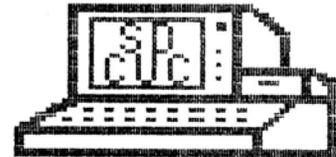


Southern Districts Commodore Users Club Inc

The Dispatch Disk January 1990



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- Newsletter Editor
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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 21 st. of February at 7:30 pm .

SUBJECT

An introduction to WORD PROCESSORS including "EASY SCRIPT"

Beginners BASIC workshop cont.

Don't forget to put any questions or suggestions in the box provided .

LOCATION

Meetings are held in the house behind the Salvation Army Hall , situated in Elizabeth Rd. at Morphetts Vale , just in from Beach Rd .

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees will remain unchanged this year and are as follows .

JOINING FEE -
New members only \$ 5.00

MEMBERSHIP FEE -
New and existing members \$ 10.00

Current members are reminded that these fees are now due and payable . Please see me after tonight's meeting .

Terry Pitt
Treasurer

RULES TO BE OBSERVED AT CLUB MEETINGS

- 1) NO SMOKING
- 2) NO DRINKING
- 3) NO SWEARING

We are allowed the use of this house through the generosity of The Salvation Army in return for which we give them a relatively small donation . Your co-operation in respect to the above is sought , as a breach of these conditions could find us looking for other clubrooms .

We cannot dictate what members do in the privacy of their own homes . However whilst you are attending meetings you are requested to refrain from copying any copyright material .

Thankyou - The committee

MAGAZINE LIBRARY RULES

There is no charge for borrowing magazines from the Club Magazine Library, but borrowers must be paid up members for 1990 (your receipt number is required on the borrowing slip) . Because the library stock is extremely limited at this stage, only one magazine per family per month can be borrowed . Loans are for a ONE month period and a \$1 fine will be imposed if the magazine is not returned at the next meeting .

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MAGAZINE LIBRARY

The Club has started up a magazine library. Generally magazines included in the library will be Commodore specific or contain articles on Commodore machines - General PC type magazines will not be included. Your Committee has been able to buy a few magazines to start the library.

Most of our club members have bought a Commodore magazine at some time, read it and then put it away for future reference. Most likely, the magazine is still sitting there gathering dust. If you have one or two (or more) magazines which fall into this category, how about donating them to the Club library so that other members can also share in the wisdom which you gained from your purchase. Jeff Carey (or indeed any Committee Member) will accept your donation and it will be quickly added to the collection. If you know an ex-Commodore user who may have old magazines stored away, please ask them if they would be prepared to donate. Magazines of particular interest are :- Compute's Gazette, Run, Commodore User, Zap 64, Commodore Magazine (Aust. & USA), Ahoy, Info and Commodore Computing Internat.

WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY AT PRESENT?

COMPUTE'S GAZETTE Nov. 1984 - contains "Disk Auto Load for C-64" (a type in program which automatically loads and runs both Basic and Machine Language programs), "Bulletin Board Fever" (a look at the growth of telecommunications networks geared to the Commodore owner), "Bagdad" (a type in game involving magic carpets, evil genies & bottles), and Reviews of "Easydisk", "Musical", "Adventure Creator", "Drol" and "Spare Change".

COMPUTE'S GAZETTE Dec. 1984 - contains "3-D Labyrinth" (a type-in maze game), "Electronic Trivia" (an outline of some of the Trivia-type games for the C-64 e.g. Fax, Computrivia, Trivia Fever, etc.), "Disk/Tape Backup" (a type-in program) and Reviews of "NATO Commander" and "Road to Moscow".

COMPUTE'S GAZETTE June 1985 - contains "Dynamic Sid Editor" (instantly hear & see what your 64's sound chip can do), "The Freeze Factory" (a type-in game where 4 robots run amok), "Relative Files" (a step by step tutorial that takes the mystery out of using relative files), "Tape Program Rescue" (a type-in) and reviews of "Bank Street Music Writer", "Allegro", "Sky Travel" and "Raid Over Moscow". (The type-in programs from this issue are available on disk from the Librarian.)

Other items in the Magazine Library include:

COMMODORE USER Dec. 1985

ZAP 64 June 1988
DISK USER'S HANDBOOK
YOUR COMMODORE HARDWARE BUYERS GUIDE 1988
COMPUTE! June 1988 (descriptions of 49 Supersonic Flight Simulators)
AUSTRALIAN ELECTRONICS MONTHLY Aug. 1986 (contains details of how to build a Commodore Modem Coupler)
ELECTRONICS TODAY INTERNATIONAL Aug. 1986 (contains project ETI-1602: C64 Function Switches).

FOR SALE

Jeff Carey has the following original programs for private sale
Create A Calendar \$11 (original price \$25)
Video Title Shop \$22 (original price \$50)
For further details, contact Jeff at the meeting or at 294-8447.

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To All Commodore Computerists !

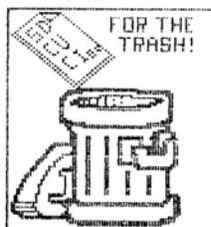
Due to the poor turnouts at the October and November meetings, I have been thinking that no one wants to know how to use a Commodore 64 or 128 anymore. Does it seem like it is all too hard to understand today's Technology, or are we just giving up and letting the world's problems get us down without a fight!

We have one of the simplest computers at our disposal, to help us understand the technology of this decade and coming century, plus bring a bit of enjoyment to our lives by way of games or whatever you may enjoy using your computer for.

Since being elected President of this club last year at the A.G.M., I have been very disappointed at the attendances at the meetings. I am starting to wonder if it is worthwhile to continue this club as the committee and myself put a lot of effort into keeping this club running without much gratitude. This letter is not directed at the members who are here tonight and whose current support we have, but is directed at previous members who have not attended this meeting. A copy of the Dispatch Disk will be sent to them by post. If the attendances are still down over the next few meetings, we, the committee, will have no choice in the matter, to fold up the club!

I feel that an attendance of five members and four visitors is very bad odds considering that the books show that there have been approx. thirty six members, even though some members are no longer currently registered or have not paid their fees up to date.

If you don't want the club to be trashed, PLEASE support it!!!



Yours Sincerely, . . .

R. M. Cloosterman

President.

Review EASYSCRIPT

DESCRIPTION : Full Word Processor
FOR : Commodore 64 and 128
REQUIREMENTS : Disk Drive , Printer

FILE SIZE : 764 Lines
PRINTERS : CBM , ASCII , Diablo , Spinwriter ,
Dume , Starwriter
COMPATIBLE WITH : Paper Clip , Word Pro ,
Word Craft
PROTECTION : Yes ; Backup copies available
for a small fee .
WARRANTY : None .

EASY SCRIPT is nearly everything one might want in a word processor, at an inexpensive price.

Because EASY SCRIPT stores text sequentially, it can read text files from any other word processors. It can even read such unusual items as assembly language source files and basic programs. EASY SCRIPT has an extremely large text capacity - 764 lines - enough to hold a 40 minute talk. It also allows you to link files together in a continuous printout of unlimited length.

Another important feature of EASY SCRIPT: the 40 column screen width on the 64 is no limitation because the program only formats text, to whatever width is selected, at printing time. In those rare instances when you must work with a screen display wider than that allowed by the 64, EASY SCRIPT allows horizontal scrolling across any desired page width, either while you create text or just before you print it. The formatting commands are visible in the text.

The EASY SCRIPT manual is good, with a fine table of contents, a clear tutorial section for beginners, a logically organised reference guide, and a large index.

EASY SCRIPT has all the features of a first-rate word processor, including fill files, block moves, headers and footers, search and replace, repeat and save, full control over colours used and an optional spelling checker. The program also offers many advantages its competitors do not. For instance, you can view the directory without losing your text, load the directory as part of a file, change a section of text from upper case to lower case (or vice versa), set vertical tabs, change from video to printer output and from continuous to noncontinuous mode during output. The printing features allow shadow printing, red/black printing, boldface and underlining.

What are its deficiencies? EASY SCRIPT lacks the ability to add, sort and move columns, some error messages are just letters and EASY SCRIPT cannot easily restart output from the top of the page when your input width is greater than screen width. EASY SCRIPT gives no warning of the approaching right margin, leaving you unsure what character ended the line. It also only works with limited types of printers.

But such complaints are few and trivial compared to the many advantages of EASY SCRIPT. For those who write regularly, this product is highly recommended.

(Please note that this review was written in 1984 and many other word processing packages have since been released)

WANTED

SECRETARY REQUIRED . Duties involve maintaining a list of club members, writing and receiving letters on club matters . If you are interested or could be persuaded then contact Terry or Rob at tonight's meeting

ASSISTANT(S) REQUIRED . The committee needs people to assist in the following areas :-

- (1) 128 disk librarian and/or book librarian
- (2) Arranging tea and coffee at meetings
- (3) Club publicity in newspapers etc.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS . Several people are required to write and/or locate articles for the club newsletter . A copy of NEWSROOM can be made available to these contributors if required .

CLUB EXPERTS . The club is trying to build up a reference list of "experts" on various pieces of software eg. GEOS , Easy script , Superbase , music , graphics etc. to answer queries from other members . If you can help please contact a committee member .

FOR SALE

Public Domain Software Disks - priced from \$ 2.00 . Catalogue Disks a bargain at only \$ 1.00 . See Jeff Carey at tonight's meeting .

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMMODORE
USERS CLUB INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME

ADDRESS

.....POSTCODE.....

PHONE - HOME BUS

AGE OCCUPATION

SIGNED

DATE

ORIGINAL SOFTWARE

Do you have any special skills that you can offer the club ?

(continue overleaf if necessary)

Please hand in to a committee member