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Bonzo's Scrapyard

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BONZO SUPER MEDDLER, BONZO BLITZ AND HACKPACK — TAPE TO DISC + DISC TO DISC BACKUPS

The Scrapyard needs YOUR input

I need any information that you think may be of use or interest to readers concerning tape to disc or disc to disc transfers — if the news doesn't come in then the news doesn't go out, so share what you know and make the cats happy

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HELLO AND WELCOME . . .

. . . to this, the first outing of this Idiot?, thanks a lot Martin, into compiling the Bonzo Scrapyard newsletter. (Mind you, idiot, is probably one of the nicer things we have called one another over the past couple of years.)

Firstly I should like to thank Martin for all the time and effort he has put in running the Scrapyard over the past couple of years, and wish him every success with his future endeavours, now that he has moved to another computer. BT should also thank him for the excess profit we have given them over that period. It is a sad day when the CPC users community loses yet another member to one of the megabit computers.

I had thought that Martin had Amigrated, what a lovely expression, but I was wrong, he has been Daktaried instead, now that sounds more terminal. I am sure that if any of you know anyone that has an Atari, and would like a contact in this field, then I am sure Martin would like to hear from them. (No I am not getting into the usual bout of rubbishing any of the other computers people may have bought, and think that they are the best innovation since sliced bread. They have all in their own way introduced and served people into the usage of computers. May they all carry on and bring in new generations.)

Martin informs me that he has some of the Fun School programs, which he is willing to donate free of charge, other than postage, to a school or similar body that is using the CPC for their educational needs. If anyone knows of such a body, then please contact Martin at 11 Dulverton Square, Cottingley, Leeds, Yorkshire, LS11 0LL.

The news on the Bonzo tape to disc transfers is a little slow at the moment, so take note of the cover, and please if you have any information then send it to me. I do know that certain people have tape games that are not on the Bonzo Database yet. For my address see the back page under the heading The Bonzo Scrapyard Team. For the following news I would like to thank Peter Curgenvin, Jonathan Broomhead, Dave Muggeridge and the excellent Alex Cochrane, who as usual, has sent in one of his brilliant "Busts". What would we do without his contributions.

NOW FOR THE LATEST TRANSFER NEWS !!!

The following unfortunately have been reported as NO GOs, so look for the disc version instead if there is one.

STUN RUNNER (Tengen); CONTINENTAL CIRCUS (Tronix); WACKY RACES (HiTEC); SKULL & CROSSBONES (Hit Squad), unless of course you know better

BSM TRANSFERS:

Bonzo Option 1:

- AA Cover Tape 42-All files except Fantasy World Dizzy
- AA Cover Tape 45-All files
- AA Cover Tape 46-All files
- TENPIN CHALLENGE (Atlantis)

Option 4:

A.M.C. and AFTER THE WAR (listed as a NO GO) both from UBI Softs Ultimate Collection

Option 8:

FANTASY WORLD DIZZY (AA Cover Tape 42-see above)

BLITZ TRANSFERS:

COSMIC SHOCK ABSORBER (Martech)-BLITZNU

NOW FOR ALEX COCHRANE'S BIG BUST(S)

Going back to the style of the old Bonzo Bulletins this one should be called the Pamela Anderson, in deference to Colin Harris, who now resides in Canada. For the uninitiated, Pamela Anderson, of Baywatch fame was born in Canada.

CYBERNOID II TAPE 36

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10 'CYBERNOID II AA/HEWSON TRANSFER ROUTINE
20 '(c) ALEX COCHRANE 1994
30 'WORKS WITH ORIGINAL RELEASE ALSO
40 'HI LEE
50 GOSUB 120
60 INK 0,0:BORDER 0:INK 1,26:MODE 2
70 PRINT SPACE$(34);"CYBERNOID II":PRINT SPACE$(33);
  "*****"
80 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"Insert TAPE No.36 into player":
  PRINT:PRINT"Then insert disc
into drive"
90 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"Press any key when ready....."
100 WHILE INKEY$="":WEND:MODE 0
101 !TAPE:LOAD"!":!DISC:CALL &BE80
110 STOP
120 cs=0:RESTORE 150
130 FOR a=&BE80 TO &BEFF:READ b:b=VAL("&"&b$):POKE a,b:
  cs=cs+b:NEXT
140 IF cs<>12633 THEN PRINT"data error":END ELSE RETURN
150 DATA 21,00,C0,11,00,40,3E,16
160 DATA CD,A1,BC,06,03,21,F6,BE
170 DATA CD,8C,BC,3E,02,21,00,C0
180 DATA 11,00,40,CD,98,BC,CD,8F
190 DATA BC,21,00,01,11,00,40,3E
200 DATA 16,CD,A1,BC,21,00,41,11
210 DATA 00,5F,3E,16,CD,A1,BC,06
220 DATA 06,21,F9,BE,CD,8C,BC,3E
230 DATA 02,21,00,01,11,00,9F,CD
240 DATA 98,BC,CD,8F,BC,21,00,C0
250 DATA 11,00,1F,3E,16,CD,A1,BC
260 DATA 3E,31,32,FE,BE,06,06,21
270 DATA F9,BE,CD,8C,BC,3E,02,21
280 DATA 00,C0,11,00,1F,CD,98,BC
290 DATA CD,8F,BC,CD,00,00,70,69
300 DATA 63,63,79,62,65,72,30,C9
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CYBERNOID II LOADER/CHEAT

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10 'CYBERNOID II AA LOADER v1.1
20 '(c) ALEX COCHRANE 1994
30 INK 0,0:BORDER 0:MODE 2:INK 1,26:GOSUB 190
40 PRINT SPACE$(34);"CYBERNOID II":PRINT SPACE$(33);
  "=====
41 PRINT:INPUT"Would you like infinite lives (Y/N):";a$:
  a$=UPPER$(a$)
42 IF a$="Y" THEN POKE &A6,0:GOTO 80
50 PRINT:PRINT:INPUT"Would you like 255 lives (Y/N):";a$:
  a$=UPPER$(a$)
60 IF a$="Y" THEN POKE &A1,&FF
70 IF a$<>"N" THEN 50 ELSE PRINT"How many (normal 4):";:
  INPUT a:POKE &A1,a
80 INPUT"Are you loading from tape or disc (T/D)";a$:
  a$=UPPER$(a$)
90 IF a$="T" THEN 110
100 IF a$<>"D" THEN 80 ELSE GOTO 150
110 PRINT"Insert tape. Rewound to start":
  PRINT"Then Press play"
120 PRINT"Please Press any key":WHILE INKEY$="":WEND
130 !TAPE:LOAD"game.bas",&A000:POKE &A083,&C3:
  POKE &A084,&87:POKE &A085,0
140 CALL &A000
150 MODE 0:BORDER 0
160 RESTORE 170:FOR i=0 TO 15:READ a:INK i,a:NEXT
170 DATA 0,26,3,13,0,18,1,10,15,6,6,9,24,19,2,20
180 LOAD"pic":CALL &60
190 cs=0:RESTORE 220
200 FOR a=&60 TO &B2:READ b:b=VAL("&"&b$):POKE a,b:
  cs=cs+b:NEXT
210 IF cs<>7698 THEN PRINT"Data error":END ELSE RETURN
220 DATA 06,06,21,AD,00,CD,77,BC
230 DATA 21,00,01,CD,83,BC,CD,7A
240 DATA BC,3E,31,32,B2,00,06,06
250 DATA 21,AD,00,CD,77,BC,21,00
260 DATA C0,CD,83,BC,CD,7A,BC,F3
270 DATA 21,00,C0,11,00,A0,01,00
280 DATA 1F,ED,B0,21,00,C0,11,01
290 DATA C0,01,FF,3F,36,00,ED,B0
300 DATA 3E,04,32,2A,01,3E,35,32
310 DATA 6B,2B,C3,00,01,63,79,62
320 DATA 65,72,30
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NIGEL HEARS FROM CANADA

Nigel Mells has let me know that he has recently had a letter from Colin Harris. As some of you that have been in touch with Nigel may know, he has been quite concerned as he had nothing from Colin for some months. It seems that Nigel now has quite a long missive from Canada, and although I have not had the details, it would appear that Colin is well. So I would like to take this opportunity to wish Colin and his family, including Simon, all the best for the future, and may they keep in touch, through Nigel.

NEWS FROM GOLDMARK

Brian Barton at Goldmark Systems, the other major source of tape to disc transfer programs over the past few years, informs me that he is no longer able to offer his services, as far as multiload program tape to disc transfers are concerned. Although Brian is now concentrating on PCW and PC formats, he still has various CPC related items for sale. For a complete list of what is on offer send a SSAE to the address on the back page, you never know he may have just the item you are looking for.

MICROFORM EXITS CPC SOFTWARE

I recently wrote to John Craven, no not at Blue Peter, of Microform, who still has his fax number advertised in Amstrad Action each month. I was enquiring as to whether he was still selling the Bonzo programs and the ancillary hardware that he used to advertise, ABBA switches, RAMROM, side switches, etc, that were made by Microstyle. He replied that he now only does 3.5 inch drives, and that the majority of his output was now PCW orientated. He did tell me that his brother, that old renegade, Phil, still had stocks of CPC items, but is there anyone brave enough to send to Phil for anything anymore? Unfortunately Phil still owns the present copyright of all the Bonzo programs, so anyone wishing to get hold of a copy of these

will have to search through the sales columns of the various CPC related 'zines, or try any of the small family concerns that are selling second-hand CPC items. A couple I have had excellent service from are listed on the back page.

BONZO DATABASE REVISED

Those of you that have recently had a copy of the Bonzo Tape to Disc Database printout from Nigel will have undoubtedly noticed that the number of transfers achieved are less than on previous copies. Nigel has recently reorganized the list, deleting any duplicate copies of the same transfer method for the same game that was listed under a slightly different name. All game titles that begin with the the word "The" have now been revised so that the word appears in parenthesis, (The), after the main game name, i.e. The Eidolon now becomes Eidolon (The). I have noticed a couple that have slipped through, and hopefully when the transfers listed in this newsletter are added, the other anomalies will be dealt with. If you have not got a current copy of the list then send Nigel a SSAE, plus it would be a nice gesture to include something for his coffee fund, at least he tells me that it is coffee he partakes of, except from the duty free shops

BANKRAID FROM BONZO SCRAPYARD

As older readers will already know, during the life of the old Bonzo Bulletins, as edited by Colin Harris and "Simon", there was a suite of tape to disc programs devised by Neil MacDougall, called Bankraid. There were two versions, version 2 for the 464 (64K), and version 3 for expanded 464 and 6128 (128K), these operated in much the same way as the Bonzo programs. Well Neil left the CPC scene, and donated the distribution rights, Neil of course still holds the copyright, of the programs to Bonzo Scrapyard and the now deceased Amstrad Contact. Please note that these programs are NOT Public Domain and are only available through Bonzo Scrapyard. So if any members would like a copy of the programs, if they send me a 3" or 3.5" disc, I

will gladly put a copy of the program on for them, please let me know which version you require.

DISC TO DISC BACKUPS?

I have had a couple of enquiries as to whether the Scrapyard should also include information on what programs to use to make a "WORKING COPY" BACK-UP of disc based software. I know this is getting into an area that seems to raise the hackles of programmers and software houses, and also current legislation. I for one think, especially after a bad experience of corrupting a disc, that the customer should either be supplied, with the original disc, a working copy, or the means by which we should be allowed to create a working copy for our own use only. At present I know of only one software manufacturer that does supply a back-up copy with his program, he being Peter Brunning of Brunning Software. If anyone wants to let me know which copiers they find works on any disc games then I shall endeavour to start a database from that information. I think we would need to know the game title and software house that issued it and the name and version number of the copier involved.

AMSTRAD ACTION STILL LIVES

Amstrad Action still seems to be struggling on at the moment, although the publication dates seem pretty erratic. The last few issues have given two issues in one month and none the following month, which makes it a bit of a pain having to keep making a special effort to visit my local W H Smith store. I have heard that the content is now going towards the more serious items, only to be expected as the games scene has dried up, with a couple of small concerns making all the running. I do believe that we should support Future Publishing in their effort to keep the magazine alive, as if AA folds will the small club 'zines decide to call it a day also?

THE GENERAL WAFFLE BIT

I have included a couple of addresses on the back page from where I have obtained various bits of CPC items. Both gave me a very quick turn round on my orders. They are Soft Options and Merline's CPC Services. Both places have various second-hand software and hardware for sale at very reasonable prices, and I am sure that you may find that they have that odd item that you may have been looking for. I would think that if you have any CPC related items that you might no longer need, then they may be in the market to make you an offer on it.

(If you do get in touch with Angela Cook at Merline, a piece of advice, have a nice comfortable chair handy, a tray of sandwiches and a 24 pack (only joking Angela, he says).)

I have just received the latest issue of 8 Bit Mart from Brian Watson, and the accompanying letter stated that it was to be the last issue. Time for a mild attack, he thinks. But the good news is that Brian is only going to change the name to 8 Bit. This is being done to reflect the future content of the magazine. He is still going to include the readers advertisements, but is hoping that there will be more editorial content in the future. If you have not yet sent for a copy, then why not try it today.

Please Note

Utilities mentioned in this newsletter, are to be used solely by the owner of the original software, to effect a working back-up for their personal use only.

They should not be used for piracy of commercial software, and this usage is not condoned by the compilers of this newsletter.

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8 BIT - (formerly 8 BIT MART) *The* magazine for second-hand sales and wants and general articles for any of the 8-Bit computers, contains many addresses for major sources of software items and for ancillary items for printers etc. A4 format - Bi-monthly. Price £1.00 or send 4 first class stamps per issue, the price also allows you a free lineage advert of up to 50 words.

Editor - Brian Watson, Harrowden, 39 High Street, Sutton-in-the-Isle, Ely, Cambs., CB6 2RA

CPC User - The magazine of the United Amstrad User Group (UAUG). Articles, letters and some games reviews, much of the content is of the more serious side of the Amstrad. They also have their own PD disc and tape libraries, as well as a book library, also has a list of suppliers offering discounts to members, all of which are available to members only. Also has a list of contacts offering help with CPC related queries. A5 format - Bi-monthly. Price (for membership of UAUG, includes the magazine) £8.00 (UK), £11 Europe, 15.25 (Overseas).
Chairman - Tony Baker, 26 Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants., PO16 7JY.

WACCI - The monthly magazine of WACCI-The Worldwide Amstrad CPC Users Club. Articles, letters and reviews, majority of articles are of a serious nature. They also have PD disc and book libraries, plus a Homegrown disc library, plus a list of suppliers offering discounts to members. There is also a list of members offering help on various computer related subjects, and a 'Market Stall' section for sales and wants. A4 format - Monthly. Price £1.50 per issue.

Editor - Paul Dwerryhouse, 7 Brunswood Green, Hawarden, Deeside, Clwyd, CH5 3JA.

Amstrad Action - Still just about available, it seems, although now greatly reduced in size. The magazine seems to be heading in a more serious vein nowadays. A4 format - Price £2.95, available from your local bookseller, supposedly the last Thursday of the month.

WHERE TO GO NOW !!!

Goldmark Systems - For 8-bit printer port (included in printer lead), Page Printer (for Micro Design and 24 pin printer), Goldmark's own tape-to-disc programs, and Nirvana (disc or ROM) the disc utility program. Other CPC, PCW and PC programs available, check for availability.

Contact - Brian Barton, Goldmark Systems, 3 Oakdale, Welwyn Garden City, Herts., AL8 7QW.

Merline's CPC Service/KAD - For second-hand software and hardware, books and accessories for the CPC, and many of the other 8-bit computers. 'King Arthurs' Domain' PD library has now been reorganized and has a large selection available. The CPC Service is run by Angela Cook and the PD library by 'King' Arthur Cook. They are now the outlet for the 'Radical Software' programs.

Contact - Angela/Arthur Cook, Brympton Cottage, Brunswick Road, Worthing, Sussex, BN11 3NQ.

Soft Options - For a variety of second-hand computer software and hardware for most 8-bit computers, books, and even music - CD and cassette bargains.

Contact - Ed and Art, Soft Options, 151 Balsusney Road, Kirkaldy, Fife, KY2 5LH.

THE BONZO'S SCRAPYARD TEAM

Bonzo's Scrapyard - The occasional newsletter from yours truly! Any information you think may be of use for inclusion, tape-to-disc, and disc-to-disc back-ups, then please, please, send it to me. The tape-to-disc transfer programs *Bankraid II* and *III* are available exclusively through Bonzo's Scrapyard. A4 format - *hopefully* quarterly. Price a SSAE plus an extra first class stamp.

Contact - Dave Caleno, Bonzo's Scrapyard, 29 Chapter Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent, ME2 3PX. If necessary I can be contacted by phone between 8.30 pm-10.30 pm most evenings - (01634) 724262.

Bonzo Database Print-outs - If you haven't already got the latest version of this database of the tape-to-disc transfers - *then why not?* - Nigel has just reorganized the database, deleting entries for the same game, same transfer option, that were included under slightly different names.

Contact - Nigel Mells, Shendale, 51 Avondale Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3HP.

Please note when contacting any of the above, please send a large SSAE if you want a reply