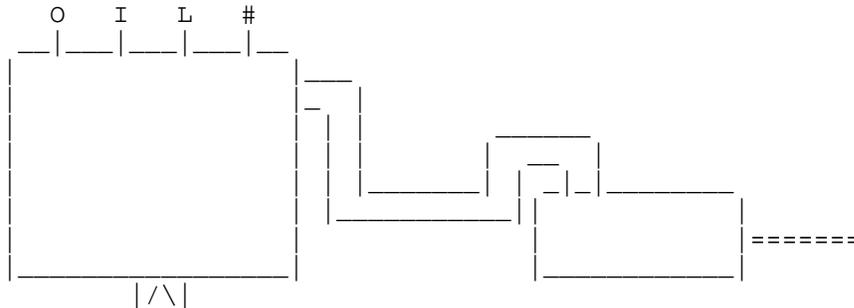


UNCA DONALD



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I dedicate this to my Uncle Donald for showing me the great old system called the Colecovision all of those years ago. It truly is a cherished childhood memory, and I will never forget the time we spent playing those awesome games together together. You da man UNCA DONALD! you da man...

Also, for Cougar, Howler, Koonce, and Gracey. I miss you, and I hope you are living it up in the afterlife as you did in this world. You will always be in my memories, and you will never be forgotten.

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-----Introduction-----

- 1) The following is the work of Sierra Entertainment and is in no way the intellectual property of Brian P. Sulpher.

You're rich. . .maybe. Geologists have just located one of the largest oil deposits in North America, on your land! But you have to get it out of the ground before you can spend it.

The other oil barons are jealous, and they would do anything to sabotage your operation. They have planted oozies and land mines in your oil fields to wreck your drilling equipment. Don't let them cheat you out of your millions!

Sounds kind of corny I know. Yet, it is still challenging, fun, and most importantly it has complexity that is not so easily seen (those make the best games after all). I hope you enjoy this one as I sure have for the few months that I have been playing it, offering up a lot of challenge and interest!

-----Controls-----

2) This section will outline the Menu Options as well as how to control your Drill Bit in the world of Oil's Well.

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| Menu Options |
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One Player
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| In-Game Controls |
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Joystick---> Moves your Drill Bit and the piping down through the tunnels in your attempt to harvest the oil that lies beneath the surface.

Left Fire--> As long as this is held, your Drill Bit and piping will be retracted towards the source. This is done to escape any of your piping from being damaged by enemies or to get out of a dead end passageway.

Right Fire-> As long as this is held, your Drill Bit and piping will be retracted towards the source. This is done to escape any of your piping from being damaged by enemies or to get out of a dead end passageway.

-----Level Stats-----

3) This section will look at the enemies, the Helpful Objects, the Point Values found within the game, and Strategies for dealing with each Enemy.

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| Enemy Listing |
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Land Mines: Flashing red objects, these planted traps will float through the pathways underneath the surface, trying to collide with your Drill Bit to destroy it. However, they can harmlessly pass through your piping.

Oozies : Small, white objects, these potential saboteurs will attempt to chew a hole through your piping, destroying your drilling attempts. However, your Drill Bit can decimate them.

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| Helpful Objects |
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Drill Bits : These are used to grab Goblets, Oil Pellets, Petromins, and to destroy Oozies. Starting with 3, every 10000 points collected will add an additional one to the reserves.

Goblets : Flashing blue and green objects, collecting these will add a large bonus to your total score.

Oil Pellets: To clear a stage, collect every single one of these objects from the tunnels below.

Petromins : A larger dot in the tunnels, these special objects will greatly slow down the appearance and advancement of Oozies and Land Mines.

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| Point Values |
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- Goblets : 1000
- Oil Pellets: 10
- Oozies : 20-170

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| Strategies |
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Land Mines: Where ever these appear, get your Drill Bit away from the tunnel they are passing through, thus avoiding their damage. Sometimes the situation will be one where you can not retract the drill enough to avoid them, so you should move to a lower level, as the piping will be passed through by the offending object.

Oozies : These guys are very common, constantly attacking from both sides of the screen. They exist solely to chew holes into your piping, so always retract pipes that are on the same level as the ever advancing enemy. However, these nuisances can be taken out (for the moment anyway) by using your Drill Bit to destroy them.

-----Strategies-----

- 4) This section will take a look at a few strategies for making you more successful in this sabotaged Oil Business!
 - a) The most important aspect of the game to remember is that you are not just attempting to collect the Oil Pellets, but you must also be wary of all the tunnels that your piping are lying in. Oozies can appear at any time, so you must watch out for any tunnels that you have passed through, as they would love to munch a large hole into your piping.
 - b) As you perform the feat above, sometimes you will see that you will not have enough time to retract your piping to ensure your safety. At this point you will have to accept your death, OR you can try to charge to the closest Petromin(s) within the tunnel to slow the advancement of the enemy. Then you should retract your piping and destroy the Oozies before continuing to collect more Oil Pellets. An alternate solution is to try and collect the remaining Oil Pellets, but that only works when there are VERY FEW of the Oil Pellets remaining.
 - c) Remember that Land Mines can in fac pass through your piping without causing any harm, so never use your Drill Bit on them or you will be exttremely sorry!
 - d) Every time you are seeking to head down to the next tunnel, try to keep your overall total of piping that is lying in the tunnels to a bare minimum. If you are forced to retract all that pipe when a higher tunnel Oozie is threatening the safety of your operation, all that extra piping may take too long to retract, causing the disaster that you are seeking to avoid.
 - e) Goblets are easily the best source of points to be found in the entire game, but do not get careless when going after one. They will often be accompanied by a dangerous obstacle like a Land Mine beside them, or an Oozie that will appear elsewhere and make an attempt on your pipes, so be wary of attackers when trying for this oh so valuable and pretty object.
 - f) Your Drill Bits begin each appearance with a life of 990, which will be reduced by 10 every few seconds. If you are about to run out of time, leaving too many Oil Pellets to snag before time runs out, it is best to go after some tough to reach Oil Pellets and get them since you are going to lose that Drill Bit anyway.

-----Final Word-----

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If you liked it, hated it, have anything to add, then please E-mail me at briansulpher@hotmail.com. You can also contact me through MSN messenger through the same E-mail address.

An amazingly complex game for so simple graphics, concept, and design. However, it remains a favourite of mine to this day as it is so highly addictive to play (so go play it GUYS and GIRLS!). Seriously, get at it and play this sweet little game with the oh so neat graphics!