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New AMIGA Game Developer Site

Hi Amigans,

Just to let you know, we've now launched our new Amiga gaming site: www.underground-arcade.com

We're attempting to code some games for Classic Amiga's. Hopefully we can get enough developers onboard to finish some of these exciting projects.

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Editorial

Hello again fellow Amigans,

I hope you remembered to pay your annual fees last month. Things are improving! We aquired two new members last month, and each of them brought along an amazing machine. Check out the centre pages. One, the C= 64, a truly portable games machine, with connections for keyboard & monitor, etc. The other a modified A1200 with USB sockets. Let's face it, the original Commodore might be gone, but their wonderful machines are still surprising and inspiring people around the world.

Well, that's all from me folks.



Ciao for now,
Barry R. Woodfield.



Last Months Meeting

August 17th 2008

Another very good meeting, for those of you who didn't bother to come, check out the centre pages and see what you missed out on.

This Months Meeting

September 21th 2008

You'll never ever know if you never ever go. Now will you?

Next Months Meeting

October 19th 2008



ADUG Memberships

The Amiga Downunder User Group offers you the chance to help bring Amiga back to the people.

By joining ADUG you help fund for show appearances like the upcoming Sydney CeBit show this year. It was through ADUG the 2001/2002 Comdex show appearances were funded. **Memberships can be paid at AUG meetings.**

<http://www.amigadownunder.org>

Bytes & Pieces

WinUAE (1.5.2) released

Toni Wilen has released the latest update to the popular Amiga emulation program - WinUAE, taking it to version 1.5.2.

Direct download for the ZIP version:

<http://www.winuae.net/files/WinUAE1520.zip>

Direct download for the Installer version:

<http://www.winuae.net/files/InstallWinUAE1520.exe>

We are pleased to announce that AmigaOS 4.1 is now duplicated and in transit to us.

http://amigakit.leamancomputing.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=826

To all pre-order customers -these will be fulfilled once the stock arrives.

AISS - for AmigaOS 4.0

AISS 4.3 is available on the AISS section of the Masonicons website.

Features:

- more than 2,000 toolbar images and animations
- 24 bit PNG images with 8 bit alpha channel
- updated PDF documentation
- AmiUpdate support
- real transparency for ghosted images

MorphOS 2.1, a free update for users of MorphOS 2.0. In addition to numerous bug fixes, MorphOS 2.1 includes several new features.

Origyn 2.8 now available

Changes include improved Workbench support, extended EcmaScript functionality, and a few minor GUI enhancements.

<http://www.ecmascript.org/>

Another Compositing Demo

With the author's permission, I have uploaded another Compositing demo program to os4depot.net - the Dice demo that was featured in the screenshots I did for the AmigaOS 4.1 press release.

"[winalphatest.lha](#)"

Massive Porting for Profit Round-up!

With AOS 4.1 came a beta of MiniGL 2.0, so SDL/GL ports are finally possible. Here's a few from us, enjoy!

Super Methane Brothers Update

The Goonies A remake of Konami's classic game. Requires MiniGL 2.0

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Beta..

Spaceblade A strategic shoot em up made using GameBlade.

Kuklomenon A shoot em up.

Chromium BSU A shoot em up. Requires MiniGL 2.0 Beta.

Simplevaders A shoot em up. Requires MiniGL 2.0 Beta.

Solar Conquest A shoot em up. Requires MiniGL 2.0 Beta.

Tilt 'n' Roll in 3D. Requires MiniGL 2.0 Beta.

Wormhole A clone of the popular SF-Cave. Requires MiniGL 2.0 Beta.

T-Sim A helicopter simulator. Requires MiniGL 2.0 Beta.

Download them all at

OS4Depot - we hope you enjoy playing them, we enjoyed porting them!

Hyperion Entertainment Announce AmigaOS 4.1 - Late August Update

"Hyperion Entertainment is very pleased to announce that Amiga OS 4.1 has gone into final testing and is scheduled for release mid-Q3/2008. Building on the solid foundations of Amiga OS 4.0, Amiga OS 4.1 introduces a wealth of substantial new functionality which is a prerequisite for the deployment of industry standard applications on the Amiga platform. "

Addon: OS 4.1 has gone gold August 5th 2008. :

http://amigaworld.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=266228&forum=32#450664

AmigaOne News : Amiga Seeding the Success Campaign August 2008 Winner Amiga Seeding the Success Campaign from DiscreetFX

The Amiga computer represents a lot of firsts in the computer industry but it also represents many missed opportunities. Since the death of Commodore in 1994 the Amiga has descended into dark times. They say you learn most from your failures and not your successes and this is most certainly the case when it comes to Amiga. And yet some good things have happened as well.

The Amiga market has branched off into some healthy competition with the arrival of MorphOS, AROS & Amiga OS 4.1. The Amiga emulation scene is alive and well with Amiga Forever 2008 from Cloanto. And lets not forget the hard work of the developers of Minimig, Natami & CloneA. Amiga developers have transcended the need of one company controlling the destiny of Amiga and have forged ahead in interesting ways.

It's this Amiga spirit that DiscreetFX loves and we want to nurture. Every month we will select one winner and give them a \$100 donation via Paypal. No, this is not a ton of money but it is a gesture that will encourage positive feelings and development in the Amiga community of families. Each month if a developer or even a user does something outstanding that pushes forward the Amiga, MorphOS, AROS or Amiga OS 4.1 brand we will send them this little reward. If this program is well received then monthly donation amounts may increase.

This months winner is Andreas Falkenhahn from Airsoft Softwair Entertainment in Germany. Andreas Falkenhahn has worked tirelessly and created the killer product Hollywood 3. This application has done what many said impossible, the ability to create presentations on Amiga/MorphOS then make them OS3, MorphOS, WarpOS, AmigaOS4, AROS, Windows, and Mac OS executables! What an amazing cross platform tool! Congratulations Andreas your this months winner. Please support this great developer, we already have by sending him \$100 via Paypal. He is not alone and it takes many to change the world. But it is our sincere hope that the Amiga scene can grow again. Thanks again Andreas Falkenhahn for all your hard work and you're the

winner for August 2008. Who will September 2008's winner be? Feel free to participate in the process and let us know via e-mail who you think deserves to win. They can be MorphOS, Amiga OS, OS 4.1, AROS users or developers. That does not matter, what does matter is that they worked hard and pushed the community forward in a positive way.

Please order **Hollywood 3** from this Link:

<http://www.airsoftwair.de/en/index.html>

Best regards

- DiscreetFX Team

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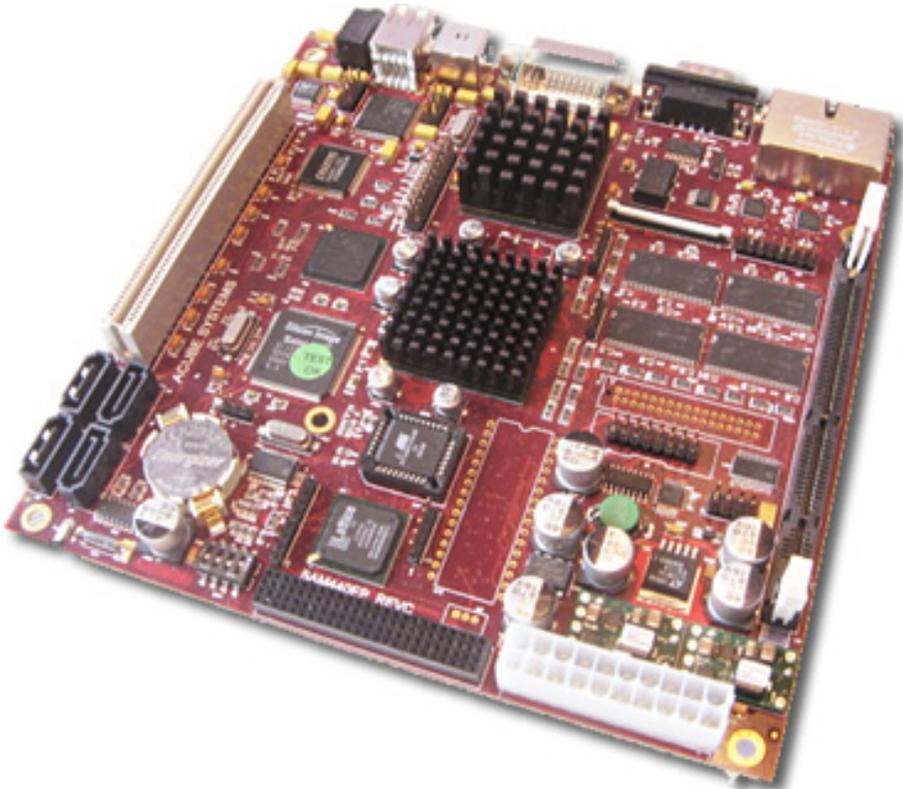
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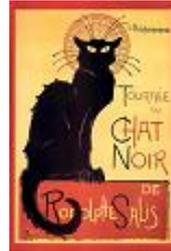


AmiKit 1.5.0 "Chat Noir" released!

We're pleased to announce that after half a year of hard work, the long-awaited, new, full AmiKit has finally been released.

Main features include:

- a fresh new look
- support of new 24bit themes (11 included!)
- support of Amiga Forever 2008
- choice of two automatic installers for Linux platforms



AmiKit, the free, high-end emulated Amiga environment, is available as a fresh new installer or as an update for your previous installs, for both Windows and Linux platforms.

For more information and free download visit <http://amikit.amiga.sk/>

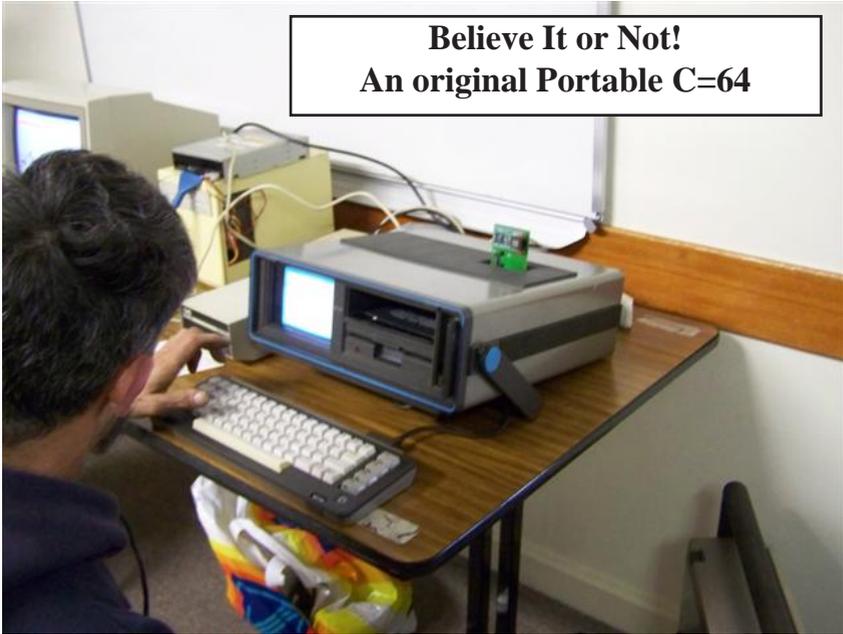


AmiKit limited "CD Edition" is also available: <http://amikit.amiga.sk/amikit-cd.htm>

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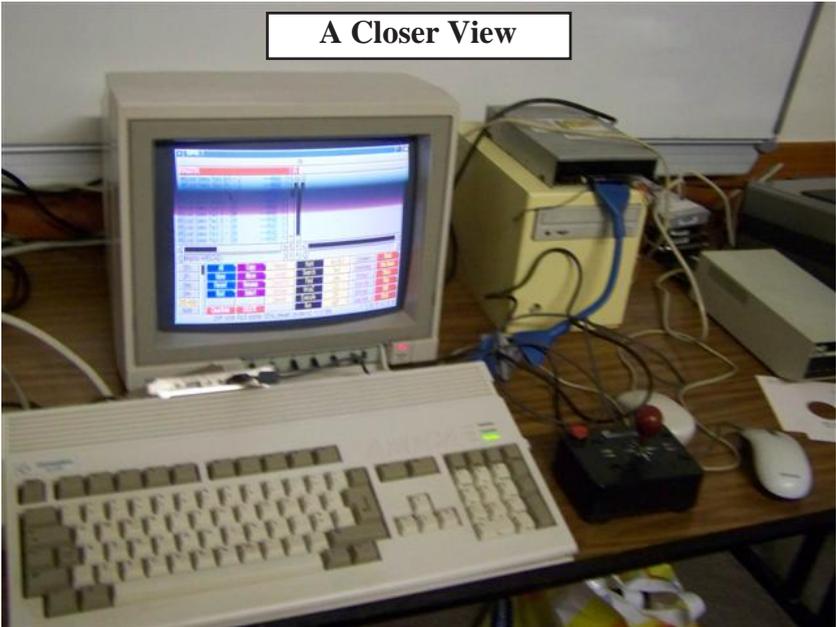


AMIGA OS4





George's USB A1200



A Closer View

DiscreetFX Founder Interviewed on the DV Show

The founder of DiscreetFX discusses the origins of the company in the mid-1990's as an Amiga Video Toaster Flyer consulting firm that morphed into a visual effects software developer. Current product developments SportsFX & ReligousFX are discussed. Questions are also answered about The in production documentary "Oil Change The Movie". This film is about the dangers of Trans Fat in the food supply. It is a killer in your food! Please listen to the show and enjoy.

DV Show:

<http://www.thedvshow.com/podcasts/>

Best regards

- DiscreetFX Team

Trans Fat = Death to Sexy



Comprehending Engineers

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!"

The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the greenskeeper. Let's have a word with him."
[dramatic pause]

"Hi George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The greenskeeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firefighters."

"They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group was silent for a moment.

The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"



Expert Planning

Alimony

“Mr. Johns, I have reviewed this case very carefully,” the divorce court judge said, “and I’ve decided to give your wife \$275 a week.”
“That’s very fair of you, your honor,” the husband said. “And every now and then I’ll try to send her a few bucks myself.”

The Worst Age

“Sixty is the worst age to be,” said the 60-year-old. “You always feel like you have to pee. And most of the time, you stand at the toilet and nothing comes out!”

“Ah, that’s nothin’,” said the 70-year-old. “When you’re seventy, you can’t even crap anymore. You take laxatives, then you sit on the toilet all day and nothin’ comes out!”

“Actually,” said the 80-year-old, “80 is the worst age of all!”
“Do you have trouble peeing too?” asked the 60-year-old. “No, not really. I pee every morning at 6:00. I pee like a racehorse on a flat rock; no problem at all.”
“Do you have trouble crapping?” asked the 70-year-old. “No, I crap every morning at 6:30.” was the reply.

With great exasperation, the 60-year-old said, “Let me get this straight. You pee every morning at 6:00 and crap every morning at 6:30. So what’s so tough about being 80?”

“Because, I don’t wake up until 7:00!”

Recognizing George

A man died in a horrible fire. The mortician thought it was George, but the body was so badly burned that somebody would need to make a positive identification. That task fell to George’s two friends, Joe and Al.

Joe: “He’s burnt pretty bad, all right. Roll him over.” Joe looked at the dead man’s buttocks and said, “Nope, that ain’t George.”

Thinking the incident strange, the mortician straightened up the body and said nothing.

Then he brought in Al.

Al: “Wow, he’s burnt to a crisp. Roll him over.” And again came the reply, “Nope, that ain’t George.”

Mortician: “How can you tell?”

Al: “George had two arseholes.”

Mortician: “What? How could he have two arseholes?”

Al: “Everybody knew George had two arseholes. Whenever the three of us would go into town you’d hear people say”, “Here comes George with the two arseholes!”



Jewish Businessman

A fleeing Taliban fighter, desperate for water, was trudging through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried towards it, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand, selling ties. The Taliban asked, "Do you have water?"

The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5."

The Taliban shouted, "Infidel! I do not need an over-priced tie! I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first!"

"OK, OK" said the old Jewish man, "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find an old oasis with a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need. Shalom."

Muttering, the Taliban staggered away over the hill. Several hours later he crawled back, almost dead... "Your f***ing brother won't let me in without a tie!"

Sex With The Gorilla

A small zoo in Alabama acquires a rare female gorilla, who quickly becomes agitated. The zookeeper determines that the female ape is in heat, but there are no male apes available for mating.

So, he approaches a redneck janitor with a proposition. "Would you be willing to have sex with this gorilla for \$500?" he asks.

The janitor accepts the offer, but only on three conditions: "First, I don't want to have to kiss her. And second, you can never tell anyone about this." The zookeeper agrees to the conditions and enquires about the third.

"Well," says the janitor, "I'm gonna need another week to come up with the \$500."

Wild Thing

An old man sitting at the mall watched a teenager intently. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colours: Green, Red, Orange, Yellow, Purple and Blue etc. The old man kept staring at him.

When the teenager finally got tired of being stared at, he sarcastically asked, "What's the matter, old man? Never did anything wild in your life?"

The old man didn't bat an eye as he quickly he responded, "Well, I got drunk once and had sex with a peacock. I was just wondering if you were my son."



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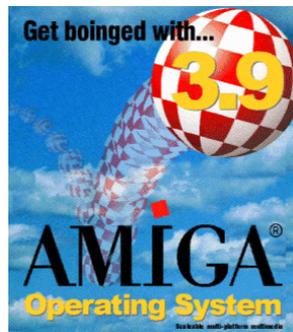
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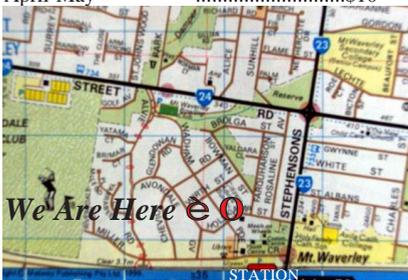
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The AUG Inc. membership year runs from September to August. If you are joining in:

- August-September\$30
- October-November\$21
- December-January\$17
- February-March\$13
- April-May\$10



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The Dead Letter Department

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The Amiga Users Group meets at the Wadham House Craft & Hobby Centre, 52 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley (see map) on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. There is ample parking at the rear. **Fee:** \$2.00. This is to cover some of the rental costs.

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