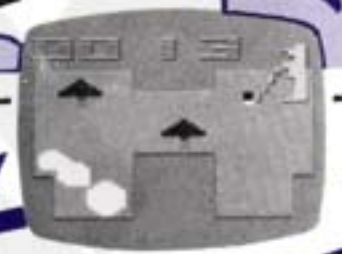# The Atari Owners Club
OFFICIAL BULLETIN No.9

NOW! THREE amazing new cartridges!!

BASIC PROGRAMMING

Model CX2620

Here is the educational cartridge you've all been waiting for. Your Atari console contains a powerful microcomputer which produces all the fabulous games you enjoy. Now you can learn some of the basic steps of computer programming.

"BASIC" stands for Beginners All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code. It was invented to help people learn to "write" computer programmes.

Basic Programming has a limited memory but it is an excellent instructional aid if you want to take the first steps in "computeracy".

Used with overlays on your keyboard controllers, you will learn the basics of how to run the simple programmes you write, and the use of sounds and graphics. You will see displayed on your TV screen how the computer handles and processes the information you give it.

This cartridge will put you on the first step to owning your own Atari 400 or 800 personal computer. Please make sure you write in and tell us you have bought a "Basic Programming" Cartridge and we'll put you on a special mailing list, to tell you more about our Atari computers.

BASIC PROGRAMMING - used with Keyboard Controllers - Suggested Retail Price: £34.50 incl. VAT.

GOLF

Fed up with the rain spoiling your game? Want to sharpen up your swing? Improve your handicap with "GOLF"!

Walk round the 9 hole course - liberally sprinkled with trees, water hazards, bunkers and the ever-present rough!

Tee off (one player or two) and try to beat par! Every hole is different and tricky.

When you reach the green your picture changes and you have to line up your putt accurately to sink it! And of course, for the real pro, you can select 'A' difficulty and really lose your ball in the rough.

GOLF - used with Joysticks. Now available at Suggested Retail Price: £16.95 incl. VAT.

SLOT RACERS

The missile maze game with a difference! 36 games to drive you "maze-crazy". Zoom round the corners and fire your cannon - kerrpooww!! You've blown up your opponent.

Steer your way through different street patterns, making sure you avoid your opponent's bullets! Play against the computer - try to outsmart it!

This is a cartridge thousands of Owners Club members have been after! Rush down to your local dealer and buy one while stocks last.

SLOT RACERS - used with Joysticks. Suggested Retail Price: £16.95 incl. VAT.

Letter from Captain Atari

HI!

Every day Vidella, Brains and I sit down to read piles of letters from Atari Owners (and people who'd like to be Atari Owners!) Your ideas and comments are stimulating - and sometimes amusing - keep them coming, folks! We'll pay £5 for each one we publish.

Did you win a prize?

The Sun newspaper recently ran a Space Invaders competition, with 91 Atari Video Computer Systems as prizes. Were you one of the lucky winners - if so, welcome to the Atari Owners Club! Here we show overall winner David Hipgrave (right) from Wokingham, receiving his prizes - a colour table machine, plus an Atari VCS, from Ingersoll Electronics' Marketing Manager, our own Steve Bernard!

Form a group...

Our picture shows a gathering of American Atari fans, at Sonoma State University, who have formed themselves into a Space Invaders Group, which ranks its Members according to points scored in the game. If you have seven or more friends and would like guidance on forming a Group yourselves, let my henchman, Steve Bernard know, and we'll see what we can arrange. Each Group must have at least one adult member.

There's so much action for you to enjoy with Atari - our aim is to provide you with never-ending entertainment...

Atari 'Act' for Charity
The Forest Hill & Sydenham branch of the Rotoract Club borrowed two Atari units for a charity Space Invaders stall at their local park, collecting 10p a go from people having a try on the machine. On Space Invaders Game 5, highest score for boys was 1760, and for girls 740. Nearly five hundred people played - how do these scores compare with yours at home? Captain Atari

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YOU WRITE *A selection from our postbag*

Dear Cap
I would be interested to know what the average ages of the Atari owners are because my friends and I, who are all about mid-twenties have a different into it because us "old uns" have a few Top Ten to yours. Price, I think comes bob more. We like the harder cartridges. Space Invaders must go top, its the best so far. Here's our Top Ten:-
1. Space Invaders   6. Outlaw
2. Chess   7. Street Racer
3. Breakout   8. Air Sea Battle
4. Codebreaker   9. Basketball
5. Brain Games   10. Blackjack
Michael Smith, Birmingham.

Dear Captain Atari
I have now had the Space Invaders programme for exactly one week. I think that this is a first class programme, and I am very pleased to see that Atari are making their programmes more and more sophisticated - 11 out of 10 for this one Brains!! One excellent variation of any of the 112 games is that on the first two sheets with the barriers up, blow away every single piece of the three barriers before the Invaders land and before the barriers disappear. Then go on and destroy all Invaders before the 2nd sheet comes up, then repeat this again before carrying on with the game as normal.
E.M. Clark, Holmrook.

Dear Captain Atari
I must praise you on your fantastic Atari Video game system. The graphics are far better than those produced by rival competitors and the sound effects are brilliant, and you have managed to keep up a good selection of cartridges, which is more than I can say for your competitors which rank nowhere against your excellent video game system.
Atari is a game without bound fantastic cartridges like Superman and Surround
With all these different cartridges around
The Atari must simply be crowned
The best video computer around.
S Palliser, Eastbourne

Dear Captain Atari
I've just purchased the amazing 'Space Invaders' cartridge, and after many tries have succeeded in going round the clock three times! I've nearly got all the available cartridges, so I'm looking forward to seeing some of the new ones!
Simon Sparrow, W6.

Dear Captain Atari
I would like to know if any of these other Atari experts have beaten my latest record on the Basketball cartridge. Select game 2, single player, with both difficulty switches in the B position. Try and beat the computer. I have beaten the computer by 16 points, the score was 44-28, and to be a wizard in the log book you have to beat him by 8 points. So really I am a double wizard at the game.
Peter Thomas, Southwick

Dear Captain Atari
I was surprised when I saw your Atari Top Ten because it didn't fit in with mine at all. This is mine: Cartridge
1. Superman   6. Miniature Golf
2. Sky Diver   7. Surround
3. Basketball   8. Outlaw
4. Space War   9. Air Sea Battle
5. Indy 500   10. Video Olympics
Also I have got an interesting variation for you:
Air Sea Battle: Game 11
Keep your finger pressed on the button and try and get as low score as you can.
OR
See how many shots you can take without hitting anything, taking five off when you do hit.
Kim Harries, Plymouth

Dear Captain Atari
I read from your Official Bulletin that you would like to know people's favourite cartridges. I have five cartridges at the moment, and must confess that my favourite one is 'Space Invaders', the reason being that I believe it to be one of the most competitive for adults and children. To my mind the best feature it has, is the score goes on ad infinitum, so you can never get tired with the game because you have achieved the maximum amount of points possible. I personally think that it is excellent for improving your co-ordination.
Marian Gersh, NW1.

Dear Captain Atari
I am one of the unfortunate ones who does not own your Atari Video Computer, but my friend owns one and every chance I have I play him, although I am usually beaten. I also read all the Bulletins, and I am very interested in the new cassettes. My favourite cassette is Space Invaders.
Paul McMillan, Paisley
P.S. Are there any competitions that I might enter to win your Video computer?

Dear Captain Atari
I received this message to be passed on to you from the dreaded, beast-fiend Thargon, leader of the 'Space Invaders'
"My name is Thargon and I am the leader of the 'Space Invaders' and I do not agree with you shooting my fine warriors, helping your members 'Breakout' and even training them as 'Sky Divers' so that you can land your forces on my planet. A decent alien might give another a chance, but you have even asked 'Superman' to find my agents on earth, like Lex Luther. Your arch enemy-Thargon"
Paul Myers, Walthamstow.

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More & more ATARI cartridges!!

We get a lot of glowing letters from you Atari Owners out there, saying how much easier it is, these days, to buy the new cartridges of your choice. Aren't you pleased Ingersoll Electronics took over the Atari franchise in the UK?

Here's the latest list of Atari cartridges. If you can't obtain the titles you want locally, fill out the coupon and we'll advise you of alternative sources of supply.

TO: Steve Bernard (Atari)
Ingersoll Electronics Ltd.,
202 New North Road
London N1 7BL

I have contacted my Atari Dealer about the following cartridges but was unable to obtain what I wanted because:_____

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Cartridge	Tick	Cartridge	Tick
Air Sea Battle	◁	Blackjack	◁
Space War	◁	Basic Maths	◁
Outlaw	◁	Codebreaker	◁
Video Olympics	◁	Hunt & Score	◁
Breakout	◁	Skydiver	◁
Basketball	◁	Min.Golf	◁
Surround	◁	Street Racer	◁
Brain Games	◁	Bowling	◁
Superman	◁	Indy 500	◁
Backgammon	◁	Chess	◁
Space Invaders	◁	Adventure	◁
Golf	◁	Slot Racers	◁
Basic Programming	◁		

Signed:_____

Console No:_____

Name:_____(Mr/Ms)

Address:_____

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Please note that the Free Keyboard Controllers Offer, which we ran earlier this year, is now closed. Many hundreds of owners sent for their free controllers after introducing a friend to Atari - we'll hope to run another, similar, offer next year.

ATARI Teeshirts

Remember the teeshirt offer in our last issue? These three young ladies couldn't wait to get into their teeshirts - don't they look great?

The ATARI teeshirt is printed in 4 colours, on good quality white cotton, and comes in sizes small, medium or large. The small size has been very popular with children - so send for your teeshirt, now!

Only £2·45 incl. P&P

ORDER FORM

To: Atari Teeshirt Offer
Ingersoll Electronics Ltd
202 New North Road
London N1 7BL

Please send me_____Atari teeshirts in size/sizes_____,_____,_____.

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £_____(£2.45 each, incl. p & p.)

NAME:_____(Mr/Ms)

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Offer closes 30th September 1980.