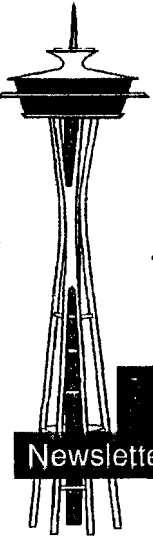# Messages
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Is AtariWorks and SpeedoGDOS for You?
by George Terpening

I just got a really good deal from Toad Computers. I bought AtariWorks and SpeedoGDOS was included in the package for no additional cost. I saw their advertisement on the back cover of ST Informer and just had to get it! This is being done to introduce AtariWorks and SpeedoGDOS to the Atari community and probably will be short lived since the two products are really great. The price of the package is $109.95 and if you just buy SpeedoGDOS by itself the price is $54.95 (plus shipping). I also bought MultiTOS and a scalable font package. MultiTOS will be the subject of another article.

First about SpeedoGDOS. It is pretty easy to install on a hard disk. Just be sure you have enough space! Without the scalable font package installed you still must have around three megabytes of free space. The first thing I did was backup my hard disk and then I deleted all of my current crop of GDOS fonts (about 2.5 megabytes worth) and then I placed the Install disk in the drive and ran the program. The two programs are recommended for use on systems with a hard drive and a computer with two megabytes of memory. I then installed the font package which includes 50 scalable fonts. Now I have approximately 4.2 megabytes of my drive C dedicated to SpeedoGDOS. Is it worth it? Well I have used it with AtariWorks and Easydraw so far and have had no real problems. It seems to be compatible with Universal Item Selector, Word Perfect, Neodesk, Warp 9, Page Stream, Outburst!, and several other programs that I normally use. As a matter of fact, I haven't found anything that it isn't compatible with.

AtariWorks is everything you have seen advertised and talked about in the magazine articles. It is installed the same way that SpeedoGDOS was and requires about 2.6 megabytes of hard disk storage. The package comes with the program contained on three disks, a very well written manual, a quick reference card which is well layed out, and a certificate. The certificate allows you to get the upgrade which is in works for a little over four dollars when it is available. Even though the manual is very good, it does not contain an index which would be handy when using the book as a reference.

AtariWorks is an integrated

product made up of three parts. They are a word processor, a spreadsheet, and a data base. The first is a word processor which shares many of keystroke command replacements with the word processors available on the Mac. It also has many features of a document processor including being able to place graphics on a page and limited drawing capabilities. The page formatting capabilities are very impressive and one of the few complaints I have is that there are only limited import/export format (ASCII only). That means that all formatting codes are lost when transporting text from program to program (i.e. PageStream, WordPerfect, ST Writer, etc.). Also the normal word processor output format is not compatible with any other program. Wait until you see the font selection method. They have a window open similar to that found in PageStream, but additionally there is a sample of the selected font shown while you are still in the selection window. This is really handy.

The spreadsheet is very much like all of the most popular ones on the other compute platforms (like Excel). It has most of normal spreadsheet features with some very impressive plot capabilities. Once you have generated your data plots, they can be exported directly into the word processor to include in your report.

The data base is met to allow you to build address lists and has limited capability when compared to programs like DBMan. Even at that it is very easy to use.

I'm sure that I will have more to say later after I have used the program for a while. Even Atari admits that it isn't the complete solution. They state in their manual that it was produced on an Atari TT030 computer using AtariWorks for the word processing and

PageStream for the desktop publishing.

Is the package worth the $109.95 price? Yes! It is the best package that I have seen in the price range. It doesn't have all of the features of a WordPerfect, PageStream, DBMan, or Kspread but it can do most of the work of all of them together at one eight the price.

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What About This MultiTOS?
by George Terpening

I just picked up a copy of the new Atari program MultiTOS which will allow you to run more than one program on your plain ST computer (as long as you have at least two megabytes of memory, a hard disk with at least 3 megabytes of spare space, and at least version 1.04 of TOS in your computer). My STacy has four megabytes of memory and I managed to find the disk space.

The program was easy to install. All you need to do is insert the floppy disk in the drive and click on the Install program. That's all.

Now about the program. There are lots of current programs which do work with MultiTOS and there are a large number that I could not get to work in the several hours that I tried the program out. I did have AtariWorks, PageStream, and several disk drive windows open at the same time. What I found out is that PageStream is really 'slooooow' in this configuration. Screen redraws remind me of running the software version of PC-Ditto.

I found that when I brought the desktop windows to the front for use, the rest of the desktop remained behind the PageStream display. I had to guess where the drive window

Atari Needs to Become a 'World Class' Company
by George Terpening

World Class? What is this 'World Class' stuff7 Doesn't Atari sell products all over the world already? Well yes, but so does The Boeing Company. Boeing is considered by marly around the world as 'World Class' and by many measures it is. If you consider who sells more commercial aircraft every year and who provides the best support for those aircraft after they have been delivered to the customers (as determined by the customer airlines) then there is no question that Boeing is 'World Class'. Even at that Boeing is undergoing a cultural change to become even more 'World Class' and maintain their position as a world leader in their industry.

Is the Atari Corporation 'World Class' by these standards of being first in the field for their products or service? The answer is no. Their market share has shrank over the last several years after their initial dominance in the home computer and game field. I think so, and here is what I think they must do.

The most important thing that a company must do is make customer satisfaction the center of everything the company does. Who are these customers you may ask? Well, for Atari the most obvious answer is the people that have already bought their products and the several different classes that they fall into. There are the hobbyists, the students, the musicians, the game players, the small business person, and many others.

Customer satisfaction is determined through communications. This is comniunications between Atari and their customers. With such a large customer base, the most likely method of communications would take the form of customer surveys using written forms which are mailed to the customer base and personal interviews conducted over the phone or in person. This could provide Atari with a mechanism to determine their customer requirements for new products, improvements in current products, measure customer satisfaction, and resolve customer complaints. This type of communications could also provide the customers with a feeling that Atari cares about them and is trying to satisfy their needs.

The failure of Atari to understand the needs of the 8-bit Atari community is an example of Atari not being 'World Class' and listening to their customers. I have attended meetings where an Atari official has addressed the group and implied that the 8-bit people did not understand what they needed and that Atari did. Atari wanted them to convert their hobby by replacing their 8-bit machines with a ST computer. Was Atari right? I don't think so. They failed to understand the needs of their customers and to understand the market which was opening up in eastern Europe where the eastern European's were (and still are) buying up all of the 8-bit computer equipment they can get their hands on. Why? Because the equipment is cheap - appliance type equipment. That market is still there. The point is that 'World Class' companies support their products through out their life cycles, not just to the point of sale.

There are many companies around the world that have made the cultural change to become 'World Class'. The largest number of them are located in Japan, companies such as Toyota and Sony. We have our own American companies also such as General Electric, Ford, Harley-Davidson, and Pratt-Whitniey.

I could continue on but most of what I would be saying would be a repeat and refinement of what I have already said. Complete customer satisfaction must be the goal of the company, if it wants to become a 'World Class' company and maintain that status in an increasingly competitive world. Good Luck to Atari and I hope that they make the change and survive.   End

Files, Files, Files The past month was another busy one with about 400 more tiles uploaded. More Falcon-specific utilities, some very cool Warp 9 screen saver modules that you can demo without Warp 9, and an update of Powerdos, a speedy GEMDOS replacement, are some of the highlights. There's a good chance you'll find several programs to enhance your use of the Atari ST, every month, in the ST Roundtable File Library. So be sure to keep your Aladdin file library lists current. Enjoy.

Any comments of my own are shown within double asterisks "**... after the file description, in the ASCII GenieLamp version, and also in italics in the TX2 version. (If you haven't experienced reading the Lamp in TX2 format, why not download the TX2 file viewer (file #20441) by David Holmes? You may be surprised at the versatility and power of this program, above and beyond viewing TX2 Lamp issues.)

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#30443 TAKEOFF.LZH 30976 This is a Gerrnan program launcher that works ONLY with multi-tasking porgrarns. It was designed for MultiTos and MagX and hooks into Gemini, but should also work with Geneva. Sysop Note: German documentation; unable to verify.

#30441 DALEKEOS.LZH 8576 Here we go again! I just couldn't resist adding another rnodule.. I hope you enjoy these 'things' chasing the Tardis (WHO's inside?) around. Enjoy. Sysop Note: Unable to Verify *** Dr. Who fans, take note. :-) '**

#30428 MDIAL10E.ZIP 71936 The essential German freeware utility MultiDialog with an English menu and documentation. MultiDialog

places dialogs into GEM windows, so that the GEM menu bar of any application (or the desktop itself) can be accessed at the same time. This means MultiDesk, MaxiFile and hundreds of other dialog-based programs and accessories can now be left on-screen while you access other GEM windows. This is an especially helpful enhancement for Geneva, the multitasking system from Gribnif, and works with all versions of TOS.

#30426 WR_V134.LZH 131328 WinRec 1.34, Falcon030 hard disk recording program. From Germany. Sysop Note: Unable to Verify.

#30416 FMTERM1H.LZH 43136 F.M.Terminal version 1.OH. Falcon-only gem telecommunications program. Requires xyz.ttp for file transfers and fast_ser.prg for 38,400 baud port speed. Freeware. Extract with latest version of LHARC Note: Sysop unable to verify proper operation of file. Requires Falcon030, won't execute on anything less.

#30410 CLOCK11A.LZH 6656 Here's another great screensaver for Warp 9 3.80 -- a floating digital clock in big, bold letters. You can choose from among four different typefaces for the clock display, change flotation speed and more! To function as a screensaver, Digital Clock requires Warp 9 3.80 or later; however, it also has a special "demonstration mode" that lets you check it out even if you don't own Warp 9! Version 1.1a fixes a problem some users were having getting it to work properly. Copyright 1993 CodeHead Technologies. By Charles F. Johnson.

#30405 TTART14.LZH 28928 Massimo Farina's TT Artist 1.4 is an

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absolutely stunning collection of colorful, humorous and exciting screen saver modules that will keep you watching 'all night'. This re-vamped edition fixes a couple of earlier problems, features a 3D-style user interface as well as new effects. Tested on a TT and CyReL SUNRISE M16-1280.

#30399 LIQPIXEL.LZH 4992 This Extend-O-Save screensaver module is reminiscent of the old Melt accessory, but provides 7 additional effects and widely-varied configurability. Full use of the module requires Warp 9 3.80, but you can run the module as a program and explore the module as a demo -- even without Warp 9 present. From CodeHead Technologies. Please use the latest version of Questor LZH to extract this LH5 file.*** Some pretty neat effects are possible with this module. ***

#30395 FULL–*RES.ZIP* 3328 Full Working Resolution 1.0 is a resolution enhancer for a Falcon with a TV or RGB monitor. It goes in the AUTO folder and operates completely transparently. Whenever you select a 200 line graphics mode (interlace off) you instead get 256 lines, while a 400 line mode (interlace on) becomes 512 lines. Some adjustment of your monitor's irnage size may be necessary on some monitors in order to see the whole screen. NOTE: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS PROGRAM WITH A VGA MONITOR!! IT CAN BE DAMAGED AS A RESULT! Please use file 29519 to extract (Zip Archive). SYSOP'S NOTE: Unable to verify operation of this file.

#30394 JAWS–*II.ZIP* 8576 This is an update of my recently uploaded JAWS! Extend-O-Save module for Warp 9 version 3.80 from CodeHead. The Sharks are better animated in this one, and they look hungry this time! Please use file 29519 to extract

(Zip Archive).

#30387 GNVA_101.LZH 234624 This program will update a Geneva 1.00 disk to version 1.01. It will work only with an original version 1.00 master disk. Also included are three new resource files for NeoDesk which will allow NeoDesk's windows to have 3D gadgets, and also fix a minor icon redraw problem with ST Medium resolution. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract.

#30381 PROED*10F.LZH* 44288 Pro-Ed 1.0f is a quality TOS text editor. No word wrap, and 80 character limit per line. However, it includes extensive and powerful control key, function key, and command mode commands. Quality manual included (TOC and Index). Shareware ($15). Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract

#30377 G_ORACLE.ZIP 15616 The long awaited GEnie version of Oracle is now here! This is a BackTalk script for STalker that will automate GEnie. Now you can get/send mail, messages, files all in the background. Also, since it uses STalker, it should work on a Falcon030! SHAREWARE by Paul Lefebvre. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract *** Falcon/Stalker owners, rejoice! ***

#30374 GEN2DEMO.ZIP 80640 This is the demo version of Genus 2 - a full GEM windowed implementation of the popular font editor for all CFN fonts. New features include a new interface with desktop mounted tools and dropdown menus for less frequently used functions, fully scalable, movable and scrollable window, automatic curve tangent alignment, fully filled character rendering, and a new easy-to-use built-in editor with support for new CFN Kerning Pair Dictionaries (able to also exchange dictionaries

between existing fonts). And more! Extract with STZip.

#30373 NDP_1.ZIP 51456 New Depack by Mike Watson. Includes vers for Falcon. New look, more features. This'll unpack any squished / packed / stomped / frozen file you rnight have. If you use this program send a donation soon or there will be no further updates! Extract with STZip TT Compatible in all resolutions *** One of the best depaclters around and getting better all the time. A screenshot is included in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30372 INV_PAIN.ZIP 232704 This archive includes Space Invaders and Painter, two more shareware games from Sinister Developments. Space Invaders is very faithful to the original, but requires a 50/60mhz toggle program for US machines (not included, there are a few here in the library.) Painter owes a debt to Qix and Miner 2049er but is a Sinister original. Color only. Extract with STZip Programs DO NOT work on a TT/030

#30369 PACSH246.LZH 93568 A German archive shell, this one uses a nifty desktop metaphor. All output from the archive utilities (not included) is re-directed to windows on the desktop. A great idea, but it doesn't always work. This is mostly in German but includes some English. Due to the interface, it's quite easy to figure most of it out. Extract with Quester's LHARC201 TT Compatible in all resolutions Pretty neat, esp. if you like using icons and windows. Double-click on an archive and it opens up just like a drive window. A screenshot is included in the color / mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30368 PRENS.ZIP 95104 This is a very nice game with great graphics and sound. Here you must get the baddies to chase you and let them run over things like bombs and traps. Color monitor and joystick required. TT Compatible in ST Low Resolution. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract.

#30362 LHARC230.LZH 72704 Version 2.30 of the LHarc (*.LZH) archiver for the ST. 2.30 adds several new features, so read the documentation. LHarc compresses and uncompresses LZH and LHA files (LHO, LH1, LH5). This version is dated October 9, 1993. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract *** This version, like the last, is very quick at Adding and Extracting. ***

830358 CLASS-45.ARC 105984 This is version 4.5 of CLASS, a combination electronic gradebook, statistics, and graphics package for teachers at all levels. CLASS stores names and grades, calculates averages, shows grade distributions, and much more. It's fast, flexible, and very useful. This version allows viewing text files from within the program, exporting and importing student names from other files, converting scores to percentages, and several other new or improved operations. See CLASSDOC.ARC for a more detailed description of old and new features. Runs in color and mono, on TT and ST machines. Best if run from ST Resolutions. Use ARC602ST.TTP (#13310) to extract.

#30347 WINCUT.ZIP 76672 Edit Direct to disk files and put them in a playlist. German. Falcon only. Sysop Note: Unable to verify.

#30344 MB32_BIN.ZIP 82560 Here is M. Forget's great GEM Text File Viewer. There are major improvements in terms of functionality under MultiTOS, and several important bug fixes. MB now supports the Atari standard GUI recommendations. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract. TT Compatible in all resolutions.

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Main Meeting: Will temporarily be held at George Elting'**S** house for December 4th at 3 pm!!

There was a mix-up on the meeting time at our November's main meeting, some came at 3 prn, others at 6 pm. The meetings will now start at 3 pm for all main meetings. We will also have another swap meet at the December's main meeting do to the mix-up. Try to bring some food, (cookies, cakes, or other), for a informal X- Mass party.

Check on back inside cover of newsletter for map. **There will be no main meeting in January 1994,** but staring in February 1994 on the *first* Saturd**ay** (5th) we will start meeting on *the first* Saturday of the month at 3pm at the Auburn *Public* Library, 809 9th A ve. *S.E.,* Auburn, WA, phone # (206) 931-3018 a map to the library will be in next months issue of *Messages* from *S*P*A*C*E*

Tacoma Sub-Group: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Fern Hill Library Branch, 765 South 84th Street, Tacoma, WA
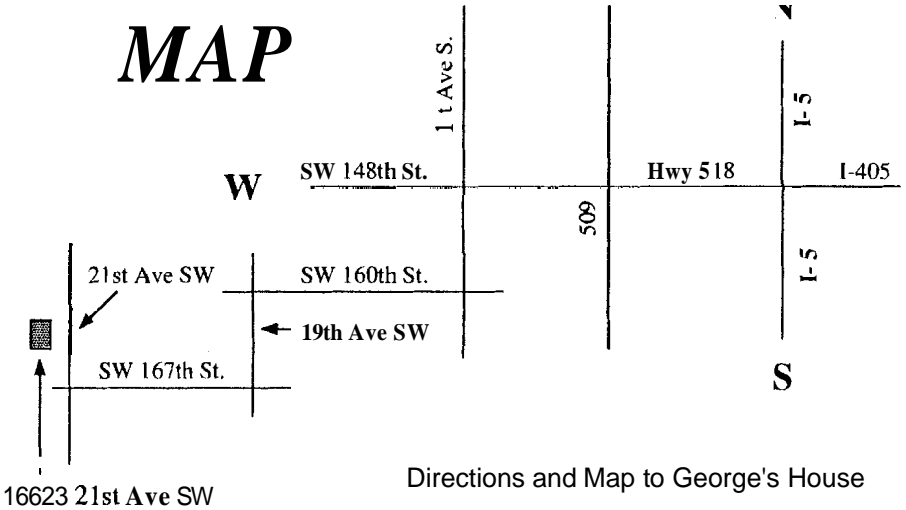
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See back inside cover for more club news!

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SW 160th St.

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SW 167th St.

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More Club News

Since there was a mix-up about November's main meeting time you are welcome to bring items to swap, sale, trade or buy at the December's main meeting at George Elting's house at 3 **pm.**

If you feel like bringing some X-mas goodies, feel free to do so.

News!

Starting immediately club dues have been lowered to $18 a year. We will also be offering a newsletter only membership for $12 a year.

We will be taking nominations for next years club officers. Elections will be held at the February 94' meetings.

All newly elected club officers will receive a free club membership and a mix & match disk of their choice.

See ya all there!

your Prez ....

Directions and Map to George's House

First if you are coming south from the eastside, follow 1-405 south until it becomes highway 518 to Burien. Continue West into the city until you reach 1st Ave South.

"Turn left onto 1st Ave South and continue to SW 160th St.

*Turn right on SW 160th St and continue up the hill to 19th Ave. SW.

*Turn left onto 19th Ave. SW, follow it till you reach SW 167th St.

*Turn right onto SW 167th St and continue to 21st Ave. SW.

*Turn right onto 21st Ave. SW, as you turn you will be looking directly at George's house.

*From Seattle, follow 1-5 south to Highway 518, (SeaTac Airport, Burien), interchange and go West to Burien. Follow other instructions and map from there.

*From South, follow 1-5 North till the Highway 518 exit, from there follow other instructions and map.

ADDRESS: 16623 21st **Ave.** SW, Burien, WA, Phone # (206) 242-4023

8'30335 *AW_PATCH.LZH* 5760 This archive contains a ZAP file to patch HotWire to eliminate the problems presented by running Atari Works. Make sure to use a _copy_ of your HOTWIRE.PRG. From CodeHead Technologies.

#30332 MONO-25.ZIP 59520 This handy little utility will allow you to convert between Degas PI3, GFA PUT, and Screen file types. It also allows you to cut a PUT image out of any of the three file types for use in your programs. For anyone who works with GFA graphics or needs to convert between various graphics types, this program is a MUST! Source and Docs included. Runs in ST mono. Use latest STZIP to extract.

#30331 M_QWK117.LZH 81408 Mountain QWK is the finest QWK-compatible offline message reader available for the ST! This version finally fixes the compatibility problem with GDOS. Printing should now work on the Falcon, message capacity has been increased to 10,000 messages, Taglines increased to 500 taglines. The Quoting menu has been reworked to allow quoting of entire message as well as quoting exactly as shown. Several bugs have also been fixed. Use Quester's LHARC201 (lh5) to extract.

#30325 PRO-F030.ZIP 72704 ProTracker/ST the best MOD editor/player for the ST, now patched to operate properly on the Falcon030. ProTracker I ST is completely compatible with ProTracker 2.0 on the Amiga, even adding a few new features. If you are a musician, you can use it to create your own MODs. If you are not, you can use it as an excellent MOD player! SYSOP NOTE: Unable to verify operation.

#30303 GVW_V248.PAX 358144 This file contains Dieter Fiebelkorn's

GEM-View 2.48 (SHAREWARE). Use GV248INS.ZIP to extract this file. Also contains English docs describing changes and additions. For registration procedure and archive contents see GV248INS.ZIP. Please note: This release offers a 14-days UNRESTRICTED Trial Period. File is archived SPECIFICALLY for installation with GV248INS.APP; available as file #30301.

#30302 MMST299.ZIP 135680 MaxiMiser Vers. 2.99. Updated version of previous upload. More updates are following (grin). Great for reading messages offline, instead of reading online. Enjoy. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract.

#30301 GV248INS.ZIP 29824 This file contains the installation program for Dieter Fiebelkorn's GEM-View 2.48 (SHAREWARE). Use latest version of ZIP utility to extract this file. Also contains short text files describing major changes and additions, registration procedure and archive contents. For more details, registration procedures, general information, also refer to GEMVW248.ZIP from library 14 (press releases). Please note: This release offers a 14-days UNRESTRICTED Trial Period. Make sure to get GVW_V248.PAX (file #30303) with this file!

#30300 WINSTALL.LZH 30976 Winstall is a GEM-based software installer. Winstall automatically installs software packages by copying the contents of one or more distribution diskettes onto another system. Hard disk and floppy diskette installations are supported. Winstall simplifies the installation process and reduces the chance that a software package will be incorrectly installed. Winstall is useful for software developers and publishers, shareware / PD distributors, and user-group librarians. Shareware, from Wintertree Software Inc. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract.

#30297 RESFOOLR.ZIP 27776 Rez Fooler is a program that (hopefully) will fool your Falcon and make it think you've got another kind of monitor connected than the one actually connected. This is mostly because some demos won't run on a standard TV, although it should (from the programmers point of view, there is no difference between a standard TV and a RGB monitor). SYSOP NOTE: Unable to verify operation of this file. Download at your own risk. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract.

#30295 BCKW2_22.LZH 33792 Backwards, the ST emulator for the Falcon030, now in version 2.22, fixes a bug in the previous version that prevented the use of the hard drive. Backwards increases Falcon compatibility with older ST software by about 50%. Sysop Note: English ▌ French docs; 4 Mb RAM required; unable to verify program operation.

#30293 MONOFIX.ZIP 2944 If you are using a Falcon030 with a SM124 rrionochrome monitor, you may have experienced problems with programs not recognizing the monitor as a monochrome one. Place this in your AUTO folder to fix the problern! Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract.   SysOp Note: Unable to verily operation of this file.

#30291 PRY-*PLAY.ZIP* 7296 Pry-Play is a 50khz MOD player for the Falcon030 in desk accessory format to allow 100% background playing. Very simple, but it does the job. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract.   SysOp Note: Unable to verify operation of this file.

#30263 PDOS_112.ZIP 80896 PowerDOS, by Chris Latham, is a multitasking GEMDOS replacement kernal. Powerful and fast (disk i/o times are many times faster than TOS), PowerDOS is the heart of PowerNET - the only currently supported peer-to-peer LAN for the

TOS series of computers. This archive contains the newest version of PowerDOS (build date of August 28, 1993), several PowerDOS utilities, a programmer's document (with assembler macro and definition files). Note: Not compatible with current versions of Geneva (it's being addressed). Freeware. Copyright (c) 1993, ViewTouch. Please use the latest version of ST ZIP to extract. *** The above description of fast disk i/o is no lie. A very neat utility. ***

#30249 THRONE1*1.LZH* 25088 This is a new and exciting version of Flying Thrones, an Extend-0-Save module for Warp 9. Full-featured use requires Warp 9 v3.80. However, this module will run as a program and functions as a demo for up to 5 minutes, allowing ANYONE to see what the excitement is about -- even if you don't have Warp 9!! Also included is a new version of Image Swap and some sample images which allow you to create your own versions of the animated screensaver. Documentation is included -- from CodeHead Technologies. Extract with latest version of LHARC

#30217 ICD_PSU.ZIP 1408 An unauthorized patch to the ICD driver 6.2.3. Changes the delay time at hoot up. Untested by sysop, use this on a *copy* of ICDBOOT.SYS! Extract with STZip. Note: download this file at your own risk.

#30216 HCOPY16S.ZIP 54144 HyperCopy disk formatting/copying utility. Shareware from Germany. This version includes a medium-rez compatible RSC file, in English. Extract with latest STZip *** A screenshot is included in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. **'

#30215 BELEF202.ZIP 70784 This is a GEM-based Arc/Lzh shell, for those who just gotta have 'em all. :-)

Extract with STZip *** A screenshot is included in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30207 DSFIX.ZIP 4224 MultiTOS v1.00-v1.08 got rid of an undocumented TOS behavior that Aladdin used to play back its new sound (Aladdin v1.62). If you want to use these two together, this patch will prevent the crash at the end of every autopass. This patch may solve problems with other programs as well that rely on this behavior. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract.

#30204 GEMRAM.LZH 16768 Moves GEM into RAM, WINX21 needs it to patch the AES. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract.

#30202 WORDQST1.ZIP 59008 Updated (shareware) release of Word Quest (v3.10); a word search puzzle maker. Perfect for educators and the universe of Atari 16-bit users. Runs in medium or high ST resolutions. Should run on Falcon030 or TT030 in those video modes. Commercial product now distributable as shareware! Use ST-ZIP to extract. Uploaded by permission of author. *** A screenshot is included in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30191 NEWSPED2.LZH 6400 Newsped2 is an update of Antic's 1989 program, Newspeed, which will slow down your computer to make it easier to play fast-paced games. Its utility really comes into play when you want to run an 8 MHz ST game on your TT, and it goes so fast it is unplayable. The same applies to running on a 16 MHz Mega STe or Falcon. Assembly source code included. Assembled with Mad Mac. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract. *** Might be just the ticket for completing that really hard, too-fast game. ***

#30171 MMSTSHEL.ZIP 16256 Here is a MaxiMiser Shell for 1 meg machines, which will reduce problems. Enjoy. Use latest STZIP to extract. Note: Sysop unable to verify proper operation of file.

#30128 SILKMOUS.LZH 21632 SilkMouse 3.2, a freeware mouse accelerator and screen saver. Minor update from version 3.1 for Falcon compatibility in the screen saver, and MultiTOS compatibility in the supplied configuration utility. The mouse accelerator algorithm used by SilkMouse has the best combination of speed, smoothness, and control you will find anywhere. Also included are options to fix the function-key bug present in most Atari keyboards, and to allow applications to be frozen as they exit so you can read the screen before the desktop erases it. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract.

#30123 MSNGLINK.ZIP 158976 The Missing Link STOS extension, courtesy of the programmers who brought you Misty. Even more high-speed replacements for STOS commands vital to high-powered game programming. If you've got a game in the works that moves like sludge (and don't we all?), this will cure it. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract. SYSOP NOTE: Unable to verify operation of this file.

#30113 DESKPIC5.LZH 81792 This can be configured to use a different picture for each resolution of the Falcon. Pictures can be converted to GFB format for faster loading. Docs are in German, but it is not too difficult to figure out. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract. SYSOP NOTE: Unable to verify operation of this file.

#30112 W9TT_381.LZH 16896 This archive contains a patch for the TT version of Warp 9 3.80, released this weekend at the Glendale Atari show. The patch fixes a bug that caused

the desktop picture feature to crash. You only need to download this file if you're running Warp 9 on a TT030 computer, and if you got the 3.81) upgrade directly from us at the show. (The bug does not exist in the ST or Falcon versions of the program.) Directions for performing the patch are included in the archive. Sysop Note - Unable to verify.

*#30106 GIF_* VIEW.LZH 2816 A VERY fast GIF viewer (i.e. instant) for the Falcon030! Install the TTP as an application for the GIF filetype and just double click! REQUIRE!5 TV/SC1224! WILL NOT WORK ON VGA !! Also appears to not be compatible with NVDI, the screen accelerator. Maybe next version... Sysop Note - Unable to verify.

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Sometimes files are removed from the library after we publish this magazine. In many cases, the removed file has been replaced with an updated version of that file. If you can't find one of the files listed here, there is a way to check for a newer version. Do a keyword search on the library using a word that describes the file you are looking for. Chances are, you will find a newer version of that file, or another file that meets your expectations. **End**

MEL'S MANOR
New and Improved
by Mel Motogawa [M.MOTOGAWA]

SO MANY NEW OR IMPROVED PROGRAMS have been released lately that I thought it would be better to cover several now, in brief, rather than trying to cover each in-depth one month at a time and be discussing old hat in a few months. As usual, more information concerning these programs can be had on GEnie, in the ST Roundtable Bulletin Board.

Warp 9 3.80 It's hard to imagine anyone who hasn't heard of Warp 9 from Codehead Technologies: a premier screen accelerator that offers many other helpful features. The version 3.80 update adds many desirable features like Falcon and SpeedoGDOS compatibility, a redesigned Warp 9 Control Panel, a program for viewing Extend-0-View screen saver modules, 28 modules and much more. The two-disk set comes to over 1.3 megs of files. A 30-page version 3.80 manual addendum brings you up to warp speed quickly.

The screen saver modules can do things like mimic the concept of that popular flying screen saver on another platform, do a slideshow of graphic files, simulate rain drops on your screen, fade your screen to another or watch the current screen drop away piece by piece, throw up a fireworks display, flip or randomize your screen, bring up sets of eyes popping out to stare at you along with sound effects, create captivating ever-changing patterns or ever-changing geometric shapes, blank the screen and have a spotlight pan around revealing the screen beneath, or show you page after page of your system's RAM. An idle screen will never be boring. ————————➤

I'm impressed with the tremendous array of screen saving modules that are becoming available in the file library for Warp 9, particularly variations of the Flying Thrones module, since this particular module can be customized via the Image Swap program included with the package.

By using the Moving Pictures utility included with Warp 9, a randomizing of my favorite screen savers occurs at each bootup, adding a little more spice to one's system. There are plenty of options that can be toggled in the various Warp 9 modules, and the screen saving feature will keep you engrossed for hours.

Geneva 1.01

Geneva is a great new multitasking solution for the ST from Gribnif Software. Not only does it allow you to multitask programs, but you can customize the appearance of your windows and dialogs and assign keyboard equivalents to many of their gadgets or buttons. The elimination of the 6-desk-accessory limit, loading and removing accessories anytime, tear-away menus (where you can drag a drop down menu into its own menu), activation of drop down menus via the keyboard, a hypertext Help system, and much more, puts plenty of power at your command.

Although a few programs I normally use crashed on the version .95 beta, the 1.O1 release version is much improved and remarkably crash resistant. There is one oddity of some text being invisible when you enter it in some editable fields, but the Gribnifs have a reputation for fast fixes and their support for Geneva in Cat. 17, topics 19 and 22, has been exemplary.

A nice 3-ring binder and slipcase houses the manual, which includes a table of contents and index. The first 107 pages covers the program in-depth, with many screenshots, while the next 56 pages contain programmer guidelines. I thought that was a great idea so other programmers could easily support Geneva. Geneva is an amazing program with solid support behind it, which makes for a winning team. If you're eager to get multitasking, you need Geneva.

Ultimate Virus Killer 5.9

Viruses are a sad reality on many computer platforms today. But one doesn't have to lose control of one's system, or worse, lose precious data. The Ultimate Virus Killer, distributed by Oregon Research Associates, can check for and eliminate boot sector or link viruses and repair the boot sectors on rnany game disks.

UVK has been around for a while, and over the years the scope of the prograrn has grown considerably. It now boasts being able to seek and destroy 72 boot sectors and 5 link viruses. 669 boot sectors can be repaired, so if you've ever had a virus zap your favorite game's boot sector, help is on the way. A staggering 1390 different boot sectors are recognized by the program. 31 packer formats are recognized so you can ferret out link viruses hiding within a packed program.

A worthy upgrade, you'll find that UVK can now run either as a program or a desk accessory. There is a half-meg version, for those with 520 ST's. A UVK CPX offers limited functions compared to the full program. A long new features list assures you that this upgrade was worth the money. The virus history text file describes the particularly nasty Beilstein virus, a mutating variety like those unpopular in the DOS world. But it too can be identified by UVK. I sleep comfortably

knowing that UVK is in the toolbox.

Powerdos 1.12

Just a quick mention that a new release of Powerdos (file #30263) is in the file library. The speedup over normal GEMDOS this utility provides in file deletes, copies, moves, and file creation is truly amazing. The numbers I get from Quick Index and Ness Benchmark, for disk tests, are a sight to behold. That's all for now.

For More Information

To get more information about the products mentioned contact the vendors can be contacted at the followind addresses:

WARP 9 Codehead Technologies P.O .Box 74090, Los Angeles, CA 90004, 213-386-5735 (voice), 213-386-5789 (fax), *GEnie:* J.EIDSVOOG1, Compuserve: 76004,2232, Delphi: EIDSVOOG. GEnie CA *Tagory* 32, TOPic 31 for more info!

Geneva Gribnif Software, P.O. Box 779, Northampton, MA 01061, 413-247-5620 (voice), 413-247-5622 (fax), *GEnie:* GRIBNIF

UVK 5.9 Oregon Research Associates, 16200 SW Pacific Hwy., Suite 162, Tigard, OR 97224, (503) 620-4919 (voice), *GEnie:* ORA, *GEnie CATagory 33,* TOPic 4 for more info!

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was located and then click. The disk window would appear as if by magic.

Another thing that I found out was that if I had a drive window located over the PageStream tool area and had to bring the drive window to the front, the tool area could not be brought back to the front for use. I solved this problem by not including any windows behindlover this area and then everything worked fine. I was able to switch between AtariWorks, PageStream, and desktop drive windows successfully - but all operations were slowed down. I would like to try this with a 16MHz processor installed in my STacy.

Overall I think I need more time to try this product before making a final decision on permanently installing it.

I bought my copy from Toad Computers, Phone (800) 448-8623 for $54.95. **End**

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