Events scheduled are User Group displays, Commercial Exhibits, Workshops, plus a full slate of speakers. The theme of this year's fair is "Computers – The Machine of the Future Today." Need more? Contact:

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Software News

80 Columns For Your C64

RTC is about to release "Color 80" – software that turns your 40 Column Commodore 64 into an 80 Column. The utility redefines each character to half its normal width and uses the hi-res screen capabilities to display them. Full screen editing is not affected and no Basic memory space is consumed. The price? Just $34.95 in Canada, $29.95 in the US. For more call:

Richvale Telecommunications
10610 Bayview Avenue
Richmond Hill, Ontario
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6 Times Faster Cassette Operation

The *Arrow* from Skyles Electric Works is an inexpensive plug–in module for the VIC 20 or Commodore 64 that can increase the speed of cassette tape operations by 6 to 7 times. The package includes a machine language monitor and a complete set of text editing commands such as Search & Replace, Auto line numbering, multiple line Delete, and a Hex/Decimal converter. There is also an Append command and a high–speed tape positioning command that allows one to advance the tape by 16,000 byte intervals using the Fast–Forward button on the cassette deck. Price: $49.95 US.

A second version of *Arrow* comes with a built–in Assembler utility that works with disk or tape. Price is $89.95 US. For information call:

Skyles Electric Works
231E South Whitman Road
Mountain View, CA
94041   415 965 1735

Busiwriter And Busicalc

Busiwriter, also from Skyles Electric, is an inexpensive word processor for the Commodore 64. Features include 20 pages of text space, an enormous number of editing commands (with an interesting set of special characters to indicate text handling – Ed.) and is compatible with Commodore 1515 & 1525 printers, Epson, Qume, Diablo, NEC, C. Itoh (pronounced *See Eatow* for those as stumped as I was – Ed.), Starwriter, Prowriter, Okidata, Microline, Gemini–10, and others. Only $99.00 US.

Busicalc is an electronic spread sheet program that comes in four inexpensive versions. US prices are $49 for the VIC 20, $69 for the 64, $79 for 40 Column PET/CBMs and $89 for 80 Column machines. Call Skyles Electric Works (above) for more details.

WordCraft Receives ICP's Million Dollar Award

Dataview, a Colchester, England, based software publisher, and Peter Dowson, author of WordCraft, has just been presented with the software industry's most coveted award – The ICP Million Dollar Award for achieving 5 million dollars total sales of WordCraft, one of the earliest available wordprocessing programs for Commodore equipment.

The Million Dollar Awards were originated in 1972 by Larry Welke, president of International Computer Program Inc. The 1983 ceremonies were held in Scottsdale, Arizona, and at the Savoy in London, England.

Dataview celebrated the event by releasing a new and more powerful version of WordCraft. New features include a calculator facility, optional password security on disk files, additional modem support for modems other than the 8010 IEEE model, a parallel printer interface from the User Port, a "template" function to select fill file data based on specified criteria, and compatibility with alien files produced by other programs. More detailed manuals have also been added.

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DTL–Basic Compiler: New Versions

Dataview has also just released the DTL–Basic Compiler for the Commodore 64 and the new third generation Commodore machines. Contact Dataview or Cimarron.