

Although there was a little lack of communication at the last meeting, we did manage to get our software library started.

While swapping software at the meeting, we encountered no problems between the different types of recorders as we once feared.

Joe Pipek displayed a program that he developed called Twixt. It is a unique program that is available in our library. It was suggested to Joe that he contribute Twixt to a Bally newsletter.

In talking with our librarian, Bob Stoops, we have nearly all of the programs listed in the Arcadian and Cursor. He will publish a list of these programs as soon as he can. Once we have the list then each member can contribute any software not listed. This way we can make our library as complete as possible. If you want a copy of a program contact Bob at the next meeting. (The library will not contain programs that authors have for sale.) Possibly, volunteers can let Bob know what programs their working on, so that we can avoid duplicated efforts.

Mention was made during last meeting of group buying in the areas of keyboards, hand controls, etc. Anyone having specific needs and/or outlets, please let me know. The only place currently available to us for Bally items is S & W Distributors. Info on S & W was distributed during the meeting.

A demonstration of Dogpatch was given by Manny Martinez. A mixed discussion followed, but the consensus of opinion was that Dogpatch was below the normal standards of previous games from Bally. It lacked use of the full screen, changing graphics which made the game very routine after playing it for a while. Also it can only be played with two people (unless you have four hands).

**BAD NEWS:** No information from Astovision yet. It seems that they haven't made any firm decisions on what type addition they intend to market next year.

**GOOD NEWS:** We will have some visitors in the months of January and February. For January we will have a manufacturer's rep from Astovision, and in February, Jay Fenton, author of the Tiny Basic ROM cartridge, will be visiting. So start getting your questions ready. (Rumor has it Mr. Fenton is working on an extended basic for the Blue Ram.)

Speaking of the Blue Ram, Dr. Bernstein said that when he got his unit, he would bring it in for a demonstration.

Meanwhile, Mike Maslowski, Mark Kritlow and Maurice Breunig are looking into an S-100 bus to interface additional memory and software.

December's meeting will be purely entertainment, we intend on having four Ballys on display. Bring the family and enjoy! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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