to get off the boat and let someone else take this if everyone thinks I am doing such a rotten job.

(17/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 18 (#4456) - Reply to #14

Title: TAIG

Author: Amos Jackson

To: Nathan Block (Recvd)

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 12:05:00pm

Replies: 0

I'm not sure if your message continues, but I'm going off of what was stated. You asked where I was. I tried for WEEKS to get a ride, and was unable to get one. You don't feel that it is right for me to answer a question that I don't recall you asking ANY certain person, and yes I am still a member of SPACE. You asked for an opinion, I gave one. Did I say that the club IS about monerand IS about catering to officers? No, I said it seems, and apparently you don't like the fact that "SOME" members of the club come across to others in this manner, but those are the facts. So in fact, it is NOT "BS" that some are made to feel this way. If the anger would not have set in, you would have notice that I'm not saying that the club runs itself in that manner, but that is how some feel. I still aid the club, and I still care about what happens to the club, so just because I cannot make it to the meetings does not make it that I cannot still have the club's best interest at heart, or care. I stated what I thought was an honest opinion, and not to upset anyone.

But stating that I cannot answer because I do not go to meetings is just the types of attitudes I'm referring to. No I don't go to meetings because of a lack of transportation. doesn't mean that I don't want to be there, and I still assist this bbs, and therefore the club by (yes) passing out the free

software that the club chooses to use on it's system, software that does not come free to me. I understand that the club has to make money, and that is not the issue that I bought up, I bought up how people feel about the club, or how some are made to feel, but of course, your anger set in before you realized that. I will cease now to read your continuations.

Amos Jackson

(19/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 20 (#4458) - Reply to #17

Title: SPACE

Author: Amos Jackson

To: Nathan Block (Recvd)

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 12:18:00pm

Replies: 0

As I stated in my previous post, you **ARE** overreacting.

If you would have read my post with an open mind, the SAME mind you used to ask for opinions, you would have seen things ALOT different than you do. I feel that you *PERSONALLY* are doing a hell of a job, but because your anger flaired up, you can't see that. My concern is how people feel. My common sense let's me know that the user group needs money to continue its activities. I have no problem with that, and once again, your doing a GREAT JOB. If that kind of recognition from me is not good enough, sorry 'bout that.

As for me not attending meetings, I used to try to get rides to meetings, and have failed more often than not. I don't beg for anything from anyone, and if I must to be considered a member of this club as shown by YOUR attitude,, then no thank-you! You asked for an opinion, I stated items about people's feelings, you took it as a direct attack against SPACE. Well, straight out-- IT'S NOT! It's about how people feel!

I am concerned. I was told that SPACE had a problem. I am trying to help, not to tear apart. I figured that with the contact that you and I have had as people, you would know be better than that. OBVIOUSLY not! There were the attitudes I was trying to project in my posts, that you claim are not true. I feel that you have atleast shown me that they are.

I feel that if SPACE goes under, this area would loose something MAJOR! I feel if **YOU** Nathan get out of it for a lack of understanding, the club will loose something MAJOR!! Chill out. Talk to me. Your the best!! So is the club!! All I want to do is help make it better, but don't attack me because of a lack of transportation, for I still support in the best manner that I can without it!

No I'm not mad, I feel there's no need to be, but I will go along with yourpost, if the rest of you feel as I do, who care as much as I do, who want to see this club move forward, like Nathan stated, LET HIM KNOW!

Amos Jackson

(21/50+) Officers' Base:

Message: 22 (#4460)

Title: GONE AGAIN

Author: Amos Jackson

To: All

Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 6:12:00pm

Replies: 2

Well, with the attitudes that have been expressed towards me, I have decided once

again to sign off of this bbs for good, and now I have no doubts whatsoever that it is not a good thing for me not to return. I have tried my best to help out SPACE in the best way that I know how, even though I cannot always attend meetings. In ** MY ** opinion, if I choose to spend up to \$100.00 on l/d calls to get what I consider the best software, then share all that SPACE feels that it needs with them, then to be told that that means nothing because I don't attend meetings, then I say fine. No appreciation, no assistance. Fair is fair, and that's how it stands. But for the rest, you'll be missed, but it's just not worth it anymore.

Amos Jackson

(22/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 23 (#4463) - Reply to #22
Title: GONE AGAIN
Author: Nathan Block
To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)
Posted: Wed 24-Mar-93 at 11:39:00pm
Replies: 0

And see? This is exactly the kind of thing that puzzles me. Somehow we are the best, I am the best but then you disappear. And then reappear. You keep on doing this kind of thing. You'll be back, at least one more time to read this message. And then who knows?

To be honest, I don't know whether you have faith in me or not. You say you do, but then somehow the club is heading in the wrong direction. I don't know what to think. I don't know WHO is on my side and who isn't. All I can gauge this on is WHO SHOWS UP AT THE MEETINGS, because, as you have made note of, not all of the people who call the BBS make the meetings. Amos, who am I supposed to consider when I run this club, the BBS people or the people who attend the meetings? That is a tough one to answer and I am sure that you will agree. Both are using an expensive

service of the club. The meeting hall and the BBS both are our greatest expenses. All I can do is do what I have been doing for quite sometime and that is ASK ASK ASK ASK ASK.

You are a member of this club, so doubtlessly you get the newsletter. You have read my numerous pleads and ideas. NOTHING ever seems to come to them. But WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? What I really need is fresh ideas. If you feel we need to expand our horizons, we need to get that down in more black and white terms. Serve the ATARI community, HOW? How can we do that more than we are already doing it? I cannot personally THINK of any other way! AND I HAVE ASKED AND ASKED at every other meeting.

And it is this frustration combined with Mike's quitting combined with your post that caused my anger to flare up, and for that I do wish to apologize, but I hope at least you can see where I am coming from.

AND ONE MORE THING, here once again we are dealing with the same bs that has ripped this club to shreds numerous times. GOSSIP. Third person talk! Amos, you tell these people, whoever your "names" are, to call me up personally and we will discuss this "money" thing. I am personally VERY VERY unimpressed when anybody calls and tells me,

"Well so and so doesn't like what you are doing with the club!" Listen Amos, anybody can chew someone else behind their back. It takes guts to come and face a person and tell him what you don't like. For that I give you lots of credit, because right or wrong you speak out. But when you say, "Well, sorry no names, but other people feel this way," I say HAH, BIG DEAL. Where are they, why haven't they talked to

me? I am an officer, they should be talking to me about problems and not wringing the club out to dry on another BBS. That has been a problem for three years or so now and despite my many efforts to get it to stop, it still exists.

I am damn tired. I have to be up at 5AM to go to work, but I couldn't sleep thinking about this club, so I called the board. I don't know what to think, I get into very bad emotional states when I think something is going wrong with this club.

You say you are leaving ... FINE. Do what you want to do. As I told Mike in email, I am not going to force or beg anybody to stay, if you wanna go, go. Personally, you keep reappearing, so I am sure that we will see you around, you just don't go away quite this easily. But whatever, I cannot take on everyone.

It seems like crossed swords between us don't ever seem to let up. I do appreciate what you said about me in the post, I really hope and pray that you do feel I am doing a good job, I hope that others feel the same way as well. But it is days and weeks like this when I say something, try to get this club back on track and PEOPLE QUIT and PEOPLE POST THINGS LIKE THIS that really take the wind out of my sails really really quick.

And to reiterate your excellent closing words, LET ME KNOW!!!! NOW!

(26/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 27 (#4475) - Reply to #21
Title: SPACE
Author: MICHAEL WRIST
To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)
Posted: Thu 25-Mar-93 at 3:11:00am
Replies: 0 [> Edited <]

I THOUGHT I WOULD WAIT TILL YOU GOT DONE WITH YOUR MESSAGES. I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY..... YOU ARE FULL OF BULL****. I HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO YOU ANYTIME YOU NEED A RIDE TO A SPACE MEETING I WOULD BE MORE THAN GLAD TO PICK YOU UP WITH YOUR WIFE AND KIDS. NO PROBLEM FOR ME. YOU HAVE MY PHONE NO AND ONE TIME I CAME OVER TO PICK YOU UP AND YOU DECIDED FOR REASONS YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO. ALSO NATHAN ISN'T THE GREAT. ALOTS OF THE THINGS ACCOMPLISHED AT THE SPACE CLUB ARE BECAUSE OF OFFICERS OTHER THAN NATHAN THAT PUT IN ALOTS OF TIME TO MAKE THIS A GOOD CLUB. NOT FOR THE MONEY AS YOU SAID FROM TALK YOU HEARD FROM OTHER PEOPLE BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A DEDICATION TO KEEPING SPACE GOING WE LOST ONE DEDICATED PERSON JUST RECENTLY, BECAUSE A MISTAKE IN COMMUNICATIONS. NATHAN IS A GOOD PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, BUT NOT GREAT. HE BETTER LEARN FROM HIS MISTAKES IF HE IS HOPING THIS CLUB IS TO SURVIVE. INSTEAD OF THIS BULL**** CONVERSATION LET'S FOCUS ON SAVING THE CLUB. IF YOU DON'T AND NATHAN DON'T WANT TO DO THIS, THEN BOTH OF YOU JUMP SHIP! UNDERSTAND. HERE IS MY \$.02 WORTH!

(27/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 28 (#4504)
Title: Improvements/Dissentation
Author: Michael Fitzpatrick
To: All
Posted: Sun 28-Mar-93 at 8:21:00am
Replies: 3

Well the month of March lived up to it's legend as far as the club is concerned. We lost Mike Schmidt as Newsletter Editor; I lost some great technical support for the BBS; Nathan has been verbally beat up. I feel as if we are in the eye of a typhoon, the dead calm; just before all hell breaks loose when the winds unleash their fury. The winds in this case are the general members and us. Do those of you who regularly post wish to have a special meeting to help resolve our collective problems?

Any comments I'm sure, made in a positive and constructive manner, would be greatly appreciated.

(28/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 29 (#4509) - Reply to #28
Title: Improvements/Dissentation
Author: Nathan Block
To: Michael Fitzpatrick (Recvd)
Posted: Sun 28-Mar-93 at 4:39:00pm
Replies: 0

I am more than willing to meet to try and resolve whatever tears have been made in the fabric of the club. Depending on what everyone else thinks, I will go with their decision.

Message: 32 (#4536)
Title: NEW EDITOR
Author: Larry Serflaten
To: MIKE SCHMIDT
Posted: Tue 30-Mar-93 at 2:45:00am
Replies: 0

Thanks for notification. I didnt see anything about resigning membership, so I'll suppose we'll still see you at the popular hang-outs for the radio crowd?

Message: 35 (#4539) - Reply to #17
Title: SPACE
Author: Larry Serflaten
To: Nathan Block (Recvd)
Posted: Tue 30-Mar-93 at 3:17:00am
Replies: 0

You might want to check WHICH message Im replying to... You said speak NOW, so I will! I certainly have feelings, as does AMOS. If AMOS was a bit harsh, THIS message was ABRASIVE, even humiliating!!! If your over your snit, why dont you ERASE THESE???? Any Vetran BBS'er should KNOW enough to call here to share the good times and call in person to smooth over the bad. Bad language destroys any positive image we are trying to achieve. Got it? Dont argue!

(35/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 36 (#4540) - Reply to #21
Title: SPACE
Author: Larry Serflaten
To: Amos Jackson (Recvd)
Posted: Tue 30-Mar-93 at 3:29:00am
Replies: 1
Nathan is correct in pointing out that some people who do attend, dont have modems. Evidently, these people arent so sure of what they can expect from the ON LINE community. Really, where is the future for ATARI BBS's? What service can a BBS provide that would entice even our own discriminating members? This message brought to you courtesy of RICH MIER, whose INDUS GT is on loan while mine "goes under the ...
...GUN!"

Message: 39 (#4563)
Title: Outsider?
Author: Joe Danko
To: Amos Jackson
Posted: Wed 31-Mar-93 at 12:36:00am
Replies: 0

Outside of what? You will notice I changed the topic as we are not discissing TAIG. The BBS SYSOP of SPACE is pretty much free to do whatever he wants and I don't believe the SYSOP has ever been refused funds for ANYTHING. To say that SPACE is run for the benefit of its officers is ludicrous as there have been only 2 or 3 at a time. Any member can move for action at a SPACE meeting and such motions will be voted up or down by the members. If you have a problem with the way

the club is run let's hear it at a meeting or make a statement here and one of us will bring it up for you if you can't make it. There is no reason to take shots at our officers due to unknown statements made by unknown people.

(41/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 42 (#4566) - Reply to #28
Title: Improvements/Dissention
Author: Joe Danko
To: Michael Fitzpatrick (Recvd)
Posted: Wed 31-Mar-93 at 1:00:00am
Replies: 3

We need no special meetings to patch things up with anybody. Life goes on. We will have a newsletter. The BBS will continue to run and we will learn how to make it work without Amos. If we can't make things work as they are then it just wasn't meant to be. Let's get busy and get it done. We will never have as fancy a BBS as a guy whose BBS is his whole ego but we will continue to have the most STABLE BBS in town because we don't screw with it all the time.

(42/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 43 (#4572) - Reply to #42
Title: Improvements/Dissention
Author: MICHAEL WEIST
To: Joe Danko (Recvd)
Posted: Wed 31-Mar-93 at 1:56:00am
Replies: 0

THE SAD THING ABOUT AMOS IS HE IS A GIFTED PERSON AND HE HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER TO THE ATARI COMMUNITY, BUT

(43/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 44 (#4573) - Reply to #42
Title: Improvements/Dissention
Author: MICHAEL WEIST
To: Joe Danko (Recvd)
Posted: Wed 31-Mar-93 at 1:58:01am
Replies: 0
THE NEWSLETTER WILL GO ON BUT I WILL MISS MIKE'S STYLE OF A NEWSLETTER.

(44/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 45 (#4601) - Reply to #41
Title: Amos
Author: Michael Fitzpatrick
To: Joe Danko (Recvd)
Posted: Wed 31-Mar-93 at 9:58:00pm
Replies: 1

Amos does do a lot of things for the club in manners that are only known to by the SysOp and Co-SysOp. He does them freely and I feel that his only request is that he be properly thanked and appreciated for his efforts. That isn't much different than anyone else. As far as resentment goes I too recognize that there are those in the club who resent him. Why? I don't know but I think the root cause goes back long before I arrived on the scene. We need all the Amos's and Nathan's and Joe's and et al to make the club work. The idea of isolating one over another scares me as then after Amos, who is next?

(45/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 46 (#4602) - Reply to #42
Title: Improvements/Dissention
Author: Michael Fitzpatrick
To: Joe Danko (Recvd)
Posted: Wed 31-Mar-93 at 10:02:00pm
Replies: 1

The intent of the special meeting is to get the "Responsible People(?)" off of their dead butt laurels and get a program for the club started. The first item on any agenda is to mend any

issues real or imagined; then get going on doing something positive to get things rolling! Last time I checked, the old adage about growing or dying still holds true.

(46/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 47 (#4616) - Reply to #41
Title: Amos
Author: Nathan Block
To: Joe Danko (Recvd)
Posted: Thu 1-Apr-93 at 6:39:00pm
Replies: 0

I have extremely strong feelings about this whole situation, but refuse to bring them here on the board due to recent developments and CERTAIN PEOPLE who shall remain nameless.

I do NOT want you to forget that post of yours. We will bring this exact subject up at the meeting, I wish you to bring it up since it was your idea. We will discuss it and put it to a formal vote. I feel the time has come for this. If necessary, this entire message base will be copied and printed as evidence.

(47/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 48 (#4617) - Reply to #45
Title: Amos
Author: Nathan Block
To: Michael Fitzpatrick
Posted: Thu 1-Apr-93 at 6:42:00pm
Replies: 0

I have something to reply to your message, but risk posting it because some eyes will see it that don't need to. But I don't think there is a question of "WHO'S NEXT" because that question is irrelevant. Think of every club problem we have EVER had and think about the causes and the sources. If you think about it, go back to Joe's post, and maybe a formal vote and discussion is just what we need to get this thing resolved ...

ONCE AND FOR ALL !!!

(48/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 49 (#4635)
Title: Amos
Author: Joe Danko
To: Michael Fitzpatrick
Posted: Thu 1-Apr-93 at 9:51:00pm
Replies: 0

I have no axe to grind with Amos about anything. If he believes that SPACE is abhorrent to the Atari community and wants nothing to do with us, then why should we assist him in his efforts to destroy SPACE as a going concern? We have and have had officers who made mistakes and were not always well liked by everyone all the time, that goes with the territory of leadership, but we have stayed together by moving past the problem and leaving the past in the past. I don't think Amos has any business using his position to trash our organization and officers with one hand while helping our BBS with the other. That kind of help we can do without. If we have a problem we can work it out as a club in the open. If Amos wants to go, let him go, if he wants to stay but if he is going to demand something that the rest of the members don't want he can get on with his life and do as he likes without criticising the character of SPACE. We don't tell him how to run Warp-10.

(49/50+) Officers' Base:
Message: 50 (#4636) - Reply to #46
Title: Improvements/Dissention
Author: Joe Danko
To: Michael Fitzpatrick
Posted: Thu 1-Apr-93 at 9:58:00pm
Replies: 0

You are correct in your goals. SPACE has been dying and growing for the ten and a half years I have been involved with it. The very first anniversary we called

off the meeting because less than 10 people showed up. (1983) The most important lesson we have learned is to have fun and don't abuse each other no matter how bad things become. If it's going to die, let it go happily. Don't be afraid to try something new and don't be afraid of making mistakes.

EDITORIAL

What is going on within and around SPACE to cause such a "controversy"? Are SPACE officers unresponsive and selfish? Are they in it "for the money"? Will SPACE go the way of TAIG because one person said they wrong thing?

The only people who can save or kill SPACE are its members. A club is only the sum-total of its membership. TAIG died because most of the members didn't care anymore. What do you want the club to be? Only YOU can make it happen in SPACE as in all democratic organizations. If you don't like the way things are then institute some change. Nobody will stop you. Then you will find out that change and working for the benefit of others isn't always a popularity contest but is often lonely and risky to one's ego. The worst thing we have to fear is fear of change. If you think SPACE needs something, speak up but don't expect the officers and others to do all the work.

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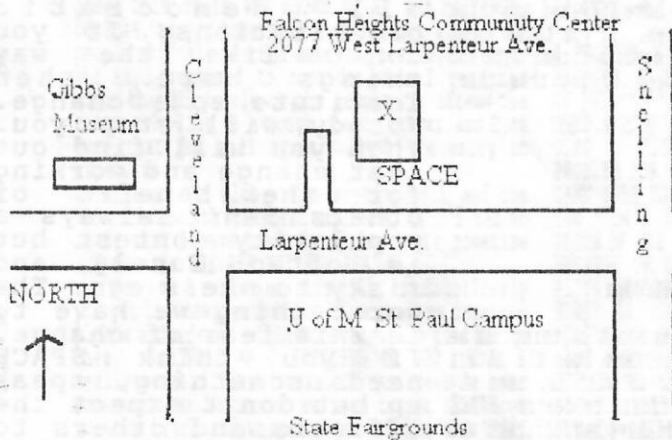
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"Few men think, but all will have opinions." George Berkeley



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