Amiga Mail News

New CATS Faces

Christian Ludwig has joined the CATS team as the Multimedia Standards Engineer. Christian has been actively using Amiga computers since their introduction and brings with him extensive experience in the design of user interfaces, interactive video programs, and multimedia software and hardware. Christian will help to keep existing multimedia standards up-to-date and will also aid in researching and developing new standards.

Another recent addition to the CATS staff is David Miller, who is the CATS Unix Support Engineer. He is responsible for supporting third party developers with technical assistance and product information pertaining to Commodore's Amiga Unix systems. David brings with him extensive experience with the Unix operating system and its standards, such as System V Release 4, POSIX, and the X/Open Common Applications Environment.

3rd Edition of the AmigaDOS Manual Slated for July Release

Bantam Books is finishing up the latest edition of the *AmigaDOS Manual*. The manual, now in its third edition, has been revised to cover release 2.0 AmigaDOS as well as release 1.3 AmigaDOS.

The expanded manual covers topics new to the *AmigaDOS Manual*, such as the release 2.0 Shell commands, the Fast Filing System, the standard DOS packets, and the DOS binary file hunks. The book also contains function descriptions for the over 140 functions present in the release 2.0 and release 1.3 versions of *dos.library*.

The book's improvements are not limited only to expanded AmigaDOS coverage. The new book has been reorganized to make locating information much quicker and easier. Unlike the old manual, which was actually three separate books in a single volume, the new manual is one single book (with one index) split into three sections: User's Manual section, The Developer's Manual section, and the Technical Reference section.

The manual is slated for release to bookstores in July.

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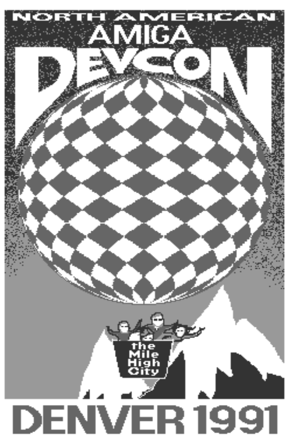
And We Have a Winner!

Congratulations to Scott Bennett of Expert Services. He designed the winning logo for the upcoming North American Developer's Conference. Scott's design was chosen by the CATS staff from a wide and varied field of entries. For his efforts, Scott will receive free admission to the conference, which will be held at the Denver Marriot City Center, in Denver, Colorado, from September 3-7.



If you are interested in attending the DevCon, registration forms are now available through CATS. CATS has arranged for substantial discounts on airfare and car rentals because *we want you to be there*. The registration form contains hotel and schedule information as well as a questionnaire on what sessions you would like to see in Denver.

If you haven't received a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact CATS administration at (215) 431-9180.

Australia to Host World of Commodore/Amiga

The first World of Commodore/Amiga in Australia is expected to attract many thousands of visitors to Darling Harbour in Sydney from July 12-14. The theme of the exhibition, which is being produced by the Hunter group, will be ''A Focus on Creativity''.

In addition to the exhibits, Commodore plans to sponsor seminars for resellers, developers, and end users. Also, a regional meeting for dealers from Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore will be held at the show.

Pat Byrne, Managing director, Commodore Australia, said that the show was planned because of an ''overwhelming demand'' from local end users. He said that the CDTV player will have its first viewing in Australia at the exhibition.

Show Manager Karen Jewell of the Hunter Group said that staging The World of Commodore/Amiga exhibition and seminar demonstrates Commodore's commitment to the local and regional computer market. ''Commodore enjoys a 20 percent share of the Australian market with an installed base in excess of a quarter of a million machines,'' she said. ''The region represents an enormous growth potential for third-party developers, and the enthusiasm of the existing user base indicates a rapidly growing market.''