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Swoop High Score Contest

The Swoop High Score Contest has come to an end, and we'd like to thank all the participants for their tenacity and swooper-stomping skills they exhibited!

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The top 50 scorers listed below all get a cool Swoop/Ambrosia T-shirt. The top three scorers get cash prizes of \$300, \$150, and \$50 for first, second and third place, respectively.

If you π ve won, congratulations! Your prize has already been sent out via US mail and should be at your doorstep shortly. Now onto the results!

Cajun, the envelope please...

1.555.280 1. Michael Garrison 1,411,960 2. Dave Wiley 1,240,120 lames Hall 1,207,400 4. Jamie Bass 5. 1,023,820 Tim Seufert 6. 819,720 Paige

Winkler 7. 758,000

Alex Metcalf

8. 713,660

Chuck St. Charles

9. 664,860

Nic Poole

10. 657,660

Thomas Roeser

11. 559,100

Cheryl Puterbaugh 12. 555,820

Klaus Schuster

13. 554,080

Chris Greene

542,960 14.

Jonathan Hall

518,740 15.

John Smit

507,620 16.

Alan Feitelberg 453,840 17.

Robert Hancock 18. 439,780

Peter Bocala 19. 435,800

David Alligood 20. 435,500

Tracy Miller

21. 413,860

Alan Houser

22. 403,940

Jose Delfin

23. 403,120

Jim

Tang

24. 398,560

Lee Starlin

25. 397,740

Bill Rankin

26. 388,100

Timothy Huang

27. 387,060

Richard Stewart

28. 380,760

Brian Petit

29. 366,600

Ben Iseman

30. 359,100

Erik

Lindstrom

31. 355,980

Bruce Baldwin

32. 349,680

Lara Sirota

33. 340,660

Willie

Pettway 34. 334,920

Jeremy Cohen

35. 327,360

Barbara

Shinn-Cunningham

36. 319,000

Eric Weng

314,840 37.

Peter Polke

38. 312,880

Zak

Klobucher

39. 310,520

Michelle

Petit

298,060 40.

Phil

Hubbard

41. 297,180

Brett

Circe

296,520 42.

Tamaroff

43. 289,100

Guy

Klaassem

44. 287,940

Jon

Hodge

45. 277,540

Richard

Steed

273,940 46.

Brian

Flaherty 47. 260,320

Matt Lee

48. 260,300

Paul White

49. 253,180

Joe

Hendrickson 50. 244.400

Mark Laniewski

Starplay Pinball Scores

We've got some catching up to do, what with the holidays. First we bring you the October high scores for both Crystal Caliburn and Loony Labyrinth. We regret to inform you that the best score in the 1995 Crystal Caliburn contest now belongs to a... a Windows player.

Crystal Caliburn

for October 1995: Ricky Andreoni of Milano, ITALY 1,483,089,470 for Juniors in Oct: Evan Williams of Los Alamos, NM 138,899,850 for 1995 (so far): Stuart Pollack of Philadelphia, PA 2,348,183,150 best Windows player: Mike Hammontre of Wheat Ridge, CO 2,957,215,050

Loony Labyrinth

for October 1995: Stuart Pollack of Philadelphia, PA 21,474,836,470 for Juniors in Oct: Brian Lipson of Lexington, MA 1,620,498,610 for 1995 (so far): Stuart Pollack of Philadelphia, PA 21,474,836,470

LL Time Travel

for October 1995: Stuart Pollack of Philadelphia, PA 26003

AD

for 1995 (so far): Shunsuke Kanda of Matsudo-Shi, JAPAN 26287 AD

Starplay 1995 Contest ends, and the winners are...

The best Crystal Caliburn player of 1995 is Mike Hammontre (see above) who won using a Windows machine. The runner-up was Stuart Pollack, using a Mac, bushwacked in that last month of competition. Congratulations to the winners.

The best Loony Labyrinth player of 1995 was... Stuart Pollack. Second place went to Shunsuke Kanda, who seems to have taken it as a sign that he should redouble his efforts. (See below) Congratulations to the winners.

Starplay Loony Labyrinth Pinball Scores for 1996 Contest

Starplay has begun the 1996 Loony Labyrinth contest with the results from November, 1995. To be considered for the 1996 Loony Labyrinth contest you must use version 1.02 of that game.

Loony Labyrinth

for November 1995:Shunsuke Kanda, from Japan17,599,516,540for Juniors in Nov:Brian Lipson of Lexington, MA1,620,498,610for 1996 (so far):Shunsuke Kanda, from Japan17,599,516,540

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The Update Files

Updates are new versions of programs that provide bug fixes or game enhancements to older versions. Sometimes an updater will fix a critical bug, sometimes it fixes something that has no bearing on your computer. You can come right here to find out what's new and what it does. Then you can find the updaters you need on the IMG CD. If there's a Read Me file included, do. Sometimes they give very good advice.

- Realmz 2.4.1 The people at Fantasoft have put together a very cool new version of Realmz, the premiere shareware fantasy role-playing game. This version features the return of the unique item (character were getting too powerful) and the introduction of fumbling during combat. Spell preferences have been changed, hard drive access has been quickened, and item identification has been improved. Among the major bugs fixed: missile weapons will finally work correctly, and NPCs won't just walk out of your life. Lots of other bugs have been fixed, and they assure us that one or two have probably been introduced, too. The 2.4.1 update to 2.4 is available on the CD-ROM, and you should use it, it fixes a few small bugs.
- Onslaught 1.0.5 This new bug fix update makes the game a lot more stable, and fixes several inconsistencies, as well as beefing up air attack damage. Well worth the update, and we included four different update routes for you on the CD!
- Dirt Bike 3.1 Small changes have been made to Dirt Bike, including some bug fixes. You're also allowed to play two tracks before registering, and the game is PowerPC native! It'll still run on 68K Macs.

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Blood Bath 1.75 - unmentioned changes here, must be minor Dirt Bike 3.1 - Power PC native! Exile 1.0.2 - unspecified, bug fixes, I imagine Gopher Golf 3.0.3 - fixes crashes, course name displays, other stuff Harpoon Classic 1.57j - minor fixes... will these folks never get it right? Realmz 2.4.1 - major update, new scenarios (see below)

More for Your Game: Scenarios, Cheaters and Add-Ons

We've collected all the new cheaters and scenarios we could find, and anything else we thought might help Mac gamers get as much enjoyment out of their games as possible. Cheaters can diminish your game experience if you're not careful, but we trust you to know when to say when. Scenarios are usually made by our readers or others out there with the itch to create. We won't take responsibility for their quality, but you're sure to find some gems in what we bring you. The following is what we've found this month to give you more for your game.

- Marathon 2: Durandal seems to be competing with plain old Marathon now that it's out. If you're a Marathon fan, and you just started playing Durandal, but you wish you had the map editors, shape editors, and generally funky stuff Marathon has... look no further than your IMG CD! This month we bring you Phorte 2.0a8, Steve Israelson's map-making utility for Marathon 2 (only), DOPE 1.2, the Object Placement Editor for Durandal, the Marathon Sound Copnverter 0.3beta, the Marathon Cheater 4.0 (which works with all known versions of Marathon), and Alchemist, the (still in beta) physics model editor for Marathon 2: Durandal. And right behind this last are the first physics models for M2:D. Got a thing for Bobs? Well, they've got one for you in the Bobs of Death. Stay out of their way. We also bring you a film showing where to find a shotgun in Waterloo Park, a few untested models and maps, and a fabulous model where you're one foot tall! Looks like it's time to put away the homework, kids.
- Marathon still good enough for ya? Good thing! We've got a new set of models for you, including tougher Bobs and a wildly unwieldy architectural design (just find the doors, we dare you). Wait, did we say tougher Bobs? We meant to say killer Bobs! Lots and lots of Bobs! Bobopolis '95 has levels and levels of Bobs to shoot, while the Buffed Bobs will give you a run. There's also more Carnage, a Coolness model, a new set of challenging Deamon maps, the good Reverend's maps, and a bunch of others. We've also included the latest version (1.4) of OPE, the Marathon Object Placement Editor. Plus, Shadowphas created a sound resource switching app that lets you switch sounds in and out. Included are sounds for the Betty Bobs patch. Haven't tried this one, but if it works as advertised, it should be a fine addition to the stable of Marathon editors.
- Dark Forces rebels take a deep breath. Sure, Marathon 2 is out, but who cares? We've got your Escape from Mos Eisley (unfortunately unfinished!), an assault on a Star Destroyer, and your Showdown with the Dark Trooper! Oh, and how could we forget... with the Boba Fett .GOB, you can play the part of the bounty hunter himself, complete with jetpack! And finally, as a treat for those of you that haven't seen it yet, Dan Shay's Lightsaber .GOB is here... intrigued? Check it out!
- Doom II players relish two things: first, that Doom II is available for the Mac, and two, that all those PC .WAD files are also available for the Mac. This month we bring you over six megabytes of .WAD files for your enjoyment. Now go blow up the demons, like a good little marine, but don't forget to take your copy of the Doom II Guide with you. Or if you're a little beyond the basics, maybe you should check out the latest issue of the MacDoom Review, which includes a Macintosh .WAD creator!
- Wolf 3D is still holding on, even in the face of the aforementioned competition. New this month are a number of scenarios, as well as a new version of WolfEdit (1.1) and WolfMaker (2.0), both used to create your own Wolfenstein levels. Check out some of the custom levels we've included in the Scenarios folder.
- Realmz is back, and with it come the four scenarios, updated and cool lookin'. (Just check out the new folder icons!) City of Bywater, Assault on Giant Mountain, Castle in the Clouds, and the new Destroy the Necronomicon are all up to date. Destroy the Necronomicon is an adventure wherein your party must discover the source of the evil hordes flooding the kingdom, and put a stop to them. Installation and registration guides are included, be sure to read them! We've also included a little gem called RIFLE 2.4, a package that tries to improve upon the Realmz interface and graphics. To each their own, and we thought we'd let you decide. And, to top off your Realmz feast, you'll find the new version of the Realmz PC Editor, version 2.3 is compatible with version 2.3 (and later, we presume) of Realmz.

- Power Pete Cheater 1.3 is a small update from the previous version, and it will now work on Power PC computers.
- Walkthrus and Codes. Can't hack it? Need to be led through by the hand? Need an extra life, an extra bit o' cash? This month we've got codes for Descent, Syndicate, Rebel Assault II, and Warcraft, as well as a strategy guide for Burn Cycle, tips for Destroying the Necronomicon (Realmz), a walk-through of Prince of Persia II, and a strategic plan for winning at Wing Commander. Oh, and add to that a set of saved games for Full Throttle that are sure to get you past any problems you're having.
- Saved Games and Scenarios. We've got as bunch of add-ons above and beyond what we outlined above: a number of Dirt Bike tracks, a couple of Glider PRO houses, some Gopher Golf greens, Offroading courses galore, and a few select SimCities for your fun. Don't tell us we don't work hard for ya!

Help Us

If you are updating your game, please send us a note with the changes you've implemented. A copy of your Read Me file would do fine. That way we will be sure to include you in our next issue. E-mail us at GameBits1@aol.com

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