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CLUB

WELCOME...

We Oric-1 and Atmos owners have been neglected for far too long. Yet, despite the sometimes envious jibes from owners of other computers, the number of Oric owners has grown tremendously over the last eighteen months. There are now tens of thousands of owners out there, whether they be fanatical games players, bamboozled parents or hardworking students. Oric club has been set up for all of you.

Oric Club has just one goal — to improve the lot of the Oric user. With your support, we intend to do that in a number of ways. Firstly, there's this newsletter, Oricall. It's all about Oric and your means of finding out the news you need to know, without browsing through half the magazines at your local W.H. Smiths. We hope to get the news to you as quickly as the weekly magazines too.

Then there are the discounts. You've paid out good money to join Oric Club, and we intend to help you recover it many times over. We have already arranged substantial discounts on a range of software, with prices starting from 99p. Books, colour monitors, accessories — all will be available at attractive club prices. Details are in every Oricall.

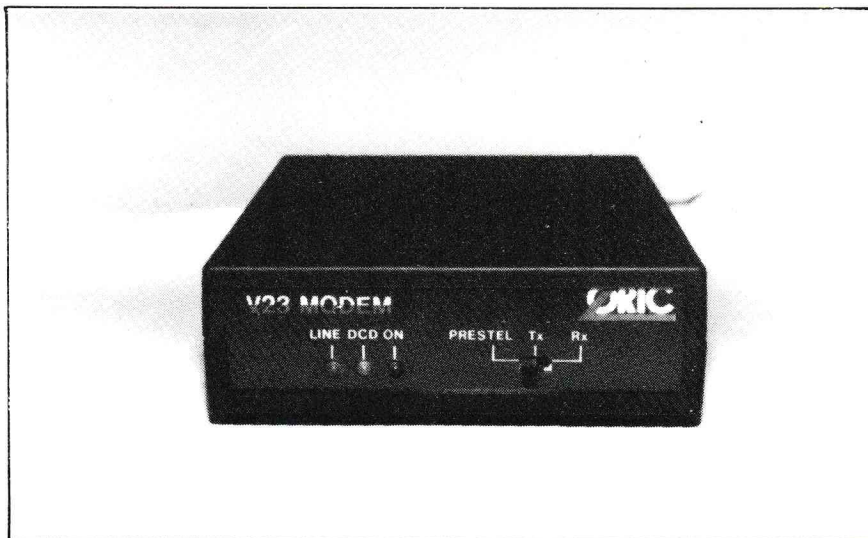
But, more importantly, we want you to get in contact with each other, to talk about Oric computing, to exchange ideas, to try out the latest software and to foster the club spirit. We'll put you in contact with other club members in your area, and if you want to set up a regional Oric Club, we'll provide publicity in Oricall. We hope that there will soon be a nationwide network of branches, and even international links, so no Oric owner need ever feel alone.

So, that's what Oric Club has in store for you. Welcome aboard, and may your reset button never be needed.

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ORIC LAUNCH MODEM



It's now possible to link your Oric into the Prestel system, with the new British Telecom approved V23 Modem from Oric. It will be in the shops soon at a price of £100.

Compatible with all existing Orics, the purchase price includes the V23 modem, a modem adaptor, cables and a tape of applications software. The user will need a Prestel 'phone connector, BT type 600 .

When set up, the modem software is loaded into the Oric, and a title page is displayed. The software takes up 6K, from 8000 to 9800. 1096 screen bytes are reserved for data, leaving enough memory to store from 40 to 99 frames of data.

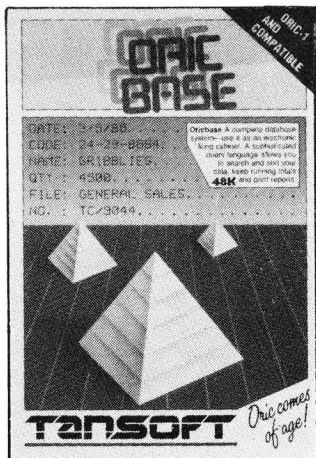
Once on line, you can access any open pages on the Prestel network, including an Oric-established data base. Pages are selected by menu, or by keying in a page number. Pages are stored in the RAM. You can repeat viewing of pages, get page updates, go through pages sequentially, view concealed data and print pages out.

A useful facility is that of being able to store any page to tape, You can then load this page back into the computer.

The V23 modem operates at 1200 baud in the half duplex mode, or 1200/75 baud in the full duplex mode. It is powered from the mains and measures 23.5 x 16.5 x 5.5cm. The modem adapter measures 12 x 6.5 x 5cm. Both units are styled in the distinctive red and black Atmos colours.

Oric Club will be taking pages on the Oric data base, as a closed user group. That will mean all sorts of advantages, such as direct ordering of special offers. We'll have more details of this in the next Oricall.

GIVEAWAY 80 COLUMN PRINTER



As part of a promotional deal, Oric are giving away over £50 of software to purchasers of the new Microdisc drive unit. The offer applies to the UK only.

Each Microdisc unit will be supplied with two additional discs. One will contain games, the other, business software.

The games disc has three existing Tansoft programs and one new title. The new title is Frog Hop, a version of Frogger with all the features of the popular arcade game. Rat Splat, Ultima Zone and the new Chess II, with voice synthesis, are included on the disc too.

For the business user, the other disc contains Oric Base and Oric Calc programs. Oric Base is a sophisticated, versatile file handling system that can be applied to a wide range of tasks. Oric Calc is a full spreadsheet. Both programs are fully documented.

Late summer will see the launch of an Oric 80 column dot matrix printer. It has a Centronics interface and will work with any current Oric. The price is expected to be around £250.

The obvious advantage will be letter quality printing. The printer also works at a much faster printing rate, and the 80 column format will make it much more suitable for business applications. It has only one colour ink through, and won't be able to do graphics very easily.

The printer is made to Oric's specifications by a Japanese company, and therefore has a Japanese typeface as part of the specifications. It is finished in the red and black Oric livery.

A sample printout from the new printer, taken from a Prestel screen



SOFTWARE TO COME

'Oric are piloting a possible venture into the software scene. At a recent trade show in London, they were getting dealer reaction to the idea of existing software packaged in Oric colours and sold under the Oric name'.

Sample racks on display contained a range of titles from such software houses as Tansoft, IJK, Durell, Mercury, Quart Data, Ocean, Sector 7, Superior and others.

Oric want to use their marketing muscle to make Oric software more visible. Oric will have a list of titles, selected for quality and sales appeal. They hope that the dealer will then buy direct, and with confidence in the product. Reaction among software houses to the scheme has been mixed, and it is by no means certain that the scheme will go ahead. Watch this space for more details.



CDS have released a new classroom program for the Oric. Wordsearch has students trying to make as many words as possible out of a given word. CDS also plan an Oric version of the Colossus 2.0 chess program, reputedly one of the toughest games around.



Salamander Software have a strategy horse racing game out. Classic Racing has you managing a stable of horses and uses excellent graphics for the races. They also plan the third part of the Dan Diamond trilogy, Fishy Business, very soon.

Durell Software have two more Oric titles lined up for launch in August. Jungle Trouble is an adaptation of the existing Spectrum game. It is a whimsical arcade/adventure game set in a tropical jungle. Combat Lynx is a battle simulation, by the author of Harrier Attack. It uses simulated 3D graphics.



Superior Software have released most of their titles for the Atmos. Kroka-tile Waltz has you trying to save crocodiles in a jungle river. World Geography is an educational package. Toolkit and Assembler are utility packages. These programs are also suitable for the Oric-1 Computer.



Granada Publishing have three new books scheduled for the summer. The Atmos Programmer is by S. Gee and Mike James. It costs £6.95. Oric and Atmos Machine Code costs £6.95 and is written by Ian Sinclair. 40 Education Programs for the Oric Atmos is by Vincent Apps and will be available in August for £5.95.



Tansoft have four new titles due for release shortly. Harridges is a multi-level 'Manic Miner' style game in which you have to empty tills in a department store. The Kilburn Encounter is a satirical adventure game, rumoured to have an element of Monty Python in it. Insect Insanity is the follow up to Rat Splat and Rig Runner has you rescuing oilmen from oil rigs by helicopter.

HELP

ORIC SCHOOLS

Computing doesn't come easily to every Oric owner. That's why some enterprising individuals are starting a series of residential schools for Oric users.

The schools take place over a weekend in the delightful Norfolk town of Heacham. There are three courses to choose from.

The Absolute Beginner course is for absolute beginners. It is for newcomers to computing and introduces them to Basic concepts and the BASIC language. Students are paired up into project teams, and by the end of the weekend, each team should be able to produce a program.

Inside BASIC is the next course. It is for those already writing BASIC programs, and wanting to know how BASIC works. Some ROM routines will be examined, and the manipulation of run time variables investigated.

The third course is Machine Code. Its aim is to introduce Machine Code as a means of speeding up programs. Some knowledge of BASIC will be assumed.

Courses will run over a weekend, with arrival on the Friday evening. The course is held in an old miller's cottage, and you will be able to get your hands on Oric peripherals, software and accessories too. Accommodation is in a local hotel.

The cost is usually £75 per weekend, per course. Club members will be able to save £10. If you can arrange your own accommodation, costs will be lowered even more.

For further details, contact Oric Club. The first course is scheduled for the weekend of 13th October, 1984, and they will run in a regular cycle from then on. Places are limited, so get your application in soon.

CLUB INSURANCE

Equipment breakdown is an owner's nightmare. It can cost a small fortune to repair, and if you are a programmer, you may well lose hours or weeks of valuable work. Oric Club has arranged preferential terms with one of the countries leading insurance groups.

Simple breakdown insurance is the basic type offered to members.

The premiums here are normally £25 or more per item. We've halved that. To insure your Oric costs just £12.50 per year. To insure a printer

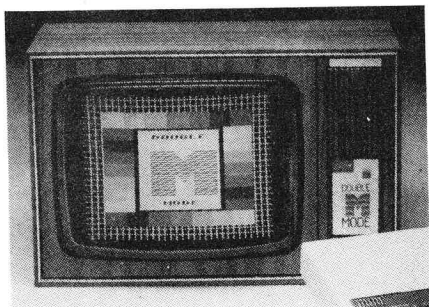
or disc drive unit costs an additional £6.

The next level is insurance against damage or loss of software, caused by hardware failure. This could cost up to £50 normally. Through Oric Club, you get such cover for £17.50 for the computer only, and £12 for a printer or disc drive unit.

All these policies operate throughout the EEC. Further details and proposal forms are available from the club. Be sure and get your equipment insured soon.

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Monitors and books at special Oric Club prices

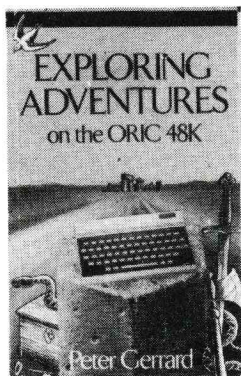


Doublemode Ltd. recycle televisions, turning them into full colour monitors for a very reasonable price. Buying through Oric Club saves a further ten per cent.

The monitors come in three sizes — 20", 22" and 26". They all feature the usual brightness and contrast controls, and have a green screen switch, for business applications. Leads are available for £2.60. All monitors are guaranteed and have a 14 day money back guarantee.

We get many queries about the operating system of the Oric-1. Bob Maunder's *Oric-1 Companion* has the answers to many of them.

It has a summary of Oric BASIC, detailing each command. Then follow sections on screen memory and how programs are stored. After that, there's a complete disassembly of the ROM, a list of BASIC opcodes and a guide to the MCP-40 printer. Usually priced at £6.95, the club price is £5.00.

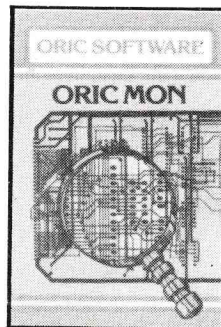
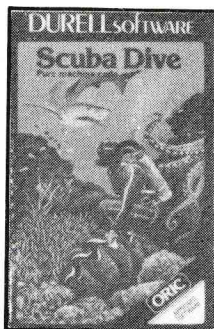


If you are an adventure games fan, *Exploring Adventures on the Oric 48K* is a must. It tells you how to go about writing your own adventures, gives plenty of suggestions and has three complete adventure games listed, for you to play and study.

Using the features of the Oric to good effect is well explained, and there are many hints for adventure game players too. With the normal price at £6.96, the club price of £5.00 is a good saving.

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Our opening software offers come from Durell and Tansoft, and if you're an Oric-1 owner, you'll be certain to find something that appeals.



Flight — a simple flight simulation program in which you have to land your plane safely. Reduced from £4.95 99p

Multigames 2 — a collection of five classic games for your Oric-1, including Sub-strike. Was priced at £6.90 £1.95

Super Advanced Breakout — break down the wall. Choose your skill level too. Suitable for 16K machines. Down from £4.50 £1.95

Galaxy 5 — a collection of five games set in space, from Durell. Suitable for 16K machines, and reduced from £6.95 £2.95

Harrier Attack — a best seller from Durell, even now, and a snip for Oric-1 owners. It has been reduced from £6.95 £2.95

Oric Munch — a fine version of Pacman for the 16K or 48K Oric-1, by Tansoft. Save £4 on the £7.95 retail price £2.95

Scuba Dive — another chart success from Durell. Dive for hidden treasure, with your Oric-1. Reduced from £6.95 £2.95

Starfighter — A space shootout for the 48K Oric-1. Save £4 on the original £6.95 price by buying through the club £2.95

Oric Base — A sophisticated file handling system for the Oric-1, from Tansoft. Originally priced at £14.50 £6.95

Oric Mon — Explore the workings of Machine Code with Tansoft's monitor. It includes an assembler and was £15.00 £6.95

ORDERS

Item	Price	Number	Total
Software —Oric-1			
Flight	99p		
Multigames 2	£ 1.95		
Super Advanced Breakout	£ 1.95		
Galaxy 5	£ 2.95		
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Scuba Dive	£ 2.95		
Starfighter	£ 2.95		
Oric Base	£ 6.95		
Oric Mon	£ 6.95		
Monitors			
Doublemode monitor 20"	£102.95		
Doublemode monitor 22"	£123.95		
Doublemode monitor 26"	£143.95		
Oric Lead	£ 2.60		
Books			
The Oric-1 Companion	£ 5.00		
Exploring Adventures on the Oric 48K	£ 5.00		
Carriage (monitor's only)	£ 7.00		
TOTAL			

Complete the order form and send it to

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