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First of all, the editorial staff and the staff at INFORMATION ENTERPRISES wishes all the members of the Club a very happy christmas and an even better New Year. We all look forward to your continued support in the new year.

BACK TO BUSINESS! The Club would like to remind you that Gift Vouchers are still available for christmas presents for that Special person. They are available in R5.00 and R10.00. INFORMATION ENTERPRISES is really excelling this festive season to bring you offers at even better prices than before. Do not miss this as these offers are never to be repeated! And that is the truth! Just look at the astounding prices offered for printers, computers, monitors, stationary and even games for the kids! The Club would very much like to improve its service to Club members. WE have reached an agreement with IE which is that they will make up any cable for any peripheral if you bring along the pin-outs for it and any other relevant details.

As from January the factory in Bophuthutswana will be open to the public. Further details on how to get there and telephone numbers will be published in the January Newsletter. But, remember for the time being all orders placed by post will be processed there and you will not have to pay GST to us, although the onus is on you the purchaser to declare the sale at your local Receiver of Revenue. When placing an order by post, please do not forget to include postage!

I have been criticized for not including enough articles in the Newsletter, well we have had a bit of a shortage of articles and would very much appreciate some articles from you the Club members. Next months there will be more articles. So come on and help make your newsletter more interesting!

INFORMATION ENTERPRISES has agreed to sponser the Club again for the next year, and therefore membership is still free! But, without your continued support and loyalty they will not be able to do so as one years expences for the Club amounts to just over R18 000.00!! So keep up the support or we will lose out!

IE's business hours for December will be the following:-

Mon - fri 8am to 7pm and open during lunch

Sat 8am to 6pm and open during lunch.

Ons het aspris die ure gekies sodat ons Plattelandse Klante ons kan bel wanneer die tariewe goedkooper is om hulle bestelings te plaas.

IE is inviting Club members to check out their prices last as they are sure to be the best. Care to take them up on that?

Get your friends to join the Club and you will receive a special lucky-dip prize for your efforts! Well I certainly have gone overboard this time! Its just that so much has been happening and I seem to have so much to tell you. Anyway thanks to our sponser IE the contence of the newsletter will tell you more about the interesting things and happenings.

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Anne

Jetzer Esq.

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- * MEMORY - indicates current state of memory
- * RENUMBER - rennumbers a program, including GOTO's, GOSUB's etc.
- * SCROLL - continuously running scroll
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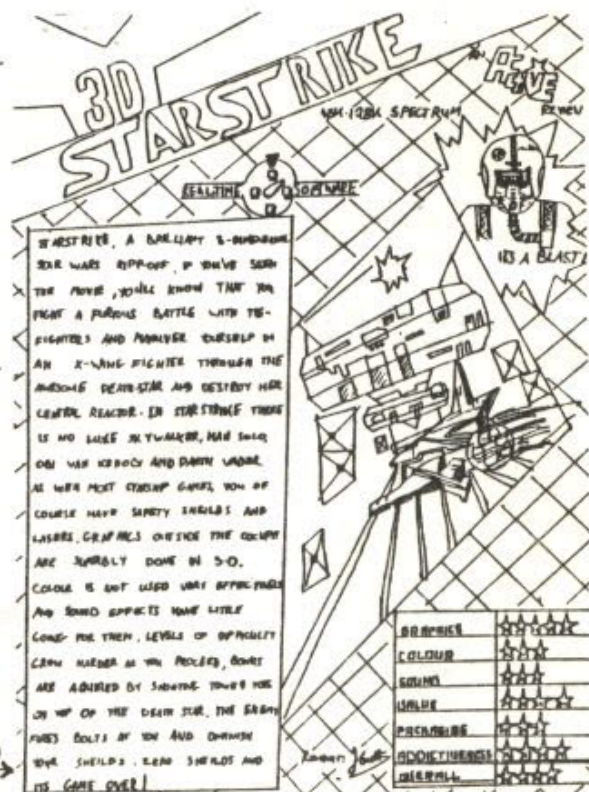
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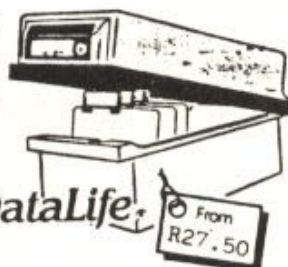


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BUILDING A PRITTY JOYSTICK AND I'FACE

— MC GYVER

As so many times before, The ZX Mushroom Club made yet another breakthrough. In this issue we unveil the true identity of the man who impressed us the versatility of his pen knife. Yes sir, we now know that McGyver is not a Yank, he is a South African, also known as Leon Treurnich!!

In the first half of this article McTreurnich explains how you can hardware an "Interface 2" joystick port to your Spectrum 16/48K. The second half gives some ideas on producing your own homebrewed custom made joystick.

As most players of modern games will know, the Interface 2 simulates keys 6 through to 0 in the top half of your keyboard. The key positions are 6 = left, 7 = right, 8 = down, 9 = up and 0 = fire.

Instead of using an interface you can solder the wires from your joystick to the corresponding places

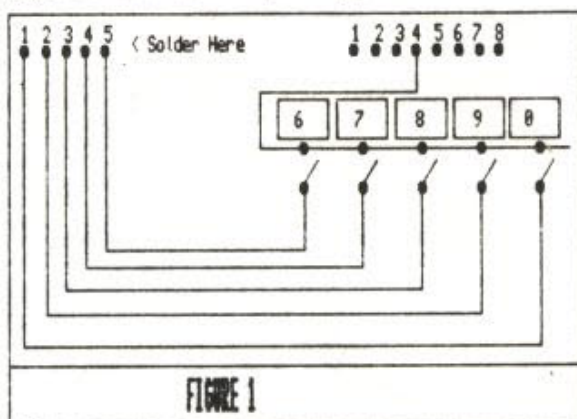


FIGURE 1

Instead of using an interface you can solder the wires from your joystick to the corresponding places on the motherboard. The most important safety measure to keep in mind is that all external wires and the joystick should be electrically and statically isolated, since a discharge into your Spectrum's input/output circuit could do serious damage.

Figure 1 shows to which lines you must connect your wires on the motherboard, as seen from the front and above when you open your computer. The soldering must however be done on the underside of the board. This way you can easily remove the wires and make no permanent changes. Line 4 on the 8-bit bus is the common ground to which the 5-bit lines, when connected, will trigger keys 6 - 0.

Only trial and error will determine to which lines of the joystick plug you should solder which wires, that is if you will be using a bought joystick, since generally the plug on such a joystick cannot be opened for inspection.

Be sure to keep the stripped ends of wire that you solder onto the board very short, so that there is no chance of it shorting with any other wire of soldering joint.

This concludes the detail of making a joystick "part". Here follows a description of how I built a joystick to fit the "part".

The parts consisted of an empty 18g Pritt-stick outer body, which was the control stick, the frame of a small 1/2 watt speaker from a small radio, an old flat pencil box, 8 screws, a few nails and one microswitch for the fire button. The Pritt holder was forced to fit onto

the magnet at the back of the speaker.

(If your speaker has a different sized magnet, you can either stuff it with matches etc. or use something other than a Pritt-stick outer body.

The ground was connected to the speaker frame. Now small nails (figure 3: [1]) were positioned so that after a movement the frame will always return to the same

position. Next the screws were turned in exactly above the circular ring of the frame as shown in figure 3, and in the positions as shown in figure 2. This way the stick will always engage with two screws at a time and go into 8 directions, which is all you need. Thus, 1+8, 2+3, 4+5, 6+7 should be used together in pairs as the 4 main directions.

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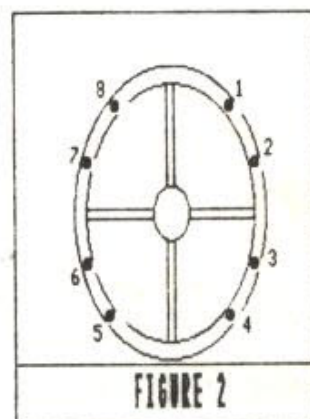


FIGURE 2

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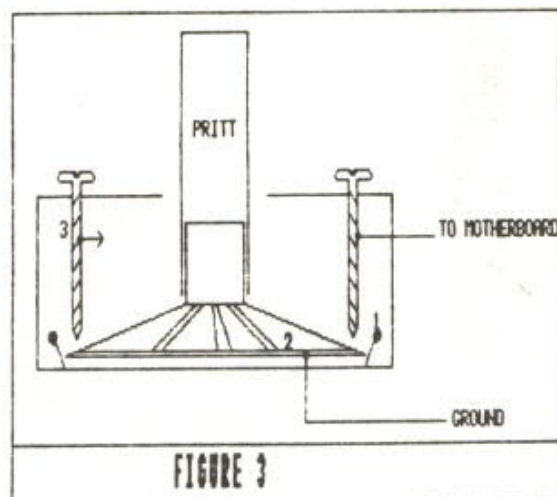


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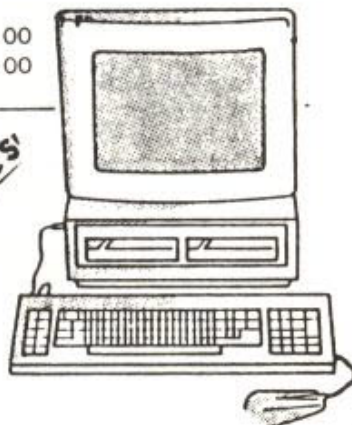
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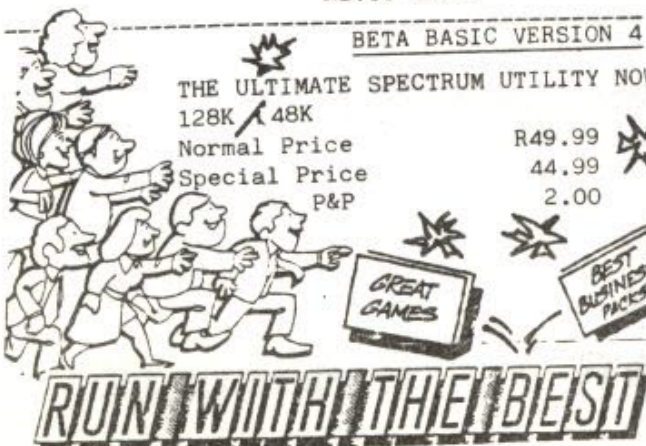
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WMAN - The Window Manager and Pointer interfacing routines are accessible to the programmer and a technical manual is available to cover this subject.

QL owners, just look what is blowing in! With all these fantastic add-ons coming in for the QL, the one who says that the QL is dying out is very much mistaken! I.E. is doing its best to keep up with the overseas market and to keep abreast with new technology. You most certainly can not say that we are neglecting you! Both the CP/Mulator and the new SuperQboard with the mouse will soon be coming into stock.

CP/MULATOR

Price
P&P

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WHAT YOU
GET

CP/MULATOR FOR THE QL

QDOS is a superb multi-tasking operating system unrivalled in home or business micro-computers but due to the relatively low number of QL's in circulation software support is thin. Giving access to the software from another operating system instantly improves this state of affairs.

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ROM CARTIDGE - this emulates a Z-80 microprocessor in software and is used to obtain the fastest execution speed as your QL accesses an external ROM much faster than its own memory. When using a Debug program to print out the register contents a full Z-80 set of registers is displayed even though no Z-80 is present!

SYSTEM DISK - the disk contains the main emulator, and a highly sophisticated disk format conversion program which is menu driven and enables almost any CP/M format disk to be converted into a QDOS disk. The most common formats are direct menu options but unknown formats can be analysed by the program which tries out various combinations of track formats, sector skew factors, directory reserved sectors and so on.

COMMAND INTERPRETER - all input commands are interpreted into either Z-80 or 8080 instructions before being sent to the main emulator; usual CP/M wild card characters are fully supported.

SCREEN DRIVER - many CP/M programs are written to operate with a particular terminal which provides specific features. These features are supported by the integral screen driver.

KEYBOARD DRIVER - CP/M terminals have specific codes for combinations of keypresses or function keys. The keyboard driver provides these translations to support on-screen editing in programs such as Wordstar and Turbo Pascal.

INSTALLATION - the system disk contains an install program to select the default options for your CP/M system and a sample BOOT program written in SuperBasic. CP/Mulator runs as a job under QDOS and can be switched in and out of like any QDOS job.

MANUAL - a comprehensive and very clear manual explains how everything works and operation is exceptionally straightforward.

COMPATIBILITY - CP/Mulator will run almost any CP/M program which is written to obey the rules of CP/M under any except the concurrent versions. The CP/M users group has a huge library of public domain software available in compatible formats at a little more than transcription cost and you should definitely join up.

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I.E. now has QL Service manuals in stock. There are only a few, so take advantage of this special offer and get your copy NOW. This manual is a comprehensive technical guide that every serious computer addict should have, provided he knows a little about the inside of his QL.

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QL GARDENER

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TALENT

TALENT has done it again! The following fantastic titles are coming into stock for the QL, and just look at the range of titles! The QL is at last getting a decent looking games selection, thanks to TALENT.

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THE SPECTRUM PLUS 3 REVISITED

by Chad Mc Alister



Unfortunately I have still not had the opportunity to try out one of these machines for myself as yet, however I have obtained a little more information from magazines which I have read of late. By far the most important development is the new price for the PLUS THREE which is now a very reasonable £199 which should equate to approximately R 800 which will make it by far the cheapest computer with disc drive. The price of the discs have also been reduced to £2.99 which will be approximately R 12 which is cheaper than the price of a microdrive cartridge. These announcements were made by ALLAN SUGAR at the recently held ICM COMPUTER SHOW.

Further developments are that some good utilities are already available for the PLUS THREE these are MASTERFILE PLUS 3 and needless to say TASWORD PLUS THREE. I will give what detail I have on these packages a little later. Another development is that ROMANTIC ROBOT have made a multiface for the PLUS THREE which they have chosen to call MULTIFACE 3, which they claim will be able to put cassette based programs on to the built in disc drive. I will also report on this later on.

I must admit that with these developments I am a lot more confident of the potential of the PLUS THREE. I am sure that the support that was lacking when it was released at £259 will now be forthcoming as sales are now most certainly going to rocket.

Another positive aspect of the PLUS THREE is the fact that one no longer needs special printer interfaces nor do you need special control codes, simply plug in your standard printer and use the FORMAT command as necessary. The default mode is for tokens to be fully expanded - SINCLAIR keywords are printed in full and embedded colour codes which might act as printer control codes are screened out. The 64K RAMDISC, as is also available on the PLUS TWO is also an excellent feature.

MASTERFILE PLUS 3

The claims of the new MASTERFILE are that it gives immense power, speed and flexibility compared with the original, yet it is easier to use. They claim that one will rarely need to refer to the 62 page manual. Features which have been added to those found on the original MASTERFILE are MERGE, FIELD CALCULATION, IMPORT, EXPORT, KEYED FILES, FIELD EDIT, TABLE LOOK-UP, DATE STAMP, AND VISUAL 96 COLUMN SCREEN/FORMS DESIGN. All in all this certainly appears to be an excellent filing system.

TASWORD PLUS THREE

There is not a lot of detail given about this program in their latest advert, but if TASWORD THREE (the program I use) is anything to go by then this can only be excellent.

MULTIFACE 3

ROMANTIC ROBOT have released an interface to transfer cassette based software to the PLUS THREE built in disc. They have aptly named it MULTIFACE 3. As was the case with MULTIFACE 128 it lacks the Kempston joystick port. There are two versions available, one without a through port at 44.95 and one with a through port at 49.95. If we were buying I would opt for the one with the through port.

Features of the MULTIFACE 3 are:-

- (1) It allows you to use the +3 disc from basic which you cannot normally do.
- (2) It compresses files to save on disc space
- (3) It allows the compression feature to be switched off to enable exact copies of memory to be made.
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+3 to Monitor	12.50	1.50

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ODD ONE OUT!

I.E. has two stray programmes that would just love to find homes. The two programmes are THE KET TRILOGY for the DRAGON 32 computer, for the unbelievable price of R29.99, and CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN for the ATARI 400/800, for R39.99..... where can you get bargains like this?

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binary notation	binêre notasie
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byte	groep
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CAI (computer-assisted instruction)	ROO (rekenaargesteunde onderrig)
call	roep
call instruction	roepinstruksie
call sentence	roepsin
CMU (computer-aided manufacturing)	rekenaargesteunde vervaardiging
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centralized control	gesentraliseerde beheer
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channel	kanale
character	karakter, teken
character constant	karakterkonstante
character data	karakterdata
character domain	karaktergebied
character expression	karakteruitdrukking
character operation	karakteroperator, karakterbewerking
character set	karakterstel
character string	karakterstring
character variable	karakterveranderlike
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checkpoint/restart	kontrolepunt/hervetting
chip	vlakkie

I apologise for the errors that occurred in Last months CLASSIFIED section, The advert placed by L. Creighton for adventure games. The advert should have read LOST LAND, and not Lost House! Support local software - see advert placed in NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER for the other adventure mysteries offered!

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