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Readers Replays



F.A.O. SCHWARZ' ROBOTS



ROBOTS GALORE!

I absolutely loved those adorable little robots pictured holding the special controllers and joysticks in your September issue ("Better Control for Your Games"). Were the mechanical men constructed especially for that photo or are they real toys?

Hannah Noonan
Tampa, FL

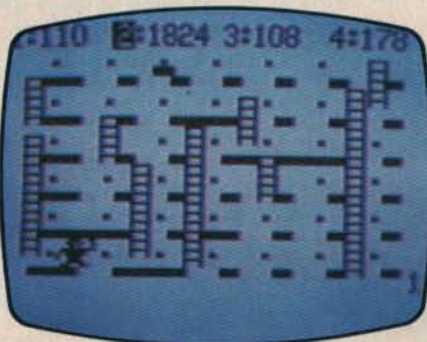
Ed: Those little robots you saw in the photo are all actual toys, loaned to EG for that shooting session by the wonderful folks at FAO Schwarz, where they can all be purchased along with enough other goodies to keep grandma broke for a year-and-a-half and grandchildren delighted even longer.

EXPRESS STOP?

I am a long-time owner of the Bally/Astrocade and the original Bally BASIC cartridge. Subscribing to the Ar-

cadian and Bally Express newsletters more than adequately filled the void left by the lack of new games produced by Bally or Astro.

Last year, without warning, I stopped receiving the Express. They don't

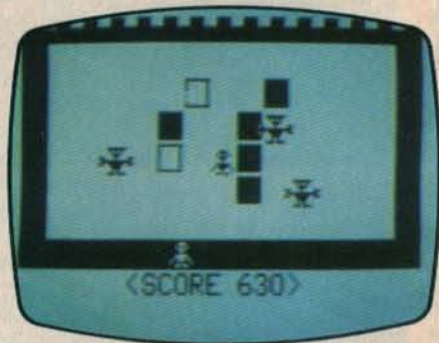


MONKEY JUMP (WAVEMAKERS)

answer our letters and they still owe me a year's subscription. Can you investigate?

Alfonzo Smith Jr.
Cleveland, OH

Ed: We can and did. A few quick phone calls have determined that the Express has run off the tracks. Attempts to contact Fred Cornett, the newsletter's publisher, have so far been unsuccessful. Keep an eye out, however, for the January issue of EG which will contain a piece entitled



CASTLE OF HORROR (WAVEMAKERS)

"The Astrocade Underground", the saga of the gamers who refused to take the lack of new software lying down. The article will deal with the various independent game designers, such as Mike Peace of Wavemakers, and the publications, such as the new software source book and Bob Fabris' Arcadian.

TALES OF NINE KEYS

My name is Bernard Lewis and in the August '82 issue of EG you said I was the first to submit a "pattern" for the VCS version of Pac-Man. You also said you would send me a "Midway version ninth key—the very first time we get that far." Was that a joke or what? If not, what is a "ninth key"?

Bernard Lewis
Laurelton, NY

Ed: Actually, Bernard, it was a joke, but there most certainly is a ninth key