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The Monitor is published monthly by the **Commodore User's Group of Saskatchewan** (CUGS). Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month in Miller High School's cafeteria annex, unless otherwise noted. The next meeting will be held on **September 7, 1994** from **7:30 to 9:30 P.M.**

CUGS is a nonprofit organization comprised of 64 and 128 users interested in sharing ideas, programs, knowledge, problems, and solutions with each other. Membership dues ($15) are pro-rated, based on a January to December year.

Anyone interested in computing is welcome to attend any meeting. Members are encouraged to submit **public domain** and **shareware** software for inclusion in the **CUGS Disk Library**. These programs are made available to members at $3.00 each (discounted prices when buying bulk). Since some programs on the disks are from magazines, individual members are responsible for deleting any program that they are not entitled to by law (you must be the owner of the magazine in which the original program was printed). To the best of our knowledge, all such programs are identified in their listings.

Other benefits of club membership include access to our disk copying service, to make backups of copy-protected software, any members who own a modem and wish to call our BBS will receive increased access. The board operates 300-2400 baud, 24 hours a day.

Editorial

Whew! Is it summer *already*? It looks as though we might actually get more than five days of summer this year — that is, if the mosquitoes don't keep you from enjoying it. I, however, am not going to stick around to find out, as I'm moving east for the holidays, returning sometime in mid- to late August. Because of this, I will no longer be able to run the club's bulletin board system. It will remain at 586-6608 until sometime in June, when it will be relocated to an as of yet undetermined location. However, a small message system will be left up to notify members of the change — when you dial 586-6608 with your modem, the message "CUGS is no longer in service at this number. The new number is XXX-XXXX". I will no longer be keeping any sort of bulletin board system and would like to eventually use the number as a voice line, so please do not call the old number after you know the new one.

In other news, many of you know by now that Commodore has gone out of business. I hope this will not have any effect on our club — after all, Commodore has practically ignored its 8-bit lines as of years ago, so this incident shouldn't induce much change. It is the Amiga users who will likely feel the full force of this impact. It seems there are now only two brands of computer you can buy: IBM/Compatible or Apple MacIntosh.

At first, I was reluctant to put out a newsletter of such small size, but as they say, the show (newsletter) must go on (be published). Some contributions for the September *Monitor* would be most welcome. Though I will not be able for submissions, please send your articles to an Assistant Editor, who will ensure they get into the next newsletter.

Commodore Goes Under

from Paul Hanson of Sage's Desk BBS

[From   ] Paul Hanson   [BULLE-
TIN 59 OF 59] [To] All
[Date   ] Mon 2 May 94 20:18
[Subject] Commodore to Liquidate

Hot off the wires, after the close of business on Friday, Commodore made an announcement.   Here are the stories carried on PRNewswire, AP News and Reuters for *StarShip* members information.

COMMODORE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED TO LIQUIDATE

NEW YORK, April 29 /PRNewswire/ -- Commodore International Limited (NYSE: CBU) announced today that its Board Of Directors has authorized the transfer of its assets to trustees for the benefit of its creditors and has placed its major subsidiary, Commodore   Electronics   Limited,   into voluntary liquidation. This is the initial phase of an orderly liquidation of both companies, which are incorporated in the Bahamas, by the Bahamas Supreme Court.
CONTACT: Hock Tan, CFO of Commodore International Limited, 215-431-9160/
Commodore Folds
By DINAH WISENBERG BRIN
Associated Press Writer
WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) -- Commodore International Ltd., a pioneer in the personal computer industry, said late Friday it is going out of business.   The company plans to transfer its assets to unidentified trustees "for the benefit of its creditors" and has placed its major subsidiary, Commodore Electronics Ltd., into voluntary liquidation.

"This is the initial phase of an orderly voluntary liquidation of both companies," Commodore said in a brief statement.

Company executives could not immediately be reached Friday evening.
The company last month reported an $8.2 million loss for the quarter ending Dec. 31 on

sales of $70.1 million. A year earlier, Commodore lost $77.2 million on sales of $237.7 million in the same period.

In the latest report, Commodore said financial limits had thwarted its ability to supply products, leading to weakened sales. One of its new products, the Amiga CD32 video game, had sold poorly in Europe, where the company did most of its business.

The company's net worth turned negative in the fiscal year ended last June 30.

Its stock, which had traded at around $3 per share before the quarterly results were announced last month, closed unchanged at 87 1/2 cents per share on the New York Stock Exchange Friday.

"This is a company that briefly captured the attention of the American market and didn't go where the market was going," said David Coursey, editor of the newsletter P.C. Letter in San Mateo, Calif. "They just never managed to change with the marketplace."

While grabbing some market share and attention in the late 1970s, Commodore's products were something between PCs and game machines "and never quite became either," Coursey said.

Commodore started 40 years ago as a typewriter repair company in the Bronx. Its extension to the adding machine business paved the way for it to make calculators and then personal computers by the mid-1970s.

Commodore competed with Radio Shack for the first computers sold to homes and co-founder Jack Tramiel became a highly-regarded figure in the fledgling PC industry.

By the early 1980s, it was overshadowed in the PC business by Apple Computer Inc. and IBM. Software manufacturers didn't create as much software for Commodore's Amiga line as it did for Apple and IBM-compatible machines.

In recent years, most of Commodore's business was in Europe.

NewTek Inc. of Topeka, Kan., created a product called Video Toaster that converted Commodore's Amiga to a video-editing system. The $2,500 product was popular with small advertising agencies and home hobbyists. The company's phones were busy Friday night.

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    --New York Newsdesk 212-603-3310.
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Amiga 500 w/512K exp., power supply, mouse, manuals
1670 1200 Baud Modem
Mitey Mo 300 Baud Modem
VIC Super Expander with 3K RAM Cartridge (VIC-20)

Software:
Ultima VII CD-ROM (MS-DOS)
Martian Dreams (MS-DOS)
TFMX SoundTool (Amiga)
Ultima VI (MS-DOS)
Amiga Appetizer (Amiga)
Savage Empire (MS-DOS)
Eye of the Beholder II (MS-DOS)
Castles (MS-DOS)
Dragon Wars (C64)
COMPUTE!'s Sid Editor (64/128)

Books:
Troubleshooting & Repairing Your Commodore 64
Time-Life *Understanding Computers* Four-Book Set
More Than 32 BASIC Programs for the Commodore 64 Computer
Commodore 64 Programmer's Reference Guide

Open to offers — call 584-1736 after 17:00.

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║  Regina, Sask. Canada      BULLETIN BOARD LIST            May 28, 1994       ║
║  Courtesy Allan Finkas     (Area Code 306)                                  ║
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║  Arboria                │ 584-8610 │ 2400 │ None     │ CB │ C │      │       ║
║  Alpha Colony II        │ 545-8342 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Su │ P │ FW   │ Q     ║
║  Atmospheric Environ.   │ 780-6049 │ 9600 │ 3,M      │ WC │ P │      │ $     ║
║  Beach House            │ 729-4185 │ 2400 │ None     │ Vi │ P │ FV   │ Q     ║
║  Crystal Visions        │ 586-6790 │ 2400 │ None     │ RA │ P │ F    │       ║
║  C.U.G.S.               │ 586-6608 │ 2400 │ None     │ CB │ C │      │       ║
║  Digital Underground    │ 585-6077 │ 9600 │ 3        │ WC │ P │ FL   │       ║
║  DLC-West   <Hi Speed>  │ 352-9390 │ 16.8 │ H,3b,4b  │ -- │ P │ F    │ $     ║
║  DLC-West               │ 352-9378 │ 2400 │ None     │ -- │ P │ F    │ L$    ║
║  Double Check           │ 525-0807 │ 16.8 │ H,3b,4b  │ Mx │ P │ F    │ Q1    ║
║  Eden                   │ 584-7062 │ 2400 │ None     │ RA │ P │ L    │       ║
║  EnviroCan            * │ 565-6162 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Su │ P │ FL   │ B     ║
║  Excalibur              │ 949-8605 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Gh │ W │      │       ║
║  Extreme Outer Limits   │ 545-0417 │ 19.2 │ Z,3b,4b  │ WC │ P │ FZ   │ Q     ║
║  FACT                   │ 924-8776 │ 2400 │ None     │ WC │ P │ F    │ LQ$   ║
║  Fernando's Retreat     │ 585-0298 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Mx │ P │ F    │ B     ║
║  Fourth Floor           │ 352-0472 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Sy │ P │ F    │ Q     ║
║  Green Zone             │ 789-7652 │ 14.4 │ H,3b,4b  │ Mx │ O │ FI   │ Q2    ║
║  Highway to Hell      * │ 781-4878 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ RA │ P │ FL   │ B     ║
║  Holistic               │ 789-5070 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Mx │ O │ F    │ Q     ║
║  IEEE South Sask.       │ 586-1939 │ 9600 │ 3        │ RA │ P │ F    │ B     ║
║  Impossible Missions    │ 569-9705 │ 2400 │ None     │ Tr │ P │ FW   │       ║
║  Mageholm               │ 522-9816 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ RB │ O │      │       ║
║  Micro City <Hi Speed>  │ 791-3388 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Ma │ P │ JR   │ $     ║
║  Micro City             │ 757-0088 │ 2400 │ None     │ Ma │ P │ JR   │ $     ║
║  MEBBS II               │ 775-1437 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ TA │ A │ F    │ Q     ║
║  Missing Link I         │ 775-1511 │ 14.4 │ H,3,4b   │ PB │ P │      │       ║
║  Missing Link II        │ 775-1512 │ 14.4 │ H,3,4b   │ PB │ P │      │       ║
║  No Quarter             │ 584-7428 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ TR │ P │ FLW  │ Q     ║
║  Pool Hall I            │ 586-8490 │ 9600 │ H,4b     │ PB │ P │      │ 1     ║
║  Pool Hall II           │ 586-0922 │ 14.4 │ H,4b     │ PB │ P │      │ 1     ║
║  Q-COMM Data Services   │ 584-2916 │ 9600 │ 3b,4b    │ LN │ P │      │       ║
║  Ronchy's Pleasure Dome │ 949-8486 │ 16.8 │ H,3b,4b  │*RA*│ P │ BFI  │ B1$   ║
║  Sage's Desk            │ 545-2943 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ DL │ A │ F    │ Q     ║
║  Shadowland             │ 789-1899 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ RA │ P │ F    │       ║
║  Sideline             * │ 924-4105 │ 2400 │ None     │ Su │ P │      │       ║
║  Skywatch               │ 569-0581 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ TR │ P │ F    │ Q     ║
║  Snake Pit              │ 924-0773 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Su │ P │ FRW  │ B     ║
║  Superboard             │ 789-8690 │ 28.8 │ F,4b     │ PB │ P │ F    │ 1     ║
║  TeeWunKay              │ 779-1237 │ 14.4 │ H,3,4b   │ Mx │ O │ FI   │ Q     ║
║  Tempest Town           │ 751-0622 │ 14.4 │ H,3,4b   │ Su │ P │ FW   │ 1     ║
║  Titan's Realm          │ 949-8692 │ 16.8 │ Z,3b,4b  │ Mx │ P │ F    │ Q     ║
║  Tower of High Sorcery  │ 545-0801 │ 14.4 │ 3b,4b    │ Vi │ P │ FW   │       ║
║  TTL Computer Concepts  │ 522-3233 │ 16.8 │ H,3b,4b  │ RA │ P │      │ B     ║
║  Unibase                │ 789-0709 │ 9600 │ 3,4b     │ -- │ U │ U    │ $     ║
║  USS Galifrey         * │ 949-6032 │ 14.4 │ H,3b,4b  │ RA │ P │ F    │ B     ║
║  Vet's Perspective    * │ 789-9909 │ 14.4 │ 3,4b     │ TB │ P │ F    │ Q     ║
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║      Please note CUGS will not be operational on 586-6608 after June        ║
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