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COMING ATTRACTIONS....

Lode Runner...

Buck Rodgers...

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Look for these and many more in December

810 Happy Drive Enhancement

As many of you know the 810 Happy Drive system is one of the most exciting modifications you can make on the Atari disk drive system. This unit will allow you to make a backup copy of any disk by simply pushing a two buttons. Further it can increase the read write speed of the 810 9 fold. The unit does require some installation but no soldering. If we have members who want to get the happy drive enhancement I will order them for you at \$210.00. This price includes the enhancement kit, (list \$249.00) and the compactor program (list \$49.95) and is only available on a one shot basis. If your interested give me a call before Nov. 30, 1983 to order. Note this item is not in stock and I will be special ordering them for us as a group and I must know which version of the 810 disk drive you are using. I am asking you to let me know by a Nov. 30, so we can get everyone there drive quickly

Club Changes

Over the last month we have surveyed several changes with over 10 % of our members. The results of these discussions are as follows

Rather than publish a new catalog in January (which most of you felt would be partially outdated within a month or two) we will be sending you a new price list and increasing the size of the news letter to approximately 8 pages each issue. Hopefully in this way we will be able to get you more news faster. Comments and suggestions welcome.

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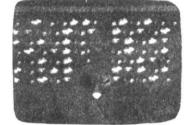
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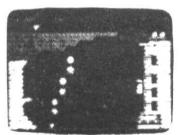
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ZOMBIES

disk or cassette/48k list price 34.95 /standard discounts apply This game offers a little of everything to everyone. A dungeon/sorcery motif in an action game. Zombies uses both one and two player modes to offer you a chance to love your Atari and still be social, two levels of difficulty, seven different dungeons, and a total of 74 different screens. The play is fairly frantic as you explore the inner rooms of the dungeons looking for the seven stolen crowns of the middle kingdoms. The action will remind you of Shamus as you fight off legions of zombies. snakes, spiders and evil orbs. What do you use to do all this fighting you ask. Why. magic spells you pick up on the way of course! Using these spells requires the dexterity of a concert planish of course so don't plan on mastering this one in less than a month or LWC-

The graphics are sharp and the sound is well done. All in all a decent game for all ages.

AF:X

Mangaroo Disk only Club price/\$22.46

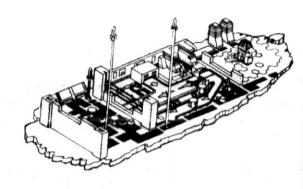
This one is not of the same quality as some of the Atari Mainline products but at 22.46 list from AFX it should not be overlooked as a good low cost way to bring home a cute, fun arcade game. Kangroo is probably best suited for your younger children but you might find it quite enjoyable once and a while to.

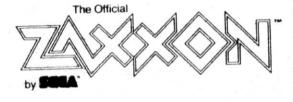
a correction....

In the last news letter I said that I didn't think

Zaxxon was worth \$29.95
and that Nite Raiders at 22.46
was a better deal. Well there are several way to remedy situation. The best way is to have a sale. Zaxxon on disk will be selling at 22.95 for through the end of November. So for all you guy who want the real thing here is your chance.

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This is a tough game evaluate. My problem is the fact that the game does not have any great technical feature yet I can't get away from the people on our order desk long enough to play with it. The opening screen is a simulation of the NORAD computer screen. You can see a map of the U.S. with our missile bases marked clearly. you must quickly locate incoming missiles fired by ? the Russians ?, move your cursor to cover them, and be transported to a S.A.M. sight directly under the incoming missile. Of course you must shoot the S.A.M. down before reaches our bases. problem comes when you try to shoot down a fast moving missile with a slow reacting sight. Its tough!! almost too tough but the people here are addicted and seem to be getting better at it. Again this is not a great game form a graphics point of view but it one that you get better at as you play and one you will have trouble putting down once you start playing.

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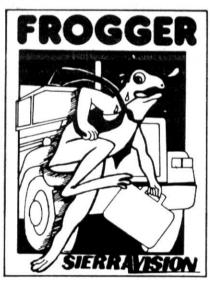
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your galaxy and you,
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FROGGER

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SPINNAKER SOFTWARE

Programs should be available on ROM before Holidays. SPINNAKER is a company organized publish to educational entertaining software for use in the home. Their products are a unique contribution in an area which sadly neglected. has been Most home software today is entertaining (arcade and adventure) without providing the learning value important to parents. The majority of programs are educational geared toward classroom-style drill and practice and are often boring to use. Spinnaker's products are learning games that entertain as well as educate.

Spinnaker uses five guidelines when developing their software. 1) They should be fun and easy to use. 2) They high-resolution color graphics, animation, and sound. 3) They provide exercise and development of specific skills ie. math or general capabilities ie. solving. 4) problem Incorporate competition between one child and another or against the computer. 5) They create a stimulating, unrestricted environment in which a child can explore their creativity.

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The Snooper Troops Mysteries are a series of educational games for players ages 10 to adult. A Snooper Troop detective has the tough job of solving an IMPORTANT CRIME. To find out who did it and why, a Snooper Trooper drives around town. questions suspects and witnesses, searches dark houses, and talks to a secret agent. The detective must get ALL THE FACTS straight in order to clear the innocent people and find the guilty one. A Snooper Troop detective will learn the following also

1) Writing and Recording-keeping Even the detective will youngest quickly discover that writing can be a useful tool. Without being told to do so, they will soon find themselves copying down phone numbers, recording details of appointments, and writing down the text of When it comes to clues. solving a mystery neatness and accuracy really do count.

things:

- Drganizing and Reasoning, Faced with many possible avenues a Snooper Trooper must decide what to do first where to go. A detective might ask," Should I take the time to get the facts from Snooper Troop Headquarters now or drive right over to the suspect's house? " It is also important to keep track of appointments and get to those places on the right days. For example, on Tuesday a detective might have to be at a phone booth for a secret call to Mr. X and on Wednesday be at Fisheye McBean's house for an interview. It's all in a day's work.
- The town in 3) Mapmaking. which each mystery takes place is a 25 block area, but only a small portion of the town is visible on the screen at any one time. Without being told to do so, Snooper Trooper detectable create a mapping system of their own design in order to get around. After all a detective driving around the edge of town might suddenly need to get back to Snoop Headquarters in a hurry. It would just be to easy to get lost without a good map. 4) Vocabulary Building. Same people in the town have important information that will help solve the mystery.

but these people won't talk unless the questions are put to them in just the right way. A Snooper Trooper must search for the correct words (synonyms or related words) in order to cover vital clues. A detective needs to do some sharp thinking to get to the bottom of things.

12ØØLX OWNERS READ THIS

We have heard rumors several sources that Atari has perfected program which will allow your 1200's to run just like an 800. This program is just now becoming avaliable on disk with the cassette version to follow shortly. If you have been having problems running non Atari software I would suggest you give the Atari hot line a call and ask for help. I can't promise what the result will be but two of our members were promised this 'emulator' program when they called Atari and it sounds like a good way out of a tough situation to us. The number is

1-800-538-8543

FACEMAKER LIST 35.95 CLUB 26.21 DISK

Facemaker is an educational program presented as a game. Children (ages 4 to 10) can make a variety of faces and Eyes can be animate them. made to wink, ears wiggle, and lips move in any order the The computer child likes. will even play a memory game the children. The computer will animate the face have created with particular order of winks and wiggles and the children have to press the keys necessary to produce the exact same pattern.

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- 2) Keyboard familiarity. To animate a face children must use the keyboard to communicate to the computer instead of joysticks or game paddles. Keyboard familiarity is an important aspect of computer literacy that children begin learning with this program.
- Visual sequential memory. This refers to the to remember the order in which objects were seen. A strong visual seguential memory helps children remember the order in which letters appear in words. Many people use visual sequential memory to help them in spelling. They "see" the word they are trying to spell in their mind's eye. In the Facemaker game children have to remember the number of times and order in which eyes wink, ears wiggle, and so forth.
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age level 3-8
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BATTLING BUGS

CONCENTRATION
format: D/C
ages: 9 TO 12
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You can learn positive and negative numbers in Battling Bugs. On the battle field, a column of red bugs and a column of black bugs march toward each other. When they meet each pair of colliding bugs disappear. The remaining bugs continue to march forward. You must then add a column of bugs to combat the survivors.

The game continues until a column of bugs reaches the goal bar, or until all the bugs are destroyed. By correctly choosing new sets of bugs each time they collide, it will always be possible to eliminate all the bugs and get a perfect score.

CONCENTRATION teaches equivalent fractions and strenghtens visual memory. In CONCENTRATION, there are 20 fractions behind lettered covers. They are either pictures or symbols. You must try to uncover pairs of equivalent fractions. object of the game is to make matches. When you uncover any pair of pictures, you will be asked if they are equal. More points are scored for matches made earlier in the game than those made latter. BATTL ING BUGS

CONCENTRATION come with reusable game cards that reinforce the math concepts learned in playing the games.

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three separate programs that use vocabulary, logic problem solving to produce almost unlimited game possibilites. Each program contains 170 words and definitions plus 30 to 40 quotations. When the program is run the computer produces a unique puzzle to be solved. The player first tries guess four vocabulary words. Spaces for vocabulary words appear at the top of the screen with their definitions. Each blank represents unknown letter. Below is a rectangle which contains the unrevealed quote. The player must determine the words that fit the definitions. These can typed in any order and without reference numbers. computer will automatically match up the word to the definition. If the guess is correct the program will put the words in the proper spaces. The user can guess the quotation at any time, but the game ends when the user guesses the quotation. In order for the quote to be judged correct it must have correct punctuation. To get

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Pole Position

All the magazines have already reviewed it so let me just say its just as good as you've been told. The only problem is learning to use a joystick to replace a steering wheel. It will take you a few qualifying laps to get use to this but after that, look out'

MICROGRAPHIC IMAGE

Spelunker disk only/48k list price \$39.95

When you first loads program you will think of the synapse game Pharpah's Curse. The graphics are very similar. which is not bad when you think of the quality of Synapse graphics. But from there on in the game has a real personality of its own. Your job is to explore a vast cavern (30 screens of game area). As you move into the cavern you will prepare vourself to face bats ghosts and all kinds of physical traps that most be overcome. Traps can be as simple as a large crack to jump over or as difficult as... no why spoil it. If your into the exploring the great underworld SFELUNKER is a real fun way to do it.





Mrs Fac Man

A good translation from coin op to home computer should have a couple of things. First it should include all of the important features of the game in the coin op version. Second it should start at a slightly easier level (the object is for you to enjoy the game not take your money ASAF). Third it would be great if the game had all of the nice little (intermissions sound effects) of the orig. Pac Man yame. Mr s. is a good translation on all counts. This is the arcade game without quarters.

Before You Buy....Read This

As some of you know we recently tested the Rana Disk Drive. We had nothing but problems with the unit we received.

Froblem 1. the unit would not load some Synapse suftware.

Froblem 2. the unit would not function as a second drive to an 810

Problem 3, the unit is delivered as a single density single sided drive. In order to get the double density the ads promise you must send the unit back to rana at some point in the furture for a new chip to be put in the main circuit board.

Froblem 4, there is no DOS provided so you must buy a copy of Atari DOS 2.0. The Rana double density DOS is not yet available and will list for \$49.00 when it is available.

Suggestion: You might want to check to see if some have these problems have been licked before you invest in a Rana drive.

SIRIUS

Capture The Flag

disk only/ 48k List price \$39.95/Standard discounts apply

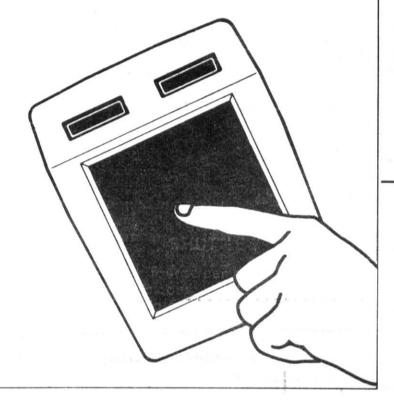
If I wanted to impress my friends with the graphics ability of the Atari this would be one of the programs I would use. About a year ago Sirius introduced a game called Wayout which required you to work your way through a maze viewed from ground level. The 3-D graphics knocked people on their circuit boards. CAFTURE THE FLAG is the sequel to Wayout. The game is now a one or two player game (Wayout is one player only) competitive game. The game starts each player off at opposite sides of the maze then the fun starts. One player has as their object simply crossing maze and getting out the other side. The second player is trying to intercept him and prevent him from making it across. If this sounds simple you just haven't seen this game in action. Feople watching the game have actually become overwhelmed with motion sickness watching players fly through this amazing 3-D maze. If you have a strong stomach or just want to amaze your friends CAPTURE THE FLAG will be the right title for you.

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employees per data diskette and with a second disk drive and unlimited number of employees. Miles generates 4 reports including W-2 forms, time cards, IRA forms, workers comp. period, month, year to date, group insurance, and standard deductions. It also prints checks, mail, and time card labels. The only laborious part is finding all the state and federal information and that no fault of Miles!

BRODERBUND

ARCADE MACHINE
Disk only/ \$59.95 list price
Standard discounts apply

For those of us who aspire to be game programmers Broderbund has some good news. Arcade Machine is a well documented and fairly well implemented development program. Some of features to this kev program are: 1. even a non programmer can use this tool with very little pain for those of us exercise, 2. ideas in yame who need some programming (especially arcade type) you can get some neat ideas from the tutorial programs and documentation. To you interested in contests Broderbund is offering a \$1500 prize to those who enter their program and should be good enough to win.

The machine is a collection of graphic utilities, which when combined 111 one package simplify the art of game entry programming. Initial into the program starts with a simple Galaxian type demo screen. The next thing you will do after destroying the alien creatures will be to press return and go into the main menu. The main menu has eight (8) sub-programs that allow you to transfer back and forth between whatever editor you are in. to another editor. or the program that you are working on.

The one editor, or sub-program, that impressed me the most was the background/title creator.

The editor allows you to do many of the same graphics manipulations as many of the stand alone graphics utilities by other companies. You will find many neat things that you can do. including being able to extend a line from one point to another on a trial basis. This feature is very nice because you and I both have probably been frestrated by trying to draw a straight line and have found ourselves with a staircase instead of a line. When one considers the other neat features. such as ability to draw round circles. triangles straight legs, rectangles. The Band mode, trial line mode, also allows for trial shapes, you will admit that the Arcade Machine is the MEAN MACHINE.

The other editors are also impressive and I could rave on and on, but I think if you would like to be a arcade programmer you will like the program. Another plus for the program is that once you have finished developing a new game you can create a stand alone program to give to your friends, or perhaps sell it to Broderbund.

Enough for raving, now for the bad news. You may be able to develop five levels of play and multiply the score by each level; the only limitation is you can only have one screen per level ie. no horizontal or vertical scrolling. You can also develop some sophisticated software, but you will not be able to do a basic list, big deal!! You can create colored screens in four colors but you can change the colors only in the game mode.

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SYN TEXT ? SYN CALC ? SYN FILE ? MS PAC MAN ?

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At time I am writing this column we are holding over 150 orders for POLE POSITION, MS PAC MAN. SYN FILE, SYN CALC, AND SYN TEXT. A little history might help in understanding the problem. In early July the programs POLE POSITION AND MS PAC MAN were introduced to retailers from all over the northeast part of the country. We were promised that the product would be shipped on 8/31/83 at the latest. By Mid September the date had been changed to the end September and by the end of September one of our members reported that he was told by and Atari marketing V.P. that the product would be shipped by October 14, at the latest. It is now October 25, 1983 and to date no product has been received for any retailers in the northeast. I am assured that the product has been shipped but after well over 40 phone calls in the last 3 months and a number of missed shipping dates I thought it best to fill you in on what has been happening. I can only hope that Atari will keep this latest promise and that the programs are on route. By now you must be asking

yourself why the Synapse Business Programs are up on the top of this column. KUDOS....

had his first program. published by AFX. Ted worked on the Eastern Front Rom from Atari with Chris Crawford's new Scenario Editor to develop Front Eastern 1942. Scenario 1943, 1944, listing for 17.95 club discounts apply of course, this program will always be in stock at as to the CompuClub. NOW program itself Ted has recreated the three years of conflict between the Germans and the Russians that follow Chris Crawford's original program. The 1942 scenario centers around the battle for stalingrad. In 1943

Ted Farmer has just

battle for stalingrad. In 1943 the tank battle of the Kursk Operation becomes the center of your stragitic life. Finally in 1944 you must handle the retreat of the Germans before the Russian counterattack. different scenario require differing strategies so the learning goes on and on...

Please note these programs are for the expert and can only be used with the Eastern Front Rom cartridge from Atari.

Eastern Front Scenarios 1942,43,44 requires Eastern Front Cart club price \$13.96

ARCADE MACHINE Continued

One also needs to be careful to make certain that after about fifteen or twenty cycles the target character does not disappear off the screen. By this I mean if you did not check to see if the path of the alien character returns to the start point of the path, it may wander off the screen before completeing the path. All of the drawbacks that I have recognized are minor and can be overcome with just a little ingenuity.

A little tidbit of interest is that when you boot up Arcade Machine, press return, press key 6, press key 1. and then follow the prompts and turn the disk over. When the sample game menu appears then select "Cromagnon P. I.".

Well, good luck with Arcade Machine I am sure you will enjoy it.

Well the latest rumor out of the west coast is that Atari has bought the exclusive rights to market the SYNAPSE APPS software packages. I can only hope this does not lead to an additional delay of several months in the release of these much needed business programs.