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FROM THE EDITOR

WELL AS USUAL IT HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH. WHAT WITH CHRISTMAS, OUR TRIP TO PARIS, THE JANUARY AMSTRAD SHOW AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW PRODUCTS, I HAVE HARDLY HAD TIME TO DO THIS SECOND NEWSLETTER. ISSUE ONE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF TRANSFER ROUTINES (KEEP THEM COMING) AND OTHER GENERAL FEEDBACK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE TO US, BUT PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IF YOU WANT A REPLY. IF YOU ARE WRITING FROM THE CONTINENT, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PUT THE NAME OF YOUR COUNTRY ON YOUR ADDRESS. YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PUT THEIR ADDRESS ON ORDERS AND LETTERS.

DISCUS PLUS CONTINUED

PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED WITH DISCOVERY 1
ERBERT, ALIEN, TECHNICIAN TED (COMP HITS 2 VERSION), MOON BUGGY (COMP HITS 2 VERSION), KANE. THE FOLLOWING WILL ALSO TRANSFER BUT MAY NEED SOME RENAMING ETC.
BOMB JACK, REDCOATS, FOOTBALL MANAGER, COMBAT LYNX AND BLOCKBUSTERS

PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED WITH TD1:-
3D GRAND PRIX, KENTILLA, ASHKERON, HEAVY ON THE MAGICK, GEOFF CAPES STRONGMAN,
MESSAGE FROM ANDROMEDA, JEWELS OF BABYLON, WARLORD, BOOTY AND HEREOS OF KARN

PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED WITH TD
MR MEN, INTERDICTOR PILOT (LOAD TYPE 2), JUGGERNAUT (LOAD TYPE 2), FOREST AT
WORLDS END, ANDROID 2, DOOMSDAY BLUES, WORM IN PARADISE, GHOSTBUSTERS, QUEST
PROBE, THE PRICE OF MAGIK AND PITMANS TYPING TUTOR.

PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED WITH SPLOCK TRANS
GUNFRIGHT AND SAMANTHA FOX STRIP POKER

THE FOLLOWING ALL TRANSFER USING DISCOVERY 1. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

FANTASIA DIAMOND (COMP. HITS 2)
TRANSFER IN MANUAL MODE. RENAME THE PARTS TO "FANTASIA", "F" & "FANT". RUN
'FANTASIA' TO LOAD AND RUN FROM DISC.

LUCK FRUITS (KNIGHTSOFT)
TRANSFER IN MANUAL MODE. RENAME THE PARTS TO "LUCKY", "FRUITS" & "FMAC". USE RUN
'LUCKY' TO LOAD AND RUN FROM DISC.

WORLD CUP (COMP. HITS 2)
TRANSFER IN MANUAL MODE. DO NOT RENAME OR RELOCATE ANYTHING. WHEN ALL PARTS HAVE
BEEN TRANSFERRED, ALTER LINE 10 OF "WORLD.BAS" TO THE FOLLOWING:-

10 MEMORY 8191:LOAD "TITLE",49152:LOAD "CODE",8192

TRIPODS (RED SHIFT)
USE MANUAL MODE TO TRANSFER THE SLOW LOAD SIDE OF THE GAME ONTO DISC. DO NOT
RENAME OR RELOCATE. RUN "TRIPODS" TO RUN FROM DISC.

SPEECH (SUPERIOR SOFTWARE)
TRANSFER ALL PARTS IN MANUAL MODE. DO NOT RENAME ANY OF THE PARTS. AFTER ALL
PARTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED, RENAME "SPCODEBI.BIN" TO "SPCODE.BIN",
"SPDICNBI.BIN" TO "SPDICN.BIN" AND "SPNOTEDO.BIN" TO "SPNOTE.DOC".

FRUIT MACHINE (AMSOFT)

TRANSFER ALL PARTS IN MANUAL MODE. RENAME PROGRAMS TO "FRUIT.BAS", "FRUITO.BAS" AND "FRUIT1.BIN". DO NOT RELOCATE ANYTHING. WHEN ALL PARTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED, ALTER LINE 570 OF FRUIT.BAS TO:- 570 RUN "FRUITO"
ALTER LINE 8020 OF FRUITO.BAS TO:- 8020 ADDRESS=HIMEM+(8*96)+1:LOAD "FRUIT1", ADDRESS.

ELIDON (ORPHEUS)

TRANSFER IN MANUAL MODE. DO NOT RENAME OR RELOCATE.

DEVILS CROWN (PROBE) (COMP HITS 3)

TRANSFER IN AUTO MODE. ERASE "UNNAMED", "UNNAMED0" AND RENAME "UNNAMED1.BIN" TO "DEVIL.BIN"

OLYMPIAD 86 (ATLANTIS)

TRANSFER IN MANUAL MODE. DO NOT RENAME ANY PARTS. WHEN ALL PARTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED, RENAME "SCRBIN.BIN" TO "SCR.BIN" AND "SPORTSPA.BIN" TO "SPORTS.P&A". RUN "OLYMPIAD"

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN THE ABOVE TRANSFERS, INCLUDING MR MILLS FROM NEW MALDEN, S. GLASSON FROM ROMFORD

THE ULTIMATE TRANSFERS

ULTIMATE PLAY THE GAME, TO GIVE THEM THEIR FULL TITLE, HAVE PRODUCED SOME EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD GAMES FOR THE AMSTRAD (IF YOU LIKE THAT SORT OF THING). TO TRANSFER SOME OF THEIR PROGRAMS TO DISC, PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS HAVE ONLY BEEN TESTED ON THE ORIGINAL GAMES CASSETTES AND MAY NOT WORK ON COMPILATION VERSIONS.

TRANSFERRING KNIGHT LORE & ALIEN 8 (BOTH BY ULTIMATE)

TRANSFER ALL PARTS OF THE PROGRAM USING DISCOVERY 1 IN AUTOMATIC MODE. WHEN TRANSFERRED, RESET YOUR COMPUTER & ERASE "KNIGHT.BIN". TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING LISTING & SAVE IT TO DISC. WHEN RUN, IT LOAD IN AND RUN THE GAME.

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10 DATA 243,33,112,23,17,0,0,1,0,128,237,176,195,0,0
20 MEMORY 5999
30 LOAD "0",6000
40 FOR A=40960 TO 40974:READ B:POKE A,B:NEXT
50 BORDER 0:MODE 1
60 INK 0,0:INK 1,6:INK 2,24
70 INK 3,15
80 CALL 40960
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TRANSFERRING SABRE WULF (THIS WILL NOT WORK ON THE THEY SOLD A MILLION VERSION)

TRANSFER ALL PARTS USING DISCOVERY 1 IN AUTOMATIC MODE. WHEN TRANSFERRED, RESET YOUR COMPUTER AND LOAD IN "SABRE". WHEN LOADED, TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING

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10 MEMORY &12FF:LOAD "SABRE0",&1300:CALL &1300:LOAD "SABRE1",&1300
20 INK 0,0:INK 1,0:INK 2,0:INK 3,0:LOAD "SABRE2",&C000:CALL &C000
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WHEN THIS HAS BEEN TYPED IN, SAVE THE PROGRAM BACK TO DISC USING.. SAVE "SABRE". TO RUN FROM DISC, TYPE... RUN "SABRE"

TRANSFERRING NIGHTSHADE

TRANSFER ALL PARTS USING DISCOVERY 1 IN AUTOMATIC MODE. WHEN TRANSFERRED, RESET YOUR COMPUTER AND LOAD IN "NIGHT". WHEN LOADED, TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING:-

10 OPENOUT "1":MEMORY 3693:CLOSEOUT:LOAD "NIGHT0",&1300:CALL &1300:LOAD "NIGHT1":CALL 3694:CALL &1300

WHEN THIS HAS BEEN TYPED IN, SAVE THE PROGRAM BACK TO DISC USING.. SAVE "KNIGHT". TO RUN FROM DISC, TYPE ... RUN "NIGHT"

NEWS

AT LAST AMSTRAD HAS REDUCED THE RECOMMENDED RETAIL PRICE OF BLANK DISCS TO £2.99. ALTHOUGH THIS IS EXTREMELY GOOD NEWS, WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THESE CHEAPER DISC WILL REACH THE SHOPS AS THERE ARE PROBABLY LARGE STOCKPILES OF DISCS BOUGHT AT THE OLD PRICE. WHEN WILL THE PRICE REACH £1.99 ? I WONDER.

AS USUAL, WE HAVE RUN INTO DIFFICULTY OVER THE JANUARY AMSTRAD SHOW, BECAUSE OF PIRACY BEING WHAT IT IS AND AMSTRAD, WHO PRODUCE DUAL CASSETTE RECORDERS FOR COPY MUSIC WITH AND WHOS LATEST COMPUTER IS A BLATANT COPY OF ANOTHER WELL KNOWN MACHINE, DO NOT WANT EXHIBITORS TO DISPLAY OR SELL ANY PRODUCT THAT CAN BE OR MAY BE USED TO INFRINGE COPYRIGHT. WE PROBABLY WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE WETHER OR NOT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SELL OUR SOFTWARE. WE WILL BE ON STAND 95 ON THE UPPER LEVEL (THE SAME STAND WE HAVE HAD FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF SHOWS) SO COME ALONG AND SAY HELLO !

A WELL KNOWN COMPANY WHO ADVERTISE A HARDWARE PUSH BUTTON COPIER HAS BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH THE A.S.A. (ADVERTISING STANDARDS AUTHORITY). THE COMPANY INVOLVED ADVERTISED THEIR PRODUCT SAYING IT WAS CAPABLE OF COPYING ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING. WELL THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SEEN ONE OF THESE UNITS AND HAVE TRIED COPYING "MOVIE", ANY "DESIGN DESIGN" SOFTWARE OR MANY OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT THEY WILL NOT COPY WILL KNOW WHY THE A.S.A. HAS HAD WORDS WITH THE COMPANY.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AMS HAS ACTUALLY RELEASED AMX PAGEMAKER. AT LEAST 200 HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED. IT HAS BEEN RUMOURED THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BUGS IN IT. BOTH NICK PEARSON (AMS MANAGING DIRECTOR) AND GERARD KENNEDY (AMS SALES MANAGER) HAVE ADMITTED TO SOME PROBLEMS. ACCORDING TO MR PEARSON THE BUGS ARE VERY SLIGHT, DOES MR KENNEDY AGREE WITH HIM ? I THINK NOT.

A RECENT TELEPHONE CALL TO JANE NOLAN (AMSTRAD USER) QUASHED ALL RUMOURS OF HER LEAVING THE MAGAZINE. JANE MENTIONED THAT WAS THINKING OF BUYING A NEW ESCORT CABRIOLET OR WAS IT A CAPRI ?

IN A RECENT REVIEW IN AMSTRAD ACTION, RICHARD MONTEIRO THE REVIEWER DECLARED THAT YOU HAD TO MORTGAGE YOUR HOUSE TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD DISCOVERY PLUS. WELL RICHARD MUST LIVE IN AN EXTREMELY SMALL HOUSE IF ALL HE GOT FOR IT WAS 15 QUID!!

WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MR BRIAN BARTON FROM THE GOLDMARK CLUB (HELLO BRIAN !), WHO HAS THREATENED TO SUE US. ACCORDING TO BRIAN, THE SPLOCK TRANS PART OF DISCOVERY PLUS IS A COPY OF GOLDMARKS "SPEEDTRANS" PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY OUR PROGRAM WILL COPY MORE PROGRAMS THAN THEIRS AND THAT SPLOCK TRANS IS AN UPDATED VERSION OF OUR ORIGINAL SPEEDLOCK COPIER THAT APPEARED LAST FEBRUARY ON OUR TAPE UTILITY PROGRAM. HAVING DISASSEMBLED SPEEDTRANS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE CODE IN THAT PROGRAM IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO OUR MARK 1 SPEEDLOCK COPIER. ANYWAY, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANY LEGAL ACTION THAT GOLDMARK OR BRIAN BARTON ARE TAKING AGAINST US.

WE HAVE A PILE OF "TRANSMAT" AND "AMSHelp" CASSETTES AND DISCS FOR SALE. ALL ARE IN GOOD CONDITION BUT SOME DO NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS WITH THEM. IF YOU WANT ONE, PLEASE PHONE US FOR DETAILS OF PRICE.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE MANCHESTER DISTRICT AND ARE FLUENT/KNOWLEDGEABLE IN MACHINE CODE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO HELP US IN A VERY INTERESTING PROJECT THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO GET UNDERWAY SHORTLY.

AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS NO PC1512 COMPUTERS ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE SHOP COUNTER YET. AMSTRAD HAS JUST PUT UP THE PRICE OF ALL THE 1512 MACHINES APPARENTLY DUE TO PRICE OF THE YEN.

WE HAVE NOW SORTED OUT OUR 464 DATACORDER PROBLEM, THANKS TO MR LOWE FROM BURY ST. EDMUNDS. A COMPANY CALLED CPC WILL SELL YOU EITHER A WHOLE CASSETTE MECHANISM OR JUST THE MOTOR AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES. TELEPHONE CPC ON 0772 555034 WHO WILL ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

WELL THATS IT FOR THIS TIME. PLEASE KEEP THOSE TRANSFERS COMING.

ORDER FORM. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO SIREN SOFTWARE AND SEND THEM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. OVERSEAS ORDERS PLEASE ADD £1.00 FOR POSTAGE.

PLEASE NOTE:- THESE SPECIAL OFFERS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE IF ACCOMPANIED BY THIS ORDER FORM.

- 1 [] BOX OF 10 BLANK DISCS. ONLY £29.95 INCLUDING POSTAGE AND VAT.
- 2 [] MASTER DISC. THE DISC UTILITY PACKAGE. ON DISC ONLY £12.99
- 3 [] HANDY MAN. THE DISC ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE. ON DISC ONLY £12.99
- 4 [] MASTER DISC AND HANDYMAN ON DISC. ONLY £21.99
- 5 [] DIAL A DISC BOX. HOLDS 10 3" DISCS. VERY USEFULL. ONLY £5.99
- 6 [] PRINT MASTER ONLY £12.99
- 7 [] NEXT EDITION OF SIREN SPOTLIGHT. I ENCLOSE AN S.A.E.
- 8 [] PREVIOUS EDITION OF SIREN SPOTLIGHT. I ENCLOSE AN S.A.E.

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