COLOUR GENIE

AUCKLAND DISTRICT USER GROUP
NEWSHEET

Perhaps there is no better opening comment for this first of which I trust will only be the forerunner of many newsheets to Colour Genie users, than 'thank you'. A 'thank you' first of all to Olwen Williams, who perhaps took the initiative, and most certainly the time to contact all of us who were present at the informal gathering at All Saints Church on Monday the 6th February.

A merit of thanks must also go to us all for attending, for if this were not the case then interest in the formation of a Colour Genie User Group would unquestionable have been that much more difficult to generate the second time around.

Thanks also are extended to those who made available the hardware and unreservedly allowed a host of strangers free access.

No doubt I have, or at least will omit someone or something. However, as one of the 'volunteer' steering committee members, I put pen to paper not for the purpose of recording "minutes" of the meeting, but more practically at this stage to distribute to you all the contact names and address's of which everyone so kindly supplied. In this regard at least, we can feel a little more confident in the knowledge that we are not alone with our problems. Problems it appears that everyone seem to possess, and which were evident during open discussion.

As a beginer to computing, I welcomed the opportunity to join with you in the discussions, and being concious of being a 'beginer', I was to some degree hesitant and reserved.

It was mentioned on several occassions that the formation of a user group, or club, of Colour Genie owners and/or users is too much of an opportunity to let slip by without making a good attempt at establishing a functional information centre benificial to all members.

The support (and perhaps patience) of us all will most certainly be needed during it's early formation.

The coffee break was a welcome interlude, with interest centered on the two operating machines. Some were fortunate to obtain a print-out of a program listing from the "Seikosha GP-250 X" printer generously supplied for the evening by Barry Pinkney, manager of Goto Systems.

To those who were not so fortunate, you will find a copy with this newsheet. Some will now have two copies. Give one away to another Colour Genie user.

The program, entitled *** ECHO MEMORY GAME *** is by courtesy of Mr. A.K.McGill who has edited the original listing and adapted it for the C.G.

Interest was also generated by the Amber screen monitor and although ignorant of it's technical capabilities, I can tell you that the brand is 'Pacesetter' for which the Auckland (possibly for all N.Z.) distributor is :- Pacesetter Peripherals.   The units can be obtained from 'Computor Wharehouse Ltd' in either amber or green screens, is of high resolution and operates on 19 Mhz bandwidth. Current retail price is $340.00.   But who knows -- as a user group we may be able to negotiate discount.

NOTE: Barry Pinkney has already offered to discount all purchases from his company, provided you identify yourself as a member of "Colour Genie User Group".

You may also like to know that the donations collected on the night amounted to $24.04, and expended as follows:-

Church Donation $15.00

Coffee/Tea/Milk/Biscuits $ 4.00

The remainder (and plus) will perhaps be devoured in the use of postage.

Your steering committee members are:-

Miss Olwen Williams Ph.761-954
Mrs Nola Huggins   Ph.655-718
Mr   Ernie Roots   Ph.444-9669
Mr   Ken Hynds   Ph.416-7404

At a sub-committee meetinmg held on Monday the 13th February, and in the absence of a formal agenda, the following points were raised which as a prospective member you may wish to file away as useless information, or discuss or have clarified at the next 'User Group' meeting.

a/   To date 33 names (25 as per attached list) have been recorded as having shown interest in the formation of a 'group'.   -- This includes families, so the head count will be slightly higher.

b/   Formally open reciprocal exchanges of Newsletters, technical information etc, with the Christchurch user group, which is at the moment at the same stage of developement as ourselves.

c/   To subscribe to the COLOUR GENIE magazine (England). -- There were pro's and con's relative to this topic.

d/ BUDGET DISCUSSION....   This perhaps received
the greatest of consideration, and could well be thrown open
for clarification.   However, a Membership joining fee of
$15.00 per head (families to be classed as one head) has
tentatively been set as the commencement fee for this
calendar year. This fee reduceable to $10.00 for student or
country members.

It is felt that this should cover most of the
known operating costs.

In directing your thoughts on this matter please
take into consideration -- Hall hire, Stationary, Postage,
and even those cups of tea and coffee.

It was also felt that a nominal fee of this nature
would in all probability, be re-couped through
 the free exchange or copying of member designed program
listing. (print-outs or tapes).

e/ Support has been offered from a leading
Colour Genie distributor.

Finally it would give direction to the formation of
this 'user group', if individually we were to give an
indication as to what (as a member) we expect to receive.

For example:
                              # Technical information
                              # Free exchange of programes
                              # Practical workshops
                              # Games
                              # help in overcomming programe
                                problems.
                              # How to interface
                              # A user guide to purchase.
                              # Build a library of reference
                                material.
Most certainly the sub-committee will need your support
and/or suggestions. So please bring yourself, your thoughts
and any other interested owner/user to the next meeting
which will be held at:

                    ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL
                    5 th MARCH 1984
                    7.30 pm.

                              Happy computing.....

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100 DIM A(10),C(30)
110 CLS:PRINT@90,"* ECHO MEMORY GAME *"
115 U=0:NO=0
120 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"A SERIES OF LIGHTS WILL BE FLASHED."
130 PRINT"YOU MUST REPEAT THE LIGHTS IN THE PROPERORDER"
140 PRINT"THEN THE COMPUTER WILL TELL YOU THE     CORRECT SEQUENCE."
150 FOR K=1 TO 9:READ A(K):NEXT K
160 DATA 566,576,586,446,456,466,326,336,346
170 INPUT"HOW MANY ROUNDS WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY";R
180 FOR R1=1 TO R:CLS:MI=0:PRINT"ROUND NO.";R1
185 INPUT"WHAT DIFFICULTY LEVEL -1 TO 100 (1 IS     THE HARDEST)";D
190 INPUT "HOW MANY LIGHTS - MAXIMUM 30'  ";NU
200 IF NU<1 OR NU>30 THEN 190
210 NO=NO+NU
220 CLS:FOR Q=1 TO 9:PRINT@A(Q)-41,Q;:NEXT Q
230 PRINT@0,"HERE  IS THE SEQUENCE...!";:FOR Z=1 TO 500:NEXT Z
240 FOR K=1 TO NU:H=RND(9)
245 GOSUB 700
250 C(K)=H:PRINT@A(H),CHR$(202);:GOSUB 450:COLOUR4:PRINT@A(H)," ";
260 FOR TD=1 TO D:NEXT TD
270 NEXT K
280 PRINT@840,"NOW ENTER THE NUMBERS IN SEQUENCE"
290 FOR X=1 TO NU
300 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="" THEN 300 ELSE W=VAL(A$)
305 H=W:GOSUB 700
310 PRINT@A(W),CHR$(202);:GOSUB 530:COLOUR 4:PRINT@A(W)," ";
320 IF W<>C(X) THEN 330 ELSE NEXT X:GOTO 420
330 PRINT@840,":::::::    ***** WRONG! *****   ::::::    ";:FOR Z=1 TO 500:NEXT Z:PRI
NT@840,"                                         "
340 PRINT@840,"THE CORRECT SEQUENCE WAS            :";
345 GOSUB 700
350 FOR K=1 TO NU
360 PRINT@A(C(K)),CHR$(202);:GOSUB  610:COLOUR 4:PRINT@A(C(K))," ";
370 FOR TD=1 TO D:NEXT TD
380 NEXT K:NEXT R1
390 CLS:PRINT"YOU GOT ";U;" OUT OF";R1-1;" SEQUENCES RIGHT!"
400 PRINT"FOR A COMPOSITE SCORE OF ";U*NO;" POINTS"
405 INPUT "WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY AGAIN(Y/N)";X$
408 IF X$="Y" THEN RESTORE:GOTO  110
410 END
420 PRINT@840,"          +++ ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! +++         "
430 FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT X
440 U=U+1:INPUT "PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE";A$:NEXT R1:GOTO 390
450 N=H
460 O=4
470 IF N=8 THEN O=5:N=1
480 IF N=9 THEN O=5:N=2
490 PLAY (1,O,N,15)
500 FOR P=1 TO 100:NEXT P
510 PLAY(1,O,N,0)
520 RETURN
530 N=W
540 O=4
550 IF N=8 THEN O=5:N=1
560 IF N=9 THEN O=5:N=2
570 PLAY(1,O,N,15)
580 FOR P=1 TO 100:NEXT P
590 PLAY(1,O,N,0)
600 RETURN
610 N=C(K)
620 O=4
630 IF N=8 THEN O=5:N=1
640 IF N=9 THEN O=5:N=2
650 PLAY(1,O,N,15)
660 FOR P=1 TO 100:NEXT
670 PLAY(1,O,N,0)
680 RETURN
700 IF H=1 THEN COLOUR1
710 IF H=2 THEN COLOUR2
720 IF H=3 THEN COLOUR 3
730 IF H=4 THEN COLOUR 4
740 IF H=5 THEN COLOUR 5
750 IF H=6 THEN COLOUR 6
760 IF H=7 THEN COLOUR 7
770 IF H=8 THEN COLOUR1
780 IF H=9 THEN COLOUR2
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