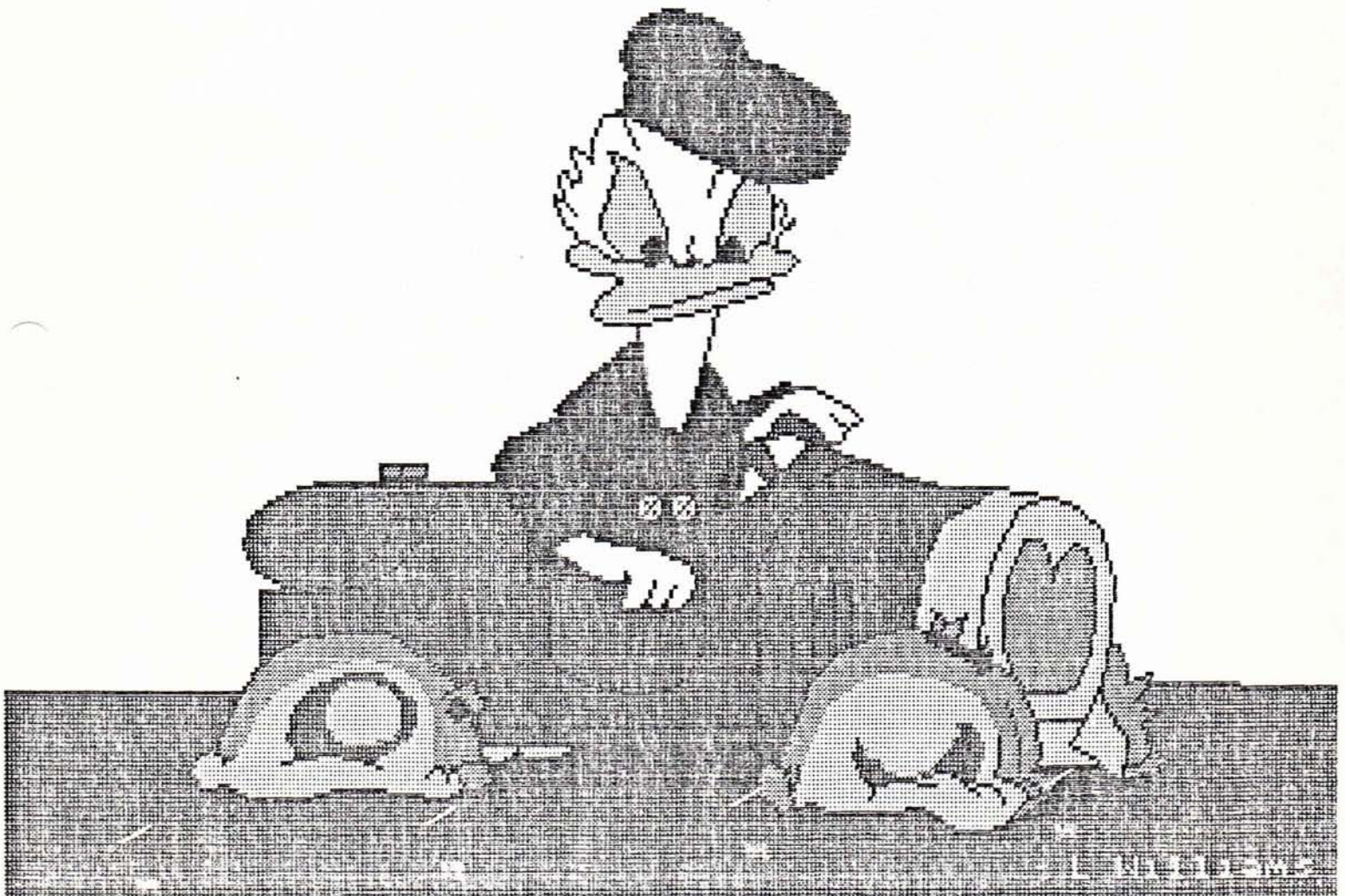


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THE OFFICE OF THE PREZ.
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Here we go again. Another month has gone by and it feels like centuries. Last month I was absent from the May meeting because I was in the R.O.C. (otherwise known as Taiwan) The main reason for me going was a world Kung-Fu Tournament, since that is a field of study that has been taking so much of my time during the past 5 years. (That AND my Atari Computers, of course) Well, the competition was wonderful and the U.S. team took first place in all-around points. This is the first time we (U.S.) were represented and winning was quite a feat in itself. A secondary area of interest that I brought over there was the Atari Computer. (I did not bring a system but I did bring lots of P/D software, both 8-bit and ST) Well, to make a long story short (PLEEESE) I did not find ANYTHING that had to do with any ATARI. (nor Commodore) Lots of IBM and a little Apple II (no Mac either) stuff, mostly software, little hardware. That brings me to a point concerning piracy. EVERYBODY pirates EVERYTHING over there. PIRATE IBM's and PIRATE APPLE's galore. These are not clones mind you, these are illegal replicas. Oh well, better them than us. I saw stores that sold a brand of IBM clone called TATUNG, which by the way is made in Taiwan, and is of good quality (suprized?). I did buy a TTIC DM212a modem. It is 100% Hayes compatible, is 300/1200 auto everything, external (internal card ones are avail also). It reminds me of the Smartteam modem (same manufacturer?). It is made by a subsidiary of TATUNG called Taiwan Telecommunications Industry Co. It is a great modem and it cost me \$85. US. I even toured the factory, had tea, and met the techs who by the way, spoke fluent ENGLISH. They arranged for me to purchase the modem 'for sample only' to try out at home and maybe find someone else who wants to purchase. There is this little catch, THE MODEMS COST \$75 (US) EACH IF YOU BUY THEM BY THE 'K110'!!! (thats 1,000 units in case you are not familiar with metric terms) This is a great buy if you can come up with \$75,000 to invest. You can/should sell em for \$125-\$150 and make around \$50,000 to \$75,000 gross. I just dont have that kind of money layin around, sorry. I will write them and thank them soon. Perhaps they would sell 'just a few' but who knows.

The computer people that I did meet at the stores and at the TTIC factory, had of course heard of ATARI computers but explained that like most others, 'they are imported equipment, not cheap or easy to come by.' Thats why they would rather pirate the BIG BOYS computers. Taiwan has no 'copyright laws'. Anything goes!! Records, tapes, TVs, even books are all 'professionally PIRATED' (as an after thought I just remembered that I should make one thing clear and that the companies I visited, TATUNG AND TTIC, are not pirates, they have their own 'compatibles' so to speak, their own 'bios and roms and so forth'). If I was to be in the country for an extended stay, they said that they could put me in

contact with an Atari club over there, BUT they would have to hunt em down, that would take a week or more. Oh well, too bad I dont have an IBM or APPLE. It would be nice to buy AUTOCAD or APPLEWORKS for \$20 (pirated of course) and bring back to share.....hehehe.....?????

till next month..

THE WORLD OF ATARI!! formerly ATARI EXPO

Well folks, this is what you have all been waiting for. The 1987 ATARI show is going to stop off in our area. It will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy in Santa Clara. It will be 'for ATARI's only', just what the doctor ordered. Are you tired of going to computer shows, wading around through the vast amounts of 'other computers' garbage just to get to the Atari stuff? Are you in need of seeing and buying the latest and greatest in software and other products for your beloved Atari? Want to meet famous computer people and Music pros? Look no further than the 'WORLD OF ATARI'. It will be held June 19 & 20, from 10-6 pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door but AEON will have advance tickets for \$3.50 (hopefully I will have them by the JUNE meeting, second Thurs this month, 7 pm at Rapoport computers in Napa). This is the show that you do not want to miss. As an added 'suprise' I hear that we will also see some great new 8-bit products there!!

PROFESSIONAL MIDI/ATARI MUSICIANS!!

If you have not seen the May issue of ST-LOG you may not know that the Atari is becoming the Midi computer of choice to many PROS. Here is a list of people that have shown an interest OR actually use ATARI computers in the studio:

PETER GABRIEL
STEVIE WONDER
JEAN-MICHEL JARRE (FRANCE)
TANGERINE DREAM (GERMANY)
POINTER SISTERS
MIKE PINDER (MOODY BLUES)
JAY FERGUSON (FORMERLY OF SPIRIT)
MARK WOLFSON, SHARON BOYLE AND GARY GOETZMAN
DAVE GRUSIN
LEE RITENOUR
look for even more real soon....

THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER..

I must take a moment to apologize for the shortness (?) of this months newsletter. Daryl, our newsletter person, has had some trouble with his ST. It donna worka no mo. Guess he

sent it in for repairs. Too bad, Daryl, that you sold your 8-bit eh? Anyway, I was not going to do this months edition but I had some extra time at the last minute to put this together. Again, sorry, but its better than nuttin. Hope things will be back together next month (?).

THE AMAZING 'DAISY-DOT'

a custom font printer/editor of your 8-bit 64k Atari

This is an amazing program. I AM USING IT FOR THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER! (except for the AEON header - page 1) Daisy-Dot is a program for the 64k Atari that lets you print out a file that you have 'printed to disk' with a word processor. There are programs that have done this in the past. This one lets you print out with 'CUSTOM FONTS' in 'DAISY WHEEL LETTER QUALITY' on your Epson or Star printer (and true compatibles). It only works on the XL/XE because it takes 64k since it is written Turbo-Basic. It comes with 5 fonts - script, block, ohio, sanserif and roman. You simply create a file with a word processor such as Atariwriter plus or Paperclip and 'print it to disk'. Load Daisy-Dot, then your file, pick your font and blammo!! custom font output that will make a MACs head spin. hehe! I have never seen anything so cool AND cheap (public domain!!) for ANY 8-bit machine, nor for many others either!! If only someone would do an ST version!!!! (do you hear that Roy??) I would gladly buy it for say \$30 or \$40.....

seya - Rod