LETTERS

Speedwriter

To the Editor:

I was very interested in your review of *Speedwriter* in your March/April issue. I've been using *Speedwriter* with my Commodore 64 since the program first became available.

According to the reviewer, the run time library (RTL-64) cannot be copied from the compiler disk to another disk. This is not true. LOAD "RTL-64", 8 will load the program into memory. SAVE "RTL-64", 8 will save the program to any disk. However, the *Speedwriter* documentation cautions that you not run either the compiled program or RTL-64 between the load and save.

I hope that this observation will be helpful to prospective users, and current reviewers, of *Speedwriter*.

Jack Ryan
El Dorado, Arkansas

Script 64

To the Editor:

I recently received the *Script 64* word processor. I read your article in the recent issue of *Commodore Microcomputers,* and you said you need a dongle to run the program. However, according to the update that came with the program, you no longer require the dongle to run the program.

I thought your readers might be interested in this new feature.
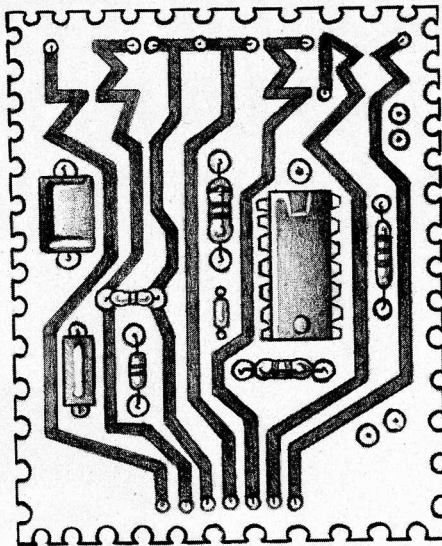
Kenneth J. Davies
Washington, New Jersey

Do As I Say, Not As I Do

To the Editor:

Your publication has just provided our family with a great deal of laughter and also a lesson in advertising techniques.

As relatively new acquaintances to the computer world, we have grown to be Commodore lovers through our VIC 20. We are going to expand to the more sophisticated Commodore 64 with the demands of our growing children and business needs.

While reading your February 1985 issue of *Commodore Microcomputers,* my wife came upon a rather interesting dilemma. She was intrigued by your portrayal of the computers in the beautiful pictures shown in the Commodore advertisements. At the same time, she was confronted with what seemed to be a paradox in your article on page 87 entitled, "Using the Computer to Help Your Child Learn." In the advertisement section, you picture people in a relaxed pose, intent on their enjoyable problem-free computer programs with food *ad libitum.* However, in your educational article your writer specifically states . . . "Do not let your child place food or drinks near the computer."

My children now understand that what you say and what you sometimes do are not always the same; although, they also realize that to project an image of a fireplug onto the screen of your computer monitor within sight of the bulldog is certainly asking for damage to your hardware.

Thank you for your most informative articles in ways only your readers will know. We will still remain faithfully yours, *Commodore.* C

The Woodwards
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Flex File

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading "Keep Those PET's Working" (March/April). However, I was left with some confusion concerning *Flex File.* In our school district, we have a considerable number of PET's and use *Flex File* in several of the offices. We originally purchased copies of the first version of *Flex File,* then later *Flex File 2.0.* Recently I purchased *Flex File 2.1,* which will run on a PET and does not require the dongle. This version does permit you to print any record on the screen. I also understood the author to say that the selected records had to go the printer. Not so—when setting up the print format, you can have it print either to the disk, printer, or screen. I have never seen *The Consultant,* but so far I haven't needed to look beyond *Flex File.*

I didn't particularly want this to sound like a commercial, but the weaknesses mentioned have been corrected in the latest version.

Ray Reed
Nampa, Idaho

Disk Companion for *Commodore Microcomputers*

To the Editor:

When are you going to put your Commodore 64 computer programs that you list in your publications on disk and cassette for sale to us subscribers? It sure would help us people who don't care to strain our eyes and spend hundreds of hours of typing in the listings and then have to debug the program.

Thanks for your time and patience.

Robert Desko
Endicott, New York

Loadstar comes on a two-sided diskette that has unprotected programs for your Commodore 64 in addition to the 64 programs featured in Commodore Microcomputers *that month. For more information, see the Loadstar advertisement in this magazine.* C

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