

Atari Bit Byter User Club e.V.



GRAUESSE ZUM 25. JUBILAEUM

Jahreshauptversammlung
des ABBUC e.V. im Bürgerhaus Süd,
Herten am 23.10.2010



Greetings from David Fox

Congratulations on your 25th anniversary! While I can't be there in body, I'm there virtually, along with the ghosts of all my old ATARI 400 and 800s! From our early days at our Marin Computer Center where we had about 10 of these computers (and where I wrote my Computer Animation Primer book, which featured the ATARI 800), to my days at Lucasfilm Games (now LucasArts) where we got to push the ATARIs to their limits with our first games (Rescue on Fractalus! and Ballblazer), these computers still occupy a warm place in my heart. Hopefully we can celebrate again in another 25 years!

David Fox Designer/Project Leader of Rescue on Fractalus!
Electric Eggplant / www.ElectricEggplant.com



Greetings from Curt Vendel

Congratulations on 25 years of keeping the ATARI spirit alive and active. While I can't make it to celebrate in person, you guys know I support your incredible efforts. You've been a huge part of bringing lots of great information, projects and education to the ATARI community and I hope you guys keep going even stronger and make the next 25 years of supporting ATARI even better than before.

Curt Vendel, ATARI Historian

The ATARI Museum, www.atarimuseum.com



Greetings from Chris Crawford

It's hard to believe that so much time has passed since the ATARI days. I can recall coming to Germany in late summer 1982 to attend the ATARI booth at Funkausstellung in Berlin. The ATARI 800 was such a beautiful computer: a great combination of power and elegance of design. I wish that programming these days was as easy as it was back then. I admire you all for continuing to play with this hardware and explore its potential. Congratulations on your 25th anniversary!

Chris Crawford, author of „De Re ATARI“
Now at www.storytron.com



Greetings from Claudio F. Loquenz

Many congratulations for this first quarter of century. Thank you for achieving that ATARI is more alive than never. Thank you, for allowing to assemble to different generations and cultures in our common pleasure: ATARI. And today in addition, thanks to the Internet magic, to be able to be present from the most distant and hidden places of the world. Long life for Atari, long life for ABBUC.

Claudio F. Loquenz, Chile

SDG Statistical Data Analysis & Graphics, V1.0

3rd place in the ABBUC Contest 2008

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Greetings from Mario Caillahuz

Many congratulations ABBUC!

You have come a long way in 25 years. Your varied activities promoting our beloved ATARI on all directions, is the key of inspiration to many people as me. I started with an ATARI since 1982, I chose this computer for his high quality graphics and CPU speed at the time. I have to say, this machine has the magic, and still I try to learn more about. Recently thanks to internet, I have the chance to contribute with the community and ABBUC Club. Sincerely, I hope to view more years to come for your club.

Mario Caillahuz

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Greetings from Frantisek Houra

Congratulations to ATARI Bit Byter
Computer Club for its 25th anniversary
and best wishes to all its members. Keep
up the good work!

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Greetings from Radek Sterba

Let me congratulate ABBUC and all its members to the 25th anniversary. I wish you (as well as other ATARI fans) that 8 bit computers were still a source of pleasant fun even in these over-engineered times.

Likewise, I wish programmers, graphicicians and musicians that researching over optimum code, splendid graphics and music that pleases the ear was bringing them joy and satisfaction from active production and from overcoming hardware and especially one's own limits.

Radek Sterba, Raster/C.P.U.

<http://raster.atari.org>



Greetings from Marius Diepenhorst

Hello ABBUC!

Happy Birthday ABBUC! My name is Marius Diepenhorst, and in 1984 I won (at the age of 8) an ATARI 800XL computer. It was love at first sight, and I remember very well my first steps in programming (BASIC, Turbo BASIC and the last 15 years: Mac/65 assembler). I'm still rather active on ATARI 8 bit, and I'm very happy to be ABBUC member!

Greetings, Marius Diepenhorst - Netherlands

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Greetings from Martin Simecek

Hi, I wish very best to ABBUC and also all remaining atarians who still produce new games, demos and other ATARI related stuff. I think there is no active ATARI an who does not know what ABBUC is, it is nice to know you still have 400+ members. I hope you will keep this number steady. I do not know ABBUC for a long time, maybe 5 years of your 25 year history, but since then I always looking forward to next software contest you announce. I could not prepare entry every year and it is now even harder to find time to code let's say "premium" game since I graduated two years ago, but as you can see there are several neat games (including mine of course :D) in this year's software contest which means the scene is still alive.

I hope you like my games, I am working on another game right now so you can count with me at next year's Abbuc SW contest too ;-).

Best Regards, Martin Simecek AKA MatoSimi
Bratislava/Slovakia, <http://matosimi.atari.org>



Greetings from Filippo Santellocco

It's funny. In 1984 when I received an ATARI 800XL, I was unhappy because all my friends had C-64s with plenty of software, magazines and books. Unfortunately, in Italy ATARI 8-bit computers were not so popular. In 2002 I started collecting old computers and - guess what - now the Atari 800XL is my favourite; I enjoy programming it and I made a website to tell facts often forgotten ("History is written by the winners").

ATARI 8-bit computers are milestones. When they came out in 1979, they were very advanced (128 colors, overscan, sprites, sound, hardware architecture).

I appreciate ABBUC very much. So, congratulations on your 25th anniversary. I hope to celebrate with you in another 25 years!

Filippo Santellocco, www.santellocco.com/atari



Greetings from Marcin Zukowski

It is amazing to see ABBUC alive and active after 25 years! ABBUC was always a very important element of the ATARI community. Ideas like the series of "ABBUC intros" and yearly hardware and software contents continue to stimulate innovation for 8-bit ATARI, which is quite exceptional for a platform as old as many of us are.

So, big "THANK YOU" to all of you at ABBUC, enjoy the party, and many more years to come!

Marcin Zukowski aka Eru/Taquart (Yoomp!, Numen, ...)
VectorWise / www.vectorwise.com



Greetings from Michael Current

Congratulations to ABBUC on reaching the quarter-century mark, from the upper-midwest of the USA! Here we have SPACE, alive since 1982, so ABBUC is not that old yet. :) Still, we all know which ATARI club really rules the universe. Keep using that ATARI!

Michael Current/SPACE and 8-bit ATARI FAQ
guy - space.atari.org, mcurrent.name



GRUESSE VOM RETURN Magazin

RETURN Magazin wünscht dem ABBUC herzlichen Glückwunsch!

1985 wurde in Recklinghausen ein Computerclub gegründet. Bis dahin nichts besonderes, gab es in den 80ern doch Computerclubs an jeder Ecke. Heute aber feiert der ATARI-Computerclub ABBUC ein denkwürdiges Jubiläum und hat somit sogar ATARI Deutschland überlebt.

Neulich frug mich jemand beim Blick auf unser Magazin: „Wer interessiert sich denn heute noch für 8 Bit Computer?“ Es sind eben die Leute, die trotz moderner und überlegener Technik heute noch Spaß daran haben, mit den Computern und Konsolen der ersten Stunde zu arbeiten und zu spielen. Und für die machen wir unser Magazin. Alles Gute und auf dass es den ABBUC noch viele weitere Jahre geben wird!

Frank Erstling / Herausgeber

Boris Kretzinger / Leitender Redakteur

www.return-magazin.de





Greetings from Pawel Sikorski

25th anniversary - it is great! I wish all ABBUC members next 25 years and more with our beloved ATARI's. I think, that it will be great season to make new software and new hardware to give more life for our ATARI.

Best regards, Pawel "Sikor" Sikorski
Sikor Soft, www.atari.sikorsoft.com



Gruesse vom BGM Uli Paetzel

Der Verein ABBUC e. V. („Atari Bit Byter Computer Club“) schreibt in diesem Jahr 25 Jahre Geschichte. Zu diesem erfreulichen Jubiläum gratuliere ich den Mitgliedern und Freunden des Vereins ganz herzlich, auch im Namen von Bürgerschaft, Rat und Verwaltung. Für die geleistete gesellschaftliche Arbeit spreche ich meinen Dank aus und wünsche dem Verein ABBUC e. V. weiterhin eine erfolgreiche Fortsetzung der jetzt 25jährigen Geschichte.

Dr. Uli Paetzel, Bürgermeister Stadt Herten



Gruesse vom Verein zum Erhalt klassischer Computer

Zum 25-jährigen Jubiläum gratulieren wir allen Mitgliedern des ABBUC. Als systemübergreifender „Verein zum Erhalt klassischer Computer e.V.“ gehören natürlich auch die ATARI 8-Bitter zu unseren Lieblingen. Der ABBUC ist eine absolute Bereicherung für unser Hobby und für Fans der 8-Bit-Ataris schon seit vielen Jahren die wichtigste Anlaufstelle. In diesem Jahr konnten wir uns über eine offizielle ABBUC-Beteiligung auf unserer jährlichen Ausstellung „Classic Computing“ freuen. Auf der CC2010, die in diesem Jahr in Altensteig statt fand, wurde der ABBUC durch die ABBUC-Mitglieder Lucky, Rockfort und Cannonfodder repräsentiert. So hatten wir die Möglichkeit eine sehr große Auswahl an ATARI-Geräten zu zeigen. Wir möchten uns für den gelungenen Auftritt und die Präsentation bedanken und hoffen, dass wir auch in Zukunft unsere Kräfte bündeln können, um auch in den nächsten 25 Jahren noch viele gemeinsame Projekte durchführen zu können.

Nicolas Welte, 1. Vors. „Verein zum Erhalt klassischer Computer e.V.“

www.classic-computing.de



Greetings from Sandra & Sijmen Schouten

Congratulations to the Abbuc for 25 years of ATARI-fun! And still going strong with more than 400 members. I am a member for a long time now. I cannot remember when I joined, but before that I always borrowed the magazine and disk from a friend. We had no jobs and so no money to join back then. Over the years I bought a lot of 8-bit collections here in the Netherlands, with often the older ABBUC magazines also still present. Unfortunately nowadays there are not many people who sell their stuff, but the double items we buy, we always bring to the ABBUC for others to add to their collection. Hope to be a member for a long time to come, and a big 'thank you' to all people who make it all happen.

Sijmen & Sandra Schouten, Netherlands.

<http://www.mr-atari.com> <http://www.atari-shop.nl>



Greetings from Steven Tucker

I've been making goodies and supporting ATARI users for about 15 years and the best part of that has always been meeting new ATARI friends from all over the world. So greetings and thanks to ABBUC and all my friends out there, all over the world, still keeping the ATARI 8-bit spirit alive today!

Steven Tucker

www.atarimax.com



Greetings from Krzysztof A. Ziembik

Hello ABBUC members! Your club is celebrating 25 years of work for ATARI community. This is good occasion for non-members, like me, to express my respect for your incredible effort to keep 8-bit ATARI spirit alive.

When I was a child in 80's I saw demos, games and utils made by ABBUC members. When I was a teenager in 90's I saw demos, games and utils made by ABBUC members. Nowadays, I see demos, games and utils made by ABBUC members. I hope it is timeless story like existence of Egyptian piramids and you will never stop doing that! :) I wish the best to all your members.

Kaz and AtariOnline.pl <http://atarionline.pl>



Gruesse von Thiemo Eddiks

Herzliche Glückwünsche zum 25. Geburtstag des ABBUC e.V.! Da wir leider nicht persönlich anwesend sein können, stoßen wir auf der Feier zum zweijährigen Bestehen des Oldenburger Computer-Museums (OCM) nicht nur auf uns, sondern auch auf euch an. Wir stehen noch ganz am Anfang unserer Vereinsgeschichte: Vor einem Jahr – kurz vor dem ersten Geburtstag des OCM – haben wir den Oldenburger Computer-Museum e.V. gegründet. Etwa 40 Mitglieder konnten wir in diesem ersten Jahr gewinnen. Dass es den ABBUC e.V. bereits 25 Jahre gibt und der Verein über 400 Mitglieder im In- und Ausland vorweisen kann, dient uns als gutes Vorbild und macht uns Mut für die Zukunft. Wir wünschen euch noch viele weitere Jahre und vor allem – denn wir wissen, wie wichtig sie sind – viele engagierte Mitglieder.

Viele Grüße aus Oldenburg

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Gruesse von Enno Coners

Der ATARI Bit Byter User Club ist seit nunmehr 25 Jahren eine feste Anlaufstelle für Atarifans. Zu diesem Jubiläum möchte ich allen meine herzlichsten Glückwünsche übermitteln. Interessierte wie Fans, so weiß ich durch viele persönliche Kontakte, sind beim ABBUC e.V. in den besten Händen. Das stetige Sammeln, Fördern und Bündeln von Wissen sorgte immer wieder für frische Projekte, die die Mitglieder des ABBUC oft initiiert haben. Es machte uns als Retro-Magazin viel Freude darüber zu berichten. Herzlichen Dank dem Verein und seinen vielen freiwilligen Helfern, ohne deren Engagement und Enthusiasmus ein wertvolles Stück ATARI-Kultur fehlen würde. Das Retro-Magazin wird diese Kultur weiterhin gerne unterstützen.

Enno Coners (Herausgeber) und das RETRO-Team
www.retro-magazin.de



Greetings from Bradley Coda

Best Electronics would like to congratulate ABBUC Computer Club on its 25th Anniversary. Best Electronics has supported the Atari Community since 1982. We look forward to supporting all Atari Word Wide users for another 10 to 15 years!

Regards, Bradley Coda

Best Electronics, www.best-electronics-ca.com



Greetings from Lance Ringquist

I am glad that your great club has reached such a milestone. You should be proud. I hope that your great club reaches many more!!!!

Please keep up the good work supporting ATARI. You have many talented members of your great club, you should be proud! LONG LIVE ATARI!!!!

Thanks, Lance

www.atarisales.com



Greetings from German Gonzalez-Morris

Congrats for these 25 years giving the best to the ATARI scene. A complete community keeping the quality through actual modern years remaining in the 8-bits. We were a small amateur team of friends called Pelusa Software that made some games and utilities (Kung Fu Master, Cementerio, working with fractions, among others). Today working closer to emulation and being able to do some “dreams” as conversions of Quill text adventures Quill, automation of chess tournaments, unfinished New Rally-x port, etc.

I hope this computer club can continue with the good work for years. ¡¡¡ Felicitaciones !!!

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