



# In the Beginning



The AMIGA A1000

## We've Come a Long Way Since Then!



**Editor**

Barry Woodfield  
Phone: 9917 2967  
Mobile : 0448 915 283  
elbazw@yahoo.com.au

**Contributions**  
Contributions can be soft copy (on floppy½ disk) or hard copy. It will be returned if requested and accompanied with a self-addressed envelope.

The editor of the Amiga Users Group Inc. newsletter Workbench retains the right to edit contributions for clarity and length.

**Send contributions to:**  
Amiga Users Group  
P.O. Box 2097  
Seaford Victoria 3198  
**OR**

elbazw@yahoo.com.au  
**Advertising**  
Advertising space is free for members to sell private items or services.  
For information on commercial rates, contact:  
Tony Mulvihill  
0415 161 2721  
tonym@sential.dyndns.org

**Deadlines**  
Workbench is published each month. The deadline for each issue is the 1st Tuesday of the month of publication.

**Reprints**  
All articles in Workbench are Copyright 2008 the Amiga Users Group Inc. unless otherwise indicated. Articles may be reproduced for noncommercial purposes if accompanied by a credit line including the original authors name and the words: Reprinted from Workbench the newsletter of the Amiga Users Group.  
<http://www.aug.org.au>

**Disclaimer**  
The views expressed in the Amiga Users Group Inc. newsletter Workbench are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the editor or the AUG committee.



# Editorial

Hello Amigans!

Well here we are half way through the year already. Doesn't time go fast when you're having fun? It's good to see we've still got some loyal members. I must find out if we can get those disk versions of Workbench copied onto CD for our Archives. If we can, I'd like to get one for myself. "Very Interesting!" It's also good to see USB interfaces being brought up to date for the *AMIGA at last. Yes?*

I suppose that's about it from me for this month.

See ya next time, folks.



Ciao for now,  
Barry R. Woodfield.



## Last Months Meeting May 18th 2008

A very good gathering. Quite a few members turned up. One even had disk versions of Workbench, Complete with music and animation.

## This Months Meeting June 15th 2008

Who knows what might turn up. Come on along, you might be surprised.

## Next Months Meeting July 20th 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

## AmigaSYS 4 - Amithlon version released!

Pictures, Info's, Install Manuals, download:  
<http://amigasys.extra.hu>

## BlizzardPPC repair service

ACube Systems is happy to announce the launch of a new repair service for broken 603e PPC CPUs on BlizzardPPC cards.

The broken CPU will be removed and replaced with one of the following CPUs:

- 603e @ 200 Mhz - BGA
- 603e @ 300 Mhz - BGA

## A history of the Amiga, part 7: Game on!

Part seven of Jeremy Reimer's Amiga History summary has arrived. This time it is all about gaming, more specifically between the years 1986 and 1991. Check it out here:

<http://arstechnica.com/articles/culture/amiga-history-part-7.ars>

As usual, all previous parts are linked from the top of part 7.

A quick reminder, Jeremy has confirmed that he wants to turn this into a book as well.

\*<http://amigaworld.net/modules/news/article.php?s>

[toryid=3895#52473](http://www.toryid=3895#52473)

## Epistula Instant Messenger Update

Here's a new release of Epistula, epistula.library and the MSN plugin, all of which have had many pieces of code rewritten in my never ending quest to make Epistula as stable on other people's Amiga's as it is on mine.

If installing as an update, you will need to backup your epistula.xml and msn.xml files before installing as they will be overwritten. Please download the update from my website by right-clicking and selecting to download the file from the following:

[http://www.the-snakepit.co.uk/storage/files/Epistula\\_Install.lha](http://www.the-snakepit.co.uk/storage/files/Epistula_Install.lha)

You must download via this method as the filesystem on the server isn't setup correctly for .lha files.

Feedback required, as per normal.

## SPIDER software update 3.16

Elbox Computer announce new spider.device driver for the Poseidon stack for the SPIDER and SPIDER

## In This Issue

Front Cover	1
Editorial	2
Group News	2
Bytes & Pieces	3
AmiNews	4
Meeting Pics	8
WB Funnies	12
Boing.Net	14
Anything Amiga	14
Dealer Directory	15
About The Group	16

II High-Speed USB 2.0 controllers. Software is available free of charge for all registered users of the SPIDER and SPIDER II High-Speed USB 2.0 controllers.

## APC&TCP: Desert

### Racing Update Released

Optimizations made for better performance. Visibility range has been raised, can be set in game or by tooltip. Available from APC&TCP ([Andreas@apc-tcp.de](mailto:Andreas@apc-tcp.de) Subject: Desert Racing) via email without a charge for all owners of the full version. We need your real name and address for the update. If Desert Racing bought from a dealer we need the dealers name as well. We are working on the updates and a port for AmigaOS 4 and MorphOS.

## APC&TPC: AMIGA GURU BOOK Reprint Project Discontinued.

It is already known that we tried to do an updated reprint of the English Amiga Guru Book by Ralph Babel.

Some additions were also planned to the original book.

The German Amiga Guru Book has been available for some time now. Nevertheless some idiotic Amiga users needed to put some pirated copies of the book online.

The print material was ready and we were actually going to give it to the printers.

But for several weeks now there has been a torrent of pirated copies of the English Amiga Guru Book online.

Due to the fact that some Amiga users don't show any support towards those who try keep their platform going and supply them with information, this project is hereby discontinued.

That is why the Amiga Future project AGG, which would have been financed through the reprint, has also been discontinued.

### **Original statement by Ralph Babel:**

Unfortunately, the release of the 800-page extended edition of the Amiga Guru Book (covering OS 3.x and beyond) scheduled for April was preempted by some fool seeding a scan of the older version into one of those pirate-to-pirate networks, eliminating all hopes of me ever being able to recover the cost of a reprint, so the project had to be stopped immediately to avoid further loss of time and money. Thank you, Keith.

<http://babel.de>

<http://www.apc-tcp.de>



## **Amiga Forever 2008 is released.**

Amiga Forever 2008 is the most significant upgrade ever released in the Amiga Forever series. It sets new references in usability while more than tripling the featured content and providing easy access to a universe of free downloads. Amiga Forever 2008 was rewritten from scratch to redefine itself and the perception of emulation and retrogaming in general.

The first impression when seeing the new skinned player on Windows can be stunning, compared to previous software. At the same time, the new player feels as familiar as "this is how it should always have been". Behind the scenes, though, it took a monumental effort just to provide a Yes answer to questions like "Can't you just double-click an ADF to play it?" With your help, we will keep listening and improving the software, also with lots of free updates.

### **New features in Amiga Forever 2008 (all editions) include:**

- \* Revolutionary new and intuitive player interface for Windows, for easy selection and playback of games and other content
- \* The new Amiga Forever player makes it possible to double-click or drag-and-drop downloaded disk images (e.g. ADF, ADZ, IPF, etc.) to play them, using heuristic content analysis to preset a suitable Amiga hardware configuration
- \* The player has built-in support for dual screens and multiple emulation sessions
- \* Rather than closing an emulation session, it is possible to save its state, for example to resume a game at a later time (the experience can be amazing, because the session is up and running again in an instant)
- \* Full undo of ADF, ADZ, HDF and HDZ disk writes (disk changes may be committed or discarded when exiting the emulation)
- \* Full support for Windows Vista x86 and x64 (probably the first and only Windows software with custom-shaped glass-enabled skin)

### **Additional details about the new player for Windows:**

- \* Professional skin design with familiar "media player" interface
- \* Buttons and other visual controls provide intuitive access to content and emulation features (pause, resume, disk change, reboot, joystick vs. keyboard selection, window size selection, full screen, Amiga screen capture, etc.)
- \* Windowed mode visualizes games and demoscene productions as they were meant to be displayed, without large unused overscan areas
- \* Helpful visualization of additional details (Amiga mouse options, device status)

with green/red read/write LEDs, etc.)

\* Integrated video playback (requires MPEG-2 support by the operating system, otherwise the Amiga Forever videos can be read by any DVD player)

### **Additional new features in the Plus Edition of Amiga Forever 2008:**

- \* Content more than tripled (disk images are now compressed, and also used directly by the installer)
- \* New "Amiga Forever Game Pack I" (more than 100 games)
- \* More than 100 beautiful demoscene productions
- \* New Gallery items: original Tripos article, "top secret" Amiga-Atari documents, and much more
- \* New system HDFs: complete Amiga OS 1.3, 2.1 and 3.1 installations with only a minimum of add-ons (e.g. Y2K fixes, RTG update for 3.1), but otherwise identical to the original (including file attributes as intended by Commodore, which were lost in later distributions)
- \* New ADFs (1.3 Extras, complete 3.1 install set, etc.)
- \* New ROMs (Amiga 1000, A590 and A4091 boot ROMs, system-specific ROMs required for added compatibility, etc.)
- \* Preinstalled WHDLoad "kickemu" support
- \* New KX Light, bootable from CD and with HD installation option (featuring live updates) and extended hardware support

### **New features in the Value Edition of Amiga Forever 2008:**

- \* Includes 50 games and 50 demos (more than the 2006 Premium Edition!)
- \* Change of name (used to be "Online Edition")

For their help during the development of Amiga Forever 2008, special thanks to Amir Ansari, Robert Trevor Dickinson and Toni Wilen. See the Credits section in the Amiga Forever documentation for additional details.

<http://www.amigaforever.com/>



## A new Yahoo group for Amiga Users from Western Australia has been founded.

This eGroup is aimed to facilitate the formation of an electronic community for people living in Western Australia, and the broader Amiga community, and as a place for local Amiga users who are un-aware of the larger global Amiga communities and would like to get into contact with local users, either to return to the Amiga community at large, or to pass on valued hardware or software to people who might make better use than leaving it sitting in storage, or being trashed.

The group is named **AUGWA** (Amiga Users Group of Western Australia), and is not associated with the old, now defunct, AUGWA club which used to exist in Perth, however, former members from that group, are of course welcome to join

We'd really love it if all WA Amiga Users, and members of the global Amiga community could join our group, so as to make any returnees welcome.

The URL is: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/augwa/>

Thanks, **AUGWA**

### EasyNet Version 0.167 released

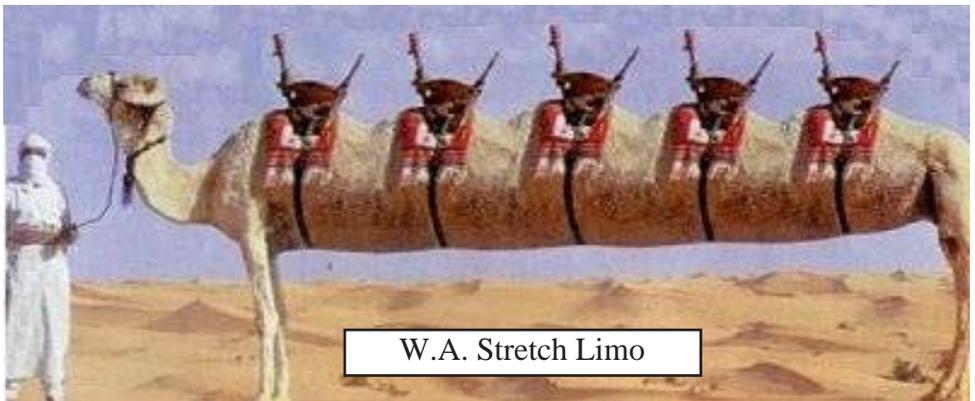
The latest EasyNet build has been uploaded to the Live Update server. Older users on EasyNet can upgrade by starting EasyNet and select Live Update option from the menu.

About EasyNet:

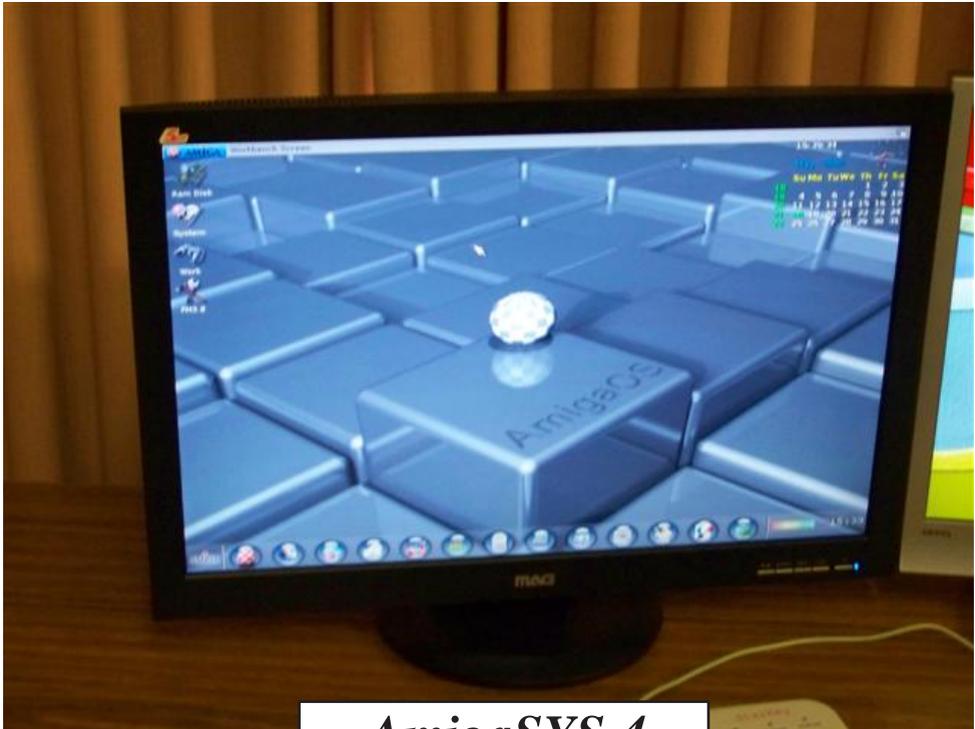
EasyNet is the Classic Amiga's latest software solution for classic Amiga users to connect to the internet and networks.

EasyNet is exclusively available from: <http://www.amigakit.com>

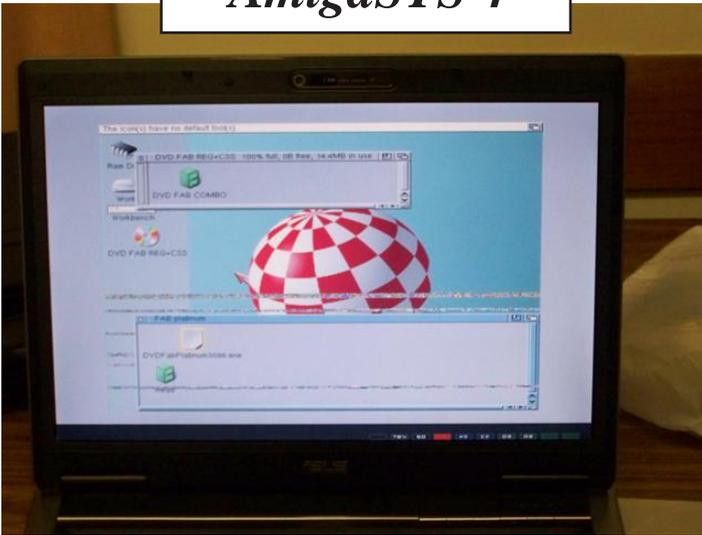
Or: <http://amigakit.leamancomputing.com/catalog/easynet.php>



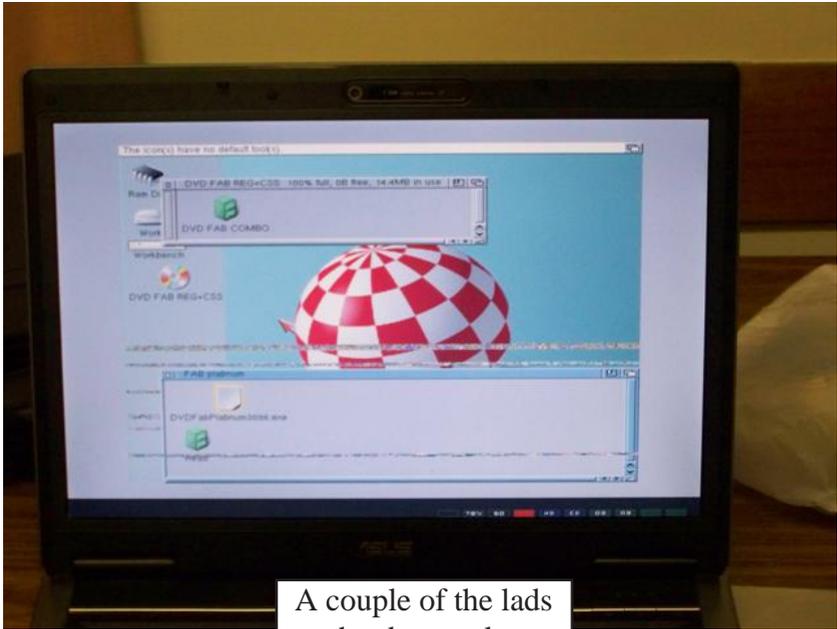
W.A. Stretch Limo



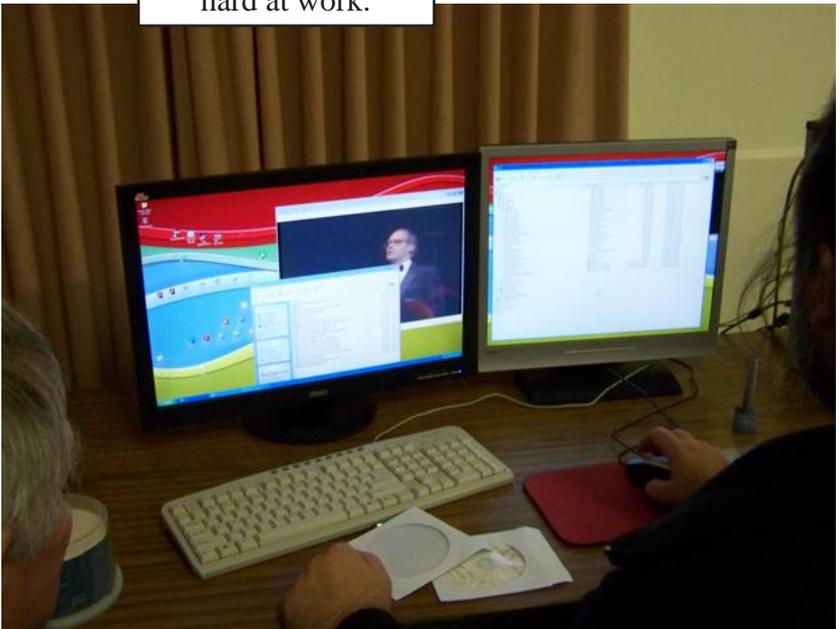
*AmigaSYS 4*



# Meeting Pictures



A couple of the lads  
hard at work.



## EasyNet Version 0.167 released

The latest EasyNet build has been uploaded to the Live Update server. Older users on EasyNet can upgrade by starting EasyNet and select Live Update option from the menu.

### About EasyNet:

EasyNet is the Classic Amiga's latest software solution for classic Amiga users to connect to the internet and networks.

EasyNet is exclusively available from: <http://www.amigakit.com>

Or: <http://amigakit.leamancomputing.com/catalog/easynet.php>

## Porting for Profit Strikes Again!

One brand new GL based cracktro by Dark Puppy, and three new games! Something for everyone, A platformer, a puzzler and a shooter!

**Jump Action** is a japanese platform game heavily inspired by the Super Mario games.

**Jooleem** is a gem shuffling puzzle game with a web 2.0 look.

**High Moon** is a two player space action/shooting thingie for two players.

Download them all from os4depot! <http://www.os4depot.net/>

## Boing Attitude :o) team is pleased to announce that WordMeUp XXL is now available on MorphOS.

Our first MOS game combines an arcade game with strategic thinking and memory skills. Suitable for all the family, it is a non violent game and it is easy for all ages to play thanks to a steady progression through up to 60 levels. Being a truly international game, theres an integrated help in numerous languages (French, English, Italian, German, Spanish, ...). Word Me Up XXL is today available on our website for only 16.99 euros.

You can download a free demo containing 4 levels on our website here:

[http://boing.attitude.online.fr/produits/wordmeupxxl/WordMeUpXXL\\_Demo\\_Mos.lha](http://boing.attitude.online.fr/produits/wordmeupxxl/WordMeUpXXL_Demo_Mos.lha) or

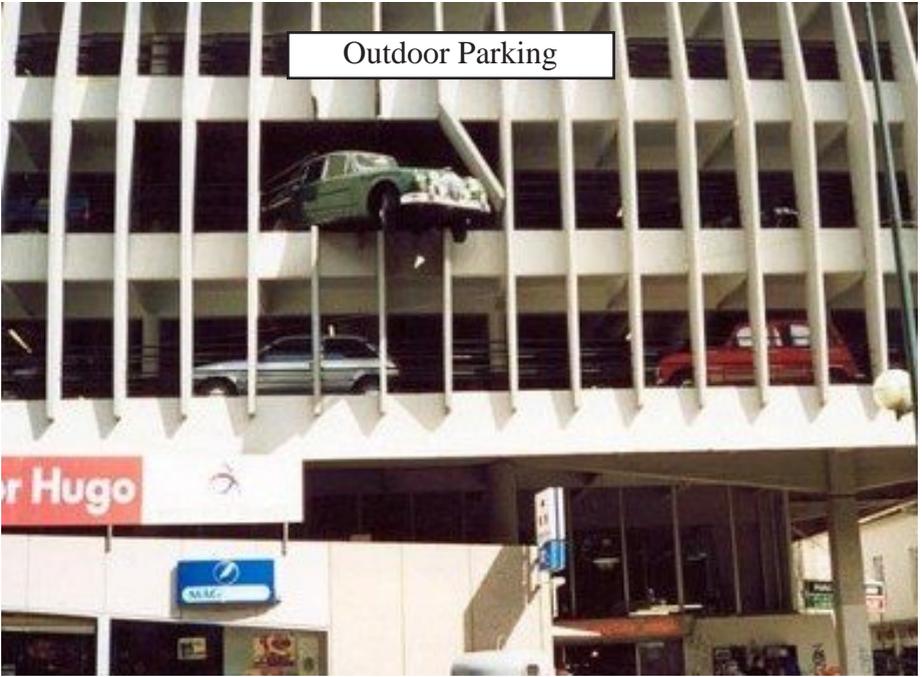
[http://glames.online.fr/products/wordmeupxxl/WordMeUpXXL\\_Demo\\_Mos.lha](http://glames.online.fr/products/wordmeupxxl/WordMeUpXXL_Demo_Mos.lha)

An AmigaOS 4.0 version is already available. You can by the way benefit from "duo" offer that contains both AmigaOS 4.0 and MorphOS versions. An AROS version is planned.

More details on the game: <http://www.boing-attitude.com/wordmeupxxl.html>

Have fun! With WordMeUp XXL.

Outdoor Parking



## Age is Everything

One Friday night, a policeman saw a car parked up at "makeout point." Shining his flashlight in the window, he saw a young man fidgeting in the front seat glancing at his watch and a young woman sitting in the back seat and reading a magazine.

"Excuse me, son" said the cop, "but how old are the two of you?"

"I'm eighteen, sir, and" (checking his watch another time) "in ten more minutes, she'll be eighteen too!"

## The Birds and The Bees

A Farmer was helping one of his cows give birth, when he noticed his 5-year-old son standing wide-eyed at the fence, soaking in the whole event.

The man thought, "Great... he's 5 and I'm gonna have to start explaining the birds and the bees. No need to jump the gun - I'll just let him ask, and I'll answer."

When everything was over, Dad strolled over to his son and said, "Well Willie, do you have any questions?"

"Just one," gasped the pie-eyed lad. "How fast was that calf going when he hit that cow?"

## Surgeons

Four doctors who hadn't seen each other since their surgical residencies met at a medical seminar. Adjourning for dinner and drinks, they turned their conversation to who makes the best surgical patients:

The first said, for sure, electrical engineers. "You open 'em up," he contended, "and everything is color-coded."

"Nah," said the second. "It's librarians. You open 'em up and everything is alphabetized."

The third scoffed. "Of course not," he said. "It's accountants. You open 'em up and everything is numbered."

"Lawyers," said the fourth, with a shake of his head. "It's lawyers, you idiots! No heart, no guts, no spine, and the ass and the brain are interchangeable."

## Halloween Party

A couple was invited to a swanky Halloween party by a family friend, in which all attendees were required to wear a mask. The wife got a terrible headache and told her husband to go to the party alone, and to make sure to say hello to her family. He, being a devoted husband, protested, but she argued and said she was going to take some aspirin and go to bed and there was no need for his good time to be spoiled by not going. So he took his costume and away he went.

The wife, after sleeping soundly for about an hour, woke without pain and as it was still early, decided to go to the party. As her husband didn't know what her costume was,

she thought she would have some fun by watching her husband to see how he acted when she was not with him.

So she joined the party and soon spotted her husband in his costume, cavorting around on the dance floor, dancing with every nice "chick" he could and copping a little feel here and a little kiss there. His wife went up to him and being a rather seductive babe herself, he left his new partner high and dry and devoted his time to her. She let him go as far as he wished, naturally, since he was her husband.

After more drinks he finally whispered a little proposition in her ear and she agreed, so off they went to one of the cars and had passionate intercourse in the back seat. Just before unmasking at midnight, she slipped away and went home and put the costume away and got into bed, wondering what kind of explanation he would make up for his outrageous behaviour.

She was sitting up reading when he came in, so she asked what kind of time he had. "Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you're not there." Then she asked, "Did you dance much?"

He replied, "I'll tell you, I never even danced one dance. When I got there, I met Pete, Bill Brown and some other guys, so we went into the spare room and played poker all evening."

"You must have looked really silly wearing that costume playing poker all night!" she said with unashamed sarcasm.

"Actually, I gave my costume to your brother, apparently he had the time of his life."

## A Lesson

A wife was in the kitchen making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen.

"Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt! USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving

# Web Hosting

for less than

**\$50 / year**

**that's less than \$1 a week !**

**[www.boinghosting.com.au](http://www.boinghosting.com.au)**

CHECK OUT The BOINGNET Website

@

<http://boing.net>

## ANYTHING AMIGA

**Eyetech Z4 Amiga 1200 Tower Case AU\$420.00**  
Eyetech's famous A1200 tower conversion.

on your A1200. A necessary item for tower conversions.

**Maximus Amiga 1200 Mid Tower AU\$320.00**  
Based around our AmigaOne tower this mid tower case utilises a new fabricated rear panel that allows fitting of your A1200 motherboard.

**IOBlix High Speed Serial Port 1200S AU\$81.00**  
High Speed Serial Port 1.5 mbps for Amiga 1200 computers.

**Amiga 1200 Magic Pack AU\$399.00 Brand new**  
Note:These packs are fully imported from our supplier ...

**Highway USB Controller AU\$190.00**  
USB-Controller for Amiga Zorro-II/III Bus  
Compatible with USB 1.1

**EzyMouse PS/2 Adaptor AU\$70.00**  
Mouse adaptor and software. Now you can use any PC PS/2 mouse on your Amiga.

**4 Way IDE Interface AU\$49.95**  
Eyetech 4 way buffered IDE interface for A1200 and 600. Fit this device and use up to 4 IDE harddrives

**EzyKey Keyboard Adaptor AU\$58.00**  
The EzyKey adaptor allows the use of PC keyboards

**Blizzard 1230/50 A1200 Accelerator AU\$250.00**  
Brand new boxed Blizzard 1230/50 Amiga 1200

**ANYTHINGAMIGA (a division of Off The Planet Software) ABN: 19 696 132 131**  
Postal Address PO Box 3184, Robina Town Centre, Queensland, 4230, Australia.

Tel: +61 (07) 5562 1174. Email: [sales@anythingamiga.com](mailto:sales@anythingamiga.com) <http://www.anythingamiga.com>

## **AmigaDealers:** **Victoria**

### **CompRepair Pty. Ltd.**

36 Tarella Drive Keilor Downs, 3038

Phone: (03) 9364 3849

Fax: (03) 8307 3260

<http://www.computamagic.com/index.html>

[sales@computamagic.com](mailto:sales@computamagic.com)

### **MVB Computer Supplies Pty. Ltd.**

508 Dorset Road, Croydon, 3136

Phone: (03) 9725 6255

Fax: (03) 9727 6766

[gordon@ozramp.net.au](mailto:gordon@ozramp.net.au)

### **MC-1**

7 Boyle Crt. Sunshine 3020

Phone: 03 9352 5544

Web: <http://connect.to/amiga>

Email: [MC1@pobox.com](mailto:MC1@pobox.com)

## **Queensland**

### **Anything Amiga**

PO Box 3184

Robina Town Centre, 4230

QLD

Phone: (07) 5562 1174

Web: <http://www.anythingamiga.com>

Email: [sales@anythingamiga.com](mailto:sales@anythingamiga.com)

### **Don Quixote Software**

PO BOX 786, Toowoomba, 4350

Phone: (076) 391 578

### **Keyboard Electronics, (Ralph Down)**

Unit 5/15 Pinter Drive,

Southport, Q'land 4215,

Phone (07) 5591 6188.

## **New South Wales & Canberra**

### **Amiga Genius**

Phil Eastham

Mobile: 0414 853 849

### **Desktop Utilities**

PO BOX 3053, Manuka, 2603

Phone: (06) 239 6658

## **Western Australia**

### **Amiga Innovations**

Dwayne Osborne

PO Box 114 Osbourne Park W.A.. 6917

<http://surf.to/amigainovations>

[sales@amigainovations.com](mailto:sales@amigainovations.com)

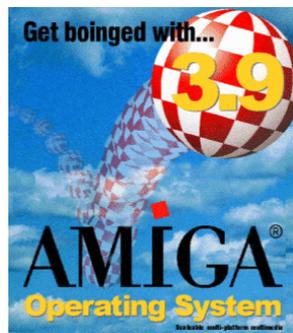
Phone (08) 9349 0889

## **South Australia**

### **G-Soft Computers Pty. Ltd.**

Shop 4/2 Anderson Wlk, Smithfield, 5114

Phone: (08) 8284-1266



**See your local  
dealer for  
harddrives,  
mice, monitors, OS  
upgrades, roms,  
software and  
complete systems.**

**AMIGA**  **one**



# AUG Contact Information

<b>Coordinator</b>	Damien Stewart	9435 7836	dmaen@lizzy.com.au
<b>Assistant Coord</b>	Jim Lewis	0412 392 099	jim@jlfs.com.au
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Mavracic	9783 8503	leon71@optusnet.com.au
<b>Secretary</b>	Michael Green	9547 9974	mfg@mfgreen.net
<b>Membership</b>	Barry Woodfield	9917 2967	elbazw@yahoo.com.au
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Barry Woodfield	0448 915 182	elbazw@yahoo.com.au
<b>Newsletter Assistant</b>	Colin Roberts	9889 1819	colroberts@bigpond.com
<b>Article Contributor</b>	Damien Stewart	9435 7836	dmaen@lizzy.com.au
<b>Meeting Room Open</b>	Michael Mavracic	9783 8503	leon71@optusnet.com.au
<b>Email List Moderator</b>	Tony Mulvihill	0415 161 271	tonym@sential.dyndns.org
<b>Web Master</b>	Michael Green	9547 9974	mfg@mfgreen.net
<b>Disk/Book Librarian</b>	Colin Roberts	9889 1819	colroberts@bigpond.com
<b>Committee Member</b>	Richard Hollonds		

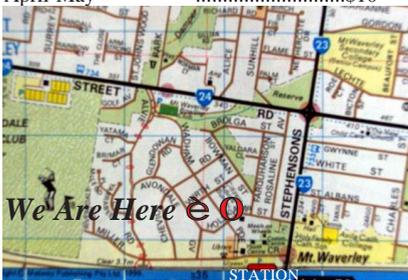
## About The Group

The Amiga Users Group Inc. is a non-profit association of people interested in the Amiga family of computers and related topics. We do not support or condone software piracy. To contact us <http://www.aug.org.au>

## Membership

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



## Amiga Disk and Book Library

AUG has a collection of Amiga books, magazines and programs. Members can borrow for a period of one month. The library is available at most meetings.

## World Wide Web Access

The vast array of internet providers can make choosing a provider for yourself a difficult task. The AUG can help with advice and a helping hand with setting up your own internet access.

## Members Mailing List

The AUG moderates a members mail list at Yahoo Groups. Help, advice or anything Amiga related can be discussed. [http://yahogroups.com/group/Amiga\\_Users\\_Group\\_Vic](http://yahogroups.com/group/Amiga_Users_Group_Vic)

## The Dead Letter Department

The AUG's BBS run by Craig Hutchison has access to all the latest AmiNet files as well as other goodies. Registration is free to all members. Phone: (03) 9571 7194

## Meetings

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.

Mail to: Amiga User Group  
PO Box 2097 Seaford Vic 3198

## Membership Form

First Name:.....Surname:.....  
 Address:.....  
 Post Code:.....EMail:.....  
 Phone (AH):.....Phone (BH):.....  
*I have enclosed a cheque or money order as outlined in the table above. Once admitted as a member of the Amiga Users Group (Vic) Inc. I agree to abide by the rules of the association for as long as I continue to be a member.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / / 2006

If joining by mail please allow 2-3 weeks for your membership to be processed. (The following is optional)  
 Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Amiga models: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where did you hear of the AUG?: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Can you assist the AUG to provide services?: \_\_\_\_\_