

Kudos and Criticism

by Ambrosia Software Users

his section features reader responses to Ambrosia's software & service. We will include the good with the bad, and address any problems brought to our attention. These are real people writing real letters about real issues. Feel free to drop us a line.

Initial Avara Reaction

This came in right before we released the AT...

Avara is the coolest game I have ever played! It really kicks ass and I am so glad that I have a Mac at this moment that it brings tears to my eyes.

-- Mattias

We kinda hope that it brings tears to many computer users' eyes -- DOS users that is ;)

A 12,000lb what?!?!?

I was reading the President's letter in the July 1996 issue of the Ambrosia Times, and when I got to the editor's note at the end, I nearly fell out of my chair laughing. Andrew did **not** purchase a 12,000lb wench. At least, I hope not; how would you feed her? He purchased a 12,000lb (or is that 1200 lb?)*winch* (the thing which pulls ropes), and hopes to scale buildings with it. Unless of course, he managed to find the 50 ft. woman at a discount. =)

-- Tony

While I'm sure a 12000 lb wench would be a great aid in scaling buildings (she could just put your Hummer under her arm and climb), I don't know that our current labor laws would allow you to just buy one off the shelf at Autozone...

-- Sid Jones

I think subconsciously, I meant to do this. I could just imagine this extremely large woman hanging on for dear life to the front of the Hummer ;)

Are you sure about that?

Man I was looking through the pages at your Ambrosia sight. You guys RULE! I have included a link to you and ALWAYS tell everyone about you. I was wondering if a guy like me could get a job at Ambrosia, maybe cleaning Hectors cage? Or perhaps washing the Hummer. Hehe.

-- Pirate

You know, come to think of it, we could use someone to clean Hector's cage. Gayle won't do it. As far as the Hummer, we have decided that it looks better with some mud on it.

Come on down...

I was watching The Price is Right today on TV (I know, I'm a loser, but really, I just had it on while I was reading my e-mail) and the background music for one of their showcases was the music from the opening screen of Escape Velocity! Now, I had assumed that the music was unique to Escape Velocity, but either TPIR stole it, or the music is more common than I thought...so which is it?

-- Sarah Andrews

It never ceases to amaze us how often this happens. The best part about it is that the association is to our games. It may be time for new music.

Did I miss something?

A few days ago I requested that disk images be added to the ftp site. Part of the reply was:

>Already done. Check out:

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>ftp://ftp.AmbrosiaSW.com/pub/disk_images/

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>You can create disks, or you can mount the images in RAM providing
>you have the space.

Thanks for putting 'em up! Were they already there before I asked you? If they were, I don't know how I missed 'em. (Browsing the web at 1:30 a.m. _without_ any caffeine in my system might explain it.)

-- Eric Peden

Yea, lack of caffeine and early morning hours can do this to you. We have uploaded our disk images to our ftp site, and have linked them to the Add Ons pages. See the How To chapter for

more information.

It's not nice to fool with Mr. Luxury Liner

Hey, your that guy in the Luxury Liner in Escape Velocity, aren't you? You're pretty tough in the game. Well I'm sorry to say that I had to blow up your ship, it started firing torpedoes at me. If I was in a lower class ship you would have kicked my butt, but I was in a Kestrel and I finished you off by bombing you from afar (mainly with torpedoes). I couldn't finish you off in close combat, you got 3 heavy missiles on me so I retreated.

-- name withheld

Yep, we all have ships in EV, however it's not a good idea to blow us up. The others will retaliate in force. It's best not to find this out the hard way.

Will it ever end?

I looked in a reputable dictionary (Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary, and Barrack is at last a real word used all around the English-speaking world. It is as follows:

bar*rack (bar'ek), n. Usually, barracks

1. a building or range of buildings for lodging soldiers, esp. in garrison
2. any large, plain building in which many people are lodged

There was also a third one "to lodge in barracks" but you get the idea.

-- Nicholas Gerasimowicz

Ok, ok, ok, I'll change the FAQ. Geez.

From the "Oh Please" Department

I think your software's cool, but I did not give you permission to use the photograph of me throwing a lightning bolt as your logo.

-- Brian Dunning (Zeus Wannabe)

No Comment

What's wrong with Mom?

It's the usual addictive Ambrosia software! Thanks for creating such exciting and challenging games. My husband and kids hate it when a new Ambrosia game is released because meals don't get served on time and laundry gets behind. But that's just too bad...!

-- name withheld

Man, that's rough. Well, there's pizza delivery, and I guess you can wear those clothes more than once. They don't look too dirty.