

F/AO

Mr. Bob Fabris
ARCADIANS
3626 Morrie Drive
San Jose, California

31 July 1979

Dear Mr. Fabris,

Thank you for running my for sale ad in the number seven issue of ARCADIANS. Either I asked too much, or others are losing interest as well, because the response was negative.

The thing that did perk my interest was your announcement of the keyboard project - enough so that I bought a keyboard just to be ready when the project is published. As you might surmise, that glimmer of a future for the Arcade as a computer (together with the negative response) has prompted me to retain it with hopes for the future.

For that reason, I hope you can supply me with the following items that I refrained from ordering previously:

PA-1 Service Manual	\$1.00
Hacker's Manual	2.00
50 Pin Connector	2.50
Total	\$5.50

If it's too late to obtain these items, I'll understand, but if they can't be supplied, I'd appreciate it.

In response to your queries in issue 8 - I don't think I'd go for the \$650 Bally unit at this point, but I'd strongly consider either of the other two alternatives - the last would be most preferable if it could be supplied in kit/plan form that might shave the cost to some degree. My reason for not supporting the \$650 Bally unit at this point is that I'm very skeptical about Bally support at this time. I understand the quandry they have as regards the FCC, yet I see Apple computers selling very well. Perhaps the timing has just been unfortunate for the folks at Bally, but a lot of other companies have made significantly more progress than they have in the period since the Arcade was first announced.

2/

For your information, my Arcade is a BA-1000-2, serial number 653. The first one I had was a BA-1000 with a serial number around 100, but it was returned to Montgomery Ward for replacement as it tended to self destruct after being in operation for a while.

One suggestion I have for something you might include in the ARCADIAN is a review of Bally Videocades. I don't know where subscribers are located, but in my case, there's no local retailer, so mail order is my only resort. Some idea of what I might be ordering would be useful to me and others in a similar situation, if our numbers warrant.

Thanks for your time.

Best regards,



RICHARD F. DERMODY

8431 Timber Glen
San Antonio, TX 78250