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Next Meeting

7:30 pm Thursday April 25, 1991
Tucker Christian Church

Subject: "Introduction to Basic Language" by Dallas Denny

2nd Subject: "Cleaning Your Keyboard" by Gene Smith

Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship. The Club needs you and your input. Also we need to know you care!

Necessity is the Mother of Invention - - - - -

Postage Rates went up and for our little group on a limited budget that little increase meant a serious budget problem for the CUGA newsletter!!

Then, the costs of copying the newsletter articles for distribution to our members **DOUBLED** in price!! This puts us in even a tighter squeeze. We feel that our members need a newsletter to stay in touch. Also the other user groups with whom we share newsletters need to know we're still alive and well and meeting every month at Tucker Christian Church.

Therefore, you will notice some austerity moves. First, we will try to limit our mailings to six pages (which cuts our copying cost one fourth). Second, even though white space makes the page more attractive, we will try to eliminate it and keep the pages full of information. Third, and the painful part, we will have to be more cost conscious, and discontinue mailings to any members behind in their dues. We've tried to be patient thinking we could get you back, but now we risk cutting services to those who are paid up - and that's not fair to any of us.

So, as the old saying goes **THAT'S THE WAY THE COOKIE CRUMBLES**. Just so long as it's the **COOKIE**, and not the CUGA Newsletter. Thanks!!

SERVICE AND SALES NOTE:

Dick Willoughby - long time friend and member of CUGA has informed us of several pieces of information which may be of interest to our CUGA family.

First: He is offering to repair any PC for \$39.95. Commodore PCs quotations are even less.

Second: He has contacts on several items for sale. Time is running out on these so if you're interested act right away.

The 1764 256k REU for \$99.95 with heavy duty power supply.

The 1700 128k REU for \$62.50.

The 128D Commodore Computer as Brand New. All books. \$300.00.

These units have been In Factory Refurbished, Tested and guaranteed same as new. These items must be prepaid and ordered soon. Time is running out. Please allow three weeks for delivery.

Contact: Dick Willoughby at telephone (404) 634-9011.

Writing Reggie

by Dallas Denny

'Way back in 1983, about the time the Nashville Vic Users Group and a forming C-64 club merged to become the Nashville Commodore Users Group, peculiar things began appearing on the screen of my brand new 1701 monitor. As I was not sure I wanted my name associated with such nonsense, I searched about for a pseudonym. The name Reggie Ramloose manifested itself, and I became a psychic channel for his twisted and sometimes biting sense of humor.

I'm not sure why I chose a male pseudonym. Sometimes I think Reggie chose me, rather than I choosing him. Certainly, he did all the work. I never consciously thought about what I was going to write. I just sat down at the keyboard, and an hour later, a column had appeared.

By 1986 or so, Reggie had disappeared, most likely to haunt someone else. But in the three or four years that he existed, he had lots of things to say. He lampooned Alexander (I'm in charge) Haig's appointment to the Board of Directors of Commodore Business Machines. He parodied Siskel and Ebert's "At The Movies" television show, a CompuServe feature which was written by a man (I forget his name) who was traveling around the country on a tandem bicycle with a Tandy portable computer mounted on the handlebars, and Fred D'Ignazio's column in Compute's Gazette.

Reggie was not shy. In fact, he sent his column to poor Fred, who reprinted it in his column in the Gazette.

But the reason Reggie will live in infamy is a column called "How to Double-Side Your Notebook Paper." It has been reprinted in dozens of user group newsletters, in Torpet (the magazine of the Toronto Pet Users Group), and, I've been told, may have even found its way into the pages of Compute! or the Gazette. Every time I think it has died a natural death, there it is again, rearing its Reggie head. It has been seven or more years since it first appeared, but it just will not die. At the CUGA board meeting earlier this month, I was leafing through some newsletters, and stumbled across it. Seeing it gave me the inspiration for this column.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the article, or who may have read or not understood it, it was a disguised discussion of the merits of formatting and using the back side of a 5 1/4" diskette.

I doubt that I will be inspired to "write Reggie" again, but as long as that column continues to surface from time to time in the pages of a user group, Reggie Ramloose will continue to live.