

Ingersoll's Atari Owners Club

BULLETIN

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Now the world's
newest arcade game
comes to your home!

ASTEROIDS

The one you have
been waiting for!



Son of Space Invaders? Not on your life... Asteroids has 66 game variations, for 1 or 2 players.

Depending on the variation you choose, you may be able to save your spaceship from destruction by using one of Asteroids' fabulous features — HYPERSPACE — SHIELDS — and a brand new one, FLIP! Instantly swing through 180° to attack the Asteroids coming up behind you...

Brains has really outdone himself this time! This exciting new game cartridge features strongly in Ingersoll's TV advertising campaign this Autumn — so see you, on TV!

ASTEROIDS
— used with Joysticks
66 terrific games for
one or two players.

Suggested retail: £34.50 incl. VAT



**WIN A TRIP
TO THE UNITED STATES
IN NOVEMBER — TO PLAY IN
ATARI'S INTERNATIONAL
ASTEROIDS FINAL**

You could win the International prize, too!

When you buy your Asteroids Cartridge ask your Atari dealer for the UK Asteroids Contest Entry Form. If he has run out of forms, write to Jumping Jacky, Asteroids Contest, Atari Owners Club — RHA, 7 High Street, Maidenhead, Berks — and she'll send you an entry form, by return.

All you'll have to do, after you've bought your cartridge, is run a local Asteroids High Score Competition for ten of your friends, and you'll be entitled to compete in the UK Asteroids Contest, in London, at the end of October. From there, who knows — you could be winged to the U.S. — courtesy of Ingersoll Electronics.



THE ATARI VIDEO COMPUTER SYSTEM

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HIGH SCORE SPOT

PINBALL WIZARDS * * * * *

People are getting lots of fun from the new Video Pinball cartridge, and we're starting to get High Score Claims. Can anyone beat John Pickup's score of 7,068,352? We doubt it! We know John of old — he's a long-standing Atari supporter from Preston, Lancs.

Next best on Pinball so far is Nicholas O'Donnell (14), who has scored 1,543,133 on Game 1.

Any takers? Scores — ON GAME ONE ONLY, PLEASE — to Capable Kathy at the Owners Club.



SPACE INVADERS

The One Million Barrier

Yes — he's made it! Michael Holdron from Dewsbury was the first U.K. Atari Owner to break the One Million Barrier on Space Invaders, Game One. Michael is 19 years old, and scored 1,408,300 in 15 hours, 30 minutes. Congratulations, Michael — you are our September High Scorer.



Michael Holdron

We received this photo of Steven Brown, who is 14. Although we mentioned his score — 836,000 — in the last issue, we didn't have his picture then. So here he is! Well done, Steven.



Steven Brown

We'd also like to mention that Stephen Bradley (12) our U.K. Atari Champion, how now broken the Million Barrier, and so has Richard Morris (16). Aren't these boys brilliant? If there are any more Million Scorers out there Capable Kathy would like to hear from you. You must have played on Game 1, and have a witness. We'd also like to know your precise score, age — and how long it took you!

SUPERMAN Competition — Result

We had over 600 entries for our Superman Competition, which appeared in the May Atari Bulletin. Here are the names of the winners — we hope you enjoy your prizes — new Ingersoll Electronics portable TVs!

- Gregory Gill - from Rainham, Essex.
- Thomas Tiffen - from Chelmsford, Essex.
- Peter Rankin - from Coatbridge, Nr. Manchester.

Why American Atari cartridges don't work in the U.K.



An explanation by Brains

A lot of Atari owners, or their parents, have bought Atari VCS cartridges while they were in the United States. When you get back, you find the cartridges don't work over here. Sorry, but it's not our fault!!

The American TV transmission system - NTSC - is quite different from the British TV transmission system - PAL. There is no way we can make NTSC cartridges work on PAL - so the shop in America misled you. By law, your best solution is to write to them, and ask them to return your money.

However, if this proves too difficult, write to our people at the Ingersoll Electronics Service Department, Ingersoll House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Herts, on this - don't try and arrange it through your Atari Dealer - it's not fair on him.

We've also come across the odd person who actually bought a U.S. Atari VCS in The States. We can change them for you, but have to make a hefty charge. Speak to our Service Dept. on this problem: their telephone number is Waltham Cross (0992) 23677.

News

SEE THE U.S. —WITH ATARI

Here's our U.K. Atari Champion Stephen Bradley, on his way to America — courtesy of Ingersoll Electronics. For Stephen, who is now twelve, the trip was his prize for defeating all comers at Space Invaders and Missile Command at our Easter Championship. Stephen (left) was accompanied by his brother.



The boys had a fabulous week. In New York they visited Central Park, the Empire State Building, Manhattan Island - and went to two musicals - "America" and "Barnum". Then, on to San Francisco, for trips to Fishermans Wharf, Fort Apache, Chinatown, the Golden Gate Bridge - and even Alcatraz! And they saw "Superman II" at the cinema!

In California - where else? - they were guests at the Atari complex at Sunnyvale - our pictures show the boys with Atari's Head of Program Research - and in the Atari Coin-op "Games Room". Atari also showed them some Top Secret cartridges - so the Bradleys know things you don't know!



In Los Angeles - a ride on the roller coaster, sunbathing, roller skating, and a visit to Universal Studios. Our thanks to the many Atari personnel who acted as hosts to the Bradley boys in the cities visited. They send their best wishes to all concerned.



BIKE FAN WINS ATARI TV GAME

Lucky guy receiving an Ingersoll Atari VCS plus cartridges — together worth around £150 — from Team Ingersoll Heron Suzuki rider Graeme Crosby is Chris Norris from Worcester.

Chris won a recent competition run in a Donington Park Motorbike Racing programme. He correctly identified all nineteen international bike riders in a mystery montage — some feat! Welcome to the wonderful world of Atari, Chris!



Don't forget — meet us at the PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD SHOW

Cunard Hotel, Hammersmith, London
September 10th-12th, 1981.

We're sure most Atari Owners read Personal Computer World every now and then; it's a really good publication. They're holding their annual Show on September 10th-12th. Needless to say, Ingersoll Electronics will be there — with the new Atari Personal Computers — and the Atari VCS: with lots of new cartridges to try. Why not visit our stand — full details are in the current issue of Personal Computer World. We'd love to see you . . . and Personal Computer World have given us permission to print this special 50p Off Reduced Entry Voucher, to use if you come along.

The 4th Personal Computer World Show

REDUCED ENTRY

VOUCHER 50p Off VOUCHER

Personal Computer World

Take this voucher to the 4th Personal Computer World Show at the Cunard Hotel Hammersmith on 10-12 September 1981 and you will receive a 50p discount on the £12 Entry fee. This entitles you to cash.

IN THE SHOPS NOW!

The NEW ATARI 400 and 800 Personal Computers

The new Atari 400 and Atari 800 personal computers are now on sale in the UK, under an exclusive franchise with Ingersoll Electronics. The new computers are so easy to understand, that people who never dreamed of owning a computer now can. Even those who were really hesitant can have these machines humming in minutes, and will really benefit from owning one!

So easy to hook up*

Just plug your Atari personal computer into your TV set, and it's ready to go — use it at home, or take it to the office (it's no bigger than an electric typewriter).

So easy to change programs*

The Atari computers take special program cassettes, so you can take your pick from an enormous range of computer facilities — for home, business or educational use — or you can play fabulous new games with high resolution graphics! And the 800 PCS can run up to 4 disc drives.



So easy to extend

The Atari 400 and Atari 800 computers have 16K bytes of RAM memory, but this can be expanded further if required by adding Memory Modules. The machines

are capable of full colour display, 4-sound "voices", music synthesis, and can run light pen and independent graphics accessories, plus word processors, recorders and printers.

So easy to communicate*

Unlike most other "small computers" the Atari models have their own upper and lower case alphabets — much easier, and quicker, to take in. The computers are programmed in Atari Basic. The Atari 400 has a 57-key monopanel ("touch-type") keyboard, with 4 function keys and 29 graphics keys. The bigger Atari 800 has the same key specification but has a full-stroke keyboard.



Software cassettes from
£8.95 incl. VAT.

The Atari 800
Suggested retail:
£645 incl. VAT

The Atari 400
Suggested retail:
£345 incl. VAT

So many uses — in the office*

In America, professional men and small businessmen are already learning what an enormous time and energy savings help Atari computers can be. And company men have come to rely on their own personal Atari computer (instead of having to book themselves in to use that unco-operative hulk down in the company basement!). An Atari computer takes the paper out of paperwork! It estimates, deduces, solves problems, increases profitability — at the touch of a key.



... or in the home!*

Atari computers work just as hard at home. For instance, they'll help you learn languages, compose music or teach touch typing. They'll entertain you . . . or help you and your family manage your personal finances, keep household records — even recipes, birthday lists or addresses!

If you'd like to try an Atari Personal Computer — in the shops right now — we'll put you in touch with your major Regional Stockists. Please write to Owners' PCS Enquiries Dept., RHA, 7 High Street, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 1JN.

Things YOU ought to know
INFORMATION

from the Atari
Owners Club



ATTENTION
ALL ADULTS!

Benefits - for Atari Owners Club Members



Capable Kathy

The Atari Owners Club isn't just for kids — everyone who owns an Atari VCS should make sure they are enrolled in the Club, so they don't miss out on a thing! so if you know anyone who owns an Atari, but doesn't receive our Bulletin regularly have them write to Capable Kathy at Ingersoll Electronics, giving their name, address and Console number — and we'll do the rest! Here's a reminder of what they will get:

1 REGULAR FREE BULLETIN

Inside information on new cartridge releases!

Once you're enrolled in the Atari Owners Club, you will receive a free, regular, Owners Bulletin. The main purpose of the Bulletin is to keep you informed on **new cartridge releases** — Ingersoll Electronics issue between 8 and 12 super new Atari cartridges every year! You can't afford to miss out on all that fun and excitement....

2 OWNERS CLUB OFFERS

Special Owners Club merchandise — at super low prices!

In most issues we offer accessories for your Atari — or Owners Club regalia; at Special Offer prices. For instance, we've run Atari cartridge racks, Atari pop-up storage boxes, a VCS system stand, a cotton Atari unit cover — and Owners Club teshirts and badges.

3 COMPETITIONS

Lots of super prizes for Owners!

In each issue of the Bulletin we run an easy-to-enter competition, based on your knowledge, and experience of the Atari system. Prizes to the value of many hundreds of pounds can be won — TVs, radios, hip pocket stereos and watches are among recent gifts awarded.

4 TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

Know everything that's going on!

When you're an Atari Owners Club Member, you know precisely what's going on in the fantastic world of Atari! You can communicate with other Members, take part in Atari functions (such as our annual UK Atari Championship) — there's so much going for you, with Atari!

NEW ADDRESS FOR INGERSOLL ELECTRONICS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Those of you who have need to use our Service Department know how speedy and efficient they are. Now they're going to be even better, because they've moved to spacious new premises! You can contact the Service Department direct at the following address:

INGERSOLL ELECTRONICS SERVICE DEPT.

Ingersoll House

Delamare Road

Cheshunt, Herts

Telephone: Waltham Cross (0992) 23677



Are you Left-handed?

**GOOD NEWS for
Left-handed owners**

Here's a suggestion from an Atari Owner, Mr Edmund Bamber of Preston, for people who have problems playing with joysticks for right-handed people:

Dear Captain Atari

Some of my friends are left-handed. However your joysticks are right handed. To overcome this problem I unscrewed the base of the joysticks and released the inner circuit board. The wires are then slid off except orange and black which are left on. The others are then replaced as below.

After this modification the sticks can be used by a left-hander by using the fire button at top right.

I am sending this letter to you hoping it will be published in our Bulletin as it is a great advantage to my left-handed friends.

Circuit Board

ORANGE

BLACK

GREEN

BROWN

WHITE

BLUE

Wires

Orange

Black

White

Blue

Brown

Green

Just one word of warning from Brains. Don't attempt this modification if you don't understand circuitry - go to a good electrical dealer, and ask them to do it for you!