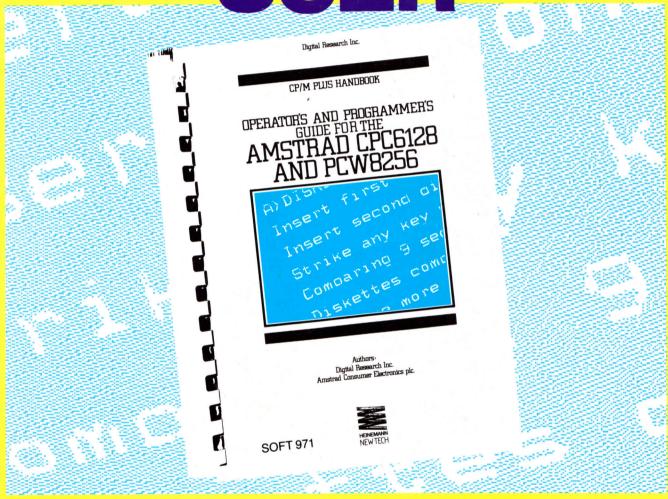
Aussign Mod Annels

Not Annel Mod Annels

Issue No. 21 \$3.50

Section 1986



- REVIEWS on the new Digital Research CP/M Plus Manual, two PASCAL packages and CAMBASE
- A sneak preview of the new Amstrad AIRO
- Three listings for 464/664/6128 hackers
- USER GROUP INFORMATION

FOR THE NOVICE & EXPERIENCED USER

An Exclusive Offer From **Strategic**

256K SILICON DISC

The system of the company of the

This is the fastest storage system available for Amstrad CPC computers and is compatible with CPM 2.2, CPM+ and all DK'Tronics peripherals including the 64K/256K memory expansions. When used with CPM+ and our 256K memory the edition disc

capacity is a massive 442K (more than the PCW 8512 Ram Disc). It automatically logs on as drive B or drive C in two drive systems and does not require extra power supply

The 256K Silicon Disc is designed to be used with at least one normal disc drive attached. When fitted the directory uses 2K thus leaving 254K for storage, over 70K more than the normal discs.

Data and programs can be exchanged between the Silicon Disc and a normal disc, application programs can then work on the data at vastly increased speed especially on systems with only one normal drive.

Software is contained in an expansion ROM and there are two environments in which the Silicon Disc can be used, BASIC under AMSDOS where all the normal AMSDOS commands are fully supported LOAD, SAVE, MERGE, CAT etc and within CP/M 2.2 CP/M+ where commercial programs are designed to run on multi drive systems.

64K and 256K MEMORY EXPANSIONS

The memory expansions increase the Amstrad 464's internal memory to give a total of 128K or 320K. The 621's memory is increased to 320K. It is compatible with all DK'Tronics peripherals including the 256K Silicon Disc. It is supplied with bank

switching RSX software (464 software on cassette 6128

The software adds some BASIC commands which makes it possible to use the second 64K (or 3rd or 4th and 5th in the case of 256K) for storage of screens, windows, graphics and basic arrays. This ability means that you can write much larger basic programs and sophisticated programs that use pull-down menus with ease.

With an expansion fitted on the 464 it then has the same memory configuration as the CPC 6128. It will then run CPM+ with its massive 61K T.P.A. area, opening up an even larger software base to 464 users. When using either of the expansions with CPM 2.2 on the 464 and 6128 computer the T.P.A. is increased to 61K.

The RAM is accessed by means of bank switching using a single I/O port. Memory is actually switched in and out of the 64KZ80 address space in 16K sub blocks (as are the ROMS). The port determines which particular combinations of the original four 16K sub blocks and any new sub blocks from the expansion RAM will occupy the 64K address space at any time. All of this switching is done automatically by the software supplied.

The contents of the expansion RAM are retained if the computer is reset and if the RAM is used for machine code the contents will remain even if the computer crashes.

The Strategic Software Club has slashed the price of the powerful dk'tronics range of peripherals that allow you to enlarge the potential of your Amstrad Computer.

These units are great value at their recommended retail price but look at the huge savings Strategic is able to pass on to you.

dk'tronics 256k Ram Expansion for 464/664 Normal Retail \$299.95 **Strategic Price \$199.95**

dk'tronics 256k Ram Expansion for 6128

Normal Retail \$314.95 **Strategic Price \$199.95**

dk'tronics 64k Ram Expansion for 464

Normal Retail \$149.95 **Strategic Price \$99.95**

dk'tronics 256k Silicon Disk for 464

Normal Retail \$299.95 **Strategic Price \$199.95**

dk'tronics 256k Silicon Disk for 6128

Normal Retail \$314.95 Strategic Price \$199.95

Simply ring us on

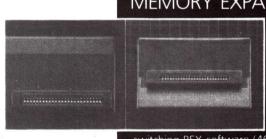
(02) 958 3088

and quote your Bankcard/Visa/Mastercard or write to:



19 Northbridge Plaza
Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge NSW 2063

PS: Don't forget to ask for our free 16 page catalogue!



LP-1 LIGHT PEN SPECIAL

The Amstrad LP-1 Light
Pen connects to the joystick
socket on your computer and
together with its software (in
un-protected cassette
format) enables you to
add greater flexibility to your
own programs, using the pen
to select options direct from
the screen.

A simple "screen designer" program is included enabling the light pen to be used to perform numerous shape plotting, drawing, colour changing and filling operations. Also included is a simple strategy game (NIM) for which the player uses the light pen to make his/her choices in the game.

Features include:

Automatic Drawing Aids: to assist your freehand drawing, certain figures may be drawn automatically and accurately by using the pen to define the limits of the figure. BOX, CIRCLE, LINE, BANDING, RAYS and TRIANGLE are all included.

COPY: a particular part of the screen may be copied and placed in another position, enabling you to add dimensions or labels to your drawings.

ZOOM: for detailed work, this option allows you to 'zoom in' on a selected area.

CHANGE PEN: selecting this option allows you to change the current pen used to draw the screen. Each pen has a different colour associated with it. Mode 0 has 16 pens, and Mode 1 has 4 pens available for use on the screen.



HOW TO ORDER

Simply mail your order enclosing a cheque/money order or quoting your BankCard or MasterCard number to:

The Amstrad User Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road Glen Waverley, Vic 3150

Or telephone your order quoting your BankCard, MasterCard or Visa number.

Please allow at least 21 days for delivery.

\$24.90

(post free)

SAVE \$5.00 on r.r.p. NOW

Offer is limited to availability and will close on 31st October 1986



Editorial	4
Letters	
Your own views, hints, tips etc. to hit the Editor's desk	5
Nationwide User Groups	
A full list of all the registered User Groups plus contacts	8
Cheat Mode	
More tips, pokes and game busting ploys to improve your scores	12
Get Dexter:	
A Map to help you and Dexter	16
The Amstrad AIRO	
An overview of the new IBM compatible	18

The Digital Research CP/M Plus Manual:	
A review of the ultimate tome otherwise known as Soft 971 or Operator's and Programmers Guide for the Amstrad CPC6128 and PCW8256 - rather a long title for rather a long book.	9
Using ASCII files with Locoscript: by R.J. Webster	_
The answer to creating and reading ASCII files	.0
Programming Power with Pascal	
An insight into Pascal plus reviews on Oxford Pascal for the 6128 and PCW's	22
Public Domain Software: by Peter Campbell	
Some pointers to this area of "free" software including a guide to using	25
Cambase	
Arnold Goldman provides a full review of yet another database system, but this time one which is more gentle on the pocket	31
PCW Software List (and 6128's too)	
	34

Issue No. 21 October 1986

	,
Petrol Consumption and Log Program: from Mike Perry	
Keep a check on your fuel guzzler	36
Adventurer's Attic: by Philip Riley	
Philip provides some tips on solving Adventures	41
Brainteaser Duo: from J.J. Vinopal	
Two programs to keep you frustrated for hours	42
The Amstrad User "Hall of Fame	
Some more champions bite the dust!	47
A new slant on Software Marketing	
A plan to get more software and harware into the marketplace	48
More Forth: from Petr Lukes	
Case conversion of dictionary names and the RAM-disc memory of ams-Forth	48
More Year Discs	
Details of another two - bringing us up to date.	50
More Books, Back Copies and other Goodies	
Your shopping list for greater knowledge!	51

For Tape subscribers, the programs can be found at the following approximate positions: Side 1: PETRLOAD - 14, PETRCALC - 25 Side 2: FIVEROW - 14, TWISTCUB - 50

All enquiries and contacts concerning this Publication should be made in the first instance by writing to The Amstrad User, Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150, Australia. Urgent matters can be phoned through on (03) 233 9661.

The Amstrad User is normally published on the first working day of each month. Reprinting of articles published in The Amstrad User is strictly forbidden without written permission. Copyright 1986 by Strategy Publications. The single copy price of \$3.50 is the recommended retail price only. The subscription rate (for Australia) is

\$35.00 for 12 issues of the magazine only, or \$75.00 for 12 issues of the magazine plus tape containing programs appearing in that issue. Postage is included in the above prices. For subscriptions to New Zealand, PNG, Solomon Islands or Vanuatu please add \$21 airmail. Other overseas prices available upon application.

Please note that whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of all features and listings herein, we cannot accept any liability whatsoever for any mistakes or misprints.

Contributions are welcome from readers or other interested parties. In most

circumstances the following payments will apply to published material: Letters \$5.00, Cartoon \$5.00 and a rate of \$10.00 per page for programs, articles etc. Contibutions will not be returned unless specifically requested coupled with a suitable stamped and return addressed padded bag (for tapes or discs).

The Amstrad User is an independent Australian magazine and is not affiliated in any way with Amstrad or their Australian distributors Mitsubishi Electric AWA Pty Ltd., or any other dealer in either software or hardware.



The new Amstrad AIRO was released in the UK at the beginning of September, in fact as I write, only a few days ago, which will give you some idea of how far ahead we have to finalise your magazine. It is an exciting step into IBM compatibility and quite different from the previous range of machines to come off the Amstrad production line. An overview is provided on Page 18 and naturally we will be giving it a more critical look when the unit

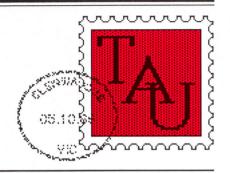
You'll also find details of the next two Year Discs (Page 50) which brings the software actually reaches this country. available on disc up to Issue 20. We have included some Public Domain software for you to try and if the response is good and the disc space permits, we will endeavour to provide more on future discs. Please remember, we didn't produce the software so it carries no guarantees and we cannot provide any support on problems you may encounter.

On average, about \$100 a day is spent at the Post Office mailing back copies, tapes, books and other items available through the offices of The Amstrad User. Of course, if we were in the conglomerated press league this amount would probably not cover our daily coffee and biscuits bill - but we're not - and so it's 'big bickies' to us (or rather to the Post Office). It will come as no surprise that the latest increases from the big P have hurt!

Let me give you some examples. The cost of mailing a 150 gms item interstate is now \$1 and to send a 300 gms item is \$1.90. (It used to be $90\,c$ and \$1.55 respectively). How the Post Office justify a 37.5% increase on the 300 gms item and get away with it is beyond me. This mainly effects the back copies where up to now we have only asked for a nominal 50¢ towards the postage costs. Unfortunately we must now charge a more realistic amount. I am sure everyone will be delighted with this news and will be rushing to send a letter of thanks to the Post Office - but not many, I suspect, will be putting stamps on the envelopes.

See you next month,

Letters



When I reviewed the DR DRAW package on my PCW8256 (TAU September 1986) I had a fairly tight time constraint, and I did not have time to explore the possibilities of overcoming some of the difficulties mentioned in my review. Since then I have found a way of avoiding the wrist-fatiguing disc-swapping that I was so critical of.

First let me say that the instruction manual did say that picture files should be stored on Side B of the working disc, and later transferred to another storage disc. The reason I chose not to do this was that there is only 35k left on Side B, and I was able to quickly fill this with a simple diagram and a sprinkling of text. The program would then crash requiring a re-load of DR DRAW. As there is 103k available on Side A of the working disc it seemed appropriate to use this side for picture file storage, and it certainly overcame the crashing problem due to a full disc. It did, however, introduce the problem of having to swap the disc over after every dozen letters, each time the picture was redrawn.

I have now found a way around the first problem without causing the second problem. The solution requires relocation of files on the working disc and an alteration to the DRAW.SUB file on Side A of the working disc. The procedure is generally as follows:

1. Having made your working disc as per instructions, place the CP/M system disc in the computer

and reset by pressing SHIFT + EXTRA + EXIT.

2. Type pip m:=a:pip.com - this transfers the PIP utility into the computer. Type pip m:=a:erase .com - this transfers the ERASE utility into the computer for use in step 6 later on.

3. Place Side B of the working disc in the drive and type m: - this moves you into drive M.

4. Type *pip m:=a:draw.** - this transfers all the DRAW files into the computer.

5. Place Side A of the working disc in the drive and type *pip a:=m:draw.** - this transfers the DRAW files onto Side A of the working disc.

6. Place Side B of the working disc in the drive and type *erase a: draw.** - this should clear all the DRAW files from Side B of the working disc.

7. Place the system disc back in the drive and restore the system as in step 1. Now type *submit rped* and when the computer had loaded this editing utility, select *existing file* and when asked for the filename, type *DRAW.SUB*, place Side A of the working disc in the drive and press RETURN.

8. You are now able to edit the DRAW.SUB file. The line which needs changing is the line which reads <m:=b:dr*.*- this should be changed to read <m:a:dr*.00*. Now press EXIT and you have completed the modification.

When running DR DRAW you now enter your picture filename as *b:filename* and you will have 108k to store them in. It is still

All correspondence published in this section earns a payment of five dollars.
Letters should be addressed to The Editor, The Amstrad User, Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150.
We regret that we cannot enter into any personal

correspondence.

advisable to transfer them to another file or storage, and back again when you want to do further work on them.

It should also be possible to achieve the same end result by editing two of the files on the DR DRAW release disc, or rather your copy of the release disc. The files that need editing are MAKE8256.SUB and DRAW8256.SUB. The alterations required are very simple. On MAKE8256.SUB the change is in the text line after pip m:=a:draw.* where the instruction 'now insert SIDE Betc.' should be changed to 'now insert SIDE A ...etc.'. The changes to DRAW8256.SUB are exactly as described in item 8 above.

Arnold Goldman, Dandenong, Vic

I would like to know if anybody has sorted out the bugs in the game "AIRWOLF" or has Mr. Gallagher mastered the game (March 1986), or if there are any more instructions, or where I can exchange it for one that can be played, or should I just say goodbye to my \$29.95?

I own a 6128 now (I started with a 464) and the tape has been tried on other Amstrads just to make sure that Arnold didn't have a headache or something. I have no trouble loading tapes now that I have connected a Sanyo data recorder DR201, and so far every program I have bought loads without the problems I first had after the salesman sold me just an ordinary cassette player.

M.J. Viner, Nambour, QLD

I recently purchased from you the disc called "The Amstrad User - Issues 1 to 12", and I am very disappointed by the number of errors contained within. Eleven of

the programs will not run for errors, there are three duplicates, five contain no instructions on how to use them and one has a spelling error on the paper catalogue. I hope you will at least tell me how to correct the errors and possibly assist in understanding the other five. The following are the erroneous programs:

ANJUMBLE	Syntax error in 170
SUPPRESS	Ready
CLOCKPT2	Unexpected WEND
	in 2780
MUSLST2	Line does not exist
	in 10
FINDUTIL	Memory full in 30 or
	Bad command
MAP-DRAW	Syntax error in 260
MCODE1	Break in 20
MCODE2	Break in 99
DIYTYPER	Does not run
OWLFABET	Syntax error in 30
SORTS	Blank screen

The following are the programs with no explanation of their function:

SHORTWP	No instructions
RSXGEN	What is meant by
	"Start address of
	Version 1"?
MAP-CODE	No instructions
MATHTABL	Not printing and
	does not list
BUZZLINE	Cannot, operate
	with keyboard

The duplicates are as follows:

GRAFPLOT and GRAFLOAD SPACELDR and SPACEXP (Misspelt as SPACEEXP) FFLOADER and FFORTS

Hoping that you will be able to supply the corrections and explanations for these faulty programs.

W.J. Tuffs, Epping, NSW

There is nothing wrong with the programs and there are certainly

no duplicates. The problem is your 6128, or put another way, up to Issue 10 the programs in The Amstrad User and on the cassettes that accompanied each issue were written specifically for the CPC464 - after all, that was the only machine around at the time. Then followed in quick succession the CPC664 and CPC6128. Despite what Amstrad said about upwards compatibility, most 6128 owners quickly realised that there were some small modifications to be made to the older programs. (Since Issue 11, published programs have been checked on both the 464 and 6128).

The Year Disc (1 - 12) contains almost exact copies from the original tapes. (I say 'almost' because some obvious bugs have been fixed). Most programs have instructions within them (try LISTing a few), but some, especially utilities and machine code routines, will not make sense to a beginner. Explanations have appeared in the relevant issues of The Amstrad User and it is sensible to refer to them for more details, but to produce a compilation for the few recent 6128 owners who are having problems would most certainly be time and cost prohibitive.

For the benefit of other beginners, a brief list of answers follows showing the program name and the issue number in brackets:

ANJUMBLE(3) The 6128 does not like the text in brackets. Edit it out and repeat with the next four lines.

SUPPRESS(2) Routine which resides in High Memory to suppress line feeds during printing.

CLOCKPT2(11) This should be merged with CLOCKPT1.

MUSLST2(10) This should be

merged with MUSLST1.

FINDUTIL(4) 464 only MAP-DRAW(5) Remove

offending REM

MCODE1(6) Series of machine code routines to incorporate in your own programs.

MCODE2(7) Same as

DIYTYPER(1) Your machine should be reset before using.

OWLFABET(4) Remove text following instructions.

SORTS(9) Requires to output to printer.

SHORTWP(1) Instructions in the first two REM lines.

RSXGEN(9) Top of memory addresses used with machine code assembly program.

MAP-CODE(5) Loads machine code routine and calls MAP-DRAW.

MATHTABL(4) Requires "Y" to print, not "y".

BUZZLINE(6) Not designed to operate through keyboard.

GRAFLOAD(8) RUN this to automatically load GRAFPLOT.

SPACELDR(12) RUN this to automatically load SPACEXP.

FFLOADER(11) RUN this to automatically load FFORTS.

To all Year Disc (1 - 12) purchasers only, try to get hold of a back copy if you get stuck, but in the last resort send us a SAE (100 x 230 mm approx.) and we will send you back a photocopy of the relevant article. Please be sensible though, we certainly will not entertain protracted copying exercises!

I would like some infinite lives, time and energy and, if possible, 'no drown' pokes for Sorcery (cassette). To anyone who has these pokes I would give a copy of Ghostbusters, Roland in Space, Rally 2 or Finders Keepers.

Also, if anyone has a copy of Yie Ar Kung Fu I would gladly give a copy of any of the above games for it. Please send a Blank cassette (longer than 15 minutes) for me to copy it onto and I will send you one to copy Yie Ar Kung Fu on to.

P.J. Schmidt, Loxton, SA

Obviously, Mr. Schmidt doesn't mind risking a two year jail sentence and/or a \$50000 fine. He is also encouraging other people to risk the same penalties. When will people learn that copying is not only illegal but is seriously damaging the software market in Australia and making it more difficult for the genuine purchaser to obtain the software he/she wants? We are happy to publish the pokes if anyone has them, but don't bother asking for Mr. Schmidt's address.

After purchasing an Amstrad CPC464 in April '86, I suppose I could be regarded as a new "convert".

This is my first "hands-on" experience with a computer although I must confess to an ever present longing to get involved with this fabulous field of learning.

Being presently unemployed, I did a lot of homework as to the best value for money. The Amstrad range proved by far the clear choice.

I have to say that for a beginner or experienced user the Amstrad is a superb computer. The decision to invest in this machine is one I'm sure I'll never regret.

Hopefully my skill will grow sufficiently to do justice to this very versatile machine. Thank you Amstrad!

K. Rigby, Para-Hills, SA

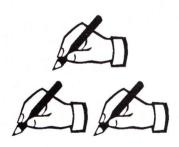
A warning about Amsoft's Cyrus Chess - it cheats! On a number of occasions now when using the technique of forcing the computer's king onto the edge of the board with, for example, two rooks, the computer has cheated. At the 'mate in one' position it takes its move, then replaces the king to its original position, and swaps sides. I mean how underhanded can you get? Has anyone else had this problem?

Now I will sing the praises of Arnor for their Protext word processor, on which this letter was produced. The word processor is fast, easy to use, and very well thought out. I would recommend it to anybody, from beginner to expert. I use the ROM-based version, which also has the advantage of making the disc drive on my 464 easier to use; in fact I now switch on the word processor to do most of my disc editing since you don't need to use the awful procedure of defining a string for the file name, you just type it straight out!

Paul Tansom, Portsmouth

Could you enquire through your pages if any reader has got hold of a Printed Circuit Design CAD program for Amstrad computers (or CP/M). If so, would they please contact me by phone on (02) 883143 or write to me at Dept. of Psychology, A19 Sydney University, NSW 2006.

Raja Vijayenthiran, President -Sydney Amstrad Computer Club



NATIONWIDE USER GROUPS

There is just enough space to welcome another four groups to our ranks which now takes us past the forty mark. Two are from Victoria - Latrobe Valley Amstrad User Group and Goulburn Valley Amstrad Users Club - it's nice to see the 'word' spreading further afield, so too in WA where Southside Amstrad Users Club have now established a branch in Tom Price Our final welcome this month is to the Illawarra Amstrad Users Club in NSW which will cover both the CPC and PCW range. We have had a number of enquiries from users in Rockhampton but as yet have not been advised of an established group. If there is one perhaps someone can let us know. You can find details of these and other groups in the following pages.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AMSWEST (Perth)

President: Tony Clitheroe (09 275 1257) Vice President: Steve Cushnahan (09 445 2062) Secretary: Mrs. P.T. Ardron (09 361 8975)

John Firth Treasurer:

Regular meetings take place at a venue in Shenton Park on the first and third Tuesdays of each month starting at 7.30p.m.

AMSWEST (Blackwood) USERS GROUP

This small group is affiliated to AMSWEST (Perth). For further details contact George Muscat on (097) 61 1488.

SOUTHSIDE AMSTRAD USER CLUB				
President:	John Marshall	(09 390 7335)		
Secretary:	Pauline Waghorn	(09 459 8702)		
Treasurer:	Eric Tytherleigh	(09 390 8865)		
Librarian:	Tom Bird	(09 457 5614)		
Junior Rep:	Gary Mottabhoy	(09 457 8068)		
SAUC meets from 7	.00 p.m. every 2nd and	4th Wednesday		
of each month at Gosnells Scout Hall on the corner of Verna				
and Corfield Streets, Gosnells. All meetings are socially				
orientated with a minimum of business matters and can				
include software and hardware demonstrations, discussions				
or lectures which all prove to be helpful for beginners or				
advanced users alike. The club has an extensive library of				

tapes, discs, magazines etc. and discounts have been obtained from most local dealers and are available to financial members. The club also owns its own Bulletin Board which is a great benefit to all. Contact can be made with any of the above officers or by writing to The Secretary, Southside Amstrad Users Club, PO Box 324, Gosnells, WA 6110.

SOUTHSIDE AMSTRAD USERS CLUB - North West Branch (Tom Price)

Peter Hoffman (091 89 1608) President:

Secretary: Colin Smith Mark Hedley-Smith

This recently formed branch of SAUC already has 25 members. It has its own library and meets every second Wednesday night at the Primary School. Contact can be made with the President at any time. The branch is run along

the same lines as the parent group and visitors are always

welcome.

Treasurer:

ROCKINGHAM-KWINANA AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President **Bob Harwood** Vice-President Keith Gaisford Treasurer Rob Macilrov

(095 27 6519) Secretary Keith Saw

This group meets at 7.30 p.m. at the Cooloongup Primary School, Westerly Way, Cooloongup (Rockingham), every second Wednesday. Further details can be obtained from Keith Saw on the above number or by writing to 29 Millgrove Avenue, Cooloongup, WA 6168.

ALBANY AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Gerry Barr (098 41 6884) Secretary: Steven Hands (098 41 5183)

Treasurer: Gavern Grose

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at Priess Street Centre, 14 Priess Street, Albany from 7.00 p.m., and are conducted in a friendly atmosphere with families welcome. An emphasis is placed upon educating and assisting users with their problems. Discounts have been obtained for financial members from certain dealers in the area.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AMSTRAD COMPUTER CLUB INC. (SA)

President: Chris Sowden (08 295 5923) Vice President: Frank Matzka (08 382 2101) (08 356 9612) Treasurer: Les Jamieson The group now meets each Tuesday at the Church Hall, 15 Clayton Avenue, Plympton between 6.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Any of the above officers can be contacted for further details and correspondence can be addressed to PO Box 210, Parkholme, 5043.

PORT PIRIE AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President:	Rick Cable	(086 32 5967)
Treasurer:	Dave Green	(086 32 6834)
Secretary:	Keith Partridge	(086 32 3919)

The group meets at 7.30 p.m. every first and third Monday of each month at the Way Inn Coffee Lounge, Ellen Street, Port Pirie City Centre. Meetings are well attended with members from Pt. Broughton, Warnertown and even Burra. For further details contact Rick Cable who will advise on the benefits of belonging to this group.

AMSOUTH AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

President Geoff Martin (08 384 4796)
Treasurer Bob Bleachmore (085 56 2048)
As the name suggests, this group has been established to cater for Amstrad users living south of Adelaide with the emphasis on family involvement. They meet every second Wednesday of each month at Christies Beach High School, Western Section, Beach Road, Christies Downs. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm.

PORT LINCOLN AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

Contact: Rita Bascombe (086 82 1633)
This new group currently meets at Rita Bascombe's house on the third Tuesday of each month from 8.00 p.m. until more suitable premises are found. All interested parties should contact Rita on the above number.

VICTORIA

President:

WESTERN COMPUTER CLUB

The meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays, from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and Sundays from 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (to allow for shift workers) at the Fairburn Kindergarten, Fairburn Road, Sunshine. For further information contact PO Box 42, Braybrook 3019 or PO Box 161, Laverton 3028.

(03 580 9839)

CENTRAL AMSTRAD USER SOCIETY

Vice-President: Dennis Whelan (03 367 6614)
Treasurer: David King (03 546 3992)
Secretary: John Holmes (03 434 1607)
Meetings are held twice a month in the Hall at the corner of
Church and Somerset Streets, Richmond on the first Sunday
of each month commencing at 1.00 p.m. and generally
twelve days later on a Friday evening starting at 7.00 p.m. All
meetings are conducted in a friendly atmosphere - families
are welcome.

Fred Gillen

EASTERN AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Tony Blakemore (03 878 6212)
Secretary: Barry Fredrickson (03 846 1340)
Treasurer: Ron Dunn (03 277 7868)
Regular meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month at St. Ninian's Church Hall, cnr. McCracken Avenue and Orchard Grove, South Blackburn. The group organises tutorials for beginners as well as lectures and demonstrations. Proceedings commence at 2.00 p.m. Their postal

SOUTHERN AMSTRAD USER GROUP INC.

address is PO Box 279, Heidelberg, Vic 3084.

President: Peter Bradley (03 786 3953)

Secretary: Bob Patterson

Treasurer: Vickie Finlayson (059 98 8328)

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except December when it is the first Tuesday) from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. The venue is the Senior Campus at John Paul College, Frankston. Further details can be obtained from any of the above officers or by writing to the Secretary, PO Box 100, Seaford, Vic 3198.

NORTHERN AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contact: Brian Ellis (03 469 4425) Meetings are held every second Sunday in Preston. The group has a twofold structure and the alternate meetings are devoted to novice training and systems development. Games are discouraged.

SALE AMSTRAD GROUP

The Group meets informally every Thursday night from 7.00p.m. at the Sale Neighbourhood House in Leslie Street. In addition, small group tutorials are held twice a month.

LATROBE VALLEY AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contacts: Mrs. G. Donaldson (051 34 5711)

Marcus Baxter (051 92 4246)

This newly established group meets informally once a month

This newly established group meets informally once a month from 7.30 p.m. For more details of dates and venue contact the above.

GEELONG AMSTRAD USER CLUB

President: Ron Butterfield (052 50 2251)
Vice-President: Arthur Pounsett (052 78 2160)
Secretary: Ross Bennett (052 44 1556)
This club now meets at South Barwon Community Services
Centre, 33 Mount Pleasant Road, Belmont on the first
Wednesday of every month, starting at 7.30 p.m.

MACEDON RANGES AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contacts: Wayne Urmston (03 744 2719) Ken McMaster (054 22 2620)

Covering the Gisborne, Sunbury, Kyneton and Woodend areas, this group meets in the Admin. Building of Flexdrive Industries on the second Wednesday of each month from 7.30 p.m.

MARYBOROUGH AMSTRAD USER CLUB

President: Chad Banfield (054 68 1351)
Treasurer: Brendan Severino (054 61 3191)
Secretary: Paul Clark (054 61 2135)
This group consists of a number of students and teachers from Maryborough CCC. Meeting take place each Friday from 12.10 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.

GOULBURN VALLEY AMSTRAD USERS CLUB

President: Shad Aitken (058 52 1001)
Secretary and Bill Brown B/H (058 22 1011)
Treasurer: A/H (058 21 7569)
This group aims "to explore and enjoy all aspects of the Amstrad computers" and meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 7.30 p.m. at 98 Nixon Street, Shepparton on the first floor.

ACT

CANBERRA AMSTRAD USER'S GROUP

Convenor: Arthur McGuffin (062 31 9437) Secretary: Peter Stehn (062 81 0258) **Phil Rogers** Treasurer: (062 41 3039)

The group meets at 7.30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Seminar Room of the Oliphant Building at the Research School of Physical Science, Australian

National University.

NEW SOUTH WALES JUBOL AMSTRAD USER GROUP of COFFS HARBOUR and DISTRICT

Contacts: **Bruce Jones** (066 52 8334) Jim Owen (066 55 6190)

The "JUBOL" User Group is currently a small group covering the Coffs Harbour area. They meet informally on the first Friday of each month. Some members attend external DP courses and it is hoped that the group as a whole will shortly be embarking upon internal machine code tutorials.

SYDNEY AMSTRAD COMPUTER CLUB

President: Raja Vijayenthiran (02 88 3143) Secretary: **Reed Walters** (02 560 9487) Treasurer: Jim Chryss (023277872)

Junior Rep: **Daniel Story**

This club now meets in a community hall in the Newtown area, on the first Saturday of every month for a normal club meeting and on the third Saturday of each month for the purposes of programming tutorials only. Both meetings commence at 2.00 p.m. Prospective members should contact either the Secretary or Treasurer between 6.00 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the phone numbers above for the exact location. Any enquiries concerning a new division for the PCW 8256/8512 users can be directed to R. Carlsen on 957 2505 (B/H) or 90 5725(A/H).

NEWCASTLE AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: John Harwood (049485337)

Treasurer: Erica Harwood

Secretary: Chris Hollander (049 67 5864)

Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at Kotara Public School, Park Avenue, Kotara, A Newsletter is produced each month for members. Interested parties should contact John or Erica on the above number.

AM-USER's (North Ryde)

Contact: Lawrence Walters (028881898)The primary objective of the group is to enhance member's knowledge on both hardware and software available and on the Amstrad computers themselves. Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at 2 Leisure Close, North Ryde from 7.30 p.m. on the first Tueday of each month. Discounts for members have been established at several stores in the area.

WAGGA WAGGA AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contact: J.D. Tipper (069 21 3697)

This recently formed group meets very informally with all

interests catered for. Meetings take place on Saturday afternoons - all are welcome. For more information contact Julian Tipper on the above phone number or write to 36 Wills Place, Kapooka, NSW 2661.

CENTRAL COAST AMSTRAD USERS CLUB

(043882950)President: Llovd Mitchell Secretary: Ray Thompson (043 32 9095) Established in March 1986, this club meets on every second Monday of the month at The Entrance Aquatic Club, Salt Water Reserve, Long Jetty. Proceedings start at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Anybody wishing to attend the meetings is welcome, and further information can be obtained from the above officers.

PORT MACQUARIE AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

This group hopes to produce professional quality hardware add-ons for the Amstrad. The group can be contacted through Craig Tollis, PO Box 584, Port Macquarie, 2444.

BLUE MOUNTAINS AMSTRAD USERS

(047 39 1093) President: Bob Chapman Vice President: Dennis Shanahan (047 39 4568) Treasurer: Peter Traish (047 53 6203) (047 51 4391) Secretary: Christine Preston /meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Springwood Neighbourhood Centre, Macquarie Road, Springwood and start at 8.00 p.m. Activities include interaction of users with exchange of information and resources, a newsletter and tutorial sessions.

ILLAWARRA AMSTRAD USERS CLUB

President: Paul Simpson (042 27 1574) Secretary: Ken Waegele (042 56 6105) Steve Parsons (042 96 3658) Publicity Officer: The Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at the AGA Gremania Club, Berkeley at 2.00 p.m. Discounts for members have been arranged at major Amstrad stockists in

QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE AMSTRAD COMPUTER CLUB

the area. A Club library is currently being stocked.

(07 393 4555) President: Paul Witsen (072833349)Secretary: John Roberts John O'Connor (072713350)Treasurer: Tech. Librarian: Peter Golledge (07 376 1651) Three meetings are held each month. The main meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at Junction Park State School, Waldheim Street, Annerley starting at 7.30

p.m. in Room 15a. The second is held at Wynnum Central State School, Florence Street, Wynnum Central on the first Saturday of each month at 1.00 p.m. The group co-ordinator is Warren Kennedy (07 393 4232). The third is held at Newmarket State School, Banks Street, Newmarket on the second Saturday of each month at 1.30 p.m. This group's coordinator is Cherry Shrier (07 351 6179). Tutorials on Basic and Machine Code are given and a rapidly growing public domain library is available to all members.

SOUTHSIDE AMSTRAD USER GROUP (QLD)

(07 200 5414) President: Michael Toussaint Peter Incoll (07 208 2332) Vice-President: Ken Henry (07 208 8730) Secretary: Tony Reynolds (07 841 4823)

Meetings take place every third Saturday of the month at the Loganlea State High School (in the Communications Room) starting at 2.00 p.m. The group was formed to service the southern outskirts of Brisbane and membership consists of beginners to advanced programmers. Demonstrations of various hardware and software packages are given at meetings and the formation of smaller instruction groups for personal attention is under way. A BASIC programming instruction course is held fortnightly.

WEIPA AMSTRAD USERS CLUB

Treasurer:

Andrew Seaborn President Vice-President Dave Wootton Treasurer Frances Casev

(070 69 7448) Gary Chippendale Secretary

This new group has already had a few meetings at Noola Court in Weipa. Prospective members should contact Gary on the above telephone number or write to 15 Noola Court, Weipa, 4874.

PENINSULA AMSTRAD CLUB

(07 269 8795) President Ivan Dowling (072032339)Treasurer Keith Johnston Tracie Payne (07 267 6645) Secretary

The aims and objectives of this new club are to "further the knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the Amstrad computer in its entirety". Meetings are held every third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Kippa-Ring State School Library, Elizabeth Avenue.

THE WARWICK AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Adrian Christensen President:

John Wode (076 61 5176) Secretary:

Treasurer: Neville Christensen

Meetings take place at the Warwick Education Centre on the first Saturday of each month from 7.30 p.m. Discounts for members have been obtained from two local dealers.

TOWNSVILLE AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Allan Maddison (077 79 2607) (077 78 6915) Vice President: **Brett Kettle** Shirley Paull (077 78 2318) Treasurer: (077 73 3955) Secretary: Alister Buckingham

The club meets at 7.30 p.m. on the first and third (only) Tuesdays in each month in the Science Block of the Kirwan High School in Thuringowa Drive. Activities include Basic programming and CP/M sessions, new product reviews, problem solving, competitions and social outings. Club members also receive discounts on software and stationery from selected stores.

MACKAY AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Are newly formed small mixed group with meetings held every second Sunday morning. For further details contact either Des Mulrealiey on 551409 or Ron Coates on 547222.

WESTERN SUBURBS AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

Peter Wighton (07 288 4571) President: Jimmy James Secretary: (07 376 1137) Keith Jarrot (073763385)Contact:

At the moment informal monthly meetings are held at Western District Office Supplies, 500 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Jindalee at 9.30 a.m. on the first Saturday in each month. All age groups from 9 to 90 are welcome. Prospective members may contact any of the above or write to Jimmy James, 36 Penong Street, Westlake, Brisbane 4074.

TASMANIA

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN AMSTRAD USER CLUB

President Frank Self (002495499)

Cindy Campbell Treasurer: Peter Campbell Secretary

Danny Brittain (002 47 7070) **Publicity Officer**

Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Matriculation College. Tutorials and workshops are held at the Lady Rowallan School at times and dates to suit participants. Emphasis is on the CPC range with meetings kept as informal as possible.

LAUNCESTON AMSTRAD USER GROUP

This is a new group which has provisionally organised meetings at the Launceston Workingman's Club on the last Saturday of each month from 1.30 p.m. onwards. For more details contact Andrew Banfield on (003) 44 3181 after 6.00 p.m.

NEW ZEALAND

AMSTRAD CANTERBURY

Contact: Christine Linfoot 459 132 Ian Orchard 524 064

The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Four Avenues School, cnr. Madras Street and Edgeware Road, Christchurch 1. They are currently running tutorials in Basic for beginners, machine code and general purpose debugging, with ad hoc discussion groups on the working utilities such as Tasword, Masterfile etc. The postal address of the group is: PO Box 23.079 Templeton, Christchurch, NZ.

WELLINGTON AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contact: Tony Tebbs 791 072 (evgs) This group meets at 7.30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. The normal venue is Room 718, Kirk Block, Victoria University. The postal address is PO Box 2575, Wellington, New Zealand.

Don't forget to keep us updated with any changes to your listings above, and remember, the closing date is always the first of the month prior to publication.

User Group Contact List

Please note that the following names are listed as contacts for new user groups and should NOT be viewed as a problem solving service.

See also Nationwide User Groups list on previous pages.

NSW

NT G.P. Heron	Tiwi	(089) 27 8814
TAS Conal McClure	Scottsdale	(003) 52 2514
Dave Andersen Graeme Worth P.M. Nuyens	6 Kitchener Rd Merredin, 6415 Scarborough Waroona	(09) 341 5211 (095) 33 1179
SA Lindsay Allen Michael Spurrier Mrs. S. Engler Rita Bascombe	Murray Bridge Murray Bridge Penola Port Lincoln	(085) 32 2340 (085) 32 6984 (087) 36 6029 (086) 82 1633
OLD Debbie Topp Steven Doyle Mick O'Regan Kylie Telford D.F. Read Tim Takken Alan Laird R.C. Watterton	Bribie Island Caloundra Gladstone Goondiwindi Ingham Ipswich Maryborough Toowoomba	(075) 48 1688 (071) 91 3147 (079) 79 2548 (076) 76 1746 (weekendsonly) (077) 77 8576 (07) 202 4039 (071) 22 1982 (076) 35 4305
Vic Stuart McLean David Carbone Rod Anderson Paul Walker Terry Dovey Andrew Portbury Sue Kelly M.G. Donaldson Angela Evans Keith McFadden Lindsay Parker Maureen Morgan	4/304 Albert St. Sebastopol, 3356 Burwood Camperdown Heathmont Horsham Leongatha Manangatang Morwell Mt. Evelyn Numurkah Wandin North Warnambool	(03) 29 4135 (055) 93 2262 (03) 729 8657 (053) 82 3353 (056) 62 3694 (050) 35 1402 (051) 34 5711 (03) 736 1852 (058) 62 2069 (059) 64 4837 (055) 67 1140
Chris Craven Trevor Farrell T.J. Webb David Higgins John Patterson Paul Wilson Frank Humphreys Martin Clift Bob Hall Stephen Gribben Ken Needs Chas Fletcher Nick Bruin Snr.	Canowindra Coolah/Mudgee area Glossodia Inverell Lismore Moruya Mummulgum Narrabri Newcastle Singleton St. Ives Toongabbie Tweed Valley	(063) 44 1150 (063) 77 1374 (045) 76 5291 (067) 22 1867 (066) 21 3345 (044) 74 3160 (066) 64 7290 (067) 92 3077 (049) 52 6915 (065) 72 2732 (02) 449 5416 (02) 631 5037 (066) 79 3280



Some Tips, Pokes and Game busting ploys to improve your scores. If you've got any - let's have 'em.

To input the majority of pokes, there are two methods.

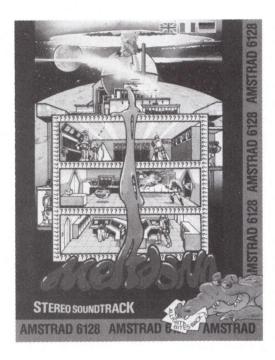
Method 1: Type in the listing. Rewind the game tape. Type RUN followed by pressing enter. Follow on screen prompts to load the game. Method 2: The tape header/loader/title screen, comprising usually of one or two data blocks has to be skipped. Rewind the game tape. Type in CAT followed by enter and play the tape. Watch the screen and a message will come up: Found FILENAME block 1 OK where FILENAME will be replaced by the name of the loading section. The next message that appears will be the main program appearing in the same style: Found MAINFILE block 1 OK

where MAINFILE will be different for each game. Note the point on the tape counter at which this second file appears. Stop the tape and rewind to just before that point. Type in the program and RUN it. Then press play on the tape deck.



This poke is entered using Method 1 and gives you infinite lives.

- 10 FOR f=&BB48 TO &BB4D
- 20 READ a:POKE f,a:NEXT
- 30 DATA &21, &ee, &09, &36, &67, &c9
- 40 RUN"



ZOIDS

A tip for anyone trying to get into Martech's game of these plastic dinosaurs.

When you come to a city complex, call up the base and tell them to launch a missile on the power station. The zoid's heart beat will go up and you should now fire a short range missile at either the mine or the beacon.

Repeat this procedure but go for the city domes.

To pick up extra power cells, destroy an installation and move to where it was standing. Turn on the scanner and any object around will show up on it and be automatically

picked up. When you're moving, the best tip is to go to the missile icon once you begin to move. That way there is a red zoid creeping towards you. You can despatch a short range missile to turn it into a pile of zoidar scrap. It is easy to be destroyed by incoming red missiles. You should really spend a few games practising shooting against them. You can do this by switching to the gun icon and pressing fire. You're then in the gunnery practice mode where no missiles will harm you if they hit you.

Here are some general tips followed by some advice on how to complete the first six mini games on the disc version of Meltdown.

- 1. Always make sure you are standing still when firing or you will do a somersault. If you land on a cyberman you will die.
- 2. Don't stand still and let a cyberman come to you. Move into its line of fire and shoot it, because it will have less time to shoot you.
- **3.** After releasing a bullet, sidestep to avoid incoming bullets.
- 4. In room which are cut in half by two storey computer stacks you can always shoot one of the stacks to make it explode. Only one will explode, but it's always the same one for a particular screen.
- 5. In the room with a row of cybermen, try to stand behind them because as they turn round you can shoot then easily and quickly.
- 6. In any room before the gamma radiation room you will find a stationary cyberman in the top right hand corner of the room. Touch it and the cyberman suit will transfer to you so that you can pass through the gamma radiation. On the other side you will be able to remove the suit in the same way you acquired it so that you can leave.

MINI GAMES

Terminal 1: Move the joystick diagonally for a second, then just fire until all nasties are killed. Terminal 2: Give top priority to side missiles as they move twice as fast.

Terminal 3: Fire, then move slightly diagonally, then fire and repeat the process. This must be done to avoid shooting yourself.

Terminal 4: Line up with the top target and shoot when the gap is a few squares away, then move to avoid ricochets.

Terminal 5: Move to the top then come down in horizontal rows. By doing this you don't overlap or leave the screen. When you've got all the numbers the password is obtained.

Terminal 6: When you press the button to start the game, fire instantly and you will get the A. Then it just takes practice to get the word "ALIVE". Fire when the letter required is about 4 or 5 squares away.



Here are some general tips followed by some details on levels two and three for Imagine's 'stab-em-up' which should get you a lot further in the game.

- Never stand at the very edge of a screen.
- 2. If you see a Commandant (blue uniform), position yourself at the bottom of the first ladder he will come to. If he is not already on the bottom level he will climb down and you can stab him to get his weapon.
- 3. Only Commandants and Rifle Carriers follow you around. To beat them off just climb a ladder, lie down and knife them as they come after you.
- 4. If the enemy is right behind you, run right. As the screen scrolls jump left over their heads. Face right and, if you have a weapon, blow them away.

 5. If you have a weapon don't be miserly with it. If
- 5. If you have a weapon don't be miserly with it. If you are close to the right hand edge of the screen when you fire it, it will scroll with the screen and you

get twice the killing power.

- 6. If you don't have a flamethrower at the end of the first level then lie down and stab the enemy.
- 7. Karate troops are a real pain. They are dressed in green and brown with black hats. Jump up or lie down and stab to kill them.
- 8. If you are on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th levels try to get on one of the higher platforms. Get two enemy troops running along below you (one will do, three is a gift). When you drop down follow them along since only three enemy troops appear at a time except at the end of a level. This way you will easily get to the end of a level.

Level 2: At the end of this you will come to a submarine. Lie down in the centre of the screen, or slightly left of centre, facing left. Four dogs will come after you. You must lie down and stab these because the rocket launcher is useless against them. When these four are dispatched turn right and, still lying down, kill another four dogs. Repeat this twice more. Level 3: This is very tough. Take a step or two right, jump left over the mine and climb on the wall. If you see a Rifle Carrier throwing a grenade (you'll hear a warbling noise), jump at him. On this level it is vital that you use your bazooka when two men are ahead of you. When you come to the fence get up onto it as soon as possible because it's much easier up there. At the end you come up against a small helicopter that I've vet to beat.

CHUCKIE EGG

This tip speeds up the game (line 30) and removes the monster detection (line 40). You may find it possible to get 'stuck' in a falling loop at times, but you may be able to get out of this, or just abort the game currently in progress. Enter using Method 2 to

get past the first block of the program.

- 10 OPENOUT"d":MEMORY
- 20 LOAD"!"
- 30 POKE 39557,201
- 40 POKE 39698,0:POKE 39699,0
- 50 CALL 39575

TURBO ESPRIT

This provides infinite lives for the drug chasing, racing game. Enter using Method 2 to get past the TITLE block 1 (be careful since there is only a small gap between this and the section you want to load).

- 10 MODE 1:MEMORY 2015
- 20 FOR f=2016 TO 2027

- 30 READ a:POKE f,a:NEXT
- 40 DATA &21,0,&40,&11,&68, &42,&3e,&16,&cd,&a1, &bc,&c9
- 50 CALL 2016:CALL 32768
- 60 a=2017:POKE a,0:POKE a+1,8
- 70 POKE a+3, &54:POKE a+4, &a1
- 80 CALL 2016:POKE 34409,0: CALL 6496

JET SET WILLY

For the TSAM disc version of JSW, enter the following lines, type SAVE "CHEAT" and enter, then type RUN "CHEAT" and it will automatically load JSW with infinite lives.

- 10 MEMORY &2000
- 20 LOAD"jetset.sbf", &1260
- 30 FOR n=&9C40 TO &9C4B
- 40 READ m
- 50 POKE n,m
- 60 NEXT
- 70 DATA 33,96,18,17,96,2
- 80 DATA 1,134,128,237, 176,201
- 90 CALL &9C40
- 100 POKE &57B7,0
- 110 CALL & 4D65



Some tips for this Amsoft arcade adventure.

- 1. After collecting the grey key from the upstairs bathroom, collect the book from the adjoining master bedroom.
- 2. Take the book to the Library and then walk to the far left of the room, avoiding the phantom.
- 3. When safe, walk towards the right and jump, and you will enter the Secret Passageway.
- 4. Follow the passageway and you will enter the Armoury.
- 5. Collect the blue page, then climb the barrels to collect the shield at the top.
- 6. With the shield and the grey key go to the end of the battlements outside the Castle of Tombstowne. You will now be able to pass the flying arrow and enter the Hut to retrieve another blue page for the book of spells.

"GET DEXTER"

Here is a poke which gives Dexter infinite energy. It's entered using Method 1 and you should ignore the odd colours on the loading screen and any funny noises near the end of the load - they're unavoidable.

- 10 DATA 21,22,b2,06,c3,e5,c5,21,97,c2,e5
- 20 DATA c5,21,5e,02,06,cf,e5,c5,21,ff,bb
- 30 DATA 06,08,e5,c5,21,55,7b,3e,04,11,05
- 40 DATA 76, c1, fd, e1, f5, cd, 13, 79, 38, fb, f1
- 50 DATA 3d, 20, f0, 21, 5e, 7b, 36, fa, 21, 4e, 40
- 60 DATA 11, fb, 7b, 01, 13, 00, ed, b0, f3, 21, 55
- 70 DATA 7b, 11, 31, b9, 01, c0, 00, ed, b0, c3, 31
- 80 DATA b9,21,16,b3,36,e2,23,36,b9,c3,12
- 90 DATA b3,21,d1,7e,36,00,c3,da,6b
- 100 MEMORY &3000
- 110 FOR x=&4000 TO &4060
- 120 READ a\$
- 130 POKE x, VAL ("&"+a\$)
- 140 NEXT
- 150 LOAD""
- 160 POKE &7924, &c9
- 170 MODE 0
- 180 CALL &4000

See next page for map of "Get Dexter"

ALIEN BREAK IN

Using Method 1, these pokes will provide infinite lives.

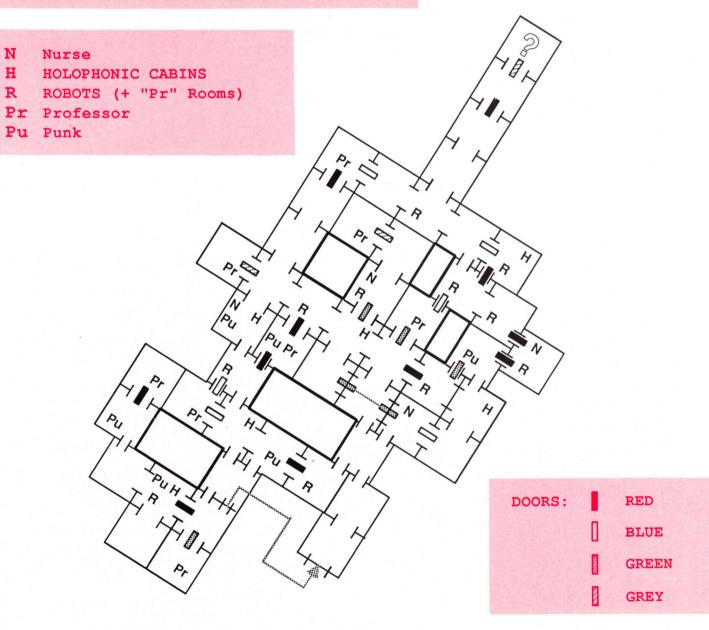
- 10 MEMORY &5500:LOAD
 "part2":POKE &740C,0
 :POKE &70C8,60
- 20 FOR f=&9000 to &9003:READ a:POKE f,a:NEXT:READ a,b:POKE a,b
- 30 CALL 29658
- 40 DATA 71,63,21,47,

We will endeavour to publish "Cheat Mode" for as long as possible, that means for as long as we are supplied with the tips and pokes.

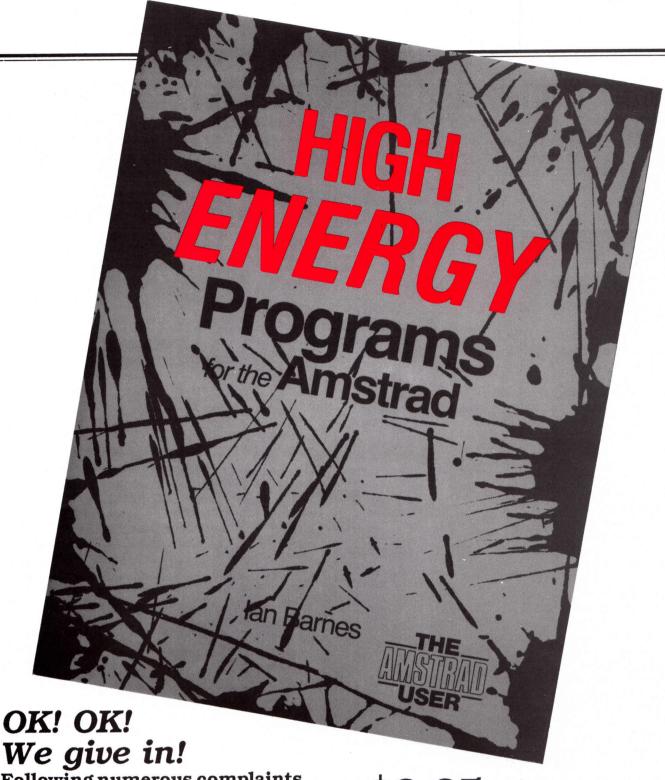
This is where you come in, and to tempt you a little to pass your own game busting secrets to other players/readers of The Amstrad User, we are offering \$5 for every published "cheat".

Send your revelations to: Cheat Mode The Amstrad User Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road Glen Waverley, Vic 3150

"GET DEXTER"



MAPPED BY MIKE SIMPSON



Following numerous complaints from people who are not eligible to receive the above book free of charge we have now made it generally available. (Not suitable for PCW's)

If you were one of the original subscribers to The Amstrad User (ie. had a current subscription at 31/12/85), then you will receive a copy of this book free of charge when you renew your subscription.

\$9.95 (including postage) only from Strategy Publications

What's inside:

Backgammon Tank Attack

Disassembler Tupe Faces

Type Faces

Venusian Descent

Poker

Hi-res Screen Dump Character Generator

Plus More

Amstrad's first IBM compatible

by Simon Anthony

Amstrad's newest computer, named the AIRO, is due for release in Australia in October (with supplies available in November) through Mitsubishi Electric AWA. It will be sold as a 'complete package' which means that the price tag will include the 512k computer with dual 360k floppy disc drive, keyboard, high resolution grey level or colour monitor, two button mouse and a number of exclusive Amstrad enhancements. Commenting on the new PC, Product Manager John Chandler said he is confident that with these enhancements. such as multi-tasking and multimedia flexibility and the inclusion as standard of a number of hardware features which are extras on all other PC's, the AIRO will quickly establish a significant position in the IBM compatible market. He added that the AIRO will set new benchmarks by which all IBM compatibles will be judged.

The 512k system, expandable to 640k includes serial and parallel interfaces with standard connectors. The 8086 processor can execute programs at more than twice the speed of the IBM PC. There will be a choice of one or two 360k 5.25" floppy discs. There will also be three 8-bit peripheral expansion slots for applications such as internal modem cards, hard discs and networking. Like other Amstrads, the power supply is connected to the monitor.

It has a full-size keyboard with illuminated Numlock and Capslock, extra Delete and Enter keys, dedicated ports for the joystick and the mouse which leaves the serial port free for

printers or communicators, light pen connectors, socket for 8087 maths processor, or loud speaker with volume control.

The high resolution monitor (on a swivel base) is in either monochrome grey level or colour. In addition to the IBM compatible Alpha and graphics modes, a special high resolution colour graphics mode is provided as standard and allows 16 colours in

640 x 200 pixels.

Extensive operating software will include MS DOS 3.2, the latest version of the widely used operating system with enhanced PC DOS compatibility; DOS PLUS, which runs MS DOS and CP/M-86 applications. The AIRO DOS PLUS multi-tasking facility should be an invaluable time saver that allows two programs to be run at once. Either applications or utilities can run in the background. The mouse driven Window and Icon operating system is provided by Digital Research's GEM Desktop and GEM Paint.

It runs Locomotive Basic 2, the fastest 16-bit Basic known, which provides the display of up to four 'windows' at one time, thus allowing the programmer to simultaneously keep track of the program listing and the effect the instructions are having in another part of the PC.

So there it is - a brief insight into what promises to be a major influence in the IBM compatible market. Naturally, we will be bringing you a much fuller review when we get hold of an AIRO, which reminds me, I would have thought with a name like AIRO that it should have had bubble memory!



39b Anderson Walk. Smithfield 5114 Telephone: (08) 254 1288



TAPE TO DISC DISC TO DISC

At last a hardware 'device' that will allow you to transfer those tediously slow loading cassettes to disk. "DISK WIZARD" operates on the working memory of the computer, hence it is unaffected by the loading method used. It is brought into operation by the simple press of a button.

A working version of the program in memory is then saved to disc and the program will restart. The saved version, when reloaded, will start from exactly the point the button was pressed (very useful). In most cases the process is then complete. With some progams it will be necessary to make one or two adjustments to the saved pro-grams using a simple routine supplied. However this will also allow you to make certain custom alterations to the programs, e.g. screen size, win-

"DISC WIZARD" is a hardware interface that fits the expansion or floppy disc port of the 464/664/6128. It is equipped with a through port and is supplied with simple instructions. At the time of going to press we have been unable to find even one, memory resident program that the "WIZARD" has been unable

ONLY \$119.00

Please Note: This product is intended for archival purposes only. Programs transfered require the unit to be present for reloading. Software to enable saved versions to stand alone will be available in the future.

DISCMASTER V1.0 -

A powerful disc backup and utility package for the 464/664/6128 series incorporating the foll-

"DUPLICATOR" .. A new standard of protected disc backup for the Amstrad. A very powerful program that will operate with one or two drives. We aren't saying that it will copy every disc available but our extensive tests have been unable to find one that it won't. We are sure that the DUPLICATOR is the best

disc backup program available. Make no mistake many similar otilities are very limited. Future updates will be available as and when necessary at nominal cost.

"MENU MAKER" .. A tremendously useful utility that allows you to make a menu on all your own discs completely automatically. You select which files are to be included on the finished menu and all the rest is done for

"RECOVER" . . This program allows you to recover any files that may accidentally be erased from a disc. Very useful in case of

"EXTENDED CATALOGUE" . . Gives an extended CAT that includes the start address and length in bytes of both BASIC and MACHINE

ONLY \$39.25

Warning: Do not be misled by other adverts. There is only one 'DUPLICATOR'. It is the most powerful of its type.

SPECIAL OFFER **WIZARD & DISCMASTER FOR ONLY \$139**

All orders plus \$2.00 P&P

The Digital Research CP/M Plus Manual

For CPC6128 and PCW machines

Let's get one thing clear before we start: this book is not for beginners. If you shy away from memory maps and assembly language you're unlikely to find it comprehensible, never mind actually useful. Quite simply,

it's the only book you'll ever need on the technical side of CP/M Plus - and that means it's very technical indeed.

If you're a bit of a machine code buff and want to start delving in CP/M 2.2, there are some books available. If it's CP/M Plus you're out to gen up on, you've got much less choice. In fact, the only really helpful book up till now has been MML's The Amstrad CP/M Plus by Andrew Clarke and David Powys-Lybbe, which unfortunately has not been freely available in Oz, and one or two American imports. So how does Digital Research's official effort measure up? In terms of presentation, the DR manual is a lot

slicker. The typesetting is certainly much easier to read and that's a major advantage to my mind. In practical terms it loses out however, as its chunky ringbinding weakens its pages and the thin covers give it inadequate protection for a reference work.

As far as content goes, the Digital Research manual is

As far as content goes, the Digital Research manual is really quite narrow. It concentrates on the structure of CP/M Plus in its Amstrad implementations, the

workings of the DR/Amstrad utilities and the techniques used in writing applications of your own. This is all very theoretical stuff, and needs to be read slowly. MML's guide quite definitely set out (amongst other things) to teach beginners how to do useful things with CP/M Plus. It covered a wide variety of

programming and hobbyist topics in a friendly, even chatty way.

In contrast, the DR book is formal and precise. Though it starts from basics, the emphasis is on the technicalities of CP/M Plus on the Amstrad machines rather than on how to do what you want to. Each section starts off with a brief summary of what lies ahead, and terms are carefully defined before they are used. The authors waste no time getting stuck into the nittygritty of BDOS entries. RSXs (which they explain extremely well) and the two Amstrad CP/M Plus implemen-tations. For the beginner this is of no use at all, but for the seasoned machine code

CP/M PLUS HANDBOOK

OPERATOR'S AND PROGRAMMER'S GUIDE FOR THE AMSTRAD CPC6128 AND PCW8256

AND PCW8256

AND PCW8256

FINSER'S SECOND COMPANY SERVING COMPANY S

programmer intent on learning to hack in CP/M Plus it's just about ideal.

It's partially a question of the sort of approach you like, but I found the writing style of the Digital Research book much more straightforward and easy to read than Messrs Clarke and Powys-Lybbe. To be sure, the subject matter is pretty complex stuff. All the more reason, to my mind, to set things out plainly as

Using ASCIII files with Locoscript

by R.J. Webster

In all the reviews of the PCW, critics enthuse over the power of Locoscript, but lament over the fact that it uses a different data format which means that ASCII files cannot be loaded into the word processor. However, do not despair, there is no need to rush out and purchase a copy of Wordstar as ASCII files can be read and created using Locoscript quite simply.

the DR manual does. There's no chat or waffle to get in the way; just detailed information. That said, you might well find it a little too clinical and prefer the MML manual's style - it's a matter of taste.

Good Points: All the details you need; Clear and concise style; Thorough explanation of techniques; If DR don't know the technical ins and outs, who does?

(SOFT 971 continued)

The document READ.ME supplied on the Locoscript system disc gives details on how to convert Locoscript files to standard ASCII format or into a Page Image file suitable for printing on an alternative printer connected to the optional interface. It is quite a simple matter and is done by selecting f7=Modes from the disc manager screen.

When you save a block of text from a Locoscript document. Locoscript saves it as a standard ASCII file. Therefore it is easy to merge an existing ASCII file into a Locoscript document. Pressing f7=Modes in the text editing mode allows this.

Selecting the Insert text option returns you to the disc manager screen, you select the file to insert, and it will be inserted at the cursor position.

EXAMPLES

Suppose you have completed a BASIC program called MYPROG.BAS and wish to strip out all the REM statements to enhance execution time and conserve memory. First, enter BASIC and load the program into memory. Type SAVE "MYPROG.ASC",a. This will save your program in ASCII format. Now, boot your Locoscript disc and create an empty document MYPROG.LOC. Set up the file header for 12 pitch, width of 90 characters and no right justification. This will ensure that the program listing is easily printed, and utilises the full screen

width. Now select f7=Modes and insert the file MYPROG.ASC. The listing can now be edited using the find and cut facilities of Locoscript. The insert operation may take some time for a lengthy file and can be speeded up if the source file (MYPROG.ASC) is first copied to drive M. When completed, exit to the disc manager. Now, select f7=Modes, make ASCII file and create a . simple text file called MYPROG1.ASC on group0 (first group) of your disc. This file can later be loaded and executed from BASIC in the usual way by typing LOAD "MYPROG1.ASC",r. It is important that the file is created on the first group to enable it to be later accessed from CP/M or BASIC.

Alternatively, if you develop assembly language programs, and are sick and tired of using RPED or ED, you can write them in Locoscript after setting the tab stops appropriately. When you have completed your program, save it and create the simple text file MYPROG.ASM on group0. This can then be assembled by MAC or RMAC from CP/M in the usual fashion.

NOTE

Saving the ASCII file in a group other than 0 will save the file in a separate user group and complicates the retrieval process. To demonstrate how Locoscript uses separate user groups, try the following:

- 1. From CP/M, copy DIR.COM onto a Locoscript disc which has a number of files in different groups.
- 2. Type in DIR[FULL]. This will display all the files in Group0 (User 0).
- 3. Now type in DIR[FULL USER=ALL]. You will see a directory for each user group which corresponds with the separate groups used by Locoscript.

beginners.

Bad Points: \$89.00 is certainly on

the pricey side; Definitely not for

When the press use such words as 'Phenomenal', 'Outstanding', 'Ideal' and 'Worth Every Penny', they've obviously discovered something rather special.

But when that something special turns out to be a product in which they are already expert, then it must be something very special indeed.

The object of their enthusiasm is AMX Pagemaker - a revolutionary software program that will produce newspapers, posters, leaflets, notices and hand-outs - in fact anything where text and graphics are required, to an extraordinary professional standard.

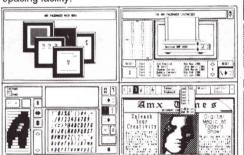
It's a complete graphics design system and word processor rolled into one. It has real time graphics with fast continuous scrolling up and down an A4 page and uses Mode 2, the highest graphics resolution on the Amstrad CPC computers.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

You can type directly onto the screen, with any of the 16 typefaces supplied or design your own, alternatively, you can load in any ASCII file or a word processor file, from programs such as Tasword, Amsword, Maxam, or Protext, with fully automatic on-screen text formatting during loading

loading.

"Word processing' facilities such as centring, ragged right and literal justification are all available. There is full pixel resolution control over text and graphics. Also included is a micro spacing facility.





The program that's making front page news.

EXTRA, EXTRA

There are outstanding facilities for drawing, spraying and painting, using either the patterns supplied, or your own pattern designs. A screen conversion routine is included allowing screens created in Mode 1 and 0 to be used within the Pagemaker. The cut and paste facilities include copying, moving, rotating, stretching and a fantastic zoom is also available.

The previewer allows you to view three A4 pages at any time before work is output to a wide range of dot matrix printers including: Amstrad DMP 2000, Epson FX/RX/LX/LQ, Canon PW-1080, Kaga KP810, Mannesman Tally MT-80+, Seikosha SP-1000A, Star Delta, Star SG10 and any that are compatible with the above.

The AMX Pagemaker requires: a) Amstrad CPC6128 or b) Amstrad CPC664+64K minimum add-on Ram or c) Amstrad CPC464+64K minimum add-on Ram + disc drive, DK'tronics Ram boards or compatible.

Let's leave the last word to the press.
*"Pagemaker is phenomenal - it lends itself

to creating anything where text and graphics are involved - notices, posters, leaflets, hand-outs, news-sheets. Packages like this have been the province of 16-bit micros until now, this product is worth every cent of \$175".

AMX MAGAZINE MAKER -WE THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME WE PUT YOU IN THE PICTURE.

A combination of AMX Pagemaker and the AMX video digitiser. Using any video that provides a composite signal and the digitiser, images from a camera or TV can be converted into a graphic screen on the Amstrad micro. They can then be used within AMX Pagemaker to illustrate magazines or Newsletters. The digitiser connects into the expansion port and scans a complete picture in only 5 seconds.

A special print dump routine is also included with the driver programs. This is specially designed to produce fast, correctly proportioned pictures, with reduced 'Contouring' resulting in a very accurate reproduction of the

Head Office: 49 Riversdale Road OXENFORD, QLD 4210

Features offered by this package include:

Dot resolution 256 by 256

Standard 1 volt composite video input

■ 10 bit A/D convertor gives 32 grey scale output

Low IC count

Contrast and brightness control

No external power unit required

These packages are your opportunity to join the desktop publishing revolution.

The AMX Pagemaker costs only \$175, software is supplied on 3" disc and a fully illustrated operating manual, AMX Digitiser only \$295 including software on 3" disc, and AMX Magazine Maker (including AMX Pagemaker and AMX Digitiser) at \$425.

These superb packages are available from all good computer dealers or direct from



Australian Microcomputer and Software NETwork

*'Educational Computing', January 1986

Programming Power with Pascal

Let's face it, BASIC isn't the most powerful computer language in the world. It might be friendly and docile, but it's very slow. If you're looking for a second language which is both useful and easy to learn, you could do a lot worse than PASCAL.

The difference between BASIC and PASCAL goes a lot deeper than the commands used. They are different kinds of languages: BASIC is an INTERPRETED language whereas PASCAL is COMPILED. To understand the difference we need to take a look at how your computer understands program commands.

All the computing that goes on in either Arnold or Joyce is done by a chip called the Z80. This is the 'brains' of your machine. When you want to program your machine - to tell it what to do, in other words - you have to speak to the Z80. Unfortunately the Z80 only understands a language called MACHINE CODE, and machine code is very difficult to learn. Machine code commands are just numbers, and it takes an awful lot of them to do anything impressive.

The alternative most people choose is to use a high-level language like BASIC or PASCAL. High-level language commands are much easier to understand than their machine-code equivalents, and tend to be based on English words or mathematical symbols. That's fine as far as we're concerned, but now our programs don't make any sense to the Z80 - because it can only cope with machine code commands.

This is where the high-level language earns its keep. It translates the high-level commands (which make sense to you) into machine code commands (which makes sense to the Z80). If this sounds like a pretty good way of keeping everybody happy, you'll see why high-level languages have caught on in such a big way.

COMPILERS AND INTERPRETERS

That's not quite all there is to it, though. This translation business can be done in one of two ways.

Some languages are translated as they go along: the computer translates an instruction, performs it, then translates the next instruction and so on. This is called INTERPRETING, and the section of the language that does the translation is called the INTERPRETER. As I said earlier on BASIC is interpreted. This makes it a very friendly language, but it also makes it very slow.

The alternative system works like this: you translate the entire high-level program in one go, so that you end up with a pure machine code program. This process is called COMPILING, and the machine code program produced by it is called the COMPILED CODE. Because the compiled program is in machine code the Z80 can understand it without the need for an interpreter. PASCAL is a compiled language, and this makes it (potentially) very powerful and very fast.

USING PASCAL

If you're programming in PASCAL, the first thing you're going to want to create is your source code. That's the proper name for the actual text of your program - the PASCAL commands. For this you need an EDITOR, and I'm not talking about the magazine variety here.

Since BASIC generally comes with a built-in editor, it tends to get taken for granted. It's the thing that lets you type in, list and delete lines of your program. With PASCAL you normally use a separate text-editor - if you have WordStar or NewWord, for example, either of them would be fine if you use 'non-document mode'.

Once you've written your file using the editor and saved it to disk as, say, PROGRAM.PAS, you'll then want to compile it. To do this you have to run the compiler. If the compiler was called, say, COMPILE.COM then you type something like COMPILE PROGRAM as the A>prompt. Assuming you haven't made any mistakes the compiler then produces a new file called PROGRAM.COM. This is the compiled version of your program, and behaves just like any other .COM file. That is, you can run it simply by typing PROGRAM at the A> prompt.

The chances are that things won't go anywhere near so smoothly at first. PASCAL is very fussy, particularly about punctuation. If you make a mistake, it'll probably be spotted during compilation. The compiler will report

the kind of mistake you've made, but it's not always very precise. Often you'll get several different error messages all set off by one mistake. There's also a tendency for the messages to crop up some way after the actual error, which only adds to the general confusion.

P-CODE

Some implementations of PASCAL don't work in quite the way that's described above. Instead of converting your commands into Z80 machine code, they translate it into a special language called P-code. Then an interpreter translates this P-code once the program is running. There are theoretical advantages to this. In particular, the same program is usually much smaller in P-code than it would have been in machine code.

There are also several drawbacks to P-code compilation. A major problem is that P-code programs need the interpreter to be present when they run. If you want to turn a P-code program into a stand-alone program - something that can run without an interpreter - you'll need to put it through an extra processing stage. Turning a P-code program into a stand-alone .COM file usually makes it a great deal bigger. It could easily end up being larger than the file a normal compiler would have produced.

JENSEN & WIRTH

PASCAL is a highly standardised language - much more so than BASIC. A program written for one version of PASCAL should, in theory, need very little modification to compile on another.

For the purposes of standardisation, PASCAL implementors refer to a specification drawn up by JENSEN and WIRTH back in 1975. PASCAL packages usually boast about how accurately they conform to the appropriate standard, but it doesn't actually mean that much these days. From what it's worth, neither of these packages could compile the other's demonstration files without considerable modification.

OXFORD PASCAL System Software (Oxford) Ltd CP/M Plus (6128 and PCW's)

This is the cheapest of the packages covered here and also the most beginner-orientated; two facts that may not be unrelated. It comes in two different forms, a standard disk-resident compiler PAS.COM and a memory-resident compiler/editor/trace utility PASCAL.COM. The first of these works in pretty much the usual way - you type in PAS PROGRAM and it compiles the file PROGRAM.PAS into the P-code file PROGRAM.OBJ. You can run this as is with the interpreter RUN.COM, or turn it into a standardalone program with LOCATE.COM. So much for PAS.COM, at least for the moment. PASCAL.COM is rather more unusual.

It's major point in favour of most BASIC systems that the editor and interpreter are MEMORY-RESIDENT - that is, you load them into memory at the start of a session and they're both on call there until you've finished programming. (I'm talking here about CP/M BASICs like Mallard and MBASIC -Locomotive BASIC doesn't even need to be loaded in.) If you write a BASIC program you can run it, find an error, edit it till it's correct and run it again, all within BASIC.COM.

In contrast, with most PASCAL systems you'd have to write your program with the editor, exit to CP/M, run the compiler and find the errors, exit to CP/M, enter the editor again and so on until you get it right. For beginners this is arduous to say the least especially if you don't really know what the compiler's having problems with. What Oxford Pascal offers you in the form of PASCAL.COM is the BASIC-like ability to switch between editing, compiling and actually running your program.

It must be pointed out that the system has its drawbacks. The compiler is a cut-down version of PAS.COM, and still needs to access the disk for its error message file. It actually falls through into the system if you've not got that on the disk, but there is a handy utility called RECOVER.COM which lets you salvage any source code in memory.

More seriously, the PASCAL.COM editor is very unfriendly and quite poorly thought out. To edit a line you need to refer to it by number. But unlike BASIC, lines in PASCAL programs aren't given numbers by the programmer: they're automatically numbered as lines 1,2,3 and so on. When you list your source code by the clumsy '1,\$p' command the line numbers aren't shown. You just have to count down till you reach the line you're interested in. This unfriendliness is a real shame. The editor has some quite powerful features, but it's such a hard slog getting to them I'd sooner use WordStar and forget about the memory-resident system altogether.

Turning to PAS.COM reveals other problems. The system as a whole uses a system of colour protection to avoid piracy. If you're using PASCAL.COM you only have to go through this rigmarole once in each session, but PAS.COM insists on checking your credentials every time.

If works like this: you're given a 40x26 grid with numbers up the side and letters along the bottom. In each cell of the grid is a coloured dot. Every time you run the compiler, it asks you for the colours of the dots in each of four cells of the grid. Get one wrong and it unceremoniously dumps you back into the operating

1
2 program bounce (input,output);
3 const thecowscomehome = false;
4 DELAY = 30;

system.

The theory is that you can't reproduce the grid on a photocopier, so a pirate copy is unusable. In practice honest users get extremely annoyed at having to waste their time like this, get locked out of the system when they lose their grid or are stranded from the word go thanks to colour-blindness; while pirates get out their felt pens or trot off to the nearest copyshop that has a colour photocopier.

This really puts me right off using the package in a serious way - I mean, it's just too much effort to go through all that every time you want to compile something. And some enterprising hacker is bound to work out a poke to get around it....

Good Points: Nice price; Optional resident system; P-code system makes for short programs; Manual caters well for beginners.

Bad Points: Rotten built-in editor; Aggravating colour protection scheme; Needs an extra locating stage to get stand-alone programs.

PASCAL 80

Hisoft, CP/M 2.2 & Plus (All CPC's and PCW's)
Hisoft's Pascal 80 has long been the standard package to recommend. It's solid, dependable and very short on gimmickry. It also costs more than Oxford Pascal.

For your money you get the standard Hisoft editor ED80.COM and a disk-resident compiler HP80.COM. You also get a fair few other files, but we can take a look at these later on.

As usual, the first thing you'll be doing is writing your source code. You could use your favourite CP/M word processor/text editor for this, but ED80 will meet most people's needs handsomely. ED80's a full screen editor, and it uses almost the full set of WordStar control key combinations. This does strike me as a little strange - after all, if you know WordStar the chances are you've already got a copy of it, and won't need ED80. That said, ED80 only takes up 12K of disk and so is a lot more convenient on single-drive systems.

In use ED80 is straightforward and, for a CP/M editor, quite fast. It doesn't behave exactly like WordStar, but that's not going to bother too many people. It can be configured for the larger 8256/8512 screen without too much difficulty, and it's size makes

it natural for the M:drive.

As for HP80, it's just a good practical compiler. You call it up from disk in the usual way, so that typing HP80 PROGRAM will compile the file PROGRAM.PAS into PROGRAM.COM. It's pretty fast, and quite fussy. A missed semi-colon, for example, will produce an avalanche of errors on the next line.

Pascal 80 would be the grand old man of Amstrad PASCALs if it wasn't for the way Hisoft keep adding to it. Since it was first launched it's gained not only random access filing but also a fascinating library of GSX graphics routines. Both of these come as PASCAL source code and are thoroughly documented. You can use them as procedures within your own programs, or read through them to study the techniques used - the latter being well worth the effort.

The smart ring-bound manual also contains support material for these files, plus a great deal of information on the Pascal 80 implementation. It doesn't cover PASCAL for beginners, as the authors are at pains to point out. You may be able to pick up what you need to know from the manual and some experimentation, but you're probably going to need a book of some sort to help you over the more difficult points. To this end, the manual's bibliography lists a few suitable introductory books.

This is all starting to add to the price of the system as far as beginners are concerned, but it does mean that the manual can give more experienced users the information they need. That's very important, and not just for hardened PASCAL fanatics. If you buy a package you're going to learn with, you don't want one you're going to outgrow too soon; nor do you want one that restricts you.

It may not be aimed at beginners, but I'd still recommend PASCAL 80 to anyone starting out. Beginners need the best and, for the price, I'd say that's PASCAL 80.

Good Points: Nice editor and good solid compiler; Thorough manual; Nice, well documented GSX routines; Compiles to true Z80 code; Runs under both CP/M systems; Takes up very little disk space.

Bad Point: Not too cheap; Manual doesn't cater for beginners.

Public Domain

from Peter Campbell

First 'Hardcat' and now 'Copycat', it is obvious that Amstrad users want to be able to catalogue their discs for quick reference, but, in some extent, they are re-inventing the wheel, for there is already a very useful program for cataloguing discs and it is a piece of public domain software.

So what is 'public domain software' you ask. Public domain software is software which you may use freely. Copyright is usually retained by the author, but often he/she makes the source code available so that you can improve upon his original effort, the one stipulation being that the resultant program cannot be sold, only given away.

In the early days of computing there was little commercial software, and public domain software grew out of the sharing of software written by those pioneering enthusiasts. To that software has been added early versions of programs destined for the commercial market. After the program has spent some time in the public domain, its faults ('bugs') come to light and users have either rectified them or suggested other improvements. The software can then be released in an enhanced version as a commercial product.

Some public domain software was donated by commercial organisations going into voluntary liquidation, some by individuals proud of their first programming efforts and some by universities in the United States. This last has become a legal requirement and has brought such items as 'E-Basic' (from the Micro-computer Laboratory, Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterery, California) and the 'Yale catalogue of Bright Stars' (!) into the public domain. Some is machine specific and some requires greater program area

than the humble CPC464 (with DDI-1 disc drive and interface) and CPC664 computers can provide.

Many public domain programs come complete with documentation. This has not always been updated to reflect changes made in the latest version of the program. In other instances, documentation is virtually nonexistent, or the user is referred to an obscure magazine reference, which means a visit to the library.

Public domain software varies enormously in quality and the would-be user must first sift the wheat from the chaff. He/she must then find a source which can supply the software in Amstrad's 3" format. Sources include bulletin boards, clubs and various commercial firms in the United Kingdom. Commercial firms in Australia also offer public domain software, but I do not know of any who offer the 3" format, but I should be happy to be proven

Given the problems that have to be overcome before you can obtain just the right program for your needs, you might well ask is it worth the effort. Yes, it is, particularly if someone else has done the necessary sifting! As I suggested at the beginning of this article, an excellent disc cataloguing program is just one of the many useful programs that are

available. It is called 'Master

catalogue'.

(Continued on Page 28)

Our Software w to end your paper

If you run a small business you'll know, only too well, how much unproductive time you spend on that necessary evil, paperwork.

Quest Business Software for the AMSTRAD, IBM and COMPATIBLES and most CP/M micros will, quite simply, relieve you of the paperwork millstone and can PAY FOR ITSELF in as little as ONE MONTH by dramatically increasing your efficiency and profitability.

Since our award winning CASH TRADER was published last year we've considerably expanded our range of Business Software to save you time on accounting, searching through files, typing letters and producing reports.

As many of our packages are available for

As many of our packages are available for evaluation prior to outright purchase, you've everything to gain by ordering today. Just because our software costs less it doesn't mean that we've cut corners or skimped on detail – thousands of users, world wide, will testify to that!

All Quest Business Software is very easy to use and we've paid particular attention to provide detailed documentation, and, should you need it, Ongoing support.

You could say that we haven't slept . . . So you can.

AMSTRAD BUSINESS CONTROL SYSTEM⁺
QUEST BUSINESS CONTROL SYSTEM*
THE LOW-COST FULLY INTEGRATED ACCOUNTING
SYSTEM WITH OVER 30,000 USERS WORLDWIDE!
"Behaves like much more expensive software, and is well structured" - 'What
Micro' Feb. '86.

These accounting systems designed for the Amstrad, IBM (and compatibles) and most CP/M micros put the power of fully integrated accounting within even the smallest budget. The three modules, of which the system comprises, are Sales Ledger/Invoicing/Stock Control: Purchase Ledger: Nominal Ledger. Modules may be purchased independently if required and full software support is available.

All packages are fully documented and an evaluation suite for ALL THREE modules is available.

EVALUATION COPY ONLY \$80! (14 day Money Back Guarantee)

CASH TRADER*+

"If your paper work tends to be somewhat haphazard, Cash Trader is brilliant at creating order out of chaos" - "What Micro" Feb. '86.

Cash Trader has sold over 5,500 copies since its launch last year and has been universally acclaimed. Designed for business people - not accountants - Cash Trader is as easy to use as a Cashbook with the added advantages of automatic totalling and cross casting, the ability to produce printed reports for Auditors' requirements and the tremendous benefit of accepting ANY TYPE OF ENTRY in ANY ORDER - eliminating tedious manual paperwork sorting.

Additional reports from CASH TRADER may be simply produced with ANALYSER - a low cost add-on module.

Cash Trader and Analyser are supplied with full documentation and software support, if required.

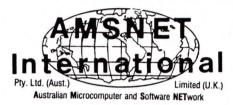
... "an outstanding and original contribution to business profitability and efficiency" - The Standard Micro Business Awards. Sept. 1985.

EVALUATION COPY ONLY \$80! (14 day Money Back Guarantee)

⁺For Amstrad PCW8256, CPC6128, 664 and 464 (Twin Drive)

*IBM, Compatibles and most MS/DOS or CP/M micros, Cash Trader can run on a single drive.





THE PEOPLE-SERVING-PEOPLE MARKETING NETWORK

OFFICE HOURS 10 am to 4 pm MONDAY - FRIDAY 075 - 531734 Phone and Mail Orders only

Users of handwritten ledgers, "three in one" systems and Cashbooks will rapidly feel at home with Quest Business Software. You will find that the same fundamental principles used in those manual systems are followed in these powerful computerised systems, except that: the SCREEN replaces the paper

the KEYBOARD replaces the pen. Three utility programs are available to expand the power and the flexibility of

Ouest Business Software. File expander. Increases the number of accounts and entries subject to hard disc capacity.

Invoice Spooler. Allows unlimited design and format for invoices. Word Link: Can be used to transfer supplier and N/L details to Wordstar for reports, Mailings, Price Lists etc.

MATCHBOX

The stand-alone Electronic Card Index you can't afford to be without!

MATCHBOX is one of the easiest to use software packages ever designed. It allows you both to store information (e.g. customer records, product specifications etc.) and then to sort it in a variety of forms that may then be used, if required, to print out lists or labels.

Features include: Up to 32000 Records per File Up to 30 Alpha or Numeric fields per record Sorts on any selected field MATCHBOX is equally valuable for business or private use!

Amstrad 8256, 6128. Can run on a single drive.

SOFTWARE FOR **SOLICITORS**

CASHIER - a simple to operate but comprehensive accounting system designed to meet the Law Society rules and incorporating both a Client and a Nominal Ledger on an 'open item' basis and handling up to 1000 matters. An optional Time Recorder module is available as well as an upgrade to increase the number of matters and port the system to Hard Disc. Designed for Amstrad PCW's or IBM's.

Evaluation Copy \$180

Runs on Amstrad PCW8256, CPC6128, 664 and 464

\$120 \$120

\$80

\$80

\$325

\$475 \$225

\$80

\$110

SOFTWARE FOR ACCOUNTANTS*+

SHOEBOX. A powerful Incomplete Records Program produces Trial Balance, Profit and Loss A/C and Balance Sheet, simple to use, rapid entry routine, automatic tax extraction. Links to Wordstar for tailored reporting, comprehensive audit trail, up to 300 Nominal Accounts with 99 sub analysis codes in each.

Evaluation Copy only \$80 TIME RECORDER record Time and Disbursements. Caters for up to 200 clients with 150* charge rates, produces comprehensive WIP

*Volumes for Amstrad, IBM and compatibles accommodate more *+Amstrad PCW8256, CPC6128, 664 and 464 with Twin Drives and most dot matrix or daisy wheel printers.

AMSTRAD BUSINESS CONTROL SYSTEM AND QUEST BUSINESS CONTROL SYSTEMS

Please send me Sales Ledger, Invoicing and Stock Control Please send me Purchase Ledger Please send me Nominal Ledger Please send me Evaluation/Demonstration Suite CASH TRADER WITH ANALYSER Please send me Evaluation Copy
Please send me Cash Trader - full working copy

Please send me Cash Trader with Analyser SOFTWARE FOR ACCOUNTANTS

Please send me Shoebox Please send me Time Recorder Please send me Evaluation Shoebox/Time Recorder Please send me Matchbox Please send me Cashier (Evaluation)

*All programs require Disc Drives Some programs up to 3 weeks delivery

> AMSNET International Ptv Ltd 49 Riversdale Road OXENFORD, QLD 4210

Evaluation Copies

Evaluation copies are usable but a restriction on the number of entries exists.

On payment of the balance you will be given a password to remove the restriction and enable full use to be made.





I enclose my cheque made payable to AMSNET International

Please debit my Bankcard/Visa/American Exp. Card No Expiry Date _ Signature Microcomputer used ____

Address

Type of Business —

>> RETAIL DISTRIBUTOR ENQUIRIES WELCOME <<

To use Master catalogue, you place on a disc the following files:

MCAT41.COM CAT3 MAST.CAT

MCAT41.COM is the CP/M utility which does the cataloguing. It occupies 7k. CAT3 is a CP/M program which gives a tidy printout of the catalogue. It occupies 1k. MAST.CAT is an ASCII text file, which is produced by the cataloguing program. As it is updated a MAST.BAK file is produced. However, as 1100 entries will fit into 20k (40k with the .BAK file) a very large catalogue can be fitted into the remaining 161k of your system-formatted disc. Data formatted discs can be used for storing programs.

If you are not supplied with a configured MAST.CAT file, you must install your own. This is quite simple. All that is required is an ASCII text file containing a pair of brackets (), followed by a couple of line feeds. This can be produced on a word processor or you could even use the CP/M system's ED.COM. Optionally you can list between the brackets any programs which you intentionally have on several discs. If you do not so list them, the program will catalogue each occurrence and CAT3 will associate the duplications on one line. This allows you to decide if you need to erase any of the duplications, rename them, or include them within the brackets.

The remaining setting-up operation involves numbering (or naming) all your discs. On system discs, this is done using the CP/M SAVE command. SAVE 0-1.001 will produce a file of zero length, having the catalogue name, 1.001 (the hyphen triggers the cataloguing process). On dataformatted discs you can create a Basic file consisting of a single remark or create a 0k file on a system disc and copy it across to

the data disc. The latter is preferable as the former will create a 1k file. Don't forget to erase the 0k file on the system disc after you have copied, or you will have two numbers on the one disc!

The advantage of Master catalogue over some other disc cataloguing systems is that it produces the catalogue on disc, rather than paper. It is thus not necessary to print the catalogue out every time that you save a program, or erase one, on a particular disc. When you do require a hard copy, just type CAT3 <CTRL P>. (Fig.1 shows the

screen output during the cataloguing process and Fig.2 shows a portion of the CAT3 printout.)

Other public domain utilities that will work on the CPC464 include file managers (such as NewSweep), directory sorters (D and NI), file comparers (Compare and CRCK44) and the 'disc surgeon'(DU). There are even utilities to find and isolate bad sectors on a disc (Findbad), to count words in a text file (Wcount), to check the spelling (Spell-11 with Spell-Ed and Master.Lex) and to protect your files from

```
CATALOG PGM v4.0 - 11/20/83
For help, reboot then type: MCAT40 ?
The DISK TO BE CATALOGED and the CATALOG SYSTEM DISK
will alternately be placed in Drive A:
Mount DISK TO BE CATALOGED in Drive A: Ready? (Y/N): y
                      Processing disk: 1.029
Mount CATALOG SYSTEM DISK in Drive A: Ready? (Y/N): y
ADD: +++65k.FRE
ADD: ACUG.
ADD: COMPARE. COM
ADD: COMPARE.DOC
ADD: CPMII.
ADD: D.COM
ADD: DISPLAY.COM
ADD: FILEMAN. COM
ADD: FILEMAN. DOC
ADD: FIND.COM
ADD: FINDBAD.COM
ADD: IDUMP.COM
ADD: LISTT.COM
ADD: LOG.
ADD: SECTORED.COM
ADD: SECTORED. DOC
ADD: TYPWRITE.COM
ADD: UNERASE.COM
               24 entries, with disk: 1.029
MAST.CAT has
Mount DISK TO BE CATALOGED in Drive A: Ready? (Y/N): y
                      Processing disk: 2.029
Mount CATALOG SYSTEM DISK in Drive A: Ready? (Y/N):
ADD: +++46k.FRE
ADD: ACE.COM
ADD: ACE.DOC
ADD: ACE2.COM
ADD: D.COM
ADD: KEYDEF.DAT
ADD: KEYS6128.ACE
ADD: KEYS8256.ACE
ADD: LASM. COM
ADD: LASM. DOC
ADD: LOHD.COM
ADD: LOOK.COM
                                                Figure 1
ADD: LOOKAT.COM
```

unauthorised access (Password and Scramble). Assemblers and a disassembler are also available.

Amstrad disc space is allocate in 1k blocks. If a file does not completely fill a block, the remaining sectors of the block are wasted. LU, a library utility pushes the files in the library closer together by starting the next file in the next available sector. Another space saver, which works best on text files is Squeeze. Savings of around 40% are possible, which reduces the amount of disc space copies of correspondence, and the like, need. Naturally, there is Unsqueeze to reverse the process. There are also utilities which can produce a screen or printer copy of library and squeezed files without the necessity of taking them out of the library and unsqueezing them first.

Ever ERAse a file and immediately afterwards realise that you have made a mistake? You need Unera 190, which can undo the damage at the touch of a key. Want to set up your keyboard so that you can summon up CP/M commands at the touch of a couple of keys? Have a look at Qwikkey.

On the lighter side there are

banner makers, a calendar generator, a bio-rhythm chartmaker, chess, golf and Othello. I particularly like Othello because you can handicap the computer!

There are many Basic programs available in the public domain. However, they are mostly written in versions of Basic that will need adapting before they run on the CPC's, although some may run on the PCW's under Mallard Basic. Make sure you get an ASCII text of the source code (to edit into Amstrad Basic) before investing you hard earned cash, for 'free' public domain programs do cost money.

Although the programs themselves are free, discs, postage and copying are not and you will have to pay any costs involved. If you download programs from a bulletin board, you need an interface, a modem, a telephone and the ability to pay large telephone bills. However, the software for doing the job does not cost anything if you get it from the public domain!

If any readers are interested in getting any of the programs mentioned, they should write to me C/-Southern Tasmania Amstrad Club, PO Box 247, North Hobart, TAS 7002 and I will send them a list of what is available and what costs need to be met.

To get a 'taste' of Public Domain software, the following free programs appear on Year Discs 2 and 3 (see Page 50):

> SD.COM SD.DOC SQ.COM **SQUEEZE.COM** USQ.COM UNSPOOL.COM UNSPOOL.DOC WCOUNT.COM WCOUNT.DOC

++++0k.FRE - 1 +++46K .FRE - 2 +++65K .FRE - 1 ++145K .FRE - 1 ACE .COM - 2 ACE .COM - 2 ACE2 .COM - 2 ACUG 1 CAT3 .COM - 1 COMPARE .COM - 1 COMPARE .COM - 1 COMPARE .DOC - 1 CPMII 1 D .COM - 1	.026, .029, .029, .009, .029, .029, .029, .029, .029, .029, .029, .029, .029,	, 2 .029,
DISK76 .COM - 1 DISPLAY .COM - 1 ED .COM - 1 FILEMAN .COM - 1 FILEMAN .DOC - 1	.026, .026, 1 .029 .009, .029, .029,	
FIND .COM - 1 FINDBAD .COM - 1 GOTHIC .COM - 1 HELP .COM - 1 I/O-CAP .COM - 1 IDUMP .COM - 1	.029, .026, 1 .029 .026, .026, .026, .026,	
KEYDEF .DAT - 2 KEYS6128.ACE - 2 KEYS8256.ACE - 2 LASM .COM - 2 LASM .DOC - 2	.028, 1 .029 .029, .029, .029, .029,	,
LDIR .COM - 1 LISTT .COM - 1 LOG 1 LOHD .COM - 2 LOOK .COM - 2 LOOKAT .COM,- 2	.026, .026, 1 .029 .029, .029, .029, .029,	,
LRUN .COM - 1 LU ,COM - 1 LU .DQC - 1 M .COM - 1 MAKE .COM - 1 MAST .BAK - 1	.026, .026, .026, .009, .026,	
MAST .CAT - 1 MAZE .COM - 1 MCAT41 .COM - 1 MCAT41 .DQC - 1 NDDT .COM - 2	.009, 1 .026 .026, .026, .026, .029,	,
NDDT .DOC - 2 N1 .COM - 1 NSWP205 .COM - 1 NSWP205 .DQC - 1	.029, .026, .026, .026,	Figure 2

HOW TO TURN **OUR PCW8256/8512** BUSINESS WORKSTATION

SANDPIPER ACCOUNTS

A SIMPLIFIED INTEGRATED ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Each transaction need only to be entered once. all relevant ledger postings happen automatically at the time of posting.

Specially written for PCW8256

Utilizes the RAM Disk to eliminate the need for changing disks during the

Personalized invoices/ statements/remittances

Produces Professional Documents with Full Business Details on Inexpensive blank paper thus improving your company's image. Designed to fit standard window envelopes.

Large file capacity

Sufficient Sales, Purchase, and Nominal Ledger Records may be kept for most businesses on 1 data disk.

Easy to use - Designed for inexperienced Users

Full instructions for use appear on the screen. The comprehensive manual need only be used for reference.

Full customer telephone support - available if required.

Sales Ledger

Invoice Posting Cash Receipts Debtors List Statements View Account

Purchase Ledger Bill Posting Cash Payments

Creditors List

Remittances View Account

Name & Address Labels

Nominal Ledger Lists of Accounts Reports

Periodic Transactions N.L. History

Cashbook

Bank Statement Entry Full Reconcilliation Periodic Transaction

(gives TRUE cash status)

Single Drive System:

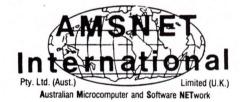
200 Accounts (Sale, Purchase) 1000 Transactions 200 Nominal Accounts

Dual Drive System:

1000 Accounts (Sales, Purchase) 4000 Transactions 200 Nominal Accounts

Management Reports

- 1) Stock Report Value of Stock Cost of Sales
- 2) Assets including Depreciation
- 3) Prepayments & Postpayments
- 4) Expenses
- 5) Profit & Loss 6) Balance Sheets



49 Riversdale Road, OXENFORD, Q 4210 Phone and Mail Orders only please 075 - 531734

riease send Sandpiper Accoun	its	
Single Drive System	\$336	
Dual Drive System	\$385	
PCW 8256 with Accounts	\$1485	
PCW 8512 with Accounts	\$1834	
Please debit my BankCard/Visa		
Name		
Address	77535	

OPENING SPECIALS

(Limited to the first 50 orders)

#1: PCW 8256 with Sandpiper Accounts \$1485 (SAVE \$50) #2: PCW 8512 with Sandpiper Accounts \$1834 (SAVE \$150) PRICES INCLUDE:

- * Road freight on hardware anywhere in Australia
- Membership of AMSNET International

AMSNET International helps you get the most benefit from your investment.

Business and Professional support for Accountants,

- Authors, Solicitors and Small Business.

 * Super Bonuses and Rebates on future purchases.
- Armchair Purchasing. Just pick up your phone and order. Pay Bank, Visa or Mastercard.
- * Recent negotiations with overseas suppliers will bring you a superb range of new products.

 * Business Solutions for a wide range of Industry, Commerce, Professionals and Small Business.
- An opportunity to make extra income by helping others. No stock to carry.
- Information on new product releases.
- Marketing help for software authors wishing to sell overseas or in
- * Maximum help to User Groups. Phone for more information.

>> Retail Distributor Enquiries Welcome <<

AMSNET International import, export and distribute Amstrad, CP/M and IBM type software and distribute software and hardware in Australia and the U.K.

A PEOPLE-SERVING-PEOPLE MARKETING NETWORK

Cambase

A Review by Arnold Goldman

Cambase is an excellent low-cost database system. When I first received it for review I expected a "cheap" system as it only costs \$97 compared with Cardbox at 4295 and dBaseII at \$900. Having tried it but, I must say that to describe Cambase as "cheap", with all the connotations of nasty and undesirable, would be incorrect to say the least. It really does do all that the advertising literature says.

Having read the reviews of dBaseII and Cardbox in the September Amstrad User, I would suggest that any potential user of a database system on the PCW should look closely at the Cambase system. For those who may be familiar with other more expensive systems, I shall list some of the technical specifications of Cambase for comparison.

No. of files on a single disc -No. of records per file limited only by disc space and record size

No. of fields per record -



'88 Cambase Database Cambrian Software Works Ltd

Licence Reference 00310693

IMPORTANT WARNING

Use of this system must be licensed by return of a completed Software Registration Card enclosed. It is important to note the Terms of Licence and that unauthorised users will be prosecuted under the Software Copyright Protection Act, 1985.

No. of indexed fields per record -

No. of characters per field -60

No. of loops in or between fields -120

Screen page length -

18 lines Max. record length -

252 lines (14 screen

pages)

Types of fields -

numeric, text, logical(Y/N), date Output screen, printer, disc

(Locoscript format) No. of processes per file -

20

No. of variables per process -

Arithmetic operators -

+, -, *(multiply), /(divide

No. Of outputs from process -

It would seem that whereas the Caxton software people set their price ceiling at \$300, the Camsoft people have set theirs at \$100.

There are 7 items on their advertising brochure and all are listed at £49.95, with savings if integrated systems are purchased.

So, now on to the reasons for my enthusiasm.

Why would anyone with a PCW, which includes Locoscript and Jetsam Basic as standard, want to buy a database system? After all, with Locoscript one can build up a big directory and search it for any word or string of words. With Jetsam Basic one can write database programs which supposedly equal some commercial systems. Well, if you can manage with Locoscript for storing your data then you obviously have enough time to look things up on a card index anyway, and you probably do not need a database program. The same applies with writing your own programs. Anyone who can devote hundreds of hours of programming time to produce a bug-ridden minimum flexibility program is only in it for fun, self-education, or

masochism and does not need a database program.

The small business operator, the club secretary, or the educator who just wants to use a system at minimum cost would probably find that Cambase fully meets their requirements.

Copying the Cambase system is easy and has to be done for each disc to be used as data storage. It is recommended that one side of a disc carry the Cambase system and the other be used to store the database. Cambase allows so many different data-base systems to be set up that I cannot begin to explain them all. The instruction manual is quite detailed and has many human touches that indicate that the authors have thoroughly tested the system on an Amstrad and have overcome the problem encountered. The lack of an index is annoying but forgivable. Although I have never used a computerised data-base system before I soon reached the stage of being able to prepare a useful

system.

As a trial I decided to set up a data-base for the car club of which I am a member. The approach I shall now describe would similarly apply to many club activities or small businesses, and will serve to highlight some of the features that I was surprised to find in such a low priced package. Low priced, that is, compared to Cardbox and dBaseII.

Firstly one needs to decide what information to store in the data base, and how it is to be retrieved at a later date. For each member, I entered name (30 characters), street (30 characters), suburb (30 characters), state (5 characters), postcode (5 characters), telephone number (15 characters), car models owned (8X20 characters), car registration numbers (5X10 characters), and a comment statement of up to 60 characters. This is a grand total of 385 characters per record.

A useful feature that reduces the amount of looking up in the book is

'86 Cambase Database Create USER FILE 1 00310693 29 AUG 86 Page 1 Fred Robinson name address 18 Anystreet Road Dandenong 3175 3175 (03) 795 1234 suburb p/code tel.no. Super snipe ser. V cars 1234567 Super snipe ser.III cars cars cars cars cars cars cars members surname robinson STOP to reject record EXII to return to menu FIGURE 1 Drive is B:

a "help" facility called up by entering a "?" when unsure of what to do next. A simple statement appears on the screen to provide some guidance.

Having set the layout for the record card, a page of which is shown in Fig.1, one can return and edit it if, as is usually the way, it does not quite suit requirements. It is extremely important to get this stage right, as it is not possible to change record or field lengths once the file has been initialised. Cambase provides a test facility to let you try out your system before you go too far. It is in this stage that the fields to be used for selection purposes are chosen and the card layout is adjusted to suit the screen pages. When the proposed system has been tailored to do all the things you may ask of it, the disc to be used for storing the data-base is checked to see how many records may be stored. In my case, using a blank disc, the program informed me that 410 records could be stored. If this had

not been enough for any future expansion I would then have had to go back to the record edit function and be more economical with my allocations of field lengths. Single letter codes could have been used instead of state and car model. 400 member records seemed to be enough for my purposes, and so I did not bother with revising the records.

Next came the tedious part of the job. All the data has to be typed in before it may be used. Where is the device to read pages of text and enter it into the computer? (I think that is what one hires a glamourous secretary for, or is that just being sexist?) Anyway, after entering details of the first dozen members I decided to try out the system. It certainly is quick and easy to use. One can choose the classifications to be selected, say all members living in Victoria and owning any model Humber Hawk. The selected members can be listed alphabetically according to street,

name, etc., or numerically according to membership number or postcode. The selection is done using a screen displayed card as shown in Fig.2. If one is not certain of the correct spelling of an address, name, or suburb a leading and trailing "*" may be used around the part know. For example, "*Idman*" would find me (Goldman) if you were not sure whether it is spelt with an "o" or and "ou". It would also find anyone else with those letters in their name unless the search was narrowed down in some other way.

Having selected the list of members for a particular purpose, the list may be printed out in the layout selected when drawing up the original records. The list may also be stored, as a separate file on another disk, for later insertion into a Locoscript document, which makes it a very useful system on the PCW8256.

I could have included a field on subscriptions paid or not, and used a process to add up the outstanding

29 AUG 86 Output USER FILE 1 00310693 '86 Cambase Database Sort Fields Selection Fields name address address suburb suburb Vic stste stste p/code p/code tel.no. tel.no. *hawk* cars reg.nos ANDERSON First members surname Last members surname DUNLOP Use 4 key to choose sort field ENTER to specify F3 to exit EXII to return to menu STOP to re-enter range FIGURE 2 Drive is B: debt at any time. The possibilities are endless. By designing the layout of the display, or printout, it is possible to have a process for printing out address labels for selected members, or customers. the processes are stored on the disc along with the filespecs, and up to 20 different processes may be specified for any file. It is possible, for example, to have an inventory of stock with prices, quantities, tax rates, etc., and use a process to increase prices of selected items, calculate new sales tax and total up the new asset holding.

In fact there seems to be an amazing potential with Cambase to satisfy the needs of most small businesses, and certainly those of any sports or social club. The limitations imposed on the user are not those of Cambase, but those of the PCW8256 and its single disc of 170k capacity. Presumably by updating to a PCW8512 my list of 400 club members would

expand to over 1600.

Possibly the only criticism I can make of Cambase, and this may well apply to other more expensive systems, is that once the record format, with its various field types, has been fixed and the number of records in the file has been selected, they cannot be changed. The Camsoft people justify this with the comment that on a small system like the PCW8256, it would be very easy to exceed the disc space with just a few alterations for data retrieval. This limitation should not affect the user if the original record format has been well thought out and tested.

I am almost tempted to stand for Secretary of the car club next year just so I can use my Cambase system. Perhaps I should go and lie down until the feeling

goes way.



MAIL ORDER 54 Eulinga Avenue, Aspendale Vic. 3195. Ph. (03) 580 9839

Discs for Amstrads from \$2.50 5.25" 40 Track Single Sided Discs \$25.00 per 10

Second Drives rack Single Sided Drive 40 track 5.25" **Double Sided Drive** 40 track \$249.00 5.25" 80 track **Double Sided Drive** \$499.00 Double Sided units also come with software to allow access to double sided mode under CP/M Plus.

Lockable Discette Boxes

Suitable for 3" and 3.5" Discs (See April Issue TAU)

\$22.50 PLUS Postage and Packaging

\$7.00 on Drives.....\$3.50 on other items.....Insurance \$4.00 extra We can now also supply the current range of normal software at competitive prices.

> Send Name and address for Catalogue. **BANKCARD or MASTERCARD accepted**

WORD PROCESSING	G
-----------------	---

Newword 2		
(incl Spell Check)	*	275.00
Wordstar PCW		225.00
Wordstar 6128		275.00
Star Index	*	329.00
MicroWord/		
MicroFile	*	142.50
Tasword 8000		88.50
Tasprint 8000		60.40

FINANCIAL MODELLING

Supercalc 2	*	141.50
The Cracker	*	159.00
Planner Calc	*	97.50
Master Planner		175.00

LITH ITIES

Catalog	**	50.50
Write Hand Man	*	94.50
The Knife	**	50.50
The Torch	**	50.50

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

LANGUAGES		
HiŚoft C	**	125.0
C Basic		215.0
Nevada Basic	**	141.5
Nevada Fortran	**	125.0
Nevada Cobol	**	125.0
Nevada Pilot	**	125.0
Microprolog	*	257.5
Pascal/MT+	*	149.0
Mallard Basic	**	249.0
CBasic compiler	*	149.0
Turbo Pascal	**	249.0
Hisoft Devpac 80	**	125.0

GRAPHICS	
Dr. Draw *	167.50
Dr. Graph *	167.50
Polyprint/Polyword/	
Polyplot/Polymail	216.00
Polytype	149.00

DATABASE **MANAGEMENT**

Cambase	*	142.50
dBase 2	*	699.00
Sage Retrieve	*	409.50
Sage Magicfiler	*	331.50
MicroWord/File	*	142.50

COMMUNICATIONS

Sage Chit Chat		
Combo Pack	*	409.50

ACCOUNTS Sago Popular

Saye rupulai		
Accounts	*	357.50
Sage Invoicing	*	289.00
Cash Book		97.50
Accounting 1		695.00
Camsoft Stock		

142.50

Control **TRAINING**

Guide to Locos pt	
(Audio tapes)	39.50
CP/M+ Handbook	89.00

PROJECT PLANNING

Brainstorm	*	149.50
Target Task		245.00

GAMES

Classic Adventure	
plus Mordens Quest	
(1 disc) *	TBA
Cyrus II Chess	44.50

Note

We have been advised that items marked * can also be run on the 6128. Items marked ** can be

purchased to run on the 464/664/6128 and PCW machines.

For more details consult your Amstrad dealer.

CROSS COMPUTERS

WIE CARIE

MAIL ORDER STAR BARGAINS

STAR BARGAIN 1

Paxman Gift Pack 4 Great Games

\$29.95

STAR BARGAIN 4

DK'TRONICS 256k Memory Expansion for the CPC464. Normally \$299.95 - Save \$20

\$279.95

Distributed by



STAR BARGAIN 2

Super Silver Saver 3 Pack - Normal RRP \$49.95 - save \$24.00

> \$**25.95** WOW!

Send a self-addressed envelope for details of more great savings on software and hardware STAR BARGAIN 3

Viatel Kit
Includes dedicated
RS232 and software.
Normally \$299.

\$199.00

STAR BARGAIN 5

KONIX Joystick Pack
Top quality Joystick
plus a Super Silver
Game. Save \$15 ~

\$39.95

Please send me STAR BARGAINS

1... 2... 3... 4... 5...

Please tick appropriate box

AMSTRAD FAMILY COMPUTER CENTRE Order Form



To: CROSS COMPUTERS Shop 1, Boronia Village, Boronia, Vic 3155. Telephone: (03) 762 8566

I am enclosing my □ cheque, □ money order or

Please debit my Bankcard,

Visa card Mastercard for the sum of \$.....

IMPORTANT: Please add \$3 to each order to cover post and packing

Card No.

Expiry Date _

Signature _____

Name_

Address_____

Post Code

Telephone_

Petrol Consumption and Log Program

by Mike Perry

Like many programs, this one started as a simple idea (a ten liner) and just grew from that. And with Mr. Keating's demands upon the motorist to keep strict records, the program may well help, apart from identifying how much money your car consumes in fuel and servicing!

You'll find the instructions within the program, but basically it calculates petrol used in miles per gallon or litres per 100 kilometres. The number of entries is determined when the program is first run and is only limited by the available memory. Service information may be entered at any stage without effecting the calculations. A blank form may be printed to keep in the car to record information for later entry into the computer.

The program itself is preceded by an optional loader.

HOW IT WORKS

10 - 60	Dimension Variables
80 - 270	Menu
280 - 560	Enter Data
570 - 980	Discrepancy correction
990 - 1120	Calculate
1130 - 1310	Display result of last entry
1320 - 1620	Screen Display
1630 - 1960	Data Alteration
1970 - 2190	Save to cassette or Disc
2200 - 2410	Retrieve from cassette or Disc
2420 - 2610	Instructions
2620 - 2770	Print blank form
2780 - 2900	Service information

```
10 'Petrol calculator
   by: Mike Perry (1986)
20 'for lines 40 to 160:- key def 64,0,2
07:key def 65,0,220:key def 57,0,221:key
def 56,0,222:key def 49,0,223
30 MODE 1:BORDER 0:PAPER 0:INK 0,0:PEN 1
: INK 1,0:CLS
40 PRINT: PRINT
                                     ^0
50 PRINT"
               00
                     000
                          000
                               00
60 PRINT"
               0 0
                     0
                           0
                               0 0
                                    0 0
70 PRINT"
               100
                     000
                           0
                               000
                                    0 0
0"
```

```
80 PRINT"
                               0 0
                                    0 0
0"
90 PRINT"
                    000
                           0
                               0 0
                                   101
000"
100 PRINT: PRINT
110 PRINT " 00 0 0 0
                      ^00 0 0 0
                                   ^0 00
0 ^0_ 00 "
120 PRINT"O
              0 0 0
                           000
                                   0 0
                                        0
  0 0 0 0"
130 PRINT"O
              000 0
                           0 0 0
                                   000
  0 0 000"
140 PRINT" 100 0 0 000 100 10\ 000 0 0
  10/ 0 0"
150 PRINT: PRINT"
                        AND AUTOMOTIVE L
OG BOOK"
160 PEN 2: INK 2,0
170 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT" For:
                               Miles/Gall
on & Litres/100 Kms"
180 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT"
                                 By Mike
Perry (1986)"
190 INK 1,5:FOR i=0 TO 1000:NEXT:INK 2,1
200 FOR i=0 TO 2000: NEXT: PEN 3: INK 3,26:
LOCATE 8,25:PRINT"Loading":z=16:GOSUB 21
0:PRINT"the":z=20:GOSUB 210:PRINT"progra
m":z=28:GOSUB 210:PRINT"now....":RUN"!pe
210 FOR i=0 TO 400: NEXT: LOCATE z, 25: RETU
20 '+ Dimension variables +
30 '++++++++++++++++++++++
40 '
50 MODE 1:LOCATE 1,17:PRINT"
                                 Press (
ENTER> for 100 entries
                                 or ent
            required. ":LOCATE 5, 12: INPU
er number
T" How many entries do you wish
   to have available ";e: IF e=0 THEN e=10
60 DIM d$(e),p$(e),o(e),k(e),kb(e),y$(e)
, l(e), lb(e), c(e), t(e), s$(e), ca(e), oa(e),
ob(e), la(e), ta(e), lk(e), mg(e)
70
80 '+++++++
```

90 '+ Menu + 100 '+++++++

110

```
120 MODE 1: PAPER 0: INK 0, 11: PEN 1: INK 1,
11:BORDER 11:CLS
130 LOCATE 15,3:PRINT" M E N U ":PRIN
140 PRINT: PRINT TAB(11) "nstructions", TAB
(11), TAB(11) "nter Data", TAB(11), TAB(11)
"hange Data", TAB(11), TAB(11) "ave to Cass
ette/Disc"
150 PRINT TAB(11), TAB(11) "etrieve from C
assette/Disc", TAB(11), TAB(11) "iew Data"
,TAB(11),TAB(11) "rint Data",TAB(11),TAB(
11) "lank Form"
160 LOCATE 16,23:PRINT"Which ?"
170 INK 1,0:WINDOW#1,10,10,6,22:PAPER#1,
0:PEN#1,2:INK 2,15:PRINT#1,"I E C S R V
P B"
180 m$=INKEY$: IF m$=""THEN 180
190 IF UPPER$(m$)="I" THEN 2470
200 IF UPPER$(m$)="E" THEN 330
210 IF UPPER$(m$)="C" THEN 1680
220 IF UPPER$(m$)="S" THEN 2020
230 IF UPPER$(m$)="R" THEN 2250
240 IF UPPER$(m$)="V" THEN 1370
250 IF UPPER$(m$)="P" THEN 1370
260 IF UPPER$(m$)="B" THEN ch=0:ci=1:GOT
0 2670
270 GOTO 180
280 1
290 '+++++++++++++++
300 '+
        Enter data
310 '++++++++++++++
320 '
330 b=0
340 IF n>=0 THEN n=n+1 ELSE n=1
350 IF i>3000 THEN n=n-1:i=0
360 WINDOW 1,40,1,24:BORDER 9:PAPER 0:IN
K 0,9:PEN 1:INK 1,0:CLS
370 WINDOW#1, 1, 40, 25, 25: PAPER#1, 2: INK 2,
0:PEN#1,3:INK 3,2:CLS#1
380 m=FRE("")
390 PRINT#1, " ENTRY NUMBER: ";n;"
                                    MEMORY
 LEFT: "; m
400 IF n=1 THEN INPUT "Purchase date (eg
07.03.86)";d$(n):GOTO 420
410 PRINT"Purchase date (eg 07.03.86)": P
RINT"(enter 'S' to enter service informa
tion) ": LOCATE 30, 1: INPUT " ; d$(n): PRINT: I
F UPPER$(d$(n))="S" THEN 2830
420 PRINT: INPUT "Place of Purchase ";p$(
n)
430 IF n>1 GOTO 490
440 PRINT: INPUT "First Odometer Reading"
(o(n): IF o(n) = 0 THEN 760
450 PRINT: INPUT "Did you fill the tank (
Y/N)";y$(n)
460 IF UPPER$(y$(n))="N" THEN PRINT:PRIN
T"You must commence calculations on a fu
lltank": GOTO 440
470 IF UPPER$(y$(n))="Y" THEN y$(n)="Y":
GOTO 340
480 GOTO 450
490 PRINT: INPUT "Next Odometer Reading"
;o(n)
500 IF o(n)=0 THEN 540
510 IF o(n) < o(n-1) THEN PRINT: PRINT "INVA
```

```
LID ENTRY ! ": GOTO 490
520 PRINT: INPUT "Did you fill the tank (
Y/N)";y$(n)
530 IF UPPER\$(y\$(n))="N" OR UPPER\$(y\$(n))
)="Y"THEN 540 ELSE 520
540 PRINT: INPUT "Litres purchased"; l(n)
550 PRINT: INPUT "cost in cents per litre
 (c/1)"; c(n)
560 PRINT: INPUT "Total cost in dollars &
                 (eg. 6.00)";t(n)
 cents.
570
580 '++++++++++++++++++++++
590 '+ Discrepency correction +
600 '+++++++++++++++++++++
610 '
620 a=n:GOTO 650
630 FOR a=1 TO n:mg(a)=0:lk(a)=0:k(a)=0:
IF a=1 THEN l(a)=1
640 IF s$(a)>""THEN o(a)=o(a-1):y$(a)=y$
(a-1):c(a)=c(a-1):l(a)=l(a-1):GOTO 1210
650 IF UPPER$(y$(a))="N" THEN y$(a)="N"
660 IF UPPER$(y$(a))="Y" THEN y$(a)="Y"
670 IF b=0 AND 1(a)=0 AND c(a)=0 AND t(a
)=0 THEN 760
680 IF t(a)*100=c(a)*1(a) THEN 1040
690 IF b=0 AND 1(a)=0 AND c(a)=0 THEN 76
700 IF b=0 AND 1(a)=0 AND t(a)=0 THEN 76
710 IF l(a)=0 THEN l(a)=t(a)*100/c(a):GO
TO 1040
720 IF t(a)=0 THEN t(a)=(c(a)*1(a))/100:
GOTO 1040
730 IF c(a)=0 THEN c(a)=t(a)*100/1(a):GO
TO 1040
740 IF 1(a)>0 AND c(a)=0 AND t(a)=0 THEN
 1040
750 GOTO 770
760 INK 3,0,2:PRINT#1, " Invalid entry,...
... Insufficient Data. ": FOR i=0 TO 4000:
NEXT i:GOTO 120
770 i=2:ca(a)=t(a)*100/l(a):ca(a)=ROUND(
ca(a), i): la(a)=t(a)*100/c(a): la(a)=ROUND
(la(a), i):ta(a)=(c(a)*l(a))/100:ta(a)=R0
UND(ta(a),i)
780 t(a)=ROUND(t(a),i)
790 IF ta(a)*100=ca(a)*la(a) THEN t(a)=t
a(a):c(a)=ca(a):l(a)=la(a):GOTO 1040
800 IF la(a)MOD l(a)=0 AND ca(a)MOD c(a)
=0 AND ta(a)MOD t(a)=0 THEN 1040
810 IF b=1 THEN 1040
820 INK 1,9:CLS
830 PRINT"-Cents per litre multiplied
   litres purchased =$";ta(a);"(total c
by
ost)"
840 PRINT"-Total cost divided by litres
 purchased = ";ca(a); "c/l"
850 PRINT"-Total cost divided by cents
 per litre =";la(a);"lt."
860 LOCATE 1,9:PRINT"Do you wish to alte
r:-"
870 LOCATE 1,11:PRINT"1 Cents per litre
 from "; c(a); "to"; ca(a) "?"
880 LOCATE 1,13:PRINT"2 Litres purchased
 from"; 1(a); "to"; la(a) "?"
```

```
890 LOCATE 1,15:PRINT"3 Total cost from"
;t(a);"to";ta(a);"?"
900 LOCATE 1,17:PRINT"4 Leave the figure
s as they are ?"
910 LOCATE 10,21:PRINT" (Select 1. 2. 3.
920 INK 1,0
930 clt$=INKEY$: IF clt$=""THEN 930
940 IF clt$="1" THEN c(a)=ca(a):GOTO 104
950 IF clt$="2" THEN l(a)=la(a):GOTO 104
960 IF clt$="3" THEN t(a)=ta(a):GOTO 104
970 IF clt$="4" GOTO 1040
980 GOTO 930
990
1000 '++++++++++++
1010 '+
        Calculate +
1020 '++++++++++++
1030 '
1040 IF o(a)>0 AND o(a-1)>0 THEN k(a)=o(
a) - o(a - 1)
1050 IF o(a)=0 AND o(a-1)>0 THEN oa(a)=0
1060 IF o(a)=0 AND o(a-1)=0 THEN oa(a)=0
a(a-1)
1070 IF o(a)>0 AND o(a-1)=0 THEN k(a)=o(
a)-oa(a-1)
1080 IF o(a) = 0 THEN y$(a) = "N"
1090 IF y$(a)="Y"AND y$(a-1)="Y" THEN 1k
(a)=100*(1(a)/k(a)):mg(a)=2.8248928*(k(a))
)/1(a))
1100 IF y$(a)="N"AND y$(a-1)="Y" THEN 1b
(a)=l(a):kb(a)=k(a):IF b=0 THEN CLS:GOTO
 1220
1110 IF y$(a)="N"AND y$(a-1)="N" THEN 1b
(a)=lb(a)+lb(a-1):kb(a)=kb(a)+kb(a-1):IF
 b=0 THEN CLS:GOTO 1220
1120 IF y$(a) = "Y"AND y$(a-1) = "N" THEN lk
(a)=100*(l(a)+lb(a-1))/(k(a)+kb(a-1)):mg
(a)=2.8248928*(k(a)+kb(a-1))/(l(a)+lb(a-1))
1))
1130 '
1150 '+ Display result of last entry +
1170 '
1180 i=2:lk(a)=ROUND(lk(a),i):mg(a)=ROUN
D(mg(a), i): IF b=1 THEN 1210
1190 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Miles per gallon=";
mg(a)
1200 PRINT: PRINT"Litres per 100 Kms="; lk
(a)
1210 IF b=1 THEN NEXT a
1220 IF y$(n)="N"THEN PRINT:PRINT"Entrie
s must finish with a full tank."
1230 IF b=1 THEN FOR i=0 TO 2000: NEXT i:
GOTO 120
1240 LOCATE 10,15:PRINT"Do you wish to:"
1250 PRINT: PRINT TAB(10) "1. Enter more d
ata. ": PRINT: PRINT TAB(10) "2. Enter servi
ce details. ":PRINT:PRINT TAB(10) "OR"
1260 PRINT: PRINT TAB(10) "3. Return to me
nu."
```

```
1270 a$=INKEY$: IF a$="" THEN 1270
1280 IF a$="1" THEN CLS:GOTO 340
1290 IF a$="2" THEN 2820
1300 IF a$="3" THEN 120
1310 GOTO 1270
1320 '
1330 '+++++++++++++++
1340 '+ Screen display +
1350 '++++++++++++++++
1360 '
1370 ch=0:ci=1:lt=0:tt=0:lka=0:mga=0:q=0
1380 IF n<1 THEN CLS:PRINT:PRINT"No data
 to display or print!":FOR i=0 TO 2000:N
EXT i:GOTO 120
1390 MODE 2:BORDER 9:INK 0,12:INK 1,0:CL
1400 WINDOW 1,80,2,24:CLS:WINDOW#1,1,80,
1,1:PAPER#1,3:PEN#1,0:CLS#1:WINDOW#2,1,8
0,25,25:PAPER#2,3:PEN#2,0:CLS#2
1410 PRINT#ci, "No
                    DATE
                             PLACE
                  C/L
                                 $
                                       L
       KMS
             FULL
       M/G"
/100km
1420 IF ch=8 THEN PRINT#ch, "_____
   1430 PRINT#ch, " 1"TAB(5)d$(1); TAB(15)p$(
1); TAB(23)o(1); TAB(41)y$(1)
1440 FOR a=2 TO n:IF y$(a)="Y" AND s$(a)
= " " THEN q=q+1
1450 i=2:c(a)=ROUND(c(a),(i/2)):l(a)=ROU
ND(l(a), i):t(a)=ROUND(t(a), i):lk(a)=ROUN
D(1k(a),(i/2)):mg(a)=ROUND(mg(a),(i/2)):
d$(a)=LEFT$(d$(a),8):p$(a)=LEFT$(p$(a),6)
): IF o(a)=0 THEN y$(a)=""
1460 IF s$(a)>"" THEN PRINT#ch, a; TAB(5)d
$(a);TAB(15)p$(a);TAB(23)ob(a);TAB(33)s$
(a); TAB(58)t(a): GOTO 1500
1470 PRINT#ch,a; TAB(5)d$(a); TAB(15)p$(a)
;TAB(23)o(a);TAB(32)k(a);TAB(41)y$(a);TA
B(44)c(a);TAB(50)l(a);TAB(58)t(a);TAB(66)
lk(a); TAB(72)mg(a): lt=lt+l(a): tt=tt+t(a)
):lka=lka+lk(a):mga=mga+mg(a)
1480 IF UPPER$(m$)="P"THEN 1500 ELSE IF
ch=0 AND a MOD 20=0 THEN CLS#2:LOCATE#2,
26,1:PRINT#2, "Press (Space) for next pag
e. "ELSE 1500
1490 IF ch=0 THEN spac$=INKEY$: IF spac$<
>" "THEN 1490 ELSE CLS
1500 NEXT a
1510 IF q=0 THEN q=1
1520 lka=ROUND((lka/q),(i/2)):mga=ROUND(
(mga/q), (i/2))
1530 PRINT#ch, TAB(49)"
          ":PRINT#ch, TAB(50)1t; TAB(58)tt
;TAB(66)1ka;TAB(72)mga
1540 PRINT#ch, TAB(51) "Total"; TAB(59) "Tot
al"; TAB(67) "Ave"; TAB(73) "Ave"
1550 lt=0:tt=0:lka=0:mga=0:q=0
1560 IF ch=8 THEN 120
1570 IF ch=0 AND UPPER$(m$)="V"THEN PRIN
T#2, " PRESS: 'M' to return to main menu
      'P' to print a copy of these resu
lts"
```

1580 IF UPPER\$(m\$)="P"THEN ch=8:ci=8:PRI

NT#2, TAB(35) "PRINTING ": GOTO 1410

```
1590 a$=INKEY$:IF a$="" GOTO 1590
1600 IF UPPER$(a$)="M"THEN 120
1610 IF UPPER$(a$)="P"THEN ch=8:ci=8:PRI
NT#2, TAB(35) "PRINTING .... ": GOTO 1410
1620 GOTO 1590
1630
1640 '+++++++++++++++++
1650 '+ Data alteration +
1660 '+++++++++++++++++
1670 '
1680 IF n<1 THEN CLS:PRINT:PRINT"No data
 available to alter! ": FOR i=0 TO 2000: NE
XT i:GOTO 120
1690 BORDER 15: INK 0, 15: CLS
1700 INPUT Which entry number are you al
tering"; a: IF a>n THEN PRINT "Invalid entr
y!":FOR i=0 TO 2000:NEXT i:GOTO 1700
1710 CLS:PEN 2:INK 2,0:PRINT TAB(10)"- A
lteration Menu -":PEN 1:INK 1,14:LOCATE
12,3:PRINT"Altering item:";a
1720 LOCATE 13,5:PRINT ate. ;TAB(13),TAB
(13) "lace. "; TAB(13), TAB(13) "eter. "; TAB(1"
3), TAB(13) "ull tank (y/n). "; TAB(13), TAB(
13) "itres purchased. "; TAB(13), TAB(13) "en
ts per litre. "; TAB(13), TAB(13) "otal cost
1730 LOCATE 13, 19: PRINT "ervice. ": LOCATE
13,21:PRINT"eturn to menu."
                                   Which
1740 PEN 2:LOCATE 12,24:PRINT"
211
1750 WINDOW#1, 12, 12, 5, 22: PEN#1, 3: INK 3,6
:PRINT#1, "D P M F L C T S R"
1760 IF s$(a)>""THEN WINDOW#3, 1, 40, 11, 16
:CLS#3
1770 alt$=INKEY$: IF alt$="" THEN 1770
1780 GOTO 1850
1790 LOCATE 1,2:PRINT"You have entered:"
:PRINT:PRINT"Is this correct (y/n) ?"
1800 md$=INKEY$: IF md$="" THEN 1800
1810 IF UPPER$(md$)="Y"THEN md$="Y":RETU
RN
1820 IF UPPER$(md$)="N"THEN 1840
1830 GOTO 1800
1840 PRINT:PRINT"Enter correct item: ":RE
TURN
1850 IF UPPER$(alt$)="D"THEN CLS:LOCATE
19,2:PRINT d$(a):GOSUB 1790:IF md$="Y"TH
EN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INPUT"",d$(a):G
OTO 1710
1860 IF UPPER$(alt$)="P"THEN CLS:LOCATE
19,2:PRINT p$(a):GOSUB 1790:IF md$="Y"TH
EN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INPUT"",p$(a):G
OTO 1710
1870 IF UPPER$(alt$)="M"AND s$(a)=""THEN
 CLS:LOCATE 19,2:PRINT o(a):GOSUB 1790:I
F mds="Y"THEN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INPU
T"", o(a):GOTO 1710
1880 IF UPPER$(alt$)="M"AND s$(a)>""THEN
 CLS:LOCATE 19,2:PRINT ob(a):GOSUB 1790:
IF mds="Y"THEN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INP
UT"", ob(a):GOTO 1710
1890 IF UPPER$(alt$)="F"AND s$(a)=""THEN
 CLS:LOCATE 19,2:PRINT y$(a):GOSUB 1790:
IF md$="Y"THEN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INP
UT"", y$(a):GOTO 1710
```

```
1900 IF UPPER$(alt$)="L"AND s$(a)=""THEN
CLS:LOCATE 19,2:PRINT 1(a):GOSUB 1790:I
F md$="Y"THEN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INPU
T"", 1(a):GOTO 1710
1910 IF UPPER$(alt$)="C"AND s$(a)=""THEN
CLS:LOCATE 19,2:PRINT c(a):GOSUB 1790:I
F md$="Y"THEN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INPU
T"",c(a):GOTO 1710
1920 IF UPPER$(alt$)="T"THEN CLS:LOCATE
19,2:PRINT t(a):GOSUB 1790:IF md$="Y"THE
N 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6: INPUT", t(a): GOT
0 1710
1930 IF UPPER$(alt$)="S"THEN CLS:LOCATE
19,2:PRINT s$(a):GOSUB 1790:IF md$="Y"TH
EN 1960 ELSE LOCATE 21,6:INPUT", s$(a):G
OTO 1710
1940 IF UPPER$(alt$)="R"THEN 1960
1950 GOTO 1770
1960 LOCATE 12,24:PRINT"Calculating...."
:b=1:GOTO 630
1970 '
1990 '+ Save to cassette/disc +
2010 '
2020 IF n<1 THEN CLS:PRINT:PRINT"No data
 to save! ": FOR i=0 TO 2000: NEXT i: GOTO 1
2030 CLS:PRINT"SAVE DATA":PRINT:INPUT"Ar
e you saving to tape or disc (T/D) ";s$
2040 IF UPPER$(s$)="T" THEN :TAPE:GOTO 2
070
2050 IF UPPER$(s$)="D" THEN :DISC:GOTO 2
070
2060 GOTO 2030
2070 PRINT: PRINT "Press 'M' to return to
menu or enter, ":PRINT:INPUT"File name "
f$:PRINT:IF UPPER$(f$)="M" THEN 120 ELSE
 OPENOUT f$
2080 PRINT#9, n
2090 FOR a=1 TO n
2100 WRITE#9, d$(a)
2110 WRITE#9, p$(a)
2120 WRITE#9,o(a)
2130 WRITE#9, y$(a)
2140 WRITE#9,1(a)
2150 WRITE#9,c(a)
2160 WRITE#9, t(a)
2170 WRITE#9, s$(a)
2180 NEXT a
2190 CLOSEOUT:GOTO 120
2200
2210
     2220
    '+ Retrieve from cassette/disc +
2240
2250 CLS:PRINT"RETRIEVE DATA":PRINT:INFU
T"Are you retrieving from tape or disc
  (T/D) ";s$
2260 IF UPPER$(s$)="T" THEN :TAPE:GOTO 2
290
2270 IF UPPER$(s$)="D" THEN :DISC:GOTO 2
290
2280 GOTO 2250
2290 PRINT: PRINT "Press 'M' to return to
```

```
menu or enter, ": PRINT: INPUT "File name ".
f$:PRINT:IF UPPER$(f$)="M" THEN 120 ELSE
OPENIN f$
2300 INPUT#9, n
2310 FOR a=1 TO n
2320 INPUT#9,d$(a)
2330 INPUT#9.p$(a)
2340 INPUT#9,o(a)
2350 INPUT#9, y$(a)
2360 INPUT#9,1(a)
2370 INPUT#9,c(a)
2380 INPUT#9,t(a)
2390 INPUT#9,s$(a)
2400 NEXT a
2410 CLOSEIN: b=1:LOCATE 12,12:PRINT"Calc
ulating.....":GOTO 630
2420 '
2430 '+++++++++++++
2440 '+ Instructions +
2450 '+++++++++++++
2460 '
2470 '
2480 BORDER 0:INK 0,0:INK 1,13:CLS
2490 PRINT" This program will calcu
late milesper gallon as well as litre
s per 100kilometres. The calculation will bemade from one time the tan
  has beenfilled untill the next."
2500 PRINT: PRINT" The number of entri
es available isdetermined when the pro
gram is first runand is only limited by
available memory.
2510 PRINT" To bypass a data entry, pr
ess ENTER. However the minimum data re
quired is; litres purchased (only) OR
any two of; 1. litres purchased 2. cost i
n cents perlitre 3. total purchase cost.
   If only"
2520 LOCATE 1,16:PRINT"two are entered
  the third will becalculated. If
all three are enteredbut don't agree,
the option is given toadjust one item."
2530 PEN 2:INK 2,26:LOCATE 7,24:PRINT"Pr
ess (space) to continue."
2540 spac$=INKEY$:IF spac$<>" " THEN 254
2550 PEN 1:INK 1,13:CLS:PRINT:PRINT"
f the meter reading is bypassed, theprog
ram will assume, for calculationpurp
oses that the tank has not beenfill
ed. "
2560 PRINT: PRINT" When prompted, ser
vice informationmay be entered witho
ut effecting thecalculations."
2570 PRINT: PRINT" On access from the
 menu, data maybe changed at any
stage and
             anycalculated data will be
 adjusted."
                  A blank form may be
2580 PRINT:PRINT"
 printed to keepin the car to record
 information for later entry into the co
mputer. "
2590 PEN 2:INK 2,26:LOCATE 3,24:PRINT"Pr
ess (space) to return to Menu."
2600 spac$=INKEY$:IF spac$<>" "THEN 2600
```

```
2610 GOTO 120
2620 '
2630 '++++++++++++++++++
2640 '+ Print blank form +
2650 '+++++++++++++++++++
2660 1
2670 MODE 2:BORDER 9:INK 0,12:INK 1,0:ch
=0:ci=1:CLS
2680 WINDOW 1,80,2,24:CLS:WINDOW#1,1,80,
1,1:PAPER#1,3:PEN#1,0:CLS#1:WINDOW#2,1,8
0,25,25:PAPER#2,3:PEN#2,0:CLS#2
2690 IF ch=0 THEN b=10 ELSE INPUT#2, "How
many lines do you wish to print"; b
2700 PRINT#ci, "No DATE PLACE
          FULL C/L L
TER KMS
00km M/G"
2710 PRINT#ch,"_____
2720 FOR a=1 TO b
2730 IF a <= 9 THEN PRINT#ch, a; " 1
 1 1 1 1 1
2740 IF a>9 THEN PRINT#ch,a;"1
    1 1 1 1
2760 NEXT a: IF ch=8 THEN 120
2770 ch=8:ci=8:GOTO 2690
2780 '
2790 '+++++++++++++++++++++
2800 '+ Service Information +
2810 '+++++++++++++++++++++++
2820 n=n+1
2830 o(n)=o(n-1):y$(n)=y$(n-1):c(n)=c(n-1)
1):1(n)=1(n-1):CLS
2840 PRINT#1, " ENTRY NUMBER: ";n;"
                                MEMO
RY LEFT: "; m
2850 PRINT: INPUT "Date of Service (eg 07
.03.86)";d$(n)
2860 PRINT: INPUT "Place of Service ";p$(
2870 PRINT: INPUT "Odometer Reading at se
rvice"; ob(n)
2880 PRINT: PRINT "Enter your service info
              (25 characters maximum)
rmation
.":INPUT"",s$(n):s$(n)=LEFT$(s$(n),25):I
F s$(n) = "THEN s$(n) = "
2890 PRINT: INPUT "Cost of service in dol
lars & cents,
                (eg. 6.00)";t(n)
2900 GOTO 1220
```



Adventurer's Attic

by Philip Riley

So far in this column we have looked at writing adventures, so this month we will take a look at solving adventures, and going by the amount of people who have sent us their problems to worry about, this article is not a moment too soon.

To start with I will quote another one of my golden rules 'examine everything'. Just about every adventure column you read in the various magazines tell you to do this so half a million column writers can't be wrong. But seriously it is the major rule it is amazing how much help you can get by examining various things. Another good idea is to examine a thing more than once - at least one of the Arnold Blackwood adventures has three different objects hidden in the one location. You can also use other words besides 'look' and 'examine'. Try 'search' or 'sort' as well. Next we look at books. When you find a book you naturally type 'read book' and you may get a clue or some witty little comment. Next time try 'turn page' and then 'read book' rather obvious really. When in a new location always try every direction. Even those that the game does not mention, and

don't just try North, South, East and West. Also try NE, NW, SE, SW, UP and DOWN.

If you are confronted by some sort of barrier e.g. bubbling hot mud. Try to jump or leap it you might make it across. (But then again you might not).

If you are really, really stuck, you have gone around in circles and can find no way past a certain problem always go back through the adventure and look at everything again to see if you can find some other useful object hidden away. If this fails list out the objects that you are carrying to see if you can make something with two or more of them. In my previous adventures I have made everything from grappling hooks to blowpipes and bombs. Single word commands can be useful as well. 'Help' is always popular although it very rarely helps you in any way. You can also try the following 'look', 'list', 'jump', 'shout', 'listen' and 'run' the last one might help you out of a sticky situation.

If a command does not work first time try it again. It may work a second or third time. An example of this is in King Solomon's mines. When stuck in the mud it takes several pulls on the rope to free yourself.

If in doubt kill it, rather drastic but if you are confronted by some rather vicious slobbering monster and you are armed it may be wise to kill it. Once killed don't forget to 'search body' you may find something useful.

One thing that most people do which can normally be a fatal mistake is 'eat food' as soon as they find it. This is not a good idea. It is a well known fact that ninety per cent of all food in adventures is poisoned in some way. You may also need to give the food to someone or something to get past them. For instance you could give the food to the rather vicious slobbering monster mentioned earlier. It may just distract him long enough for you to slip past. (Either that or the poison in it will kill him). But only eat food as a last resort when you are getting desperate. If all else fails sleep on it (things always look better in the morning) and if that doesn't work write to us and we will worry about it as well as you.

In closing this month I would like to thank Steve Alatakis for his letter. We don't normally mention individuals but because of the quality and quantity (approximately 10 pages of questions, answers and maps) we think Steve deserves a mention. Thanks Steve. I showed the Editor the section telling him to leave this column alone. I think (or rather hope) he will take notice. See you next month and keep adventuring.

Please note that line 20 of the coding last month to read two different types of data should have been:

20 FOR T=1 TO 2:READ IT\$(T), IT(T):NEXT

Brainteaser Duo

from J.J. Vinopal

FIVE-IN-ROW is the first program listed. It is based upon the board game "Gomoku" written by G. Charlton some years ago. Although the program is only 6k and has no built-in "intelligence, winning the game is not easy at first. The idea is simple, merely to get five of your pieces in a row either horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Alternatively, you can try to stop the computer from achieving the same thing. The second game is TWIST-CUBE. Here you are

The second game is TWIST-CUBE. Here you are presented with four each of cars, trains, tanks and bicycles which the computer will jumble before play commences. You have to re-arrange by moving a selected block of four (including the centre blocks) to duplicate the picture on the right of the screen in the minimum number of moves. It's not too hard to start with, but it gets progressively difficult as you try to reduce the number of moves it takes.

10 'Program must be copied exactly with exception 20 'of rems. If you prefer to make some c hanges, 30 'type program as written, if it works (it should) 40 'save it and then you may be able to do some 50 'small changes. 60 REM******* 5 IN ROW ******* 70 CALL &BC02:SYMBOL AFTER 32 80 fla=0:GOSUB 1340 90 '******** JJ VINOPAL ****** 100 '****** 22 GROONGAL ST ****** 110 '******* MAYFIELD WEST ****** 120 '******* N.S.W. 2304 ****** 130 MODE 1: INK 0,0: INK 1,24: INK 2,6: INK 3,11 140 :BORDER 0:PAPER 0:PEN 1:i\$=CHR\$(24) 150 ON BREAK GOSUB 1300: PEN 1: GOSUB 1290 160 GOSUB 860:GOSUB 1290:GOSUB 1650:GOSU B 290 170 :GOSUB 460:GOSUB 1290:GOSUB 290:GOSU B 1290 180 GOSUB 590:GOSUB 1290:GOSUB 290:GOSUB 1290 190 200 REM***** C win ***** 210 IF posi>3 THEN GOSUB 440:PRINT " I w in ! ":GOTO 1170

```
220 GOTO 170
230
240 REM***** select *****
250 :spot=hor
260 :spot=spot+set:IF hor(spot)<>y THEN
RETURN
270 calk=calk+1:GOTO 260
280
290 : REM***** board *****
300 LOCATE 1,1:PEN 1:ZONE 6
310 PRINT, "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8"; : PEN
320 PRINT"
                 FIVE IN": PEN 1: PRINT
330 FOR hor=1 TO 8:PRINT TAB(4);hor;
340 FOR ver=2 TO 9:mark=hor(hor*10+ver)
350 IF mark=comp THEN GOSUB 1500
360 SOUND 1,200+(hor*10),1,15
370 IF mark=hum THEN PEN 2:GOSUB 1550
380 IF mark=207 THEN PEN 3:GOSUB 1600
39.0 PEN 1:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(8);hor:PRINT:N
EXT
400 PRINT, "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8"; : PEN 3
410 PRINT "
                  A ROW !!": RETURN
430 REM***** ink *****
440 :LOCATÉ 28, 10: INK 2,8,24: PEN 2: RETUR
N
450 '
460 : REM***** input *****
470 GOSUB 1290
480 :PEN 2:LOCATE 2,21:PRINT base$:LOCAT
E 2,22:PRINT base$
490 LOCATE 2,23:PRINT base$:PEN 1:PRINT
CHR$(22); CHR$(1)
500 LOCATE 5,22:PRINT"Please enter your
move ";
510 LOCATE 29,22:INPUT MOV:PRINT CHR$(22
); CHR$(0): MOV=MOV+1
520 IF MOV<12 OR MOV>89 THEN 480
530 IF hor(MOV)<>207 THEN 480
540 y=hum:PEN 2:LOCATE 2,21:PRINT base$:
LOCATE 2,22:PRINT base$
550 LOCATE 2,23:PRINT base$:PRINT CHR$(2
2); CHR$(1)
560 PEN 1:LOCATE 5,22:PRINT"Wait for me
or else!";
570 PRINT CHR$(22); CHR$(0):hor(MOV)=y:RE
TURN
580
590 : REM***** main *****
600 REM***** H win *****
610 GOSUB 1220
```

620 IF posi>3 THEN GOSUB 440: PRINT " You

```
1170 : FOR s=1 TO 21: SOUND 1, 140+15*s, 22-
 win!":GOTO 1170
630 stim=res
                                               1180 SOUND 1,930,22-s,14:SOUND 1,240,22-
640 : IF stim<>2 THEN y=comp
                                               s, 14
650 IF stim=2 THEN y=hum
                                               1190 NEXT: CALL &BC02: LOCATE 29, 22: PRINT"
660 MOV=0:hum1=0:posi=0
                                              NEW GAME?"
670 FOR hor=12 TO 89:mark=0
                                               1200 CALL &BB18:fla=1:GOTO 130
680 IF hor(hor)<>207 THEN 720
                                               1210
690 GOSUB 1050
                                               1220 : REM***** CALCUL *****
700 IF mark <= hum1 THEN 720
                                               1230 hor=MOV:posi=0:FOR x=res TO 4:calk=
710 hum1=mark:MOV=hor
                                               0:set=x(x)
720 : NEXT
                                               1240 GOSUB 250:set=-set:GOSUB 250
730 IF hum1<>0 THEN 820
                                               1250 IF calk>posi THEN posi=calk
740 stim=stim+1:IF stim<>4 THEN 640
                                               1260 NEXT: RETURN
750 hor=res
                                               1270
760 : MOV = CINT(RND * 77) + 12
770 IF hor(MOV)=207 THEN 820
                                               1280 REM***** sound *****
                                               1290 :SOUND 1,11,5,15:SOUND 2,21,5,15:RE
780 hor=hor+1:IF hor<100 THEN 760
                                               TURN
790 '
                                               1300 : INK 0,0: INK 1,13: MODE 2: PAPER 1: PE
800 REM***** draw *****
810 GOSUB 440:PRINT "It's draw!":GOTO 11
                                               N 0:CLS:LIST
                                               1310 : RUN 140
70
820 :hor(MOV)=comp:y=comp
                                               1320
                                               1330 REM***** symbols *****
830 GOSUB 1220
                                               1340 :SYMBOL 225,60,36,231,165,189,90,24
840 RETURN
850 '
                                               1350 SYMBOL 216, 128, 124, 32, 16, 8, 5, 5, 5
860 : REM***** title *****
                                               1360 SYMBOL 217,8,16,32,64,128,4,2,1
870 CLS:base$=STRING$(37,227):wal$=STRIN
                                               1370 SYMBOL 218,0,0,0,16,0,18,127,128
G$(9,227)
                                               1380 SYMBOL 219,0,0,0,1,1,36,251,4
880 IF fla=1 THEN 890 ELSE DIM hor(100),
                                               1390 SYMBOL 220,0,0,0,192,52,138,133,64
x(4)
                                               1400 SYMBOL 221, 16, 8, 4, 4, 2, 2, 225, 30
890 x(1)=1:x(2)=9:x(3)=10:x(4)=11
                                               1410 SYMBOL 222,21,133,68,56,0,0,0,0
900 FOR comp=1 TO 8:FOR ver=2 TO 9
                                               1420 SYMBOL 223,33,1,130,124,0,0,0,0
910 hor(comp*10+ver)=207:NEXT:NEXT
                                               1430 SYMBOL 224,64,32,32,16,16,8,8,0
920 hum=249:comp=225:GOSUB 1770
                                               1440 SYMBOL 226,0,24,24,24,66
930 INK 0,0:INK 1,24:INK 2,6:INK 3,11
                                               1450 SYMBOL 249,28,28,72,62,9,24,164,70
940 PEN#1, 0: PRINT#1: PRINT#1: PRINT#1
950 PRINT#1,"
               *[
                      FIVE
                                               1460 SYMBOL 250, 12, 0, 64, 8, 9, 8, 128, 130
                                               1470 SYMBOL 227, 254, 254, 254, 0, 239, 239, 23
        ]*":PRINT#1
960 PRINT#1:PEN#1, 1:PRINT#1, "
                                        By
                                               9,0
  J.J."t$" @ 1986":PEN#1,2
                                               1480 RETURN
                              "i$"
970 LOCATE#1, 1, 12:PRINT#1, "
                                      Ente
                                               1490
r 'Y' if you want the
                               " i $
                                               1500 : REM***** picture1 *****
                        "i$"
980 PRINT#1: PRINT#1, "
                               first move
                                               1510 PRINT CHR$(128);:PRINT CHR$(22);CHR
                        ";i$
..'N' if you don't!!
                                               $(1);
990 res=ASC(b$)-72:set=0:set=set+1
                                               1520 PRINT CHR$(8); CHR$(225); : PEN 2: PRIN
1000 :a$=INKEY$:IF a$=""THEN 1000
                                               T CHR$(8); CHR$(226);
1010 CLS: IF a$="y"OR a$="Y"THEN RETURN
                                               1530 PRINT" "; CHR$(22); CHR$(0); : RETURN
1020 FOR j=1 TO CINT(RND*12): READ y: NEXT
                                               1540 '
:y=y+30:hor(y)=comp:RETURN
                                               1550 : REM***** picture2 *****
1030
                                               1560 PEN 1:PRINT CHR$(128); :PRINT CHR$(2
1040 REM***** H calcul *****
                                               2); CHR$(1);
1050 :FOR x=res TO 4:calk=0:set=x(x)
                                               1570 PRINT CHR$(8); CHR$(249); : PEN 3: PRIN
1060 GOSUB 250:set=-set:GOSUB 250
                                               T CHR$(8); CHR$(250);
1070 IF calk>posi THEN hum1=0:posi=calk
                                               1580 PRINT" "; CHR$(22); CHR$(0); : RETURN
1080 IF posi<>calk THEN 1110
                                               1590
1090 IF stim=res AND posi<4 OR (stim=2 0
                                               1600 : REM***** lot *****
R stim=3) AND posi<2 THEN 1110
                                               1610 PRINT CHR$(128);:PRINT CHR$(22);CHR
1100 mark=mark+1
                                               $(1);
1110 : NEXT: RETURN
                                               1620 PRINT CHR$(8); CHR$(207); : PEN 2: PRIN
1120 '
                                               T CHR$(8); CHR$(144);
1130 REM***** data *****
                                               1630 PRINT" "; CHR$(22); CHR$(0); : RETURN
1140 DATA &19, &E, &5, &24, &10, &11, &4, &18, &
                                               1640
36,&1A,&1B,&2D
                                               1650 : REM***** sign *****
1150 '
                                               1660 PEN 3:LOCATE 28,4:PRINT i$"Newcastl
1160 REM***** end *****
                                               e":LOCATE 28,5:PRINT" Amstrad ";i$
```

```
1670 LOCATE 28,6:PRINT is" Users
                                     ":LOC
                        "; i$
ATE 28,7:PRINT" Group
1680 LOCATE 28,9:PRINT wals:LOCATE 28,11
:PRINT wals
1690 LOCATE 28,8:PRINT is"
                                     ":LOC
ATE 28, 10: PRINT iswals
1700 LOCATE 28,3:PRINT is"
                                     ":LOC
ATE 28,15:PRINT" "t$" ";i$
1710 LOCATE 28, 13: PRINT is" "CHR$(164)"
1986
1720 LOCATE 28, 14:PRINT"
1730 LOCATE 28, 12: PRINT i$"
                                      ": LO
                           ";i$
CATE 28, 17: PRINT"
1740 LOCATE 28,16:PRINT i$"Australia";i$
: RETURN
1750 '
1760 REM"***** title a *****
1770 : LOCATE 18,8:FOR w=216 TO 221:PRINT
 CHR$(w);:NEXT
1780 LOCATE 18,9:PRINT CHR$(222)CHR$(223
    "CHR$(224)" "
1790 t$="VINOPAL":ORIGIN 0,0:TAG:x=142:y
1800 FOR t=1 TO 16
1810 PLOT -10,-10, VAL(MID$("132123133212
312123",t,1)):ty=y-t*6
1820 IF t<6 THEN MOVE x-t*24, ty:PRINT"JJ
V";:MOVE x+310+t*24,ty:PRINT"JJV";
1830 MOVE x+96-t*12, ty:PRINT"1986 JJ";:M
OVE x+182+t*12, ty:PRINT t$;
1840 SOUND 1,14,1,9:NEXT:b$=MID$(t$,2,1)
1850 WINDOW#1, 1, 40, 10, 25: PAPER#1, 3: PEN#1
, 1:CLS#1
1860 RETURN
```

```
10 'Program must be copied exactly with
exception
20 'of rems. If you prefer to make some c
hanges.
30 'type program as written, if it works
(it should)
40 'save it and then you may be able to
do some
  'small changes.
50
60 REM ***** TWIST CUBE ******
70 REM ***** copyrights (c) *****
80 REM ***** J.J. VINOPAL
                             *****
90 REM ***** ++++++++++ ****
100 REM ***** MAYFIELD WEST
                              *****
110 REM ***** NSW
                        2304
                             ****
120 REM
130 CALL-&43FE: MODE 1: INK 0,0: INK 1,6: IN
K 2,9:INK 3,26
140 ON BREAK GOSUB 1780
150 REM
160 REM ******* dimensions ********
170 DIM b(16),c(4):tw=0:b=1:c=0:x=0:d$="
J.J.VINOPAL": m$=CHR$(11)
180 f$=STRING$(38,32):e$=MID$(d$,6,1):k$
=CHR$(8):j$=CHR$(10)
190 z1$=(CHR$(22)+CHR$(1));z0$=(CHR$(22)
```

```
+CHR$(0)):01$=CHR$(15)
200 i1$=CHR$(24):GOSUB 1240:GOSUB 1920
210 CALL-&43FE: MODE 1: INK 0.0: INK 1.6: IN
K 2,9: INK 3,26
220 WINDOW#1,9,28,4,24:WINDOW#2,30,39,12
,18:WINDOW#3,6,9,4,24
230 PEN#1,1:PAPER#1,3:CLS#1:PAPER#3,3:CL
S#3
240 u$="M.J.LINHART":d=ASC(e$)-72:GOSUB
1100
250 REM
260 REM ******** made array ******
270 FOR b=1 TO 4:b(b)=CINT(b/2):b(b+4)=C
INT(b/2)
280 b(b+8)=CINT(b/2)+2:b(b+12)=CINT(b/2)
+2
290 NEXT
300 IF d=1 THEN GOSUB 420 ELSE CALL &400
6
310 REM
320 REM ******* twistigs ********
330 PEN 1:IF tw<11 THEN LOCATE 21,2:PRIN
T"randomly twisting":tw=tw+1
340 SOUND 1, 12, 1, 15: IF tw<11 THEN x=CINT
(RND*12)
350 IF tw>10 THEN GOSUB 500
360 IF x<2 OR x=5 OR x=9 OR x>12 THEN 34
370 GOSUB 640
380 IF tw<10 THEN LOCATE 23,3:PRINT"twis
 "tw" times"
390 GOSUB 420:tw=tw+1
400 GOTO 340
410 REM
420 REM ******** print board *******
**
430 BORDER 0:LOCATE #1,1,3
440 FOR b=1 TO 16:GOSUB 800:REM ? b(b)
450 SOUND 1,999,1,15
460 IF b/4=INT(b/4) THEN GOSUB 1160:REM
1-9
470 NEXT
480 RETURN
490 REM
500 REM ******* input *******
510 PEN 3
520 IF tw>10 THEN GOSUB 690:CALL &BB9C:L
OCATE 15,2:PRINT"Your twist it "tw-11" t
imes": CALL &BB9C
530 IF tw<11 THEN RETURN
540 PRINT" "f$
550 LOCATE 31,5:PRINT"CHOICE?":LOCATE 31
,6:PRINT"< 1-9 >"
560 PEN 1:LOCATE 29,20:PRINT d$:LOCATE 2
9,22:PRINT u$
570 a$=INKEY$:IF a$="" THEN 570
580 x=VAL(a$):IF x<1 OR x>9 THEN 570
590 SOUND 1,800,10,15
600 IF x<4 THEN x=x+1:RETURN
610 IF x<7 THEN x=x+2:RETURN
620 x=x+3:RETURN
630 REM
640 REM ******** twist *******
650 c(1)=b(x):c(2)=b(x+4):c(3)=b(x+3):c(
```

```
4) = b(x-1)
                                              1120 LOCATE#2,2,5:GOSUB 990:LOCATE#2,6,5
660 b(x)=c(4):b(x+4)=c(1):b(x+3)=c(2):b(
                                              :GOSUB 1040
x-1)=c(3)
                                              1130 PEN#wi, 0: FOR dd=1 TO 7: LOCATE#2, 9, d
670 RETURN
                                              d:PRINT#wi,i1$"
                                                               "i1$;:NEXT
680 REM
                                              1140 RETURN
690 REM ******** check *********
                                              1150 REM
700 sc=0:IF b(1)=1 AND b(2)=1 AND b(5)=1
                                              1160 REM ******** heading 1-9 *****
AND b(6)=1 THEN sc=sc+1
                                              ****
710 IF b(3)=2 AND b(4)=2 AND b(7)=2 AND
                                              1170 PEN#1,2: IF b=4 THEN PRINT#1, i$i$"
b(7)=2 THEN sc=sc+1
                                              "b-3"
                                                     "b-2"
                                                            "b-1
720 IF b(9)=3 AND b(10)=3 AND b(13)=3 AN
                                              1180 IF b=8 THEN PRINT#1, j$j$"
D b(14)=3 THEN sc=sc+1
                                              b-3"
                                                    "b-2
730 IF b(11)=4 AND b(12)=4 AND b(15)=4 A
                                              1190 IF b=12 THEN PRINT#1, j$j$"
ND b(16)=4 THEN sc=sc+1
                                              "b-4"
                                                     "b-3
740 IF sc<>4 THEN RETURN
                                              1200 PEN#1,1:PRINT#1
750 REM
                                              1210 RETURN
760 REM ******* end ********
                                              1220 REM
770 INK 3,1,3:PEN 3:PRINT good :PRINT by
                                              1230 REM ******* define symbols *****
e!"
                                              ***
780 GOSUB 2230:CALL-17640:RUN
                                              1240 SYMBOL AFTER 128
790 REM
                                              1250 SYMBOL 246, 128, 124, 32, 16, 8, 5, 5, 5
800 REM ****** picture *******
                                              1260 SYMBOL 247,8,16,32,64,128,4,2,1
810 wi=1:IF b(b)=1 THEN GOSUB 880
                                              1270 SYMBOL 248,0,0,0,16,0,18,127,128
820 IF b(b)=2 THEN GOSUB 930
                                              1280 SYMBOL 249,0,0,0,1,1,36,251,4
830 IF b(b)=3 THEN GOSUB 980
                                              1290 SYMBOL 250,0,0,0,192,52,138,133,64
840 IF b(b)=4 THEN GOSUB 1030
                                              1300 SYMBOL 251, 16, 8, 4, 4, 2, 2, 225, 30
850 RETURN
                                              1310 SYMBOL 252,21,133,68,56,0,0,0,0
860 REM
                                              1320 SYMBOL 253,33,1,130,124,0,0,0,0
870 REM ****** draw 4 signs ******
                                              1330 SYMBOL 254,64,32,32,16,16,8,8,0
880 PRINT#wi," "j$k$k$" "m$k$k$;
                                              1340 SYMBOL 129,0,1,3,2,2,2,2,2'g
890 PRINT#wi,z1$o1$"1"CHR$(129)+CHR$(130
                                              1350 SYMBOL 130,0,2,255,17,17,17,17,17'g
)j$k$k$CHR$(132)+CHR$(135)m$;
                                              1360 SYMBOL 131,252,252'r
900 PRINT#wi,k$o1$"2"CHR$(131)j$k$k$CHR$
                                              1370 SYMBOL 132,255,127,127,199,131'g
(133)+CHR$(136)k$k$;
                                              1380 SYMBOL 133,0,0,128,0,0,16'r
910 PRINT#wi,o1$"0"CHR$(134)+CHR$(137);
                                              1390 SYMBOL 134,0,0,0,56,68,68,68,56'b
920 PRINT#wi,z0$m$"
                      "; : RETURN
                                              1400 SYMBOL 135,255,255,255,226,193'g
930 PRINT#wi,"
                "j$k$k$"
                           "m$k$k$;
                                              1410 SYMBOL 136,0,0,0,1,0,8'r
940 PRINT#wi,z1$o1$"0"CHR$(140)+CHR$(141
                                              1420 SYMBOL 137,0,0,0,28,34,34,34,28'g-b
) j$k$k$CHR$(143)+CHR$(145)m$;
950 PRINT#wi,k$k$o1$"1"CHR$(139)k$j$CHR$
                                              1430 SYMBOL 139, 10, 16'r
(144)+CHR$(138)m$k$o1$"2";
                                              1440 SYMBOL 140,0,0,120,120,48,50,50,255
960 PRINT#wi, CHR$(142) j$k$k$CHR$(137)+CH
                                              'b
R$(137);
                                              1450 SYMBOL 141,0,255,34,34,34,34,34,255
                      ";:RETURN
970 PRINT#wi,z0$m$"
                                              'Ъ
980 PRINT#wi," "j$k$k$"
                          "m$k$k$;
                                              1460 SYMBOL 142,62'g
990 PRINT#wi,z1$o1$"2"CHR$(149)+CHR$(151
                                              1470 SYMBOL 143, 170, 255, 255, 99, 221'b
) j$k$k$CHR$(153)+CHR$(156)m$;
                                              1480 SYMBOL 144,85,0,0,128,0,8'r
1000 PRINT#wi, 01$"0"k$k$CHR$(148)+CHR$(1
                                              1490 SYMBOL 145, 183, 193, 255, 227, 221'b
50) j$k$k$CHR$(155)+CHR$(158);
                                              1500 SYMBOL 138,72,54,0,0,0,8'r
1010 PRINT#wi, m$o1$"1"k$k$CHR$(147)+CHR$
                                              1510 SYMBOL 147,2,0,0,0,1'r
(152)j kkkCHR$(154)+CHR$(157);
                                              1520 SYMBOL 148,0,0,0,0,240'b
                       "; : RETURN
1020 PRINT#wi,z0$m$"
                                              1530 SYMBOL 149,0,7,15,240,6,15,15,8'g
1030 PRINT#wi," "j$k$k$"
                            "m$k$k$;
                                              1540 SYMBOL 150,0,0,0,0,132'b
1040 PRINT#wi, z1$o1$"1"CHR$(160)+CHR$(16
                                              1550 SYMBOL 151,0,240,248,96,48,120,248,
3)j$k$k$CHR$(166)+CHR$(170)m$;
                                              8'g
1050 PRINT#wi, k$k$o1$"2"CHR$(161)+CHR$(1
                                              1560 SYMBOL 152,0,0,0,128,64,128'r
                                              1570 SYMBOL 153, 127, 191, 223, 58, 42, 57'8
64)k \pm j \pm k \pm CHR \pm (168) + CHR \pm (169) m \pm k \pm ;
1060 PRINT#wi,o1$"0"k$CHR$(162)+CHR$(165
                                              1580 SYMBOL 154,0,64,0,0,16'r
)k$j$k$CHR$(167)+CHR$(171);
                                              1590 SYMBOL 155,0,0,0,129,129,128,200,12
1070 PRINT#wi,z0$m$"
                        "; : RETURN
                                              6'b
                                              1600 SYMBOL 156,254,253,251,92,84,156'g
1080 REM
1090 REM ****** side signs *******
                                              1610 SYMBOL 157,0,2,0,0,8'r
                                              1620 SYMBOL 158,0,0,0,129,129,1,35,254'b
1100 PAPER#2,3:CLS#2
1110 PEN#2,2:LOCATE#2,2,2:wi=2:GOSUB 890
                                              1630 SYMBOL 160, 147, 224, 128, 64, 64, 64, 64,
```

64'r

:LOCATE#2,6,2:GOSUB 940

"b-4"

"b-5"

```
1640 SYMBOL 161,0,22,96,1'g
1650 SYMBOL 162,0,0,2,4,8,10,17,16'b
1660 SYMBOL 163,248,0,0,64,0,64,0,64'r
1670 SYMBOL 164,0,12,0,16'g
1680 SYMBOL 165,0,240,72,4,66,10,81,33'b
1690 SYMBOL 166, 106, 64, 32, 0, 32'r
1700 SYMBOL 167,21,16,17,122,140,136,142
113'Ъ
1710 SYMBOL 168,0,0,0,0,0,33'g
1720 SYMBOL 169,64,0,0,0,0,16'g
1730 SYMBOL 170,128'r
1740 SYMBOL 171, 21, 161, 81, 10, 66, 4, 72, 240
'Ъ
1750 RETURN
1760 REM
1770 REM ********* inks **********
1780 CALL &BC02: MODE 2: INK 2, 13: INK 1,26
:PEN 1:LIST
1790 REM
1800 REM ****** title a ******
1810 : LOCATE 18,8:FOR w=246 TO 251:PRINT
 CHR$(w);:NEXT
1820 LOCATE 18,9:PRINT CHR$(252)CHR$(253
    "CHR$(254)" "
1830 t$=RIGHT$(d$,7):w$="LINHART":ORIGIN
 0, 0: TAG: x=142: y=380
1840 FOR t=1 TO 16
1850 PLOT -10,-10, VAL(MID$("132123133212
312123",t,1)):ty=y-t*6
1860 IF t<6 THEN MOVE x-t*24, ty:PRINT"JJ
V";:MOVE x+310+t*24,ty:PRINT"MJL";
1870 MOVE x+96-t*12, ty:PRINT t$;:MOVE x+
182+t*12, ty:PRINT w$;
1880 SOUND 1, 14, 1, 9: NEXT: TAGOFF
1890 WINDOW#1, 1, 40, 10, 25: PAPER#1, 3: PEN#1
, 1:CLS#1
1900 RETURN
1910 REM
1920 REM ******* title b ********
1930 CLS: i$=CHR$(24)
1940 GOSUB 1800
1950 INK 0,0:INK 1,24:INK 2,6:INK 3,11
1960 PEN#1,0:PRINT#1:PRINT#1:PRINT#1
1970 PRINT#1, " *[
                    TWIST
  C U B E ]*":PRINT#1
                                         В
1980 PRINT#1:PEN#1,1:PRINT#1,"
  J.J. "t$" @ 1986":PEN#1,2
1990 LOCATE#1, 1, 12: PRINT#1, "
                               "i$"
                                       Ent
                               " i $
er 'Y' for instructions
                         "i$"
                                Enter 'N'
2000 PRINT#1:PRINT#1,"
                        ";i$
 if you don't need it!
2010 :a$=INKEY$:IF a$=""THEN 2010
2020 CLS: IF a$="y"OR a$="Y"THEN GOTO 206
2030 RETURN
2040 REM
2050 REM ****** instructions board ***
*****
2060 MODE 1:CLS:PRINT"Instructions"
2070 PRINT: PRINT CHR$(238) STRING$(38, 198
)CHR$(238)
2080 FOR s=4 TO 23:LOCATE 1,s:PRINT CHR$
(197):LOCATE 40, s:PRINT CHR$(199):NEXT
2090 LOCATE 1,24:PRINT CHR$(238)STRING$(
```

38, 196) CHR\$ (238) 2100 LOCATE 12,25:PRINT i\$"J. J. V i n o p a 1"i\$ 2110 WINDOW #4,3,38,5,22:PAPER #4,1:PEN #4,2:CLS#4 2120 REM 2130 REM *******instructions ****** 2140 PRINT#4: PRINT#4 2150 PRINT#4," YOU MUST TWIST CLOCKWIS E NEST ØF":PRINT#4 2160 PRINT#4, " 4 SIGNS SO AS TO FINALLY ARRIVE AT": PRINT#4 2170 PRINT#4, " THE SMALL PICTURE ON THE RIGHT. IT": PRINT#4 2180 PRINT#4, " IS LIKE A 2D RUBIC CUBE. THE TOP ":PRINT#4 2190 PRINT#4, " LEFT MUST BE 4 CARS, TOP RIGHT 4": PRINT#4 2200 PRINT#4, " TRAINS, BOTTOM LEFT 4 TA AND ":PRINT#4 2210 PRINT#4, " BOTTOM RIGHT 4 BICYCLES. JJV. 2220 GOSUB 2230: CALL &BB18: RETURN 2230 REM 2240 REM ***** sound ***** 2250 :ENT -1,1,-7,8,1,7,8,8,1,1,8,1,7:SO UND 1,60,770,9,0,1 2260 ENT -5,4,1,1,4,-1,1 2270 FOR w=1 TO 2:RESTORE 2300:FOR n=0 T 0.14 2280 READ p:SOUND 2,p*2,30,14-w*3,,5:NEX T:NEXT 2290 p=0:w=0:n=0:RETURN

YOUR MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC AWA

2300 DATA 119,119,126,134,134,142,150,17

9, 189; 213, 239, 239, 179, 189, 213

STATE BRANCHES

NEW SOUTH WALES 348 Victoria Road Rydalmere NSW 2116 Ph: 638 8444

VICTORIA 123 Bamfield Road West Heidelberg VIC 3081 Ph: 459 1688

QUEENSLAND 711 Boundary Road Coopers Plains QLD 4108 Ph: 277 0100

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 101 Main North Road Nailsworth SA 5083 Ph: 269 1966

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 159 Great Eastern Belmont WA 6104

Ph: 277 7788

TASMANIA 10 Chesterman Street Moonah **TAS 7009** Ph: 72 4366

The Amstrad User Hall Of Fame

GAME

Airwolf **Battle for Midway** Beach Head Chuckie Egg Codename Mat Combat Lynx Decathalon Defend or Die **Er-Bert** Galactic Plague Gilligan's Gold Grand Prix Rally II Harrier Attack Haunted Hedges Hunchback **Hunter Killer** Jet Set Willy Knight Lore Minder Moonbuggy Raid Roland in the Caves Roland goes Digging Roland on the Ropes Roland in Time Sabre Wulf Sorcerv Sorcery + Space Hawks Spannerman Splat Star Commando Survivor Way of Exp. Fist Wild Bunch Willow Pattern Yie Ar Kung Fu Zorro

3-D Monster Chase

SCORE/TIME

1500/25 mins 8 carriers:speed 1:level 3 132500/16 mins 395960/45 mins 20470/90 mins 81450/no time specified 675090/137 mins 44500/15 mins 68350/21 mins 118690/80 mins 107403/9.75 mins 47984/10.5 mins 348820/15 mins 466460/35 mins 332400/22 mins 17/67 mins 149 items/59.5 mins 98%/44 mins \$17749/no time specified 152400/26.75 mins 416950/26 mins 9748815/6 mins \$805.65/45 mins 979900/272 mins 72/18 mins 84525/86% 92500/15 mins 136788/44 mins 72300/7 mins 62600/10.5 mins 7280/45 mins 193810/133 mins 223160/19.5 mins 558900/66 mins 10539/no time specified 85%/no time specified 7065940/3 hours 29100/22.5 mins 1320:7 keys/7 mins

ACHIEVER

Heath Corcoran Steve Alatakis Anthony Eden Tony Barberi Brett Hallen Steve Alatakis Malcolm Fraser **Darrell Harris** Anthony Eden B.Weich/G.Cherry Alex Smyth Justin McShane Mark Elliott **Lorraine Martin** Robert Willert Chris Catalfamo Mark Elliott **Umut Akcelik** Steve Alatakis Alex Smyth Allan Etherington Anthony Eden David Thomas Anthony Eden Paul Azzopardi Anthony Eden Mike Nicolai Mike Nicolai Murray Taylor Michael Hopkins **Neil Campbell** Alex Smyth Alex Smyth Gavern Cherry Steve Alatakis Anthony Eden Gavern Cherry Jason Scott Adam Broadway

To get your name in our "HALL ÓF FAME" register on the form below, or a copy, and if possible, send a photo of the screen.

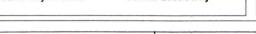
NameAddress	
Telephone Number	
Score Achieved (date) Game lasted (mins)	
Signed	

THIS NEXT PART MUST BE COMPLETED

Witness' N Address_	lame	
Telephone Occupatio		
I confirm th		claimed score is

Post this form (or a copy) along with your tips for playing the game

> Amstrad Achievers. The Amstrad User. Suite 1,245 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150





P.O. Box 288, Morisset 2264, NSW. Telephone (049) 732754

★ PRINTMASTER \$55.00 ★

Following the success of PRINTSHOP on C64 & APPLE comes PRINTMASTER.

A huge number of graphics characters and fonts allows you to produce signs, flyers, stationary, calendars, banners, greeting cards, etc

Available for the CPC's on disc only.

★ ART GALLERY I \$45.00 ★

An additional 140 graphics for use with PRINTMASTER.

PRIDE UTILITIES

ODDJOB	(D)	\$32.00°
TRANSMAT	(D)	\$31.00°
TRANSMAT	(C)	\$22.00
SPIRIT	(C)	\$20.00
TOMCAT	(C)	\$18.50
SYSTEM X	(D)	\$26.50°
SYSTEM X	(C)	\$18.00
SCRIPTOR	(C)	\$15.00
NEW	FROM P	RIDE

NEW FROM PRIDE			
SUPERSPRITES	(D)	\$32.00	
SUPERSPRITES	(C)	\$23.00	
PRINTER PAC II	(D)	\$32.00	
PRINTER PAC II	(C)	\$23.00	
* F.I.D.O. *	(D)	\$32.00	
* Available on ROI	M		

EXPANSIONS FROM DK'TRONICS 64K for 464/664 256K for PCW 256

FROM K.D.S. ELECTRONICS

8-Bit Printer Port

Signed.

- Power Controller 8 Switching Relays: 5 Amps AC or DC up to 240 Volts. Control Lights, Fans, etc
 - \$145.00
- Printer "T" Switch Controls, 2 Printers by either Software or Manual Control. \$78.00

Konix Speed King Joystick, Steel shafted & shaped to fit your hand. Industrial Micro Switches ESP LIGHT PENS - ESP 484 (cass) \$45.00.

ESP 464 (disc) \$65.00 ESP 6128 (disc) \$65.00

Create fast moving animated games easily. Menu driven and includes animation demo For use with Epsom Compatible Printers, Proportional

shading, text dumps/buffer option. File and Disc Organiser. Organise and manipulate your

files and discs. A very useful utility Prices may vary as stock is replaced. We always reduce prices where circumstances allow All Prices Include P.&P. Within Australia

MasterCard

New slant on Software Marketing

A different approach to marketing software in Australia has just been launched, and may well benefit Amstrad users, especially User Groups. Amsnet International Pty. Ltd. is a new company but has already been given the go-ahead by major UK software houses to import and distribute their software in Australia. These include Sandpiper, Quest and Advanced Memory Systems with more to be finalised shortly. Naturally, any moves to give a greater selection of software to Amstrad Users can only be in the right direction - but what prompted Amsnet to enter the Amstrad software market through direct marketing? Neville Wright, Managing Director of Amsnet, explained "my own experience with retail stores has been that while the sales staff are courteous to you, my opinion is that they either speak computer jargon which makes them to appear to be talking down to the client, or they only wish to spend time with clients who are buying an expensive program or system. In discussions with wholesalers and suppliers in the UK, the same opinion was expressed by them to me. They are not happy with the present retail situation. Mind you, there are some stores that are exceptional in their dealings with clients and these certainly deserve praise for their efforts.'

Having a background of Direct Marketing and been involved with different network marketing programmes in the past, Neville feels that the computer industry is in need of a marketing system that will get more software and hardware into the marketplace than the traditional way. User Groups may be interested in this incentive marketing plan by obtaining upto 25% off retail prices (plus bonuses) in becoming distributors themselves. It is not necessary to hold any stock so would not be a drain on resources, and sales could provide an income to help buy equipment, books or software for the group. All this will depend upon "pirates" being put out of business for if anyone is caught illegally copying, they will be prosecuted and cause the group to which they belong to lose all its benefits.

For further information, write to Amsnet International Pty Ltd, 49 Riversdale Road, Oxenford, QLD 4210.

Make static a blast in the past

The Static Buster products can dissipate static from its two major sources, the computer system and the computer user. The static potential equaliser Model 201 removes negative and positive charges from the video display screen and the user and diverts these charges to a grounding point. It features two

coiled leads with easy to connect conductive foam pick up heads, one for the display screen, and one for the keyboard, that plug into the static collector unit with attached ground wire. The Static Buster Anti-Stat cleaner and wipe are specially developed for one step cleaning and treating of video display screens and peripherals. Anti-Stat cleaner is a concentrated static dissipative solution and large size Anti-Stat wipes are clean room quality, non abrasive, lint free cloths for safe and convenient For more information ring: Zenology Pty. Ltd. - (03) 233 5764

More Forth

from Petr Lukes

It is heresy, but I prefer my FORTH in lower case. (I never remember to push CAPS LOCK on boot-up). The following routines allow case conversion of the dictionary names and the RAMdisc memory of the ams-FORTH. The dictionary routines are, except for the two indicated lines, fairly general, and should work with other FORTHs with little alteration (as long as they are in RAM, not ROM). They change the case of the dictionary names, by starting at the last compiled word and going up the dictionary ladder until the link-field indicates the end. LATEST will usually point to the FORTH vocabulary. To convert all vocabularies, start with the last one: in ams-FORTH enter 'EDITOR DEFINITIONS' before invoking the conversion. The names and their addresses are displayed as they are converted. The two lines which deal with conversion of digits (letters serve as digits for bases higher than 10 decimal) are specific to ams-FORTH 1.1; other FORTHs will have different offsets into the two words which convert binary to ASCII and vice versa. They adjust the conversion factor for digits greater than nine: in hex, the decimal value of 10 will be represented by 'a', not 'A', after conversion to lower case. This will limit the highest useable base to 36 decimal, as against 70 if the full ASCII set is used. The STANDARD requires the word names in upper case, so changing the dictionary names to lower case will produce a nonstandard FORTH. The routines should be tested on an extra backup copy. Any mistake will corrupt the memory and most likely cause a crash sooner or later. (See program on next page).

```
Block 1
  O ( 1 CASEFLIP LKS 860710) HEX FORTH DEFINITIONS
  1 ( P. LUKES, 26 NOLL ST., TOOWOOMBA, Q 4350)
     41 VARIABLE LOR 5A VARIABLE UPR ( LIMITS FOR WITHIN)
                       41 LOR !
  3 : LOWER
            ( -- )
                                  5A UPR ! ;
              ( -- )
                        61 LOR ! 7A UPR ! ;
  4 : UPPER
  5 : WITHIN ( N -- F) ( TF: LOR @ <= N <= UPR @)
       DUP LOR @ < SWAP UPR @ > OR O= :
          ( C1 -- C2) ( RESET/SET BIT 5 OF C1 IF WITHIN)
  7 : CASE
      DUP WITHIN LOR @ 41 -
 8
        IF IF DF AND THEN ELSE IF 20 OR THEN THEN;
 9
       ( BIT MASKS: DF HEX=11011111 BIN 20 HEX=00100000 BIN)
 10
 11 : SCRFLIP ( FLIP CASE IN RAM-DISC)
      CR ." CONVERTING RAM-DISC FROM SCR# 1 TO " LOR @ 41 -
       IF ." UPPER" ELSE ." LOWER" THEN ." CASE" 7 EMIT CR
 13
      HI @ LO @ 400 + DO I DUP C@ CASE DUP EMIT SWAP C! LOOP CR ;
 15 -->
Block 2
  0 ( 2 CASEFLIP LKS 860710) HEX
  1 : SCRU>L ( FLIP RAM-DISC TO LOWER CASE) LOWER SCRFLIP :
              ( FLIP RAM-DISC TO UPPER CASE) UPPER SCRFLIP;
  2 : SCRL>U
  3 : DICNAMES ( -- ) ( FLIP CASE OF ALL DICTIONARY NAMES)
      LATEST ( NFA OF LATEST WORD)
  5
      BEGIN CR
       DUP 2DUP 2DUP 2DUP
                                   ( 8 COPIES OF NFA)
       OE .R 2 SPACES ID. CR
  7
                                   ( ADDR AND ORIGINAL NAME)
       C@ 1F AND + DUP ROT 1+ DO I DUP C@ CASE SWAP C! LOOP
 8
 9
           ( FLIP FIRST TO PENULTIMATE CHARACTERS OF NAME)
       DUP C@ 7F AND CASE 80 OR SWAP C! ( FLIP LAST CHAR)
 10
       10 SPACES ID. CR ( CONVERTED NAME)
C@ 1F AND + 1+ @ DUP ( 2 COPIES OF NEX
 11
 12
                                   ( 2 COPIES OF NEXT NFA)
      O= UNTIL DROP
                                   ( TEST FOR END OF DICTIONARY)
 14 -->
 15
Block 3
 0 ( 3 CASEFLIP LKS 860710) HEX
      ." DICTIONARY IS NOW IN " LOR @ 41 -
      IF ." UPPER" ELSE ." LOWER" THEN ." CASE" 7 EMIT CR
 2
 उ ;
 4 : DICU>L
             ( -- ) ( FLIP DICTIONARY NAMES TO LOWER CASE)
 5 ( NEXT 2 LINES FOR AMS-FORTH ONLY, TO ENABLE LOWER CASE DIGITS)
          ' DIGIT OE + DUP C@ 7 = IF 27 SWAP C! ELSE DROP THEN )
 6 (
                  16 + DUP C@ 7 = IF 27 SWAP C! ELSE DROP THEN )
 7 (
 8
      LOWER DICNAMES
 9;
 10 : DICL>U
            ( -- ) ( FLIP DICTIONARY NAMES TO UPPER CASE)
11 ( NEXT 2 LINES FOR AMS-FORTH ONLY, TO ENABLE UPPER CASE DIGITS)
          ' DIGIT OE + DUP C@ 27 = IF 7 SWAP C! ELSE DROP THEN )
12 (
                  16 + DUP C@ 27 = IF 7 SWAP C! ELSE DROP THEN )
 13 (
14
     UPPER DICNAMES
15 ;
```

THE AMSTRAD USER YEAR DISCS

YEAR DISC NUMBER 1

contains the software previously published on the tapes accompanying Issues 1 to 12
Just \$50 (incl. postage) for 12 months hacking in one hit!

YEAR DISC NUMBER 2

contains the software previously published on the tapes accompanying Issues 13 to 16 Plus free Public Domain Software Just \$22.50 (incl. postage)

YEAR DISC NUMBER 3

contains the software previously published on the tapes accompanying Issues 17 to 20 Plus free Public Domain Software Just \$25 (incl. postage)

Order now from:
THE AMSTRAD USER
Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road
Glen Waverley, Vic. 3150
Telephone: (03) 233 9661
Bankcard, Mastercard or Visa accepted

Side 1 (0k Free) 23MATCH AMTHELLO BINTOHEX DAYDATE FINDUTIL KABOOM MAP-CODE MATHTABL MEMRYDMP PONTOON SHORTWP SUPRESS

Side 2 (1k Free)
AMSFILE1
BUGHUNT
CLOCKPT2
FFORTS
HEADREAD
MENU10
MUSLST2
PERCENTS
RSXGEN
SNIGHT3
SPACEEXP

3DBALL ADBOOK
ANJUMBLE BEAMHEAD
BUZZLINE COLORDEM
DIYTYPER DOWNMINE
FLASH FLOWERS
KEY KINGDOMS
MAP-DRAW MASTERMD
MCODE1 MCODE2
MOWER OWLFABET
RUNNER SCHEDULE
SORTDEMO SOUNDEXP
TEXTFILL XHATCH

AULDLANG BUDGET
CALENDAR CLOCKPT1
DRAW FFLOADER
GRAFLOAD GRAFPLOT
JJBARCH JJPICS
MENU13 MUSLST1
NOTEPLAY PAINTOUT
OUIZ RECIPE
SCNDMP SNIGHT1
SORTS SPACELDR

Side 1 (11k Free) JJPIC2 (15) LOADTEST (13) AMSFILE2 (13) AMSFILE3 (15) BANKCAT (14) LOCODEM (15) 1K CASSLAB (13) DIGITANT (16) LPVII (15)1K MLIST45 (14) 11K 5K 2K DISKCAT (14) MLIST67 (14) POKERSX (13) RANDNOS (13) GETRSX (13) GUNFIGHT (13) 2K HANOI1 (14) SCA-1920 (16) SCA-ANTS (16) 3K 2K 3K HANOI4 (14)

*Figures in Brackets denote Issue Number

 PLUS FREE PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE:

 SD.COM
 4K
 SQUEEZE.DOC
 24K

 SD.DOC
 12K
 USQ.COM
 10K

 SQ.COM
 14K
 10K

Side 1 (9k free) BLACKJAC (19) MONSTERP (19) NEWCASDB (18) 12K DOODLE (20) ORANGEAD (18) 15K ELIZA (17) ELIZA-IN (17) GREMLINS (20) PCG (17) PROGEDIT (19) 1K 12K 5K HEDGEHOG (19) REEDPROG (20) SPRITE (18) 1K HILBERT (17) LONGX (20) Side 2 (132k Free) AMSFILE4 (17)

AMSFILE4 (17) 3K CATS (17)
APPLE1 (18) 2K COPYCAT (19)
APPLE2 (18) 1K CTLCODES (17)

*Figures in Brackets denote Issue Number

PLUS FREE PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE:
UNSPOOL.COM 2K WCOUNT.COM 6
UNSPOOL.DOC 14K WCOUNT.DOC 1

The above discs are not suitable for PCW's

BBBBBOOKSSSSS

		Carlo and have Date of	Mouse al Dui
Title		Subscriber Price	Normal Price
Advanced Amstrad CPC6128 Computing (Sinclair)		\$ 25.15	\$ 27.95
Advanced User Guide		\$ 19.75	\$ 21.95
Adventure Games for the Amstrad		\$ 25.15	\$ 27.95
Amstrad Compendium		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
Amstrad Computing		\$ 21.55	\$ 23.95
Amstrad Games Book (Pitman/Ramshaw)		\$ 14.35	\$ 15.95
Amstrad Games Book (Melbourne House)		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
Amstrad Pentacle Adventure Creator		\$ 8.05	\$ 8.95
Amstrad Users Omnibus - 464/664/6128		\$ 17.95	\$ 19.95
Basic BASIC		\$ 11.45	\$ 12.75
Basic Programming on the Amstrad		\$ 22.45	\$ 24.95
Brainteasers for the Amstrad		\$ 19.75	\$ 21.95
Childs' Guide to the Amstrad Micro		\$ 9.85	\$ 10.95
Disc System, The Amstrad CPC 464		\$ 25.15	\$ 27.95
DR CP/M Plus Handbook for CPC6128 & PCW8256	SOFT 971	\$ 84.00	\$ 89.00
Dynamic Games for the Amstrad		\$ 17.95	\$ 19.95
Exploring Adventures on the Amstrad		\$ 21.55	\$ 23.95
Filing Sytems And Databases for the Amstrad		\$ 26.95	\$ 29.95
Games and Graphics Programming - 464/664/6128		\$ 26.95	\$ 29.95
Getting Started with CP/M		\$ 26.95	\$ 29.95
Graphics Programming Techniques		\$ 22.45	\$ 24.95
High Energy Programs for the Amstrad (Post Free)		\$ 9.95	\$ 9.95
Ins and Outs of the Amstrad		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
Inside CP/M Plus		\$ 26.95	\$ 29.95
Introduction to CP/M Assembly Language		\$ 32.35	\$ 35.95
Machine Code for Beginners on the Amstrad		\$ 17.95	\$ 19.95
Machine Language for the Absolute Beginner		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
Making Music on the 464/664		\$ 19.75	\$ 21.95
Master Machine Code on your 464/664		\$ 19.75	\$ 21.95
On the road to Artificial Intelligence		\$ 17.95	\$ 19.95
Pitman's First Book of Amstrad Games		\$ 11.65	\$ 12.95
Practical Programs for the 464		\$ 21.55	\$ 23.95
Programming the Amstrad CPC 464		\$ 17.95	\$ 19.95
Ready made Machine Language routines - 464/664		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
Structured Programming on the 464/664/6128		\$ 26.95	\$ 29.95
Whole Memory Guide		\$ 26.95	\$ 29.95
Working Amstrad		\$ 17.95	\$ 19.95
Writing Adventure Games on the 464/664		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
Your first Amstrad Program		\$ 20.65	\$ 22.95
40 Educational Games for the Amstrad		\$ 19.75	\$ 21.95
60 Programs for your Amstrad		\$ 19.75	Ф 21.93

How to Order

Send a list of the titles and quantities you require along with a cheque for the total plus \$5.00 postage and packing (regardless of the quantity you order) to:

THE AMSTRAD USER

Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, Victoria, 3150 Bankcard, Mastercard or Visa accepted on (03) 233 9661

Back Copies

The Amstrad User (Australian)

Issue 1	February 1985		\$4.00
Issue 2	March 1985		\$4.00
Issue 3	April 1985		\$4.00
Issue 4	May 1985		Out of Print
Issue 5	June 1985		\$4.00
Issue 6	July 1985		\$4.00
Issue 7	August 1985		Out of Print
Issue 8	September 1985		Out of Print
Issue 9	October 1985		\$4.50
Issue 10	November 1985		\$4.50
Issue 11	December 1985		\$4.50
Issue 12	January 1986		\$4.50
Issue 13	February 1986		\$4.50
Issue 14	March 1986		\$4.50
Issue 15	April 1986		\$4.50
Issue 16	May 1986		\$4.50
Issue 16 Issue 17			\$4.50 \$4.50
Issue 18	July 1986		\$4.50
Issue 19	August 1986		\$4.50
Issue 20	September 1986		\$4.50
Tapes for any of the above			\$5.00

Twelve issue subscription:

Magazine only	\$35.00
Twelve issue subscription:	

Magazine plus tape \$75.00

Year Discs containing all software previously published on The Amstrad User tapes

Year Disc No 1: Issues 1 - 12	\$50.00
Year Disc No 2: Issues 13 - 16	\$22.50
Year Disc No 3. Issues 17 - 20	\$25.00

(Tapes or Discs not suitable for the PCW 8256/8512)

Disc Drives

DDI-1 Disc Drive as the first or second drive for the CPC464 - normally \$449 - but for subscribers to The Amstrad User an amazing \$349 including courier delivery. (Non-subscribers may order at the special price of \$379).

If PO Box number is quoted in your address then delivery will be made by the Post Office. Please also include a daytime contact telephone number in case of delivery problems. 'Phone orders accepted with Bankcard, Mastercard or Visa.

The Amstrad Computer User (English)

Issue 3	January/February 1985	\$5.00
Issue 4	March 1985	\$5.00
Issue 5	April 1985	\$5.00
Issue 6	May 1985	\$5.00
Issue 7	June 1985	\$5.00
Issue 8	July 1985	Out of Stock
Issue 9	August 1985	Out of Stock
Issue 10	September 1985	Out of Stock
Issue 11	October 1985	Out of Stock
Issue 12	November 1985	\$5.50
Issue 13	December 1985	\$5.50
Issue 14	January 1986	\$5.50
Issue 15	February 1986	\$5.50
Issue 16	March 1986	\$5.50
Issue 17	April 1986	\$5.50
Issue 18	May 1986	\$5.50
Issue 19	June 1986	\$5.50
Issue 20	July 1986	\$5.50
Issue 21	August 1986	\$6.50

Subscriptions to this magazine have now closed

Binders

In attractive white and silver to protect your collection of The Amstrad User. Can also take the English Amstrad Computer User at a squeeze. Stocks are now getting low, so order yours now. Still the same price at \$12.95 including postage.

Light Pens

As advertised elsewhere in this issue and suitable for CPC464/446/6128's with colour monitors. The limited special offer price is \$24.90 including postage. No orders accepted after 31st October 1986.

Mail your orders to: The Amstrad User Suite 1, 245 Springvale Road Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150 or telephone (03) 233 9661

The 40 cent Programs

by Ivor Joystick

Once upon a time, a sensible man bought an Amstrad computer.

Thirsting for information, he took out a subscription to The Amstrad User, the largest selling magazine for the Amstrad range in Australia.

He didn't need his machine to work out that, for less than \$3* per month for 32 pages (and quite often more) of solid Amstrad information, he was getting programs for less than 40 cents each!

This made him live very happily ever after.

. but that's not the end of the story

Every month The Amstrad User is packed with a range of articles, programs, hardware and software reviews, utilities, User Group Information, Letters, Tutorials, Hints and Tips - all devoted entirely to the Amstrad computers.

And to save you the trouble of keying-in and correcting your typing errors, a cassette containing the programs appearing in the magazine each month is also available.

Make your Amstrad a success story by subscribing to The Amstrad User now.

* Based on yearly subscription of \$35.

Please send me THE AMS	STRAD USER for 12 months	
Magazine only: \$35 □	Magazine and cassette: \$75 □	(PNG and NZ add \$21 airmail)
Payment by: Cheque □	Bankcard or Mastercard	
Card number		Expiry date
Name		Phone
Address		
		Postcode
Signed	Plea	se start with Issue No
Return to THE AMSTRAD	USER, Suite 1, 245 Springvale Roa	ıd,
Glen Waverley Vi	ctoria, 3150 Telephone (03) 233 9661	
(OVERSEAS I	PRICES ON APPLICATION TO	ABOVE ADDRESS)



WE THROW DOWN THE CHALLENGE!



Lords of Midnight Seek Support from the rulers of the Lords of Midnight Seek support from the rulers of the against the against the enchanted Land of Midnight in your stuggle against the enchanted Land of Midnight in your stuggle against the enchanted Land of Midnight in your stuggle against the park Lord are enchanted in the battlefield, or the Dark Lord's souce of effected on the battlefield, or the Dark Lord's souce of effected on the battlefield, or the park Lord's souce of effected on the battlefield. dereated on the pattlefield, or the power is destroyed, can you win.

> OF GAMEONE

Lord Of The Rings Live out your wildest fantasies in the mysterious and enchanted world of the Middle Earth— where nothing is certain and anything is possible. You and your fearless

Hobbits must stay close to your magical friends and destroy the evil Sauron's insidious control.



Rock 'n' Wrestle Now you can enjoy
the first truly 3 dimensional
twestling game for computers. Take
twestling game for computers
twestling game for computers
twestling game for computers
twestling game for computers
twestling game for the guts
contender. Have you got to the top?
and skill to win your way to the top?



Tank Commander Take up where the famous Battle of the Bulge left off! Your objective is to rescue as many of infested combat zone if you the enemy yourself, you can uttimately achieve the rank of Tank Commander Class 1.

Distributed throughout Australia by MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC AWA PTY. LTD.

(Keyboard or Joystick) Master this ancient martial art — orogress from include blocks. flying some saults) azzling animation and competitive action.

Centre Court (Joystick Keyboard)

You're in for servings of tennis
You're in for servings of tennis
Accitement as you either play against
Ariend or the computer, or in through
A friend or the computer warm up if
and watch the computer warm up if
demonstration mode. So warm up if
you've the stamina. Tape/ Disc.