

CALGARY COMMODORE USERS GROUP NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2005

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Quantum Link RELOADED!

Go to www.quantum-link.org to get everything you need to get connected to Q-Link. Using the VICE emulator, you can be as happy as the cute little girl pictured here in just a few minutes. You can also relive Q-Link with your real C64 or C128.

NOW ONLINE: The *Q-Link Members' Guide*. I've turned this handy booklet into HTML. New to Q-Link? Click the happy Q-Link family to the left to learn how to get around. Includes a handy Q-Link command reference chart and function key overlays for the C64 and C128.

www.quantum-link.org, the official site of the Q-LINK RELOADED project, has even more information about connecting and using Quantum Link.

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The Calgary Commodore Users Group has a Website!
Turn your browser to <http://ccug.dyndns.org>
Please notify us of any change of address or phone
number.

Be sure to include your membership number!

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The CCUG holds public meetings at The Calgary
Curling Club to the boardroom. Phone for more
information. Our next meeting is on
Tuesday, November ,1st at 7:30 PM. See you there!

CCUG Presidents Report November 05

Hope everyone got their fill of Haloween candy ! Lots of good stuff happening with the club this month, for anyone that's in need of an email address , the club now has '@calgarycommodore.com' email available to any member that wants one . Just email me , admin@calgarycommodore.com to get yours.

Our website is in a major revamp, it will be ready for a re-launch very soon. I've added several interactive features to make a great site to visit.

This month the 64/128 disk of the month will have a look at Q-Link reloaded along with a classic game .

I found something neat on the internet this week . Head on over to google.com and search 'google earth'. This is a program by Google that wil let you take a detailed 3d look at any part of the earth . I found my house , looks like I need to clean up my backyard .

Mike is going to give us a look at some Amiga upgrades this month . Looks like we're going to have a good meeting , be sure to come down and take a look .

Blaine

Amiga Disk of the Month

This month's Amiga Disk of the Month is a home account manager program. (Please note this is a repeat of last month's ADOM, due to the ADOM not being demonstrated last month.) It's not a spreadsheet, it's made for home finance use. The following is a description of the program, written by the author:

Program overview

HomeBank is the Amiga software you have always wanted to manage your personal accounts. It is more than a simple personal finance manager, it has various features that allows you to analyze your finances in a detailed way. The interface has been designed using the best combination available: MUI, some private MUI classes and 3rd parties like BetterString, NList, NListtree... HomeBank is also innovative with the new ideas and features it makes available to you. It is powerful and stable, as the result of being programmed in optimized C. Really, if you are looking for an easy way to do your home accounts, then HomeBank should be the software you choose. Just take a little time to try it out now, and you won't regret doing so... HomeBank is now FreeWare. You can make a donation to support HomeBank, contact the author for that purpose. You are also invited to subscribe to the

HomeBank mailing list, please visit <http://maxworld.free.fr/homebank/>.

Main features:

- o multiple accounts
- o payees capability
- o categories & subcategories capability
- o single budget capability
- o predefined operations
- o automated operations
- o additionnal operation fields (paymode+info, car cost refuel)
- o csv import/export for payees, categories, budgets, and operations
- o dual pad of cheque & automated cheque number treatment
- o inherit & multiple operations edition
- o transfert & automated transfert between accounts
- o very complete analysis reports easy to use:
 - o complete graphic set: lines, bars and pies
 - o statistics report extremely powerfull with various displays
 - o budget report, to point out decay
 - o overdrawn report with a nice line chart
 - o integrated car cost (fuel and other depenses)
- o full Euro support (saise, major/minor display, font symbol)
- o password load protection access
- o operations status (added, edited, validated+ special remind)
- o reminded operations
- o complete display filter & operation list sort criteria
- o nice and intuitive layout thanks to MUI and subclasses
- o toolbars and user configurable images
- o localized (see my website for the latest catalog files)

I will also be making a disk up for those with DOS 1.3 only. (Homebank requires at least DOS 2.0X and a hard drive.) One will be a game disk and the other will be a utilities disk. They will run straight form the floppy and will not require a hard drive or other significant upgrades.

-Hope to see you at the next meeting. Mike Stoll

Treasurers Report

CCUG FINANCIAL STATEMENT October 2005

DATE	ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Sep-13	Balance Forward			\$382.28
Sep-13	Deposit correction	\$ 5.00		
Sep-30	Statement Fee	\$ 1.25		
TOTALS		\$ 6.25		
Oct-10	New Balance			\$376.03

DATE	PETTY CASH ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Sep-13	Balance Forward			\$ 48.12
Sep-13	Member Meeting Coffee	\$10.70		
TOTALS		\$10.70		
Oct-10	New Balance			\$ 37.42

Cheryl Siemens
Secretary/Treasurer

Phil's 2 Bytes Worth

Welcome to our next Fall meeting. Daylight is fading even faster now that we had to move the clocks back last weekend. Before long it will be dark at 5 pm. And lots of time to try out new software on your 'puter. Blaine has been working feverishly to get a NEW web-site up and running, just to give you something to do in all your newly found spare time. Click your browser to <http://calgarycommodore.com> and let blaine (admin@madcap.dyndns.org) know what you think. Now that you have something to show all of your friends that run only MSDOS machines, spread the URL around.

Never seen the insides of an Amiga up close and personal before?, well Mikey will be performing a heart transplant on Cheryl's Amiga, right before your very eyes.

As usual, I have the following Loadstar issue for your perusal and viewing, come and see what new software is available. Remember our new local is the Calgary Curling Club, see you there.

Phil

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New six-voice songs from the guy who knows how to make the C= sing.

[CHORDcentration] by Travis Parker
A classic game of memory and if not perfect, at least persistent
pitch.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Computer Viruses

OPRAH WINFREY VIRUS:

Your 1.3gb hard drive suddenly shrinks to 80mb and then slowly expands
back 1.3gb.

AT&T VIRUS:

Every three minutes it tells you what great service you are getting.

MCI VIRUS:

Every three minutes it reminds you that you're paying too much for the AT&T Virus.

ARNOLD SCHWARTZENEGGER VIRUS:

Terminates and stays resident. It'll be back. . . .

DAN QUAYLE VIRUS:

Prevents your system from spawning any child process without joining into a binary network.

TERRY RANDLE VIRUS:

Prints " oh no you don't" whenever you choose "Abort".

CONGRESSIONAL VIRUS:

Runs every program on the hard drive simultaneous, but doesn't allow the user to accomplish anything.

EMELDA MARCOS VIRUS:

Sings you a song (slightly off key) on boot up, then subtracts money from your Quicken account and spends it on expensive shoes it purchases through Prodigy.

GEORGE BUSH VIRUS:

It starts by boldly stating "Read my docs. . .No new files!" on the screen. It proceeds to fill up all the free space on your hard drive with new files, then blames it on the Congressional virus.

DENVER BRONCOS VIRUS:

Makes your P133 machine perform like a 286/AT.

L.A.P.D VIRUS:

It claims it feels threatened by the other files on your PC and erases them in "self-defence".