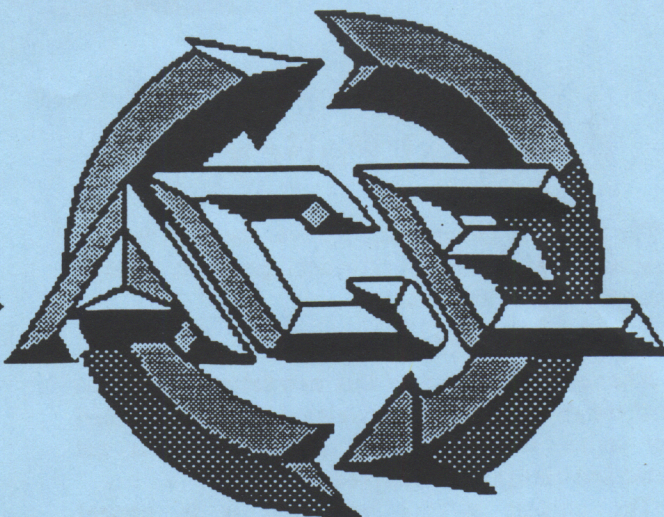


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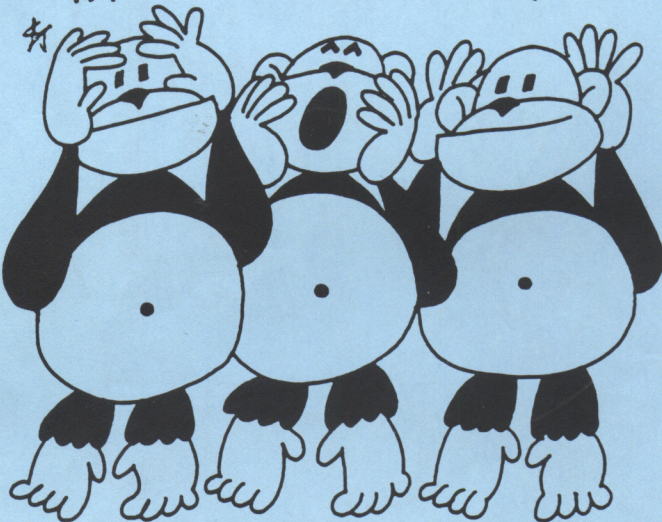
Dallas Atari Computer Enthusiasts



Have you been on the BBS
lately... Woo...eee!

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... from the 'OOP's' file

*well, maybe I made it
through a whole newsletter
without a mistake —
nobody called me up
about anything!*

Try this one! Ed.

Newsletter Advertisements

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Newsletter Submissions

Submissions are welcome in any form. It is requested of any 8-bit user that s/he upload articles to the club BBS or furnish a disk or hard copy to the editor.

Meeting Information

10:00 - 11:00 8-bit SIG

11:00 - 11:30Disk Sales

11:30 - 12:00Main Meeting

12:00 - 12:30New users SIG

.....Newsletter Exchange SIG

12:30 - 2:00.....ST SIG

Infomart Directions

From North Dallas, take either Stemmons (I-35E) or the Dallas North Tollway south. From Stemmons, take the Oak Lawn exit, turn east, and park at the Infomart. If you are using the tollway, exit right on Wycliff, go left on Harry Hines Blvd. to Oak lawn, and turn right. From the south, take Stemmons north, then follow above directions. Infomart is the big, white, steel and glass building south of the other 'marts. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!!





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following options: Return to DOS, Run program, or Load program.

3. Select letter L and enter program name (Dn:filename.CTB). The extension is optional, since the Runtime program will only load programs with this extension.

4. Press R to run the compiled program. Program will run and return to the three options in step 2 upon completion of program or when an error, stop, or break has been encountered.

If you have any problems, leave me a message on the DAL-ACE bulletin board. I will also be at Jeff Golden's Self Help Group meetings.

Here is a little mystery program that will run in either Atari BASIC or Turbo BASIC.

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100 DIM A$(1),A(11)
110 GRAPHICS 18
120 POSITION 4,5
130 FOR A=0 TO 11
140 READ B
150 A(A)=B
160 NEXT A
170 RESTORE 250
180 FOR A=0 TO 11
190 POKE 182,A(A)
200 READ A$
210 ? #6;A$;
220 NEXT A
230 GOTO 230
240 DATA 2,0,3,3,7,8,1,0,5,6,1,4
250 DATA A,E,H,P,R,S,T,Y, ,
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See if you can figure out what will happen before you run the program. Next time, we will explain the program.

Introduce a
friend to Atari
& Dal-Ace!

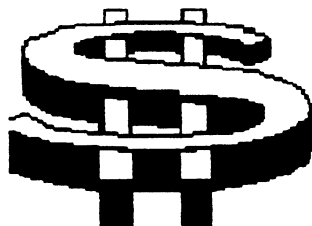


DOLLAR\$IGNS

by R. Tucker, Treasurer

A report on the financial status of DALACE is given each month at the general meeting. It is also available for inspection by any club member upon request. Following are highlights of the report for August, 1990.

INCOME	\$155.00
EXPENSES	\$87.86
GAIN	\$67.14



New Atari Magazine?

The second possible new product from Reeve Software stems from the lack of Atari 8-bit magazines that are available in the world today. At present we are aware of only two (Antic and New Atari User [a UK based publication]) such magazines and we feel that having a good, reliable source of information is a must for the 8-bit community.

If we do decide to start publishing a magazine it would probably deal heavily with Diamond GOS programs, but would also contain other information unrelated to Diamond (what kind of ratio would you like to see?). What we need to know is how interested the Atari community would be in such a proposition, as well as the kinds of articles that one would want to see. Whatcha all think?

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Dave Gramm then called for an election to fill the open position of club president. At this time Rene read the club's by-laws pertaining to requirements in order to fill the open position of interim club president until regular elections in December. Dave Gramm asked for nominations from the floor.

Nominees were:

Jim Jackson
Randy Randolph (declined)
Jeff Golden (declined)

Jim Jackson, then, was elected as our new club president.

As our new club president Jim's first action was for Dal-Ace to consider a merge with AUNT. There was a discussion from the floor. The emotions of club members were mixed.

Some directly opposed the idea, some said it was ok to check out the possibilities, and a few said it would be ok.

AUNT invited Dal-Ace club members at 10:00 AM to a meeting September 15, 1990. 10:30 will begin our regular Dal-Ace meetings.

Jim Jackson then held a brief discussion with club officers. It was decided that two club members go with Jim and discuss things with AUNT. The two members were picked on a volunteer basis. Was decided that Randy Randolph and John Saunders would go with Jim to represent the club.

TO MERGE OR NOT TO MERGE... by Rene Tucker

merge-1. to lose or cause to lose identity by being absorbed or combined 2. to unite

After the meeting Saturday I figured I'd better try and get a better understanding of the proposal to merge DALACE and AUNT. I started my quest in Webster's dictionary. The definition holds both promise and

fear but I believe I can now appreciate the deep concerns voiced by several of our DALACE members as we consider the possibility of "merging" the two clubs. In one sense I do not believe that a merger will be in the best interests of the club, the resulting club would inevitably assume a totally new identity, a hybrid of each participating club. The unique, comfortable "persona" that is DALACE would cease to exist.

However, there are several advantages to increased cooperation between the two clubs. Perhaps instituting a type of reciprocal membership where by paying dues in either club entitles a user to full membership privileges in both clubs. Greater communication and exchange of ideas in the areas of newsletter coverage of both ST and 8-bit machines as well as program planning could result in renewed interest in Atari computing in both groups. A combined general meeting three or four times a year might be a natural outgrowth of increased interaction between the clubs, each bringing their own special contribution to our interest and knowledge of our computers. Another benefit of cooperation could be a combined newsletter, presenting both 8-bit and ST perspectives and activities. Sharing costs is a benefit not to be overlooked either.

I really see no disadvantages to increased interaction between DALACE and AUNT. Perhaps some will become apparent as both clubs study the possibilities and explore further the depth of involvement each wants to have in the others affairs. The exchange of ideas and the sharing of interests is always an enriching experience and contributes greatly to the enjoyment of our hobby. However I believe this can and should be done while preserving our separate identity as DALACE members. Change is usually a bitter-sweet adventure. To "merge" may not be good for us but to "unite" may be just what we need to give our club new life and renew our interest in our common hobby-Atari computing.



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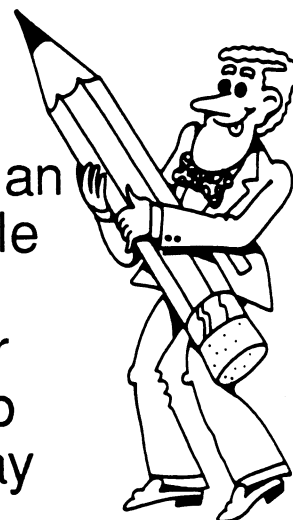
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