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DEC '80



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Hello again, here we are, December already, and the festive season is almost upon us. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As promised last month, we have a surprise package for you, written by Michael Bauer. It is called "Alpha Display", and it will let you do some pretty amazing things with your DREAM. Before you do anything else, we want you to key the following program in:-

Firstly, load Alpha Display program, (0080-0100, 0200-0300), then,

0300	160E	1B1B	22D7	0C11	1B01	1C1D	160A	1CD7
0310	FF99	8099	800A	170D	FF11	0A19	1922	D7FF
0320	1799	0E99	2099	FF22	990E	990A	991B	99EF
0330	E6CC	CFCF	CFF2	8677	6666	66F4	6666	66F4
0340	6666	66F4	6666	6666	D766	FC66	F8C4	66F4
0350	66F4	66F4	66F2	66F2	66E0	D766	66F8	6666
0360	F866	F466	F466	F266	F266	E0D7	66FC	66F4
0370	66F4	6666	66F4	66F8	66EF	E688	771D	110E
0380	D799	8017	271C	2720	F406	0800	00D7	CCCC
0390	CC1E	1C0E	1B1C	D7CC	CC10	1B00	1E19	F499
03A0	8099	8024	C427	C466	80C4	6680	C466	C480
03B0	6627	2727	2727	CCCC	6624	2424	2424	9999
03C0	9999	9980	9980	99FF	FFFF	C166	6666	6666
03D0	80FF	FFFF	C166	C466	F466	FAEE	E777	0A17
03E0	0DD9	1627	1327	0BOA	1EOE	1B27	9999	8499
03F0	8099	8099	8099	8099	8099	8099	8099	80BB

How about that, pretty impressive, isn't it? We are sure that you will be able to find lots of uses, but if you can't, here is a suggestion. Set your DREAM up near the Christmas tree, and have it flashing a message from your family to your friends and relations. Never again will you be stuck for words when your wife says "Doesn't that THING you built do anything useful?"

I know we said that this issue would be a little different, but somehow it just seemed to grow and grow, as we kept finding things to put in it, so that we still ended up with eight games, two utility programs, (in machine language), an article on programming, ideas, solutions to problems, and even an article from Graeme on using CHIPOS. Some of the games are similar, as we made this "Space games month", but we think you will enjoy them all, and we hope that the "Lotto Random Number Selector" will find some 'lucky ones' for you.

We haven't had a lot of feedback this month, but there are a few items we want to talk about.

Firstly, it helps us a lot if you send your order in early in the month, as it gives us an idea of how many copies to have printed. (It will help us even more if you subscribe, so don't forget, 6 issues for \$15-00, saves you -50c + postage each month.)

Free newsletters for programs published. We are now using a voucher system. For each program we publish, we will send you TWO vouchers. (If it is a really good program, and set out well, you might even get THREE.) You will then be able to use these vouchers as payment for newsletters when you order them. PLEASE DO NOT send us a program for consideration and say in the letter, "here is a program, use it to pay for the next two newsletters" as we may have already accepted a similar program, and be waiting for a chance to use it. Let us make the decision, believe me, it will be a lot easier all round, and, rest assured, we will use it if we can, as we STILL NEED LOTS MORE PROGRAMS.

Could you also ensure that all cheques, Postal orders etc., are made out to N.S.W. 6800 USERS GROUP, not one of us personally.

If you originally ordered a newsletter in your own name, but now share one with a friend, we don't mind, but we would appreciate it if you could make life easier for us by:-

1) Drop us a line and let us know you now share one with someone else, so we can cross you off our mailing list, and,

2) Have the same person order it each month, don't alternate, as we get confused trying to work out which month you have ordered. (Perhaps you could pay half a six month subscription each.)

Have fun over Christmas playing with the new games, and don't forget our subscription offer, 6 issues for \$15-00, the January issue will be going out the first week of the new year. Speaking of the next issue, it is going to be so good, I'm getting excited just sitting here thinking about it. Here's a sneak preview:-

We will have,

-4 new games, Lunar Lander, Nim, Arrow Golf, and Bio Plot, (a Bio-Rhythm calculator.)

-A review of the latest creation from Michael Bauer, the creator of the DREAM. It is called DREAM INVADERS, and will be available from the DREAMWARE organisation. STOP PRESS: We have been INVADED. It is here already. See DREAMWARE advertisement in this issue!!! Full review next month.

-A review of the J.R.Components Expansion Board kit, and an article from Garry on how he built his, from the amateur builder's viewpoint.

-An article on how to uprate your old 1 Amp Power Supply to power the expansion board.


-An EDITOR program

-How to use CHIPOS, Part 3.

-Plus the usual IDEAS, SOLUTIONS, ADVERTISING, etc., and anything else we can find that we think you would be interested in.

HAPPY DREAMING,

Garry Nelson and Graeme Samways,

N.S.W. 6800 USERS GROUP,


COMPETITION

Don't forget our competition, which closes on the 15th February, 1981. The best games program we receive for publication which uses the Joystick controller, will win a six issue subscription, valued at \$15-00.

The rules are simple. The program must be original, your own work and be controlled by the Joystick, so go to it, the winner will be announced in the March issue.

ERRATTA

THE SNAKE. We have had a couple of complaints that the 'chime' did not work for a score over 100. We must confess that neither Graeme or I have been able to get a score this high yet, so we don't know whether it works or not. If there is an error in the program, perhaps someone who has sorted it out could drop us a line and let us know.

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STOP PRESS : See Graeme's article "The Snake by the Tail" for the solution.

TIC-TAC-TOE. Apparatly the printing was a bit light on some newsletters, for which we apologise. The only address which seems to have given any trouble is 034A, which is 3E00, not 3F00.

ADVERTISING

Mr G. Cornwell, of [REDACTED] is "thoroughly obsessed" with the 6802 and its workings and applications, but does not know of any other 6800 users. He would like to correspond with other members of the group, to swap notes, and expand his horizons by talking to other people with similar interests and needs. If you are in a similar situation, why not drop him a line, or, if you live somewhere near, his telephone number is [REDACTED]

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FRED LEVER, Snr, of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has had "heaps of experience" repairing DREAM's and getting them to run. If any members of the group are having difficulty building or debugging their DREAM, he would be happy to talk to them on the phone AFTER WORKING HOURS on Sydney [REDACTED]

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WANTED : DREAM 6800. I literally destroyed my last DREAM 6802. (At a rough guess I think I internally haemorrhaged 18 of the I.C.'s one way or another.) Case, keyboard, or Power Supply not required. Must be working, will pay any reasonable price. Write to B. SKEHAN, [REDACTED]

RADIO AMATEURS

Here is the first listing, unfortunately not as many as we thought. Come on fellers, don't be shy. Send us your particulars and we will add you to the next list, in the March 1981 issue.

John ABBOTT	VK6ZHV	1830	Repeater Ch.4
Mark BEVELANDER	VK3BQE		8p.m.Mon, Fri, Sat.
Nic CHANTLER	VK4ANC	3.545Mhz	+QRM Wed.nights 8.p.m.(NSW time)
Bryan CORKRAN	VK3YBD VK3VLD	3.6 Mhz	+QRM 9.30p.m.Summerime,Mon.
P.D. FRITH	VK7PF	3578Khz	Sunday 2000 local
Terry MACKRELL	ZL2BEM	14,200	+QRM 0800 GMT.
Keith WARD	VK2NOI/YFW	146.000Mhz	8.30 a.m.

(None of that makes much sense to me, so I hope you all understand it. If I have done something wrong, let me know, and I will fix it next time. - Garry.)

ADVERTISING

If you would like some help, can offer some help, have something to sell, or would like to buy something, send it in to us with a fee of \$1-00, and we will print it in two newsletters. THIS OFFER ONLY APPLIES TO PRIVATE ADVERTISERS, and we would ask you to keep them reasonably short. (Something like the ones above.) Commercial enterprises who wish to advertise in the newsletter are invited to contact us for details of rates etc.

"THE SNAKE" BY THE TAIL

Many people have asked us how to slow down "The Snake" (November issue).

After some intense last minute amusement, I found how to regulate the speed at which it runs.

First you change:

0360 from 8F00 to 8E00
0364 from 80F0 to 80E0

then change,

0374 from 00EE to 10F0 for LOW speed
 10F4 for MEDIUM speed
 and leave as 00EE for HIGH speed

HAPPY HUNTING!!!

ALSO, SNAKES CAN TALK.

The 'chime' in "The Snake" is only heard fully for scores over 400, partly for scores between 100 and 400, and not at all for scores less than 100.

If you want to sneak a 'listen', load "The Snake", then change 0200 to 13D2.

Graeme.

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PLEASE NOTE : I will be building up one of the kits advertised above over the next week or two, and will be writing an article for the January newsletter on how to build the expansion board, from the beginners point of view. (If I can build it, so can you.)

Garry.

ALPHA DISPLAY

Memory requirements:
0080 -- 0400 incl. buffer.
0080 -- 0300 program only.

by M.J. Bauer

This program allows the user to create, store and then display repetitively, text messages (up to 256 characters). It has uses for advertising displays, "electronic greeting cards" (to other DREAM owners), party games, etc.

Several control codes allow special effects, e.g. WAIT (0 - 5 sec.), ERASE screen, INVERT video, DRAW cursor block, REPEAT message; as well as UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT cursor movement, and simple editing facilities.

To operate the program, execute from C000, as usual with CHIP-8. Then press key (1) to create a new message. Later, you will use key (0) to replay the message; so it's (1) to 'RECORD', (0) to 'PLAYBACK'. Having entered CREATE mode, you then proceed to enter 2-digit character-codes, just like the 'T.V. Typewriter' routine described in E.A., except you have the following additional CONTROL CODES:-

8X = WAIT (.3 to 5 seconds, as per X)
99 = INVERT entire screen.
AA = USER-written function (option)
BB = REPEAT entire message, ad inf.
66 = DRAW cursor block
77 = ERASE entire screen
CX = MOVE LEFT (X dot positions)
DX = MOVE DOWN (X dot pos'ns)
EX = MOVE UP (" " ")
FX = MOVE RIGHT (" ")

Note that all recordings should end with a 'BB'. During recording, a long BLEEP from the speaker indicates that there is only room left in the buffer for 15 characters/codes. To save the data buffer for future playback, simply dump to cassette the memory contents from 0300 to 0400.

It is possible to make corrections to a message even after creating and dumping to tape. Just follow the steps below:

1. Load the program and data from tape (if not already in memory);
2. Run the program in playback mode; (FN)(3)(0)
3. Wait until the error shows up, then quickly hit (RESET);
4. Examine the 'buffer pointer', VC (=003C) using memod;
5. Logical 'OR' this value with 0300, giving 03XX = approx address of error;
6. Use MEMOD at 03XX (approx) to patch the mistake(s).

Some interesting special effects can be obtained. To draw people's attention to the screen, for example, alternate a few WAITs and INVERTs, or simply string a few INVERTs together. To highlight a word or phrase, first create a white background by stringing several DRAW-CURSOR codes (66) together, then position the real cursor on top of the window thus created, at the left end, and proceed to write characters in the window. They will come up inverted (black) of course. This general technique may be used to selectively erase words, characters and even windows, to produce a variety of flashing, changing, highlighting and disappearing tricks!

ALPHA DISPLAY Data for characters (don't enter 'BB's)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0080	F6	CE	B7	DA	E9	2E	F4	92	B7	5A	F2	4B	B7	FA	B6	DE
0090	F6	DE	93	DE	5E	DE	BB	DE	05	46	49	2E	F6	DA	56	DA
00A0	BF	DA	B5	5A	4B	DA	F1	1E	00	24	2A	22	BB	AB	40	00
00B0	0B	A0	03	80	15	50	11	10	41	00	1C	70	41	9E	5D	74
00C0	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB
00D0	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB
00E0	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB
00F0	F8	A8	A8	A8	A8	50	F0	F0	F0	F0	F0	F0	F0	F0	F0	F0

ALPHA DISPLAY Program segment

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0200 F9 0A 6C 00 6A 01 6B 01 49 00 12 2E 22 AE F0 0A
0210 02 A5 81 00 F0 0A 81 01 A3 00 FC 1E 7C 01 80 10
0220 F0 55 3C F0 12 2A 65 80 F5 18 22 AE 12 38 A3 00
0230 FC 1E 7C 01 F0 65 81 00 62 C0 81 22 31 00 12 60
0240 40 16 12 50 40 20 12 54 02 94 DA B5 7A 04 12 08
0250 A0 F0 12 56 A0 F1 DA B5 7A 06 12 08 00 00 00 00
0260 82 00 63 0F 64 F0 B2 42 42 60 12 BB 42 70 00 E0
0270 42 80 12 C0 42 90 02 D4 42 A0 12 E8 42 B0 12 E0
0280 B0 32 42 C0 BA 05 42 D0 BB 04 42 E0 BB 05 42 F0
0290 8A 04 12 08 96 30 81 0F 22 03 7E C1 93 80 10 CE
02A0 00 7E 7E C1 98 96 30 48 48 48 48 97 30 39 7B FF
02B0 A0 F6 DA B7 78 01 00 EE 22 AE 7A 04 12 08 00 00
02C0 39 00 12 08 B0 32 02 A5 B0 34 F0 15 F0 07 30 00
02D0 12 CC 12 08 CE 01 00 63 00 08 8C 02 00 26 F8 39
02E0 00 E0 69 00 12 02 40 A0 12 EA 7C FE 49 00
      12 FC 60 80 A3 00 FC 1E F0 55 12 E0 69 01 12 08
  
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'DREAM INVADERS'!

This exciting action game, written by Michael J. Bauer, is a must for all owners of a DREAM-6800. Level of difficulty increases as the game progresses, so it suits everyone from beginner to seasoned Space Invaders fans.
(Note: 2K RAM required.)

DREAMWARE

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Belmont VIC. 3216**



Cassette plus instructions:
\$10. (incl. post; allow
2 - 3 weeks delivery.)
Program listing (6800 mach.
code) also available:
\$5 extra.



DREAMWARE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

From time to time, I hope to take a little space in the 'NSW 6800 User Group' newsletter to answer some of the more common queries concerning the DREAM project. I will continue, however, to answer individual queries, if time permits, but please send a stamped S.A.E. if you hope to receive a personal reply. In either case, you should write to:-

DREAMWARE Information
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Belmont VIC 3216

It has become apparent from the letters we have received that many people are confused by the letters X, Y, N & M, which appear in the CHIPOS instruction set, and this has stopped them attempting to write their own programs. A typical enquiry is "How do you enter DXYN to display something when X, Y & N are not on the keyboard? Does this mean you need an ASCII keyboard?", so I have written this supplement to explain why they are there, and what to do with them.

GENERALISATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

Firstly in the CHIPOS instructions table, generalisations have been used to replace the Hex digits which you have to select yourself.

Going down the table we first encounter MMM after a 0, 1, 2, A, or B. MMM is a generalisation for any location from 0000 to 0FFF in memory. It may be a GOTO location or an index location. i.e., 0200, 0080, 02FE, 0CCC, etc.

So, you work out the location you want and replace each M thus -
If you want 039C for a GOTO instruction,

I.E. 1MMM

You use 139C

or, if you want the index to point to a location,

Point to 0F02

I.E. AMMM

You use AF02

You can think of M as standing for memory, or memory location.

We next encounter X in 3XKK. X is a generalisation for any HEX VARIABLE, 0 to F. Also in this instruction we encounter KK. This is a generalisation for any HEX CONSTANT, 00 to FF.

Say we want to skip an instruction if Variable C = 32.

We need 3 X KK

We use 3 C 32

or, if we want to skip an instruction if Variable 1 ≠ F6

We need 4 X KK

We use 4 1 F6

We can think of X as a variable as in algebra, and K as being a constant. (Usually denoted C or K.)

We next see Y. This is just a second Hex variable and is only used when X has already been used in an instruction. At any stage X can = Y but this is entirely pointless in most cases, except 8XY4, which when used as 8XX4 doubles the value of X. (i.e., $X = X + X$) This is an extremely useful result.

Or, DXYN, used as DXXN, you can display now only on the diagonal going from the top left hand corner to the bottom centre, and never in the right hand half of the screen.

You can also use 5XY0 and this when used as 5XX0 will always skip next instruction. This can be done by GOTO instructions.

The final generalisation is the N in the display instructions. I.E. DXYN. This says display N Bytes (8 dots) at the location specified by X across from left (0 to 3F) and Y down from top (0 to 1F) The display pattern is always 8 dots across and N dots down. (If 0 is used for N, i.e. 0 Bytes high, a 16(dec)Byte high pattern is displayed.) More on this later.

Some of you practical mathematicians may wonder how X can equal $X + Y$. Well, in all computing, whether it be DREAM, Basic, Fortran etc, the equals sign does not mean both sides have the same value, but that the Left Hand side will have the same value (be equal to) the Right Hand side after that particular operation. So we see that it should read, the value of X AFTER the operation will equal the value of X plus the value of Y BEFORE the operation, etc.

Graeme V. Samways.

UFO INVADER

(0200 - 0400)

P. CARSON.

A UFO appears at the top of the screen and moves from left to right. Each move across the screen it drops two positions closer to your base. You are equipped with a laser to shoot and stop the UFO invading base position. You must also avoid UFO rockets which are fired at random. The UFO is out of the range of your laser on the first run across the screen. Each time you hit the UFO its starting position is two positions closer to base, until it moves down to the last quarter of the screen, where it will remain. The horizontal position is selected randomly.

(4) Key C LEFT (6) Key E RIGHT
 [023c] (F) [0242]
 Key 7 FIRE LASER
 [0248]

If laser and UFO rockets collide they will destroy each other.
 At the end of the game, press any key to start again.

0200	2346	3E3C	120C	3E00	1210	1202	2218	1202
0210	2214	1206	7EFF	121A	7E01	4E3C	7D02	4E00
0220	7D02	A36A	DED3	3F00	12C6	3106	3501	123C
0230	6106	A373	83E0	8BD0	7B04	D3B3	6604	E6A1
0240	6404	6604	E6A1	6406	6604	E6A1	640D	A36D
0250	DC73	4C04	125A	4404	7CFF	4C34	1262	4406
0260	7C01	DC73	3F00	1312	C50B	3106	128A	A373
0270	D3B3	D3B3	3F00	12FE	D3B3	7B02	D3B3	3B1E
0280	128A	D3B3	6100	D3B1	D3B1	320D	12A4	A370
0290	D083	78FD	D083	3801	12B6	D083	6200	D081
02A0	D081	12B6	340D	12B6	6202	F218	620D	A370
02B0	80C0	6819	D083	6400	A36A	DED3	3D1A	00EE
02C0	7D02	DED3	1324	A370	D083	3106	12D2	A373
02D0	D3B3	A36A	DED3	A363	7DFE	7EFE	DED7	F218
02E0	DED7	FD18	7905	CE3A	3A16	7A02	8DA0	6140
02F0	F115	F107	3100	12F2	6100	6200	00EE	D3B3
0300	A370	D083	6200	A35E	D085	F118	D085	6100
0310	12B6	A36D	DC73	A373	D3B3	77FD	A376	DC76
0320	F118	00E0	6A40	FA18	6A18	A380	F933	F265
0330	6B10	F029	DAB5	7A04	F129	DAB5	7A04	F229
0340	DAB5	FA0A	00E0	6100	6200	6400	671C	6900
0350	6A00	6C1A	6D00	6E00	A36D	DC73	00EE	2214
0360	0014	2281	4200	0000	4281	60F0	6008	1C3E
0370	0808	0820	2020	0841	2200	4100	0000	0000
0380								
0390	4A10	DC74	4A10	DC76	4A30	DC78	4A40	1324

03A0	7A10	6107	F118	22F0	00E0	1390		

R. FAINT,

In the first edition of the newsletter, there was a program for a game of "LIFE". I wish to present an expanded version, which, as the title suggests, is played on a larger universe, and runs more quickly. This is due to the fact that the generations are computed by a machine language routine, which will run much faster than an interpretive one. I had previously written a CHIPOS program that took approximately 1 minute per generation on the same sized grid, as opposed to $\frac{1}{2}$ second per generation for this one.

For those readers who may not have heard of the rules for the game of life previously, allow me to recap.

1. A cell is born if 3 cells are adjacent to an empty one.
2. A cell lives if 2 or 3 cells are adjacent, and dies otherwise.
3. All events occur simultaneously.

The starting pattern is fed in by controlling a cursor, which can be moved by the following keys:-

- 1) Move UP 9
- 4) Move LEFT 4
- 6) Move RIGHT 6
- 9) Move DOWN 1

To draw a dot key 5 moves the cursor in the direction last moved and leaves its previous position live. To kill an incorrect entry, show the cursor at that position, hit key 5, and the offending block will be removed.

When the desired pattern has been entered hit key 3. ??? will be shown. If you want a count of the generations, hit key C. If not, any other. The program will now start generating. If you wish to edit the pattern after some generations hit the E key and you will return to the cursor mode.

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0080 6900 6A00 6B1B A094 DAB5 7A04 DAB5 7A04
0090 DAB5 00EE E020 6040 4080 7901 20AA 6840
00A0 78FF 3800 10A0 10B2 00EE A0C8 F933 A0C8
00B0 F265 6A00 6B1B F029 DAB5 7A04 F129 DAB5
00C0 7A04 F229 DAB5 00EE 0000 0000 6A20 6B10
00D0 6D06 A099 DAB1 F00A 4C05 10E0 8DC0 DAB1
00E0 4D01 7BFF 4D04 7AFF 4D06 7A01 4D09 7BFF
00F0 4D03 1202 DAB1 10D6 0000 0000 0000 0000

0200 10CC 2080 F00A 2080 6E0E EEA1 1200 0227
0210 4C0C 209A 120A 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
      +++ MACHINE LANGUAGE +++
0220 0000 0000 0000 00CE 0308 FF02 20CE 00FF
0230 08BD 025C 8C01 F726 F7CE 0108 FF02 20CE
0240 0308 A600 08FF 0222 FE02 20A7 0008 8C01
0250 F826 0139 FF02 20FE 0222 20E6 7F02 24C6
0260 80BD 0272 B602 244C 8108 2601 39B7 0224
0270 20EF 7F02 26BD 028F C101 26F9 B602 26FF
0280 0222 FE02 20A7 0008 FF02 20FE 0222 397F
0290 0225 C101 2608 BD02 D208 C680 2004 BD02
02A0 D254 BD02 D954 C100 2706 BD02 D258 2009
02B0 08C6 80BD 02D2 C601 09B6 0225 8103 270A
02C0 8102 2701 39E5 0826 0139 B602 261B B702
02D0 2639 E508 2703 7C02 25E5 0027 037C 0225
02E0 E510 2703 7C02 2539 0000 0000 0000 0000
0300 ----- Used by machine language program ----0400

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SPACE BATTLE

(0200 - 0400)

ARTHUR HAND,

You have three fighter ships with a mission to destroy the enemy fleet of 25 ships. You have unlimited firepower but can only fire one rocket at a time, which is launched randomly from one of your two rocket launchers. Press "F" to launch rockets.

Beware of enemy rockets coming out of hyper - space. You may dodge them by moving your ship. Press "U" to go UP, and "D" to go DOWN, or intercept them with one of your rockets. Be warned! Enemy rockets can space warp from the bottom of the screen to the top, and vice versa.

You score four points for each enemy ship hit. Your score is displayed when either your ships or the enemy ships are all destroyed.

0200	A39C	6038	6107	D01F	A3AC	6117	D011	6400
0210	6503	6C00	6D00	6E00	A3B0	6001	610E	D014
0220	6F0F	EF9E	1236	6E01	6205	8310	CF01	3F01
0230	7303	A3AE	D231	0000	0000	A3B0	6A00	EA9E
0240	124A	4100	1260	6BFF	1256	6A00	EA9E	1260
0250	411C	1260	6B01	D014	81B4	D014	4F01	1300
0260	3E01	1278	A3AE	D231	323F	1270	6E00	1278
0270	7201	D231	4F01	132C	4DFF	1284	7D01	12DE
0280	0000	0000	4C01	12A6	0000	6C01	C707	7702
0290	C807	780B	C907	7915	6620	0000	0000	A3AE
02A0	D671	D681	D691	A3AE	D671	D681	D691	0000
02B0	76FF	23BA	87A4	D671	4F01	12E8	0000	88A4
02C0	D681	4F01	12E6	0000	89A4	D691	4F01	12E4
02D0	3600	12DE	D671	D681	D691	6D00	6C00	3E01
02E0	1220	123A	D691	D681	D671	0000	6A05	8A65
02F0	3F01	12FA	A3B0	D014	130C	D231	1348	0000
0300	00B0	D014	A3AE	D671	D681	D691	6C00	6D00
0310	A3B4	D015	238A	D015	3E01	1322	A3AE	D231
0320	6E00	75FF	4500	135C	2390	1218	6A20	8A25
0330	4F01	133E	6E00	7404	3464	1278	135C	A3AE
0340	D231	D671	D681	D691	6E00	6C00	6D00	A3B4
0350	D235	238A	D235	1220	0000	0000	236E	3464
0360	136A	238A	236E	2390	135C	238A	136C	A3D4
0370	F433	F265	661A	6704	F029	D675	7604	F129
0380	D675	7604	F229	D675	00EE	6F32	FF18	00EE
0390	6A32	FA15	FA07	3A00	1394	00EE	2800	5400
03A0	2A00	1500	2A00	1500	2A00	5400	2800	8000
03B0	B0E0	E0B0	50A8	50A8	5000	6A00	CB03	4B01
03C0	00EE	4B02	13D0	4B03	13CC	00EE	6AFF	00EE
03D0	6A01	00EE	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000

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R. FAINT,

An interesting little program, this one. A "ball" bounces around inside a frame. To make things more interesting we can draw in barriers, tunnels, deadend alleys etc. To control the cursor, use the following keys:-

- 1) Move UP
- 4) Move LEFT
- 6) Move RIGHT
- 9) Move DOWN

Hitting the (D)raw key causes the cursor to draw a line using the keys above. The (E)scape key allows an exit from the draw mode to reposition the cursor. To make the ball bounce, hit the (B) key. While the ball is bouncing holding the (E) key will bring you back to the cursor so you can move the ball, or draw more barriers.

0200	2220	2230	2254	4D0B	1212	4D0D	1216	2268
0210	1204	22D0	1204	22A0	1204	8000	0000	0000
0220	6A20	6B10	6D00	A21A	DAB1	00EE	0000	0000
0230	0000	6000	6100	D011	611E	D011	7001	303F
0240	1234	6101	6000	D011	603E	D011	7101	311E
0250	1244	00EE	EDA1	00EE	7D01	3D10	1254	6D00
0260	1254	0000	0000	0000	DAB1	4D01	1280	4D04
0270	1288	4D06	1290	4D09	1298	DAB1	1380	00EE
0280	7BFF	4B00	7B01	127A	7AFF	4A00	7A01	127A
0290	7A01	4A3E	7AFF	127A	7B01	4B1E	7BFF	127A
02A0	22B8	2254	4D0E	12B0	226A	4F01	DAB1	12A2
02B0	22B8	00EE	0000	0080	600D	F029	6102	6218
02C0	D125	A21A	00EE	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
02D0	6D00	600E	E0A1	00EE	DAB1	22E8	DAB1	3F01
02E0	12E4	2310	238A	12D2	80D0	80D4	80D4	80D4
02F0	80D4	80D4	B2F6	7A01	7BFF	130C	7AFF	7BFF
0300	130C	7AFF	7B01	130C	7A01	7B01	A21A	00EE
0310	6F03	FF18	6F01	0000	2350	4D00	1328	4D02
0320	1328	6301	64FF	132C	63FF	6401	4100	1338
0330	4200	133C	7D02	133E	8D34	133E	8D44	4DFF
0340	6D03	4D04	6D00	4D05	6D01	00EE	0000	0000
0350	6200	7BFF	2370	7B02	2370	8120	7BFF	6200
0360	7AFF	2370	7A02	2370	7AFF	00EE	0000	0000
0370	DAB1	82F4	DAB1	00EE	0000	0000	0000	0000
0380	6010	70FF	4000	00EE	1382	6008	1382	0000

MISSILE ATTACK

(0200 - 0300)

P. E. MARSTON

Your spacecraft is under attack, use keys 9 and 1 to evade missiles. To destroy missiles, align your spacecraft with an on-coming missile and fire a shot with key F.

A direct hit will add 25 to your score. (Shown at end of game.) The game ends after you have fired 10 shots, or when your spacecraft is hit.

To make things difficult, you cannot fire unless your spacecraft is stationary, or until your previous shot is out of sight.

To really test your skill, change 0223 to 02.

0200	6E00	6600	670A	A2D6	6038	610C	D015	A2DB
0210	6200	C31B	4300	1212	4301	1212	4302	1212
0220	D233	6401	A2D6	6C00	6D0Y9	EDA1	6CFF	6D091
0230	EDA1	6C01	D015	81C4	D015	3E01	227C	423A
0240	1260	A2DB	D233	8244	D233	4E01	226A	1224
0250	6E01	A2DE	6837	8910	77FF	D893	6BFF	00EE
0260	4F01	12B2	A2DB	D233	120E	A2DE	D893	88B4
0270	D893	4800	1284	4F01	1292	00EE	6D0F	EDA1
0280	2250	00EE	D893	228A	1224	6E00	4700	12BA
0290	00EE	D893	6508	F518	7619	A2DB	D233	A2E1
02A0	D234	F518	D234	A2E5	D235	F518	D235	228A
02B0	120E	650B	F518	A2D6	D015	A2F0	F633	F265
02C0	6419	6500	F029	D455	7405	F129	D455	7405
02D0	F229	D455	12F8	0F7E	FC7E	0F00	00E0	0000
02E0	8000	5000	5088	0000	0088	0000	0000	0000
02F0	0000	0000	0000	0000	F00A	02FC	7EC0	0001

VIDEO LOTTO RANDOM NUMBER SELECTOR

(0200 - 0300)

J. PANOS,

Keying "A" will automatically select the random lotto numbers. Keying "D" will allow manual selections to be made using the "F" key.

Keying "C" after the twelfth number display will clear the screen and allow continuation of the system of random selections which was previously used, or you may key 0 then A or D, to change the selection system.

P.S. No two identical random numbers will be displayed for each lotto game of six numbers.

0200	00E0	6FOA	6EAA	EFA1	1212	6F0D	6EDE	EF9E
0210	1202	6B00	6A01	A2D0	DAB1	7A02	3A3D	1216
0220	7B0E	3B2A	1214	6A00	6B00	A2D1	DAB1	7B02
0230	3B1E	122A	7A3E	3A7C	1228	6300	6409	6502
0240	6800	6900	6A00	6B00	6C00	6D00	3EDE	1258
0250	C7FF	6F0F	EF9E	1250	C7FF	77FF	7301	4329
0260	6301	3700	125A	9830	1258	9930	1258	9A30
0270	1258	9B30	1258	9C30	1258	7D01	4D01	8830
0280	4D02	8930	4D03	8A30	4D04	8B30	4D05	8C30
0290	A2D2	F333	F265	F129	22CA	F229	22CA	6610
02A0	F618	7406	343F	124C	6409	7506	450E	6510
02B0	4510	1240	351C	124C	6F00	C7FF	EFA1	1200
02C0	6F0C	EF9E	12B8	00E0	1212	D455	7406	00EE
02D0	4080	0000	0000	0000	****	****	****	****

K.A. AYTON VK3YHC/NNV
[REDACTED]

This program enters dots at positions controlled by the user. Lines can be formed with spaces between, or at right angles to each other. Each entry of a dot automatically increments the next dot position right one position. To make a line all you do is keep pushing 5. If a mistake is made simply move dot over original (use key 4) then press 5 to erase. The whole screen may be erased by pushing F.

Key functions are:-

1. UP
4. LEFT
5. ENTER
6. RIGHT
9. DOWN
- F. RESTART

0200	00E0	6800	6900	A227	D891	F00A	4006	1228
0210	4005	122A	4004	123A	4001	1240	4009	1246
0220	400F	1200	1208	0080	D891	7801	4840	7901
0230	4920	6900	4840	7901	1208	D891	78FF	1208
0240	D891	79FF	1208	D891	7901	1208	0000	0000

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SPACE WAR

(0080 - 0400)

K.A. AYTON VK3YHC/NNV
[REDACTED]

This game is played in the same manner as "TANK BATTLE". The "Fire" button has been changed to 5. Push A to restart at the end of the game.

Load Tank Battle, then load the following program on top of it.

HAPPY UFO ZAPPING!!

00E0	F00A	300A	10E0	00E0	1200			
0292	D346							
0296	6005	600F						
0364	10E0							
03D0	1010	387C	6C6C	7C38	1010	1000	0060	703E
03E0	7060	0006	0E7C	0E06	8280	A870	****	****

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HOW TO SUBMIT PROGRAMS

To remain in operation, we need a constant supply of new programs, and articles about the DREAM 6800. If you can write an article on modifications you have made to your DREAM, or the use you are making of it, or if you have written any games or utility programs, we invite you to submit them to us for consideration of inclusion in the newsletter. ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF ARTICLES AND PROGRAMS PRINTED WILL RECEIVE TWO MONTHS NEWSLETTERS FREE OF CHARGE. Along with a listing of the program submitted we will need a tape recording, with at least twenty seconds of High and Low "leader" on it. We need a leader to align our tape heads, and tune the DREAM input port. To do this you first must record 20sec High tone, then 20sec Low tone. The High tone is normal leader and can be recorded normally. To get the low tone, load in the following Machine code program

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0200 8640 Accumulator A = 40
0202 B78012 Store in PIA output port.
0205 20FE Branch back 2 bytes from 0207
0207 0000
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This will produce a continuous Low tone when run 0200, FN, 3. After 20 seconds press RESET to return to normal. Then load your program. We need the electronic copy so we can test the program and verify the listing BEFORE printing, to eliminate program errors and increase the enjoyment of other users.

We will not be able to enter into correspondence, but will print corrections or improvements where necessary.

We will not be dealing in tapes, but if you submit a program, and wish to sell tapes, just state this after your program explanation, and detail your charges etc.

Programs submitted for consideration must be typed on A4 in BLACK and set out in the following format:-

- 1) Program name and memory location.
- 2) Your name and address. (If you do not wish to receive any correspondence from other users, omit your address.)
- 3) The program explanation. (Don't forget key functions)
- 4) Details of cassette cost etc. (If applicable)
- 5) The program listing, typed single space. (If in doubt, have a look at the way the programs in this issue have been typed, and copy the format)

Following the guidelines set out above lets us check out the programs submitted quickly and easily, and saves us a great deal of work if they do not have to be retyped before printing.

That's all there is to it, so send us in your favourites, and don't forget, for each one we use, you get two months newsletters free of charge.

BACK COPIES OF NEWSLETTERS

Copies of all newsletters from No.1, September 1980, are available at a cost of \$4-00 each, from:-

N.S.W. 6800 USERS GROUP,



M. MEE,

This program allows you to check the contents of the memory location you have just altered/viewed. It is especially useful when keying in long programs, as you don't have to exit from MEMOD if you suspect your finger slipped. If checking a CHIPOS program, it is also easier to check two bytes simultaneously if you are at all familiar with the instructions. (FN FN view, FN FN etc.)

The program is fully machine code, and is fully relocatable without modification. To start, simply key in the starting address (0080) and GO. Now key in the address from which you wish to modify/view. Two addresses will appear with their contents; the first simply to look at, the second to either view or modify. Continue as in MEMOD, i.e., FN to increment the address or key in new data.

0080	BDC2	C4BD	C392	9706	BDC3	9097	07DE	0609
0090	DF06	8601	BDC3	B3DE	06BD	C3C8	8622	BDC3
00A0	E0DE	0608	DF06	BDC3	BDDE	06BD	C3C8	BDC2
00B0	C44D	2B05	BDC3	92A7	0020	D7**	****	****

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BLOCK MOVE

(0200 - 0230)

R. SCHMIDT,

This program is in machine code. It enables a block of program to be moved from one memory location to another. It is relocatable without modification.

Use the program as follows:-

Load source start address into 0100 (msb) and 0101 (lsb)
 Load source end address into 0102 (msb) and 0103 (lsb)
 Load destination start address into 0104 (msb) and 0105 (lsb)
 GO from 0200.

0200	FE 0104	LDX \$0104	POINT X AT DESTINATION
0203	FF 0108	STX \$0108	SAVE DEST PTR IN PSEUDO X REG # 2
0206	FE 0100	LDX \$0100	POINT X AT SOURCE
0209	A6 00	LOOP LDAA 0,X	GET BYTE
020B	FF 0106	STX \$0106	SAVE SOURCE PTR IN PSEUDO X REG # 1
020E	FE 0108	LDX \$0108	GET DEST PTR
0211	A7 00	STAA 0,X	STORE BYTE
0213	08	INX	INC DEST PTR
0214	FF 0108	STX \$0108	SAVE DEST PTR
0217	FE 0106	LDX \$0106	GET SOURCE PTR
021A	BC 0102	CPX \$0102	IS IT FINISHED?
021D	27 03	BEQ DONE	YES - STOP
021F	08	INX	NO - INC X AND CONTINUE
0220	20 E7	BRA LOOP	GET NEXT BYTE
0222	7E C360	DONE JMP	FINISHED

0100	msb	lsb	SOURCE START
0102	msb	lsb	SOURCE FINISH
0104	msb	lsb	DESTINATION START
0106	-	-	PSEUDO INDEX REGISTER # 1
0108	-	-	PSEUDO INDEX REGISTER # 2

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CHIPOS PROGRAMS LONGER THAN 4K

R. FAINT,

Because CHIPOS only has 3 byte memory addresses it would seem the language can only be used to write programs that will fit into 4K or less. While this is true, I would like to present a programming method that allows programs of a length dictated only by system memory to be run.

This is accomplished by a technique known as overlaying. This means a program module is loaded (from memory not normally accessible to CHIPOS) to a location where it can be executed. If this description sounds somewhat vague, maybe an example will help to clarify the situation.

Let's say we have an 8K program (0200 - 2200). The first thing to do is write the program as a set of "modules". At this stage don't actually position the routines at specific memory locations. The most used routines and sub-routines are best placed between 0200 - 0BFF. Let's say when we roughed out the program the longest module is 1K. Now we know how much space to reserve for an overlay area. (In this case 0C00 - 0FFF) All the program modules that aren't going to be in 0200 - 0FFF are written to reside in the area 0C00 - 0FFF. It is a good idea to check each of the modules to make sure they run as desired if at all possible. When satisfied these modules are OK, they can be stored in memory above 1000. Keep track of the start and finish addresses of each routine. What we need now is a method of loading and running them as desired. Two short programs are used. A machine language (M/L) sub-routine that shifts them and a CHIPOS program that supplies information to the M/L program so that it "knows" what is to be loaded.

Firstly some locations used.

0002 - 0003	Start address)	Of the module to be loaded.
0004 - 0005	End address + 1.)		

V0 and V1 will be used to store the information in the above location. If the module is to be used more than once during the program the following is best stored as a sub-routine and called as required.

OMMM	A002	Index pointer = 0002
OMMM+2	6010	V0 = Start m.s.b.
OMMM+4	6100	V1 = Start l.s.b.
OMMM+6	F155	Store
OMMM+8	6013	V0 = Finish m.s.b.
OMMM+A	61BC	V1 = Finish l.s.b. + 1
OMMM+C	F155	Store
OMMM+E	00EE	Return (If sub-routine.)

Now for the machine language sub-routine. This is completely relocatable and uses 2 bytes for temporary storage. You supply this upon program entry. (In the listing I have shown it as XXXX.) To change the start of the overlay area replace the underlined 0C00 with the new address.

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CEOC00  FFXXXX  DE02  9C04  2601  39  A600  08  DF02
FEXXXX  A700  08  20E9
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To call the machine language sub-routine from a CHIPOS program, GO 0 (starting address). To run the overlayed program, either GOTO or GOSUB 0C00.

So, there we have it. NO EXCUSES now when you would like to use the reason "sure it could play (insert your favourite game) except the program would be too long to play with any intelligence."

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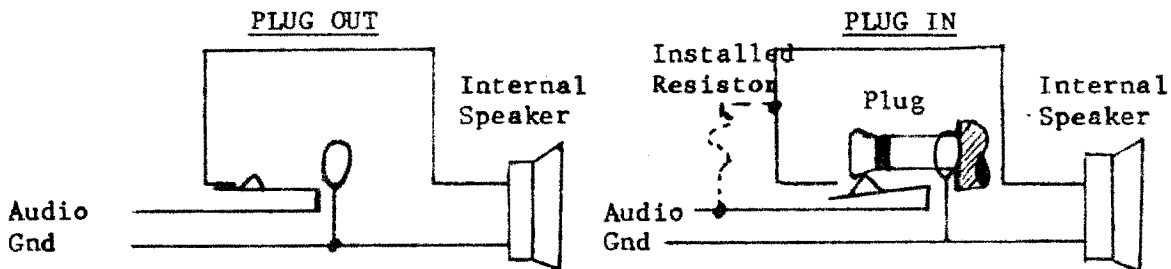
IDEAS

THE SOUND OF THE DUMP

Many people have suggested methods of adding speakers to the cassette player to listen to the tape as it is being dumped into the DREAM.

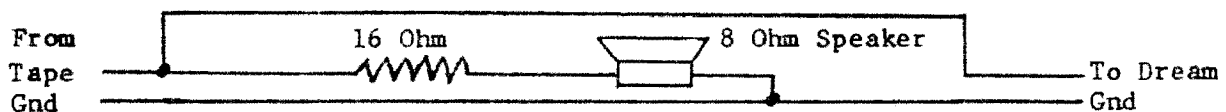
All methods have utilised external speakers etc, but why not use the existing internal speaker? "Well, (you say) every time I put a plug into the external speaker socket it turns off."

This is done so you can use a set of earphones for private listening, and is achieved by a switch in the socket, which is normally closed, and opens when the plug is inserted. What I did was place a resistor (16 ohm) across this switch, so when you have the plug out, you get full volume, and when the plug is in, you get a lower volume. Alternatively, you could short the switch altogether, so you get full volume all the time, but beware, there are three connections to the plug. These are GROUND, (Not wanted), AUDIO, and INTERNAL SPEAKER. They are connected thus:-



You can find the ground by a meter connected to the ring around the front of the plug. The two switched leads will be short circuit (0 ohm) when no plug is in, and 4 ohm or greater when a plug is in. In most cases you will be able to see the internal workings of the socket. If you are not certain, use the resistor, as incorrect wiring here can not cause any damage. Put in the resistor, turn on the tape, and make sure the tape is giving the same volume as before the resistor was put in. If it doesn't, you have the resistor connected at one end to earth. If it gives normal volume, plug in an earphone and make sure the speaker is still operating, but at a lower volume, and that the earplug is also operating.

If you do not want to meddle with your cassette player, you can add an external speaker as such:-



You still cannot hear the tape output from the DREAM to the tape, but you don't need to, you can watch the monitor screen, and when the screen blanks out, the tape is outputting.

Now that you can hear the tape dump why not add a voice leader. I usually use something like this. 'DREAM 6800 program (utility, etc.) Barrier, by G.Samways, Memory location 0100 - 0300, etc.'

This allows you to store the programs one after another on a long tape, (say a C60) because you can easily find them again. (Provided you keep an index of where they are located on the tape.)

Also, on my player, when you are Fast Forwarding or Rewinding, you can hold the play button down so that it will just pick up the tape signal. While the program is running through, a metallic sound is heard, but when the voice leader is encountered, a squeak is heard, so you can count the programs up or down from a known position.

Graeme V. Samways.

SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS

DREAM 6800 DISPLAY FAULT

This fault showed up as filled in areas in the centre of "O"s, "B"s etc, on the bottom of the screen.

An inspection of the DREAM circuit board revealed that Pin 11 of the 4014 Shift Register is left floating. Pin 11 is the unused Serial Input Port. I remembered reading in my CMOS Data Book that CMOS inputs should not be left floating.

The fault was cured by tying Pin 11 of the 4014 to +5 Volts via a 1M Ohm resistor.

See CMOS Data Book AN77, Page 5 - 6, by National Semiconductor.

J. H. Norton,
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TAPE I/O PROBLEMS

What a response! I got flooded with phone calls and S.A.E.s for help to get DREAM's going.

Most problems were about the tape interface. "I can get programs out onto tape, but I can't get them back in", was the standard comment. This tallies with the DREAMs I have received for service or repair.

The procedure I have developed as a matter of course is:-

a) Check MODEM frequency and adjust resistor to Pin 6, IC24 for 1200/2400 Hz levels. (Typically 8.2K)

b) If Tape In is sensitive to input level fit resistor to D input of IC21, (Typically 5.6K) then system will work with levels between about 200mV to 6V or so, (a limit of 2V seems advisable) with no change of performance.

c) Adjust 5K trim on IC22 for correct operation.

I have followed this on all repairs, it fixes all ills!!!

Fred Lever Snr,
[REDACTED]

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My 6802 from Applied Technology had the LED to ground indicator, which worked for about 2 months, but just when you published 'A Bright Idea' it died! The 74LS74 was replaced and the modification made as you suggested but still no go. Inspection of the circuit with a CRO revealed that all was well up to the 74LS74, the output of which was merely a series of narrow spikes when reading in data. It was at this point that I panicked. The thought of pulling the IC out again, with consequently lifted tracks etc was frankly not appealing. Again I referred to the ad in Newsletter No.3 and rang Mr Fred Lever who after a lengthy discussion cleared up the problem. (All thanks to Mr Lever, a very helpful and informed gentleman.) I thought I would point out the problem to save any other member from being trapped like I was.

Apparently the 74LS74 does not like having negative voltages applied to it and unfortunately in the circuit as it stands the 741 swings + 5V. The D input will therefore be forced + and - by the comparator. Reducing the input level to the comparator may work, but as Fred pointed out to me a 5.6K resistor in series with the D input to the 74LS74 will solve it. It is necessary to break a couple of tracks and make a jumper lead, but believe me it is worth the effort!

Apparently this modification is only necessary if you use the 74LS74, the 7474 is more hardy. I hope some readers may benefit from this information.

Simon Leadley,
[REDACTED]