



Amiga Technology in the Public Domain? Amiga Spreadsheets--Please. CD32 worldwide compatibility problems.

Dear AC,

The last 3 Bandito articles were, to me, a waste of paper. Worse, Bandito errors could be quoted as a "noted authority" and without the Editor's corrective comments.

If the Bandito's rumors were about planned or developing hardware or software, then we could respond in ways that would support new Amiga products and product improvements. Instead Bandito runs replays of Commodore management problems that we can't help and Amiga bashers can feast upon.

I used to give issues of AC to prospective Amiga users, but quit last year after being questioned about a very negative Bandito article and a contradictory editorial.

The last page of the August 94 Byte issue was a positive and constructive obituary. Possibly the best Amiga article I've seen in a non-Amiga magazine. That obituary could sell more Amigas than the last dozen Bandito articles.

It may now be a dead issue, depending on the future use of Commodore assets, but Bandito articles don't help me use my Amigas, improve my Amigas, plan to upgrade or buy or sell Amigas.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Eric Elliott
Batesville, AR

Dear AC,

Thanks for setting the Bandito straight; that man would depress a hyena.

Doran A Jones
Santee, CA

The Bandito has always held to "his" own counsel. As the Amiga market improves, I believe we will see a little better life in the Bandito columns. Unfortunately (or fortunately if you can take it that way), the bandito was correct about Commodore. Not that anyone, including CBM stockholders could have done anything about it. What I would like to see the Bandito uncover is what lawsuits, if any, are following the merry see-no-evil board of directors and officers.

Dear AC,

I want to congratulate you on finally interviewing David Pleasance. I believe that without the driving force of this man's love, devotion, and enthusiasm for the Amiga and its technology, the Amiga would not have established the foothold in the UK that it has. If only Commodore had placed other individuals of the same caliber in key management positions throughout the company, maybe the Amiga and its users would not be in the position we are today. We can only hope that he is successful in his bid for the company.

One item that I did find confusing while reading the article was AC's very first question. You ask Mr. Pleasance, "You are heading up a Commodore management group to purchase Commodore and the Amiga technology?" He answered, "That is correct..." Does this mean that if Mr. Pleasance's group is successful in purchasing the company, Commodore stock will be worth something again? It has been my understanding that other companies interested in Commodore would only be buying the Amiga technology and not Commodore itself. What was stated in AC is radically different from any of the other offers put forth.

Since the demise of Commodore, what has become of the Commodore Shareholders movement and its leaders?

Keep up the good work AC. The quality of this magazine continues to improve. You serve all Amiga users and not just those involved in Video, and graphics. There are still those of us out here who continue to use our machines for business applications, personal productivity, and entertainment. Thank you for not forgetting us.

Sincerely,
Doug Libby
Folsom, CA

No, Commodore is gone and those people who placed their faith (or at least their money) in the hands of Commodore International's directors have suffered greatly (see above). Whoever "Buys Commodore" is only buying the assets which are being sold to satisfy debtors, not stockholders.

As far as the Commodore Shareholder's movement, we have not heard from them. However, since there is no Commodore stock, we doubt if there will be any more action in the movement. This is unfortunate and unfair, but it does not make it any less real.

Dear AC,

The interview with David Pleasance was encouraging, but an important question was not asked: what kind of computer is the resurrected Amiga to be?

Commodore UK successfully sold the Amiga as a game machine. Does Mr. Pleasance intend to continue this marketing strategy? He may have some success in Great Britain, but with the dominance of Nintendo and Sega in the U.S., we know that strategy won't work here. Video editing and multimedia was supposed to be the future of the Amiga in America, but Commodore went out of business waiting for that horse to finish.

I am a long time PC user, and am intimately familiar with that system's many limitations. It is my opinion that the business market is ripe for a computer with the multi-tasking advantages of the Amiga. Couple the Amiga's advanced engineering with competent marketing, add sophisticated word processors, spreadsheets, and databases, and the Amiga would be very competitive in the business market.

I strongly suggest that when Mr. Pleasance succeeds in acquiring the Amiga (alternatives do not seem viable), his management group should concentrate on persuading software developers to create sophisticated business programs for the new Amiga, and market the computer as an office automation workstation.

After all, considering that the old strategies resulted in bankruptcy, what does Mr. Pleasance have to lose?

Sincerely,
Jeffrey T. Powell
West Covina, CA

As our coverage continues at press time, neither Mr. Pleasance nor any other party have yet won the bid for the Amiga. The situation is frustrating but it does not change. However, in preparation for a time when Mr. Pleasance (or someone else) will win the bid, we will forward all letters addressed to a bidder and sent c/o AC. This is your opportunity to get your message in early. I can't promise definitive action by the recipient. But, if we do not try, we have already been defeated.

Dear AC,

I've been buying your magazine off the newsstand for about a year now, and luckily I ran across it in the beginning by accident. I get all the Amiga magazines that I know about, and I feel that yours is by far the BEST! I can't wait to get my hands on the new issue every month! I read the magazine from cover to cover in about a day. I base almost all of my purchases on your magazine reviews and articles.

I currently own 4 Amigas and my A2000HD is equipped with a Video Toaster 2000. I own my own production company and do a local Real Estate Show for a local broadcast station. I also work for a cable ad insertion company and we also have a Video Toaster there. I have used and have seen what some of the new PC's can do, and the Amiga alone without the Video Toaster has been better than that for many years! And with the tips your magazine has given me, I know that with the Amiga technology, I will still be ahead of the game for at least a couple of years without any new development.

So now to my real point. Enclosed is my check for a subscription to your magazine, this way rather than buying it off the

newsstand you know you have my support! Good luck Amazing! You are truly an AMAZING Magazine!

Yours Truly,
Chris Wurtinger
Antigo, WI

Dear AC,

I have been a subscriber to both Amazing Computing and Amiga World for the past few years. This year I decided to reduce my subscription to the one magazine that best fits my needs.

Amiga World has reduced their Amiga coverage from 96 pages to 64 pages... a whopping 33% less content for exactly the same price. I wonder if they can possibly imagine an everyday salaried or hourly worker going to their boss and saying "I've decided to work 33% fewer hours but I require you to continue paying me as if I were still working full time"? The sound of the front door hitting them in the rear end as they exited their job for the final time would be the next sound heard... at least in the REAL world.

In as much as AC has not reduced their Amiga coverage and continues to bring Amiga users 80 pages of the best editorials, reviews, new product previews, and even some how-to articles each and every month. I'm voting (with my wallet) for AC as the best Amiga coverage available to US Amiga users. I especially like the fact that AC, unlike your primary competitor, has not gotten totally bogged down in video, which is of virtually no interest to me.

I am pleased to extend my AC subscription for another year. To you and the entire AC staff, a hearty well-done is in order... WELL DONE, Guys 'n Gals... and best wishes for a great 1995!

Sincerely,
Edward E Brown
Vancouver, WA

In these difficult times, each person must make decisions and create policy that they believe is not only economically viable, but important to the industry. Everyone at AC has worked at least twice as hard as we did before this crisis to get the best news to our readers quickly. I owe a special thank you to the Amazing authors who have worked diligently to continue their columns and provide information. While the Amiga will once again be sold, it is only through the hard work of its true supporters that there will be a market for it.

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