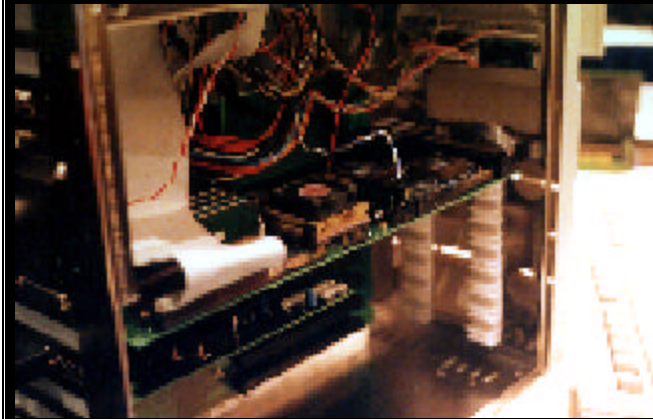


NAB '95



NAB '95 was the big event in video and graphics technology. In the last few years, this exposition has grown and matured from basically a television and radio forum to a multimedia presentation exposition. With more graphics and design work being performed at the local level, it is important for the independent and affiliated station personnel to see the latest in software and hardware for their needs.

NewTek was one of the first personal computer suppliers to bring their solutions to the NAB floor. Now names such as IBM, Apple, Hewlett Packard, Avid Technologies, and more are flooding the main exposition hall. Side halls have been provided for auxiliary support products, such as 3D and morphing programs, low cost switchers, and other solutions. NAB has even provided an area for multimedia tools as more and more cable companies investigate the opportunities in providing more than just linear film presentations.



Video Toaster User Pavilion

The Video Toaster User Pavilion was some distance from the main show floor in its standard spot at the Hilton complex. This year's pavilion was even smaller than last year's which had been smaller than the year before. Once the rising star of this show, the Amiga was dealt a stern blow by its current status as a computer without an owner. While many Amiga producers have created new products which run on Windows systems, some diehard Amiga vendors have continued to provide products for the Amiga videophiles.

DraCo

One of the most interesting Amiga products at NAB was the DraCo emulation system from MacroSystem of Germany. MacroSystem remains one of the last hardware developers completely committed to the Amiga platform. Their DraCo was demonstrated by MacroSystem and NoahJi's from the US. The system was shown running multiple software programs in a 68060 Tower configuration. The AmigaDos system will be available this summer in a 68060 50MHz version. A 66 MHz version will be available this fall.

DraCo was designed to be a non-linear machine, yet the Amiga emulation works with all software and hardware that does not require the Amiga custom chipset. DraCo can run programs such as ADPro, MorhPlus, PageStream, ImageF/X, Imagine 3.2, Real 3D, and others. DraCo will run anything that will work on the Retina.

DraCo, being a software emulation, has difficulty working with any proprietary products that have not followed the guide lines for Amiga software. Any hardware (such as the Video Toaster) or software that works directly with the hardware of the Amiga and



Top: Eric Kloor of NoahJi's (left) and Jorg Sprave MacroSystems of Germany were on hand to demonstrate the new Amiga emulation card, DraCo.
Middle: The Draco card installed in a tower configuration.
Bottom: The full DraCo card with 68060 processor.