# KRASH

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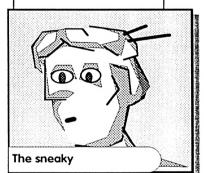
Philip has just blasted a chorus, ouch!!

## Read me, or else!

ell, some people thought it would never happen, but, I've made it, issue 4 is up and running. More details about this later on in the fanzine.

Also, we have the long awaited results to the acronym competition (Where have we heard that before - Huge chorus of readers) because I so stupidly forgot about it last issue.

Also, since last issue I have had a better response to do with the SAE's, but, some people still do not send in their orders with an SAE.





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### **Er! Please!**



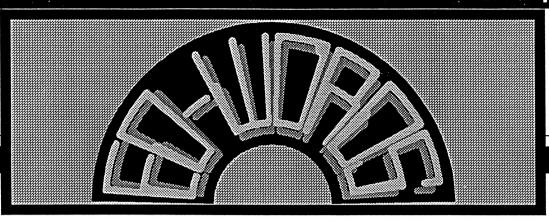


fter painstaking (and i'm not talking about paracetamol here - KAZ) typing, issue 3 came out a few months late, I know that, but what many of you may not know is why, well, the reason was (tearjerking excuse time - PAL) here



goeth:

It all started with the romanian orphans. (Karl!! - PAL) Okay! Those funny green things in the flyi...(Ahem! - PAL) Right! I'm ready, my PC sort of, er... a little bit broke. To begin with, I, er put in the boot disc, and (this is all very embarassing you know - KAZ), it did not work in the, er....(Get on with it - PAL) Yes! er.... I mean.....Oh dear, out of room, and I was going to tell you exactly how, why and where r



Well, back again, issue 4, page 2 (Sharrup - PAL)

## Edwords is back in its usual disgusting style.

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isten up! Ive got to issue 4 so be 'appy about it okay!!!!! Once again, we have the normal (nearly - PAL) ......the usual crew here at the KRASH office.

Welcome to wri-words, where i get a box to myself, I have not got eight d\*\*\*s anyway you sad pervert. I dare you to print that, I just dare you, no you would print it, I dare you to publish it, you havn't got the guts you spineless chicken.

Wri-Words by PAL



As usual it is a little hecktick around the KRASH office, especially because of issue 3 being late before, this

means we have to complete issue 4 in more of a hurry, unless issue 4 is late, which it is.

To start with, ACRONYM results, before I FORGET. Here are a few to whet your appetite.

Kinky Roger And Sexy Harriot.

Kings Rule And Servents Help

Kittens Role And Splash Haround

Karl Really Ate Some Hounds (I wonder who did that one - KAZ) (I hoped it would slip by - PAL)

Anyway, on to the winners, for the most original (Third place) I shall give the prize to Roger Wade for the first one shown above.

For second, the prize goes to Kevin Rollands for the second and third ones shown above.

No prizes go to the last one above because of its sheer stupidity (Hey! - PAL) and the fact that the person who wrote it is an utter gimp and couldn't think up a serious sentance of his own in his entire lafe.

Anyway, on to the winner. For the inventor of all things acronym like and blah, blah, blah, (Hurry up -

PAL) First prize goes to, well first have a look at the acronyms.

Krash Rings And Starts Hyperventilating

Kritters Rage After Staying Helpless

Kor! Raunchy Alice Soaks Herself

Before you say it, I'm not a pervert, just liking it for the last one (GAG! Choke! Suffercation! - PAL), anyway, they were from Terry Hyde.



Anyway, if you want to send anything in, head the address, eg. Listings (Hint! Hint!) Letters, Competitions, etc.

Right, heres the address:

'KRASH' Bryn Trefor, Llandecwyn, Gwynedd, Wales. LL476YR.

# PD Reviews

PD Reviews, thats original.

## Public Dominion. (Eh-PAL)



### es mings

When I read about Les Mings, I thought I had to get it to see it.

Firstly the graphics are quite impressive, they are so very similar to that of the real lemmings. Also, it is excellently animated.

One of the main differences between this and lemmings is there is only one Ming on the screen at one given time.

The gameplay is excellent, with 16 level of mind teasing play, it's just brilliant.

The game is from Claude de Moulec (? - KAZ) and is available from most PD libraries now.

Graphics - 7 Animation - 8

Overall - 8

Plumpy (Or Plumpy as PAL says -KAZ)

This is bubble bobble, no! Don't believe you, this is not PD, put it down, it's Bubble bobble I tell you... Hang on! Wheres Bub?

MINE SWEEPER

Pals Quote.

When I played this it was unbelieveable. It was so like the original PC version, but without the

windows though.

First of all you have lots of grey squares and underneath each square is a randomly placed icon, these include: A number

A bomb

A blank Square

If you hit a blank square, all the surrounding blank squares are revealed and

tes Mings (Or less minges as PAL says - kAZ)
Why couldn't the original termings be like this because this is brilliant and no boring bits because the original was a load of crap. Don't quote me on that.

Pals Quote.

the numbers around them, which are supposed to tell you how far away a

bomb is.
This was written by ralf Brostedt and also is available from most PD libraries.

Graphics - 9
Animation - 1 (what did you expect - KAZ)

**OVERALL - 8** 

Mine Sweeper (Or my sweepie as PAL says - KAZ)
My Amstrad, a PC, yipeee!, Damn, it was just a good replication. This is literally brillian!, at first glance it looks, so much like the original.

Pals Quote.

### **PLUMPY**

Is it plumpy or bubble bobble? The game stars plumpy the penguin. The graphics are very good and the sprites are colourful, not to mention the animation, its good. There are 11 levels, which

seem very short, and on each are 2 enemies, which are hard to kill as they follow you. Bye, out of roo...

Graphics - 6 Animation-8

**OVERALL - 7** 

Classical Reviews, don't you just luv'em

## Starion gets reviewed this issue of KRASH, have you got it?

S tarion is very similar to Elite, but, have any of you heard of starion, oh! you have, well I hadn't okay, till i saw Phils one.

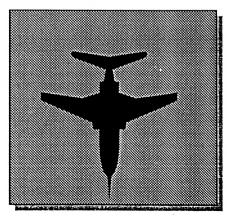
I've had this for ages, I've enjoyed playing this for years, it is quite a good game, and so similar to Elite. This is one of the earlier 3D games that came out, it is very good for it's time, and is very enjoyable.

**PAL's QUOTE** 

Its pretty wierd, but the game itself is very similar to elite, with ship shooting, cargo collecting, etc, but, when you do shoot a ship, it turns into a

letter of the alphabet for you to collect.

When youve shot loads of things your allowed to use the teleporter, but you must make a word out of the collected letters, then teleprot to the



corresponding timezone.

When you have teleported, you must find out if you have gone to the correct time zone, if you havn't, you get the clue from that zone, remember it, then try again for the correct zone.

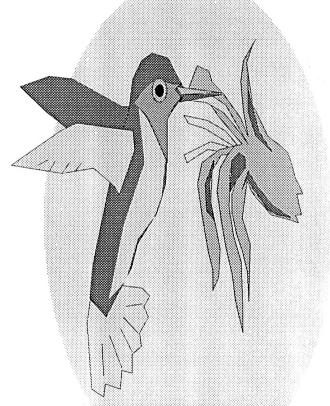
All in all though, it's an okay game. The graphics uses separate frames, but is still fast. Its also big, but nothing compared to Elite.





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## Prepared to PROGRAM

Well I had to do it didn't I, you begged.

## Are you ready to learn BASIC, the hard way? nya! nya! (evil laughter)



RINT

Example
PRINT "HELLO THERE"
HELLO THERE
READY

10 PRINT "KRASH IS GREAT"; 20 GOTO 10

By far, this is my 'all time favourite'

PAL's QUOTE

The PRINT command prints a stream directly to the screen or printer. First of all, I shall talk you through printing "STRINGS"

A string is usually a list of letters inside either a 'STRING' (eg. KRASH\$) or "inverted commas". A string is usually used for STORING strings, but not using inverted commas.



Now that your able to print strings, you can make simple

BASIC programs. To make a program, you type in a number to start with, usually 10, then go up in increments of 10. After each number, you write out a line of commands, but they will not be 'Activated' until you issue the RUN command. A simple PROGRAM is shown below.



**10** This prints 'HI THERE' direct to the screen.

**20** This prints a carriage return.

**30** The semi-colon at the end tells the computer not to carriage return.

**40** A question mark is used because it is a shorter way of writing PRINT.

**50** This puts TATA into STRING\$ form.

**60** A semi colon is used after the string, then GOTO 60 tells it to run from line 60 again.

Bye for now, try some programing

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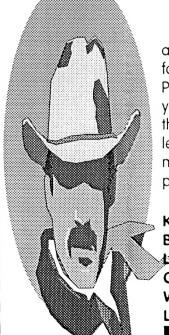
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# How 2

With PAL opening CCPD, I thought I'd give you a guide to PD ordering.

## How 2 tells you shows you the etiquette of ordering PD.

ith many PD libraries opening, as well as our very own Philip opening cool cat PD (see ad page 7) I

thought a "how 2 use pd" section may be good. So here is the YBF, er, I mean the KRASH guide to buying PD might be good.

If possible, phone up first, then you can clear your order up right away and you can get your order sooner. It's not fair, I'm only allowed pictures on PAL's Page, so hereis a picture, and I don't care what Karl says, s\*\*!! out of room.

PAL's QUOTE

1) Write exactly what you want

Don't just write a letter saying something like "The disc with Croco Magneto on" any PD librarian will be slightly annoyed at this, and it may 'delay' your order, write clearly, eg. "Disc 9, Games 6:-Croco Magnetto, Dehdriss, fire fox....."

2) Be nice, try to add a little

personality

Try to be nice when

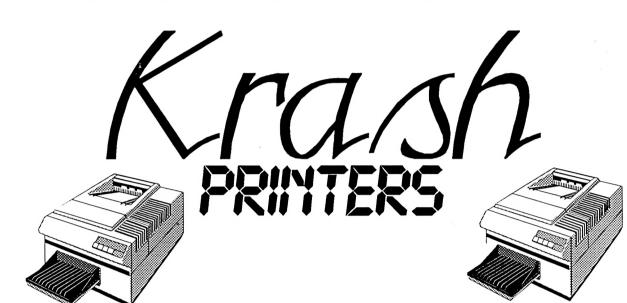
writting to a PD labrary, I find there's nothing more annovina than someone writting: "Send me an issue of KRASH". Your more likely to get your order SOONER. remember. it's aoot tal...write"



3) Send an SAE

When anothe 'disc shaped' envelope arrives, it must be very annoying to have to go out and buy some envelopes and stamps, then have to tire your wrist/printer writing out addresses.

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## Further Bleeding

They didn't do much for us, lets see them under the spotlight

### **Amstrad Action Review**

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aplunk! Amstrad Action in. Dog runs to get it, but, instead of yelping from the weight of it landing on it's back, (its only a

yorkie), it happily trots in with a measly 22 pages on its back.

Oh yes, I remember some of my dogs great injuries, issue 5 (my first), with

loads of pages, even without a covertape it was enough to give a dog a Haemaroid.....Haemorage, then the huge issue 62, which was the time there was also the few letters that came at the same time, they were enough to tip the balance.

Here at the KRASH office, we thought it only fair to give AA a review, not just to reflect on their review for us, but to show some truths about the decline of the magazine, so here you are.

QUOTE

After 3 weeks in traction the dog was back, and she (oh yes it's female) had missed one.

Anyway, away from my dogs diary, and to the review. 22 pages of reading, have you thought how long it takes. I used to sit for hours on my bed, reading all the bits I liked, and then some, but now, it took me just under half an hour, and they critisized Krash, and what about the review, oh! yes! the wonderful 2 page game review, proudly proclaimed since issue one, in the latest issue it's gone, it's not as though theyve reviewed every game in existance, but no, its just a cut back.

Considering it as a whole, its wall laid out and has good use of colour logo's, but, considering it as a magazine, it's a whole new kettle of fish, (Believe me, the fish in my kettle told me) it is short and not serious enough by far, jokes are okay, but they go a bit too far turning everything into a laughing matter.

Remember the jam packed covertape, (Action Packed), Full game; 2 PD programs; pokes; Type ins, then some small basic proglets, what now, a cardboard wrapped (That really fits into my cassette holder) shorter cassette with a game, a PD prog, and, er, some blank space, admitedly though, the games are better.

All in all, the standard has dropped, not in appearence, but in content, it's shorter & less interesting, they may make jokes about Rod Lawton and his beard, but at least he ran a "magazine" and not a jumped up fanzine, (I'm calm, I'm calm, count to ten, 1 2 3....-KAZ)

It is the only good (?) magazine for the amstrad though, so it is worth getting, but they've taken inflation and turned it into fuul scale inhalation. I think they are now thinking more about the profirt, but although they are taking the risk, and they're organising it all, (see, i'm good at economics - KAZ) (23%, good????? - PAL) and they deserve a profit, but don't we deserve more for our money? they're mass producing it using, Publishing, so it's cheaper, but they could still make it bigger, AA is the one link holding together all the things keeping the Amstrad alive, without it, it'll all fall ·apart.

> Content 66% Appearence 80% Overall 69%

# Kaz's Pag

Drone, Drone, Drone.....

### More of my natterings

hope you liked the AA review, cos it took me ages. Before you say it i'm not biased at all, I like AA, otherwise I wouldn't get it, but I'm one of the people who hase watched AA start to fall in on itself, and wants to do somethina about it. The typeins and number of pages were the first sign of the decline, and then it got worse, anvway. i'm supposed to talkingabout Krash here. The dog mentioned is real, here name is Dee and is a Yorkshire Terrier, just thought you might like to know.

Issue 4 is admittedly late, very late in fact, so, it is still bi-monthly, but the date is not shown on the front now, all that is shown in the issue and price.

By getting this issue you should have seen the receipts that come with them, good arent they.

Listings still arent flooding in by the hundreds, nor by the dozens thinking about it, well they're not flooding in at all actually, the only listing that has ever been is the the one that Philip and I made in issue one just to fill some space, so come on, if youve got a listing, no matter how small, well to a limit, so send it in and you get a free copy of Krash, postage paid, etc. its the only way I can get you to send them in, so please get them in, by the way, when I say small, I don't mean ridiculously small. I mean moderately small, with originality in other words its got to to be worth printing, but don't let that put you off, you may have a listing of your own you might have written ages ago and not touched it since, so nows your chance for fame and fortu...for fame, and to show what a brilliant programmer you are.

Ho hum! lve thought something else, feedback, we need feedback, ideas, grumbles, in other words, keep those letters coming in,

but have a real natter and a whinge about what you do and dont like.

Again, something ive just thought of, we need new staff writers, if you fancy yourself as a bit of a reporter, reviewer, or the Well thats PAL for ya' like, send in an example, it

doesn't even have to be typed up, all I need is someone who can write a page or two about anything. Reviews, news, whatever. Spelling, editing etc will be done by yours truly (spelling -PAL). If you like you could write about good or bad things companies have done for and to you, (ie. bloody s\*&t Quantum computing - PAL) I can garantee, if its Amstrad, I'll print it.

"Woof" Said the PALster when he was asked for a quote. "What about this quote" I shouted "Go on then" He answered, with a hint of depression in his voice. "Ready?" i inquired "Bloody archimedes" He threw out.



# L t TeRs

Feed me, Feed me, Feedback.

## C'mon then, do your best, you can't get the shot of the cool....

sn't it time you had a go at writing a BASIC or Machine Code tutorial, you said you would. Also, how about having a "PD Cheat sheet" page, it would be very useful for people like me who keep their CPC's alive with PD. Ive had KRASH since issue one, and i've seen it get better, each issue.

J.Oscar

Too late, if you look in this issue, Prepared to Program is on page 6 and starts to explore the PRINT command.

Sorry, but a PD cheat sheet would be possible because I dont know enough about PD cheats. I suppose it's still worth considering though, this gives a helpful plug for me to ask you to help me write a PD cheat page, so any of you out there, either send separate ones in, or write PD cheat pages for me. Just write into the address somewhere on this page. Oh and thanks loads for the compliment.

.....says KAZ

Hello, I think your out of order with your AA review.

Percy Plonka

Gaaaaaaaaah!

In response to Percy's letter,

issue 4, I think you had every right to review, and whats more patronise AA.

Dee Ked

#### Gagagagaaah!

In response to the letter by Dee Ked, I agree fully with what he said about the AA review.

Wahn Cehr

#### Gaaaaaaaaaah!

I think that you should go to some sort of publisher, mass produce, go colour, publisise, sell in newsagents. Any way could you send me issues.......

L.Fielding

I really wish I could, it would be brilliant, but also, it would be a dream. Going colour and selling in newsagents would be really good, I can't stop now, i'm going to be fantasizing for weeks now, about being magazine, I can't stop thinking about it, save me, save me, valium, whisky, valium.

Not got much room, so heres the address: *KRASH* 

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## **Budget Review**

Batman gets the treatment

## Batman (isometric)

his is knightlore with different sprites, it must be, the graphics are the same, it's 'virtually exactly' the same, trouble is it's not just hard it's 'virtually impossible' (wheres the goldfish - PAL)

Get straight into it now. It takes ages before you can shoot, jump, etc, etc, you can see youve got to 'collect' your jumps (boots) which at first seem impossible to get at, but then when you work out how to do it it's easier.

The idea of the game is to collect bits of the batmobile then get them together.

I have never been able to do this because the continues are no good at all, (the continues are good, it's just that your crap!! - PAL) it just gets tedius, so I just switch off, but, I do like this game when I do play it, which is only when I'm bored of most of my other games. Its almost like a last resort, but not that bad.

My version came in a 4 tape Dixons selection. It was on the same tape as Movie and, er, something else.

I do prefere the other batman to this one, more happens than in this one. Actually, i've just thought about another Batman, thats 3 I can think of at the top of my head, the isometric one, the platform, and the "collect this, and use it over here to collect this to use it there" one, but as i'm reviewing the isometric one i'll...... no, sod it, i'll review them all, youve read this review so:

RESULT 6 (0.06 you mean - PAL)

#### BATMAN (Platform)

I like this one because more happens in this one, and I love swinging around on the ropes and all that. In the first level your supposed to knock Jack Naper off his platform into a vat of acid. (a bit like the monkey bit on lion king for you SEGA heads)

In the next level your in a batmobile tracking down Jack, or as he is now, the Joker, and so on and so forth.

The sprites and animation is better in this one, but read on to find the best gameplay. The sprites are clear, and you can tell what everything is, except the bombs, the look like lightbulbs.

To be able to do well in this game without a cheat, youve got to play it regularly, and make sure there are no pets in the same room at the time because your 3 lives go very fast, and it can be worse than playing nebulus, and believe me, thats bad!!!

Anyway, better mark it *RESULT-8* 

#### **DIZZY TYPE BATMAN**

In this you start off next to the batmobile inside the bat cave, a door away is part of the bat cave. There are a few pickupables in these few rooms

A few doors later, your somehow transported to the streets of Gotham where everybody looks exactly the same, and everybody is an enemy.

Gameplay wise this is just as good as the platformer, there is a lot to do.

RESULT-7 (about 4 i reckon)



### To buy or not to buy

Say this 10 times fast:

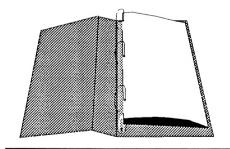
## We, once again, recommend, wreck, and commend.

### **Image PD**

For some time now, image PD has not only sold digitised slideshows, and other popular PD,

but they have also provided a service for digitising pictures for the wanting public. They are quite fast, and as reliable as most libraries. Darren Dodds runs image PD, and he runs it

well, from my usings, I can say as much as that, except, on some, rare, occasions, he has been a leetle slow.



### **Image PD**

This is a very new library, james Ford is going to offer a large quantity of quality PD at great value for money, it will cost 35p

per selection. I havent used JAMO PD yet so I cannot tell you about their reliability, or lack of it as the case *might* be, so I think you aught to try it for yourself.

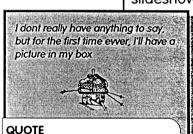
#### **APOLOGIES**

Sorries are in order for Angela Cook for not replying to any of her letters. Twice she has written to me asking for some reviewable issues, but, I was not able to 'check up' on her and forward her some issues, so angela, sorry for a) not replying, and b) making it seem as though I didn't trust you.

Anyway, hows this for a peace offering, a review.

#### KAD PD

Angela and Arthur Cook's public Domain library, they are new, but they have already got quite an extensive catalogue. The price is 80p for both sides of a disc (3" or 3:5"), I do not know whether the supply the disc, but if you want to find out, contact them, I havent used them so I don't know about reliability, their address is on the back page, right, finished a page.



# Pals Page

My page at last

## My reviews and news.

URBO THE TORTOISE

Turbo the Tortoise is a brilliant game, except for one minor point. I have a plus, and what can be the problem with that, many of you may be thinking, well. because of either a slight incompatability problem, or a corupt file. I have to complete the first level fast. and the second even faster. which is, i'm afraid, beyond my capabilities. From what I have played, ie. the first level and a half. I think it is good. the enemys KAZ's mark 82%

sprites, and all the others are clear, or as clear as I could have done (oh yes, do you remember your CAR program, don't worry readers, private joke. - KAZ) Anyway, now your going to want me to mark it arent you. (well the thought had crossed my mind-KAZ) Right, from what i've played, i'd give it 74%

### IRON MAN

Iron man, believe it or not, is not about men of steel, well, superman, but it is a racing game, it is pretty neat, and goeth quite fast. The sprites are almost MONO but they are still visible. Iron man uses mode Ifor it's graphics.

One thing, the cars are pretty hard to control as they are very small compared to the size of the track, that is.

It is also very difficult to complete even the second level, because, you run out of turbos, and quickly fall behind, unless of course your playing someone totally shit at the game. (like you aye! - KAZ) take that back,

you smarmy....(words like @£\$&%\* are not

allowed.....-KAZ)

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## Last MINIT stuff

Just stuff we hadn't room to put in the rest of the zine.

## Here you go, more gossip and info, we spoil you don't we!!!

ISTINGS

One thing that I'd like to say is that

today is such that the work lernt by

most pupils is not of the standard it should be. Iso you didn't have much

although the state of education

to say then - KAZ) nope!

QUOTE

Youve made your CPC cake, now take a BYTE. In case your thinking i'm cracking up, that was a pun, and a metaphore, and no, this is not an english lesson, i'm talking about viable listings. What is too short? Well, there isn't really a too short,

as long as it's original and serves some practical use.

ARTICLES

If you fancy yourself as a writer, just send in a sheet of text, I could include it as it is, or i could give you a regular slot, as long as it's to do with the ammie, I can garantee anything

you send in will be included in the zine. Your article can be a review, a preview, an artivert (an article promoting something for publicity) you see it will be articles like this that will increase the pages of the mag, but not the price.

YOU SHOW ME YOURS AND I'LL SHOW YOU MINE.

Ive just had a thought, what about 'vertzwops', whats that? most of you must be thinking, has he gone mad? was it Russian? No! lets look into this 'latin' word shall we? "VERT" derived from the word advertisement, then zwops is a variation of the meaning to swop. So, what have we now, advertisement swops, yes, if you run a fanzine or a PD Library, i would be willing to 'swop' advertisements, either for other advertisements, or PD. So, are you interested.

HELP!

I've already said about sending in

articles, but someone is needed to provide a regular 'tech help' slot, if you could, not just answer techie quistions, but regularly think of popular problems, and write out a cause, symptom and cure for each of them, so do any of you think you are up to that?

So if you want to write in at all, here you go. Mark the address, eg. listings letters, etc, followed by:

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