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ADAM News

*Classic Computer Column
by Faye Deere*

A couple of months ago, I told you where to get a QUICK-TEL modem. The only problem is that I gave you the wrong contact's name and address. The QUICK-TEL modem is being stocked and sold by Alan Neeley of ADAM LINK of Utah (2337 South 600 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106; 801-484-5114).

The 1200 baud modem sells for \$75 and the 2400 baud type sells for \$115. Each carries a five year warranty. Since ADAM modems have become extremely scarce, this is good to know. If you already have an ADAM modem, you may consider this modem as an upgrade. Remember that when you use any modem other than an ADAM modem, you will need a serial board. Since the ADAM modem functions at 300 baud, the QUICK-TEL modem could save you toll charges on calls to some of the larger bulletin boards. For some of us, we would soon recoup what we spent on the new modem.

Reminders

While we're on the subject of modems, I think I should mention something you may not know, or have forgotten. When there is a lightning storm, most of us quickly pull the electric plug on our ADAM computers. ADAM is too precious to let it get charred to a cinder by a lightning strike. In the summer when we get most of our lightning storms, sometimes without much warning, I pull the plug on my ADAM when I go out and when I go to bed. That way, I don't get any surprises.

If you have a modem installed in your ADAM computer, you also must pull the telephone plug that connects your modem to the phone line. When lightning strikes, it can hit through the phone wires as well as the electric wires. The phone wires are, after all, also electric wires. Protect your ADAM. Pull the plugs!

If you have a little free time and a modem, remember to log on to your local FidoNet BBS (bulletin board) and check it out for the ADAM Echo. If it does not carry the ADAM Echo, ask the Sysop if he would carry it for you and the other ADAM users in your area. The ADAM

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For a list of FidoNets in your area, send your name, address and telephone area code to Barry Wilson of the St. Louis ADAM User Group (12967 Weatherfield Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146). Remember also that votes can be

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The AMI BIOS setup is easy to follow. Most of the advanced BIOS and CMOS setups are described in non-technical terms, except for the enable/disable of specific cache segments in high memory. That's the area between the top of DOS (640K) and the 1MB address limit. These should be left in the enable state unless a multiport board requires a specific 16K block

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cast for ADAMCON's Gallery of Honor when you log onto an ADAM Echo.

Here is something else to think about. Remember that ADAMCON 04 will be held in Cleveland, Ohio July 23-26, 1992. If you are thinking about joining us there, the cost of the convention is just \$220 for delegates, \$165 for delegate spouses and \$55 for a non-delegate child. A delegate child under 18 can attend for only \$90. Remember that this price includes everything connected with the convention this year except your travel expenses, and whatever you spend at the ADAM Store. The B.A.S.I.C. Users Group, the host users group for this year, has made arrangements so you can pay the required \$220 in easy installments.

All installments for the convention can be sent to Herman L. Mason, Jr. (8912 Blaine Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106; 216-231-8813) or George M. Koczwara (4034 E. 52nd Street, Newburg Heights, OH 44105; 216-883-6668). Please do NOT send your payments to anyone else, or you will not get proper credit for them. If the convention fee is paid in full before April 15, 1992, you will receive an early-bird special at the convention of an ADAMCON 04 T-shirt. If payment is made in full before June 1, 1992, you will receive 10 blank disks at the convention. You MUST be paid in full BY July 1, 1992.

Two new features of the convention this year will be an ADAM Repair Center staffed by Howard Pines of Oscar's Computers and Phil Kosowsky of Kosowsky's ADAM Repair; and a program copying service. I hope to see all of you there this year. It's an experience you won't soon forget. The ADAMCON conventions are the stuff that memories are made of.

Other items you might have occasion to remember are:

386SX-20 MHz Systems
40 Megabyte SVGA

- o 20MHz 80386SX CPU
- o 2Mb RAM
- o 1MB Video Board 1024x768
- o 14" SVGA 1024x768 .28mm Monitor
- o AT I/O (2 s, 1p, 1g)
- o Baby AT Case with 220 Watt P S
- o 101 Keyboard
- o 1.2 and 1.44MB Floppy Drives

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- o 14" SVGA 1024x768 .28mm Color Monitor
- o AT I/O (2 s, 1p, 1g)
- o Baby AT Case with 220 W Power Supply
- o 101 Keyboard
- o 1.2 and 1.44MB Floppy Drives

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386SX-25 MHz Systems
80 Megabyte SVGA

- o 25MHz Intel 80386 CPU
- o 4Mb RAM
- o 1MB Video Board 1024x768
- o 14" SVGA 1024x768 .28mm Monitor
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- o Baby AT Case with 220 Watt P S
- o 101 Keyboard
- o 1.2 and 1.44MB Floppy Drives
- o 80MB IDE Hard Disk Drive

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386DX-33 MHz Systems
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- o 33MHz 80386 CPU 64K Cache
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1. The ADAM world now has its own OMBUDSMAN, courtesy of A.N.N. (the ADAM News Network). If you have had a problem with a vendor or repair station that you have not been able to resolve, get in touch with Herman Cherney (Suite B, 198 Sand Point Road, Albany, NY 12215-1817). His duties are to act as an arbitrator, and he may be able to help you work things out.

2. Repair services and vendors with toll-free numbers are:

- Oscar's Computers, Howard Pines, Repairs
1-800-858-1007
- SM Video, Shon McCallum, Vendor
1-800-487-1742
- ADAM's House, Terry Fowler, Vendor and Repairs
1-800-999-5040

If you feel you would like to communicate with me, my address is 411-B North Sea Lane, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. I appreciate any comments from my readers. If you would like a reply, please enclose a legal-sized SASE.

T/S News

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We are always on the lookout for good, basic texts on the subject of desktop publishing. *Understanding Desktop Publishing* (Sybex, Inc., 275pp., \$24.95) is a great example of a good beginning text on the subject.

Written by Robert Harris, *Understanding Desktop Publishing* takes a complex subject and breaks it down into small, easy-to-understand pieces.

Understanding Desktop Publishing takes a look at the concepts without regard to either a specific machine or software. Ideas received in this book can be applied to any computer or desktop publishing program. Some techniques can also be applied to word processors, as well.

Harris explains each subject in understandable terms, and numerous examples are included in each chapter. Examples include both the right way and "wrong" way to design a document.

Understanding Desktop Publishing is broken down into three parts. Part I defines the subjects of typography and page design. Harris explains how to choose a proper typeface and how to decide on the balance of text and graphics on a page layout.

Part II takes a look at proper writing style. Proper organization of both "what" you say and "how" you say it is as important as the "look" of a document.

Finally, in Part III Harris looks at the psychology of writing: how to make your presentation more persuasive to the reader. The idea here is to make your presentation memorable.

All in all, we feel *Understanding Desktop Publishing* is an excellent reference book for desktop publishers. This book is one that will be used often for its creative ideas and redressing of basic concepts.

Understanding Desktop Publishing should be available in most bookstores.

Well, that's it for another month. Join us next month for more T/S news and the announcement of a great contest. Until then, take care!