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EDITORIAL

Hello, my name is Paul Kersey-Smith and it is my pleasure to be editing this issue of the I.O.U. Some of you may recognize me by the fact that I tried to organize the 1st Oric User Show, but this idea unfortunately never received the support it needed and has been shelved for the time being. Now for some more bad news, Gary Ramsay has informed me that Issue 23 of the I.O.U. will be the last one that he will distribute. He hopes to be able to pass the responsibility onto someone who has the time and motivation to do a better job than he has been doing. Gary would be grateful if you could send him your views on the future of the group to see if it is worth while to keep it going. It would be a shame if the I.O.U. stopped producing its newsletter, as this would leave only one other user group that supports the Oric.

Now onto brighter things, those who couldn't make it to the recent Alternative Micro Show missed a great event for the Oric and other non-mainstream micro's. You could have picked up an Oric 1 for £25.00 or a Atmos for £30.00, software was selling for as little as £1.95. Allan Whitaker was showing some new games (see news section) - Mick Poat was demonstrating his Drum Machine (see issue 21) and believe me it was very impressive to listen to. For those who wish to attend next years event, the venue will last 2 days (11th and 12th November) and will be held at Bingley Hall, just outside Stafford, more details later on in the year.

NEWS

As mentioned in the editorial Allan Whitaker was showing some new programs he has received for evaluation, he was also showing the Last Warrior (see reveiw in this month's issue). Some of the new games being shown were as follows:-

FOOTBALL - An arcade game that allows you to play against the computer or an opponent. It features quick active colourful graphics and a choice of playing styles.

STARWIND - An arcade game involving space combat many different enemies. Uses wire frame graphics drawn at acceptable speeds. The game also includes trading at space stations for weapons etc.

WINTER GAMES - On the same lines as the versions available for most home micros, with graphics superior to the Spectrum version. The events covered are Biathlon (long distance ski-ing and shooting, Ski-jump and Speed skating). Play with the family or against the computer.

The price for Football and Starwind is £6.50, with Starwind coming with a full manual and Football provided with comprehensive instructions. No cost has been set for Winter Games as of yet. Allan has also obtained the entire IJK range of programs and they are now available on request. For further details on the new games or the IJK range or the new price list (includes info on the new Public Domain and Shareware libraries), send a S.S.A.E. to :-

HGC (Mailorder), 8 Staley Hall Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire SK15 3DT
or phone 061-303 7369

RESPONSE

John Hurley from Yeovil, Somerset has some more information about consumables for the MCP-40 printer/plotter, he says that TANDY still sell paper rolls and pens, and he has provided the relevant information about them. Paper rolls are Ref. 26-1428, priced at £7.95 for 3, and pens are Ref. 26-1408A, priced at £2.30 for a set of 4. John also says that if anyone wishes to exchange games you should contact Andre Widhani in West Germany, he has over 160 programs, some of which he has written himself. So if you are interested in exchanging games with Andre, please write to :-

Andre Widhani.
Bircholtway 15
2000 Hamburg 72
West Germany.

A reminder that Owe Franson has written a utility that allows SEDORIC to Oric DOS V1.1 files to be transferred. The program costs £5.00 if you provide the disc or £10.00 if Owe provides the disc.

CONSUMABLES

1) Perfect Data are selling 3" disc cleaners for around £6.95 and you should be able to buy them in your local computer shop - if not please contact me and I will try my best to get hold of one for you.

2) Allan Whitaker is selling a disc box which holds 12 3" or 3.5" discs. It comes complete with cases and costs £12.50 (normal price £12.95).

3) Finally beware of Wiz Discs, as they are definitely bad for your disc drives health, and they should be avoided at all costs. Stick with well known brands such as Amsoft.

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Mr Ruben Hadekel is selling his Oric Atmos complete with power supply, manual and welcome tape, also included are the following books :- "Oric and Atmos Machine Code", "Oric Atmos and Oric1, Graphics and Machine Code Techniques" and the "Advanced User Guide", also the following programs :- Oricmon Assembler and a de-bugged version of Author.

