

- (+) everything about :
THE RADWAR PARTY !!
- (+) "WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE !" The police asks for your help .
- (+) the Glance Back of 1988 !
- (+) the NEW Venlo meeting
- (+) "High Score" :
the ultimate discussion .



GLANCE BACK OF 1988 !

Let's take a retroerspective view of the most important incidents of 1988, which have been named in the monthly 'gossip 'n' news' columns of "ILLEGAL" . . .

(*) JANUARY 1988

- ^ As a result of the war between CCS and TCS (Cleveland and Teesside Cracking Services), CCS changed their name into FUSION - MAN AND MACHINE
- ^ Rumours have been put up against IKARI freezing a lot of their cracks .
- ^ FCS, one of the very know German cracking groups, stopped activities .
- ^ Many conferences made their way from the States to Europe .
- ^ The 'Cracker of the Year 1987' chart looked like this : 1. TRIAD 2. HOTLINE 3.BB 4.TCS 5.FLT 6.SCG 7.RDI 8.EBI 9.UCF 10.FCS
- ^ The RADWAR PARTY on January, 9th was a huge success .

(*) FEBRUARY 1988

- ^ FUSION starting to be a real competitor for TRIAD, FAIRLIGHT and IKARI .
- ^ IKARI fights successfully the critics about freezing .
- ^ some people see a danger in the appearance of modem-trading on the European market .

(*) MARCH 1988

- ^ PIRA-TED squeals on EAGLE SOFT .
- ^ FUSION climbs on No.1 in the 'cracker charts' for the first time .
- ^ JANITOR/TRIAD said he was gonna retire .
- ^ In "CUG" appears a photo of the Amiga game "Dark Castle" showing "cracked by Lord Bitter for BS 1"
- ^ "System Four" goes on for the 1st time .

(*) APRIL 1988

- ^ SCOUSE CRACKING GROUP announce their comeback, but nobody seems to be fairly interested in that .
- ^ TRI-DOS, after being kicked out of FUSION, reinforces IKARI .
- ^ WINTER EDITION was finally fixed by The Papillions, Triad and Mr. Zeropage .
- ^ The April Venlo meeting was one of the best yet .
- ^ The Private Party (Triad, FLT, RWE) was quite a big success .

(*) MAY 1988

- ^ IAN, leader of FUSION, quit working on computers because, as he said, "My family deserves more of my time than I have been giving ."
- ^ THE SURVIVORS, known American group, died after several members received horrible phone bills .
- ^ English computer magazine "Commodore User" prints extracts from "ILLEGAL"
- ^ SCG appears in the 'cracker charts' after more than 6 months of absence .

(*) JUNE / JULY 1988

- ^ STRIDER of FAIRLIGHT started to visit the U.S. of A. for 2 months .
- ^ Four Danish Jewels reinforced IKARI, they are EXCELL, FLECH, GANDALF and DDC .
- ^ SCG jumps on No.1 in the charts .
- ^ For the first time in cracking, an Austrian group entered the 'cracker charts', namely the TSK-CREW, and hasn't left it so far .
- ^ JANITOR releases his last crack for TRIAD, that was 'Bard's Tale 3'

(*) AUGUST 1988

- ^ the total disaster in DENMARK, the IKARI-DOMINATORS-DANISH GOLD-UPFRONT party was everything else, but a well organized party .
- ^ TRIAD finally dies after IKION and MR.PINGE leaving the sinking mommy ship .

^ no "ILLEGAL" does come out, mainly because of the summer holiday .

(*) SEPTEMBER 1988

- ^ the gigantic meeting, the PERSONAL COMPUTER SHOW (also and formally better known as the P C W SHOW) delightedend more than 100,000 visitors from the 16 to 18th of September at Earl's Court in London .
- ^ more and more people getting pissed off at all modem traders .
- ^ the Austrian TSK-CREW changed their name into COSMOS .
- ^ STRIDER is back at home in Sweden, but still talks like a Yank .
- ^ DOUGHNUT CRACKING SERVICE, old fame from England, seem to be back after 2 long years of break .
- ^ After JJ THE BREAKER is back from his stay in the army, UNTOUCHABLE CRACKING FORCE announces their comeback, but fails already after 3 weeks .

(*) OCTOBER 1988

- ^ MISTER ZEROPAGE, Germany's best cracker, was caught by the police .
- ^ Mark Le-May, England's piss-head #1, created PHOENIX, but drops it after 2 months .
- ^ The English post strike makes the mail trading in Great Britain difficult .
- ^ SCG made a hattrick in the 'cracker charts' as no one else did before .

(*) NOVEMBER 1988

- ^ A TOUCH OF CLASS appears as a very strong American group .
- ^ MAD ALL, after being caught by the POST, stops pirating .
- ^ WEETIBIX announces SCG's retirement .
- ^ IKARI again climbs on No.1 .
- ^ HOTLINE seems to be active in cracking again, after only important for more than the half of the year .
- ^ STRIKE FORCE, in corporation with THE MOVERS enter the charts as a very strong German group .

(*) DECEMBER 1988

- ^ SCG says farewell to the cracking circuit mainly due to problems at school .
- ^ ZENITH is left alone, only STEVE and IRONFIST remain .
- ^ TUG quits computing .
- ^ STRIKE FORCE / MOVERS quit, too .
- ^ SHINING 8 quits .
- ^ more and more people start to work for software companies .
- ^ the RADWAR PARTY V2 was even better than its predecessor .

"ILLEGAL" cracker of the year 1 9 8 8

1.	IKARI	138 pts
2.	FAIRLIGHT	125
3.	TRIAD	98
4.	EAGLE SOFT INC.	91
5.	SCOUSE CRACKING GROUP	84
6.	FUSION	76
7.	BEASTIE BOYS	70
8.	THE WANDERER GROUP	64
9.	HOTLINE	60
10.	BROS	54
11.	THE PAPIILLIONS	51
12.	ORION	47
13.	DOUGHNUT CRACKING SERVICE	44
14.	A TOUCH OF CLASS	44
	COSMOS	44
16.	STRIKE FORCE / MOVERS	40
	ZENITH	38
18.	DOMINATORS	37
	JEWELS	36
20.	TRIANGLE	19

THIS IS A SPECIAL
ISSUE OF...
CRACKIN' COMIC
PRESENTED TO
YOU BY...

JEFF SMART + HOBBIT

IT'S ALL ABOUT
THE RWE
PARTY!!
YEAH!!!

1
TV STATION WDR INTERVIEWED CRACKERS...

I DO IT!...
THAT'S ALL...
NOW, FUCK OFF!

WDR

WHY?

KILL

I DO IT FOR FUN!

I ♥ PEOPLE

WDR

...CAUSE MY GIRL
WENT OUT
WITH ANOTHER!

WDR

URG

DRUNKEN
HEART

I ROB THE
RICH TO GIVE
TO THE POOR

WDR

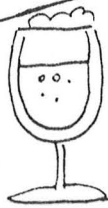
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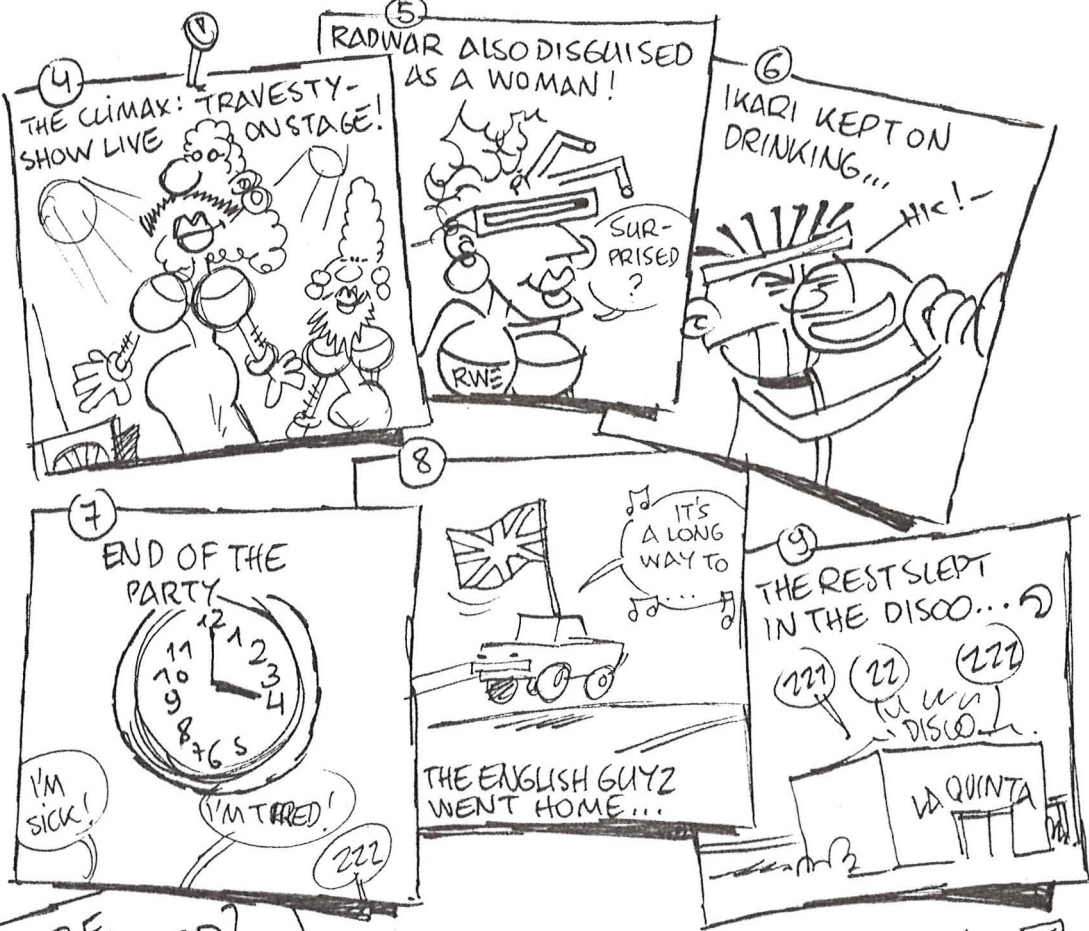
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WE DANCED
A LOT...



AND WARI
STARTED
DRINKIN'...



...A LOT
OF GERMAN
BEER...



BLURG!!

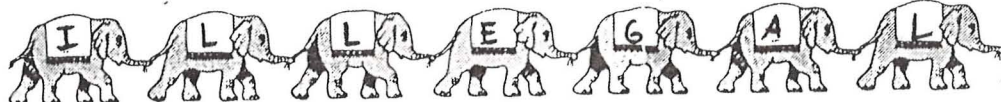
IKARI EVEN VOMITTED!
(ACH! GERMAN BEER!)

HOBBIT
+
JEFF
SMART
-IN 1989-

THE END!

SOME SPECIAL HOB-HOB TO : ALL IN FLT, MB SULLI FROM DCS, JEFF, JUSTICE FROM IKARI, UKJ FROM TCOM, ALL IN HTL (ESPECIALLY ROB + SAID) RWE (BERND + MARKUS), MZP + IRATA FROM RSI, EURATOM (THANX!), TWG, STRIKE FORCE, APRIL, ALL MY DUDES IN BSA (YO!), FRANÇOISE (♡), G. BUSH, SGG (+), T'KAY, BAMBAM OF BROS, HEIN + MARCEL FROM FAC, AND ALL I FORGOT (SORRY)...

-HOBBIT-



adventures of a travelling Austrian boy



First of all : It was great to see all contacts and friends in Venlo . But it was a hard work to get from fucking small Austria to the holy town Venlo ... Let me tell you some of our adventures ... What is the cheapest way getting from Austria to Holland ? Right , the train . I don't wanna tell you how we came to Venlo , but it took 17 hours ... Then we were there . A big room , a lot of guys , but nobody we knew . After one hour of loneliness a well known friend arrived . It was Jeffie - the smart one . Then this was the time to be introduced to the most famous dyeds present , so I met Just Ice , Mr. Sulu , Conan , Mr. Cursor , Mr. Zeropage and many more of these great friends .

Another hour later I heard that there was a big TV-show in Cologne . OK! How could I get to Cologne ? I found a driver in the person of Ueda of G&P . After he found his lost key for the car , we were able to drive to Cologne . On a gas station the car had some troubles with the electric (after 10 minutes we could fix it !) . 6 o'clock : We were in Cologne . But where is the TV-studio ? We found it after asking 20 guys for the way .

The TV show then was great (good job Markus) . But now let's turn over to the the Raduar-party in Heinsberg ... We found it after 2 hours of searching . In the disco I had time to talk to Just Ice and Mr.Sulu (they are really fine time , err sorry , guys) . The party was really great ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

The way back to Cologne was a disaster . Because G&P took the wrong way , we arrived after hours in Cologne and almost had a crash with a s-express . 2 nice and pretty girls helped us to pull back the car on the street . We spent some drinks with the girls and then we searched for a hotel . We found one : only 120 DM for a night (equal to 40 pound , the ed .) . We took it . Poor and tired we went sleeping . On the next day we then went back to good old Austria .

This was only a fast one to show you what is possible to happen when you travel to Venlo for the first time ... but ... IT WAS GREAT ! ! ! ! !

Big Ben / Cosmos

GERMANY :

Will the copyright law be abolished soon ?

Open your eyes and believe it ! ! ! ! The biggest parties in Germany , the CDU/CSU is planning to abolish the copyright law , at least in South Germany . It seems as this is no longer the dream of all crackers , but it could become reality . (Let's say a prayer) , as the CDU/CSU are saying that all the money spent on tracing software pirates or any other of that kind , could and should (and will ???) be spent on more useful (!) things ... And I think , they have a good point ! So , hope for the best ... Elect CDU/CSU next time !

MZP/JS

Venlo : more news



Well as now everybody got to know , the bad apprehensions from last month weren't proved right fortunately . The thing , that the SHN officially stated , is that the organisers of the usual Venlo meeting stopped their work . So they had to find new people to get this job forth as the Venlo meeting always was the most popular . As the SHN is holding four meetings every morning throughout the Netherlands , the organisers of the Hijmegen meeting (every 2nd Saturday a month) finally said to take care of the Venlo meeting . They say in their magazine "Nieuwsbrief" (hum , my Dutch knowledge isn't perfect yet) : " The place is the best possible to find . It's very close to the city . " And furtheron (listen !) here go the rules for the VENLO meeting . . . " There are some changes to prevent that we get in trouble again - Everybody HAS TO give his name and adress to the people at the entrance , you'll receive the "Nieuwsbrief" therefore - It's forbidden to take receivers , cassette players or radios in - Selling of anything is forbidden without getting a permission - Spreading of invitations to parties or anything else is forbidden without getting a permission - If you buy food or drinks outside you have to take outside , too - If you don't want to follow the rules stay at home ! " Huh , it sounds radical , well people are not sure whether the Venlo meeting will still be that big success as before ... well as usual time will tell ! Anyway , for all abroad , note the new adress of the meeting : ZAAL STAAJ WITHEREENSTRAAT 68 VENLO-BLERICK

J.S.

Jeff Smart Radio Show

New ideas save the country ! ! ! Yes , "The Jeff Smart Radio Show" is available on tape up from February 1st 1983 ! Send an empty 60-mins tape plus 5 DM to : RADIO SHOW , PLK 123144 C 4250 BOTTRUP , WEST GERMANY and you get your tape within 5 days ! ! !



Let yourself be surprised , Jokes , interviews , music , strange noises , wild animals and lots of other crap . Don't miss the first edition of "The Jeff Smart Radio Show" . Available up from 01 - 02 - 1983 ! ! ! ORDER NOW ! ! ! JS

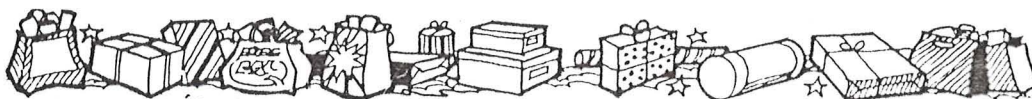


Aha . . . well the good news on the phone turned a short while later into bad things . . . Well, I don't care that much . . . We then finally came all together . . . drinking dancing and so on . . . Better than good! Better than anything imaginable before! Back from the day at the opera, I find myself hanging around being not sure about how to continue . . . A man and his machine, now a man and his magazine . . . We sat together and talked about the good old days and remembered what there was before, and GOSH! we had the brilliant idea to put some system together, and remain unknown . . . Well it then was my turn to set up the basics and get the people together, but it surprisingly looks damn good . . . The last year ended not that furious, but the new year began with unknown pleasures . . . It was the TECHNIQUE that arrived 3 weeks than I thought it would . . . 8 new masterpieces . . . The picture you see is no portrait of me, it's too real to be shown to someone I don't know and as you're driving me wild it makes act like a child . . . HA! Well I then see myself arriving at the vanishing point (You think I am crazy, but what can I do?), so I was again searching for some new ideas . . . There a lot of people raping my ideas a long time ago, anyway I think I am still strong . . . I took my fingers from the keyboard to the cassette tape and took off . . . Well, I am working hard and I still have to do quite a bit and we will see what it's gonna bring . . . Well, people seem to be spreading false rumours, everybody else but the people themselves care! I'm not that kind of foolish partner as I couldn't have taken it from any other one . . . Well the letter was written some good time ago and tomorrow will at last bring the long awaited decision . . . I don't know really . . . I thought about both possible consequences. One seem to be so easy, but it doesn't depend on me . . . SYSTEM FOUR anyway stays stronger than it ever was . . . It was a damn good lunch even though some drunk pet shop boy claimed it was luck . . . HA! The elite will be together to kick him in his ass . . . We now think about how to destroy the minor classes . . . It shouldn't be that kind of big problemo . . . Some other friends are riding on the wave of the rising modem but rather seem to fail, well again I don't know . . . Well don't take it too serious, as the decision will not really concern my system four activities, but, if I think about it, it might . . . but just in the most positive way I can think of! so, what's the use in complaining when you've got everything you need? DREAM ATTACK, I can't really sleep . . . anyway nothing in this world can touch the music that I hear, and that's probably the main thing for me, as without it, I wouldn't have been here . . . I again have to think about the letter, I come to doubt whether it was right or wrong, well tomorrow will tell me . . . I'm getting tired of everything I try but I cannot find you, tell me what do I do! My name is not MR.DISCO but still grown up children suffer at the hands of one another . . . Ah, tomorrow will tell!!! TO BE CONTINUED! Jeff Smart



Yohoooo, fries!!!
This again is Pac...err...Ragman telling you the craziest stories of and around the scene . . . Well here we go then . . . (*) SF/MOVERS is now 100 % dead, but all Amiga members joined forces with VISION FACTORY & THE BEYONDERS . . . Amusing that there exists some lamers claiming they are the NEW STRIKE FORCE, but that's pure bullshit, and it's only a question of time until we have eliminated them . . . (*) THE WANDERER GROUP have quit all activities on the 64 as their main cracker IZEVESTOP is gonna join the army soon . . . (*) JEFF SMART and TKAY left SCG, but are still busy with writing their mega mega demo as they're working on it for more than 5 months right now . . . (*) There is a group called ELITE making the whole scene unsafe . . . Well their members are keeping themselves well isolated but we should be finding out soon . . . I hope . . . (*) GENESIS PROJECT and FIRE EAGLE are now making a corporation together . . . (*) Another corporation, XADES SOCIETY made a corporation with the Scandinavian BEYOND FORCE . . . (*) Not only PACO (look below!) is having a big war with THE MINDSLAYER of INC, but so have all other members of BROS. Now BROS feel proud to release old games under the name of MAYHEM to make them appear stupid and lame . . . (*) Rumours from FAIRLIGHT say that they are gonna drop the 64 business soon and will now concentrate on terrorizing the AMIGA market . . . (*) Was anybody wondering who or what was that X-RAY? Well here comes the solution, X-RAY consists of TYPHUS (EX-INKS), TIMOC and the Austrian CRACKOUT CREW . . . They mean that the procedure of "defreezing a game" is "of course" possible . . . AHA! (*) SCOUSERS seem to be dead 100 % , as Weatibix released his last crack . . . So we wish him good luck with his exams at school! (*) HENDY, EX-Zenith Cracker, is now active cracking for DCS . . . So that means that there are gonna appear at last much better versions from DCS . . . (*) I myself like to add that I passed my driving licence and am trying to kill all those damn pedestrians . . . Well I should be coming to VENLO with my own car, so OUTCH LAMERS, be aware! (*) RADWAR also announced after their great party that they are gonna drop the illegal work . . . Well another big loss for the cracking scene . . . THIS ENDS the gossip for this month . . . Here go my greetings to : IKARI, DOUGHNUT CRACKING SERVICE, SF/MOVERS (shit we're dead!), THE WANDERER GROUP SCOUSERS, JEFF, TK, ZOFF, NORMAN, WORLD OF WONDERS, WF + B, and all the others . . .

farewell says ... RAGMAN!



THANKX TO NOGAM OF DCS FOR THE KIND SENDING OF THESE BORDERS! your helper

Auch im 2. ten Jahr gibt es sie noch ... Die absolute Crackerzeitschrift für alle Computerfreaks .. die:

News

überregional - überparteilich - unabhängig



Die Auflagenstärkste Deutsche Crackerzeitschrift. Schwesterzeitschrift der englischen Fanzines Illegal & Smasher! Einmalig in Deutschland! Die Zeitung für jeden, der sich aktiv mit der Szene beschäftigt, die Zeitung zum mitmachen, mitgestalten und mitarbeiten! Denn die Szene hat ein Recht darauf informiert zu werden was sich tut!!!!!!

Doch was bietet die Januar/Februar "NEWS"?

Interviews mit Programmierern guter Spiele, Cracker, Hacker und Spreader (Chris Hülsbeck, Willi Berk, Ravisher, etc...); Portrait des Monats; News aus der Szene; Partyberichte (Radwar, Venlo, West End Boys etc...); Im Cracker 101: Wie Cracker ich Ocean Games; Atari Ecke; Pikante Comics; C 16 Ecke; Dfii '89; Rätsel; Berichte von Crackern, Hackern, Spreadern, Looser und Programmierer (Polizei, Ja bitte! Umsonst Telefonieren und viele viele viele mehr...); Freewareverkauf; Werbung; Hardwaretips; Stimmungsbild; Großer Jahresrückblick '88, Crackergruppen, Programmierertechniken, News etc...; Top Listen; Basteltips für's Telefon (hähähä); u,v,m,.....

Das ist nur ein Ausschnitt von dem, was die NEWS jeden Monat leistet, Das gedruckte Informationsblatt für den Freak!!!!!! Muß man einfach gelesen haben, Hol sie Dir ... jetzt und heute ..

Die neue Januar/Februar "NEWS" bekommt man ab dem 28. Januar 1989 für nur 2,- DM (+ 2,- DM für Porto und Verpackung, oder einen mit 1,90 frankierten und an sich selbst adressierten Rückumschlag) in Briefmarken, Scheck oder Münz (Scheine) bei:



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Dave: (0 76 31) - 15 15 0 oder Carsten: (0 74 33) - 59 50.

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bis zum 28.01.89 Venlo - werbe w o c h e . alle bestellungen, die bis zum 28.01.89 bei uns zusammen mit diesem zettel eingehen bekommen die News zum einmaligen preis von nur 3,- dm (inc. porto und verpackung !!!!) sensationel günstig bis zum 28.01.89 (bestellung zusammen mit diesem werbezettel einschicken! gilt auch für mehrere hefte! informiert euch! aber schnell!!!

THE LEGAL PARTY '88



TV SHOW : HIGH SCORE

the ultimate discussion

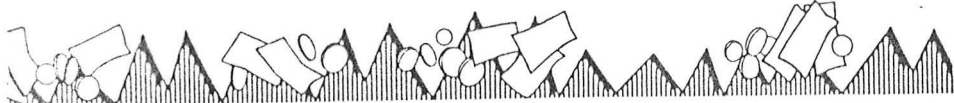
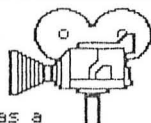
And there it goes then!
On December, 17th 1988 the
WDR-computer show called
"High Score" went for the
third time on the air...

The climax beside David
Brahen as a studio guest was a
discussion meeting between...

TP = The presenter
UG = Lord von Grafenreuth, who is the
lawyer representing the software
companies on court against piracy!
TW = Theuth Weidemann, he used to be
KOTZBRÖCKEN and a member of the
old legend JEDI, but works nowadays
for RAINBOW ARTS
MW = MWS / Radwar as a "guy who knows a
lot about the crackers".
Now imagine, the following was liv'd on TV:

TP: In general, why do people crack a
game?
MW: A game is cracked, mainly because
of fun, hobby and, let's say, to
get famous in the scene.
TP: Sir von Grafenreuth, is cracking
punishable or just the spreading of
pirate software?
UG: Err, the changing, destroying and
suppressing of datas is punishable
(AUDIENCE: LAUGHING...)
UG: I could and did only repeat what the
law says about it...
so in general, yes, cracking is
illegal when datas are attacked.
If there are programmes protected
by copyright laws, then it's also
punishable after the copyright law,
that can be a changing of any
datas... for example, I can
remember some cracker on my list,
Doctor Mengele, Paraguay, you see
they never caught him (Dr. Mengele
is a Nazi-Criminal, The Ed.)
TP: Based on the law there exist some
different possibilities to protect a
computer game.
UG: Yes, computer games have, like
movies or records a copyright law.
TP: Theuth, you changed the sides. Are
you now tracing your ex-friends?
TW: No, of course not.
We work together with those people,
they're working for us and most of
them went out of the scene.
TP: How do you handle those people?
TW: I persuade them to make money with
programming, using their experience
that they got through cracking...
And they know what's going on.
TP: What do you think, when one of your
games is cracked?
TW: The crackers are taking the copy
protections from the games away and
make the games this way available to
people who would normally buy the
games. So they're damaging our
company, and we're not able to put
more money into the games, so the
quality of games is lower than it
could be.
TP: Markus, is that right?
What do crackers want?
MW: Crackers want to improve their image
in some way and spread cracked
games to get known and the computer
is mainly a means of communication,
so that they be in contact with
others, worldwide.

MW: And I don't think that a cracker is
cracking a game for money.
That's mainly a software pirate, and
that's not their preferred side...
And, additionally, I think the audience
would share my opinion...
(AUDIENCE: BIG APPLAUSE...)
UG: Well, it's often difficult to clear up
if we got a cracker or a software
pirate... but we ourselves even
caught crackers, GERMAN CRACKING
SERVICE is not existing anymore
(AUDIENCE: BIG LAUGHING...)
UG: Yes, GCS... Snoopy, etc., the
group was caught (exactly 3 years
ago - The Ed.) but we got also a
lot of people offering and selling
software.
MW: Why did you, in one of your infamous
interviews in the "ASH" (known German
software magazine "The Ed.")
confuse the term "cracker" with
"software pirate"? And you also
said that there was a house search
and you needed 2 cars and a lorry
to take all the stuff'n'computers
of that guy away?
TP: To make it more obvious, the only
point for people being punished is
they sell software...
MW: Right.
TW: The crackers are the ones, who
start to spread the games, but the
spreaders, err... or how you like to
call them, are the ones making a
profit of the crackers. They're
selling the games, but without the
crackers they couldn't even exist.
MW: But, in the end, nowadays games are
so expensive and this is up to the
software retailers, that small kids
who receive, let's say 30 Dm as
pocket money every month, when
they find somewhere an advertisement
saying "Newest games on 64 and Amiga
for sale!" they're probably more
interested in that than otherwise
paying 59 DM for a single game, but
that is only due to the packing or
any other things. And I think, a
cracker is not interested in
supplying those people with games,
they're, as we said, "software
pirates".
TP: Can one differentiate between that?
If, let's say, I myself would crack
a game.
(AUDIENCE LAUGHING...)
MW: Okay, if you want...
TP: Okay, if I do that I would have my
self control about spreading the
game or keep it for myself.
MW: Grafenreuth also said in his interview
that it is already illegal to possess
own cracked version for one's own
at home.
UG: Yes, that is right.
MW: And you said that the interest of
software-companies and software-
retailers are more worth than the
interests of an individual person
during legal proceedings...
UG: Not the software-retailer, but the
owning the copyright as the German
law stresses the proprietary right
and material guarantees, that means
copyrights, so that the programmer
who created something has a (C)
and it's surprising to see that
nowadays a lot of people who left
the cracking scene and started to
work for companies, who became
top programmers get angry about
other cracking their games now!



the ultimate discussion!
(part two . . .)

- MW: That is right, but if you say such a sentence like: "the companies are higher valued in front of the court than an individual", what occurs in your interview
- UG: not the companies, but the copyrights
- MW: Okay, but, that means, if someone only buys a game, he at once puts himself under the obedience of a software company, because if he, without knowing it, changes the datas of the Programme somehow with some other means, he committed a crime.
- UG: Well, perhaps I give another example as we had a BKA (special German police department . The Ed.) decision about a changing of a roof, when someone else put another roof on it, and
- (AUDIENCE : VEEEEEERY BIG AMUSEMENT)
- TP: We're not talking about roofs
- UG: that doesn't matter
- MW: May I get an interrupt ?
You also have advertisement in some known magazines (not in "ILLEGAL" . The Ed.) where your assistants pretend they're crackers and offer pirate software
- UG: no, not crackers
- MW: but if somebody writes in and likes to buy software, what is quite reasonable, then you catch him ! Is that really legal ?
- UG: if someone only writes in and is fairly interested in getting the games, of course nothing happens . But if somebody sends a list of games and encloses disks with software, then it is possible that something can happen .
- TP: It has proved up to now, that no protection is unbeatable .
- MW: What do you want to do against things like freeze-modules which can be bought in every shop ?
- TP: Yes such things are even offered by the industry and they help the crackers doing their job
- UG: it's not, . . . it happened that one of the leading software producers in Germany claimed to take away all those things from the shops, and exactly this freeze-module will be taken away soon
- TP: But there is no doubt that something new has to be developed . Anyway, I'm sorry, but the time is up . Thank you a lot .

Well, I hope you got a bit of imagination of what was running on the TV . I had to add who was present in the audience (no Joke!) :

BROS (Bam Bam) DCS (Mr.Sulu)
Deejay, IKARI (Just Ice, Tridos),
Mr. Cursor, Mr. Zeropage, T'Kay,
The Wanderer Group, World of Wonders,
Strike Force, Movers, Zenobits and
a hell more . . .

"HIGH SCORE" was only planned to appear on TV for three times, what it did .

Perhaps there'll be more in April
but nobody seems to know when the movie about the Radwar Party will be shown

All translation (YEUCH!) by Jeffol

WOSSUP ?

ZZZ . . .



Yeh, wossup ?
Not much would be the correct answer .
It seems as if the Amiga gets better and better in the last few weeks
Well, time will tell
We're approaching the worst time of the year as only a very few titles are announced . . . and then mainly for the Amiga .
Anyway the RADWAR party was a huge success and a good ending for the year of 1988 .
Well, I wish some warm underwear to IKARI (all of them, especially to Just Ice and Tri-Dos)
the DUGHNUTS (Nosah friend and Mistuh Siduh)
STRIKE FORCE/MOVERS (Ragman, Conan, Zoff, Drago, Caos . . .)
RADWAR (the whole crew, and a big thank for the book Markus, my mom liked it !)
GEORGE and the rest
PINCIE and the rest
BEASTIE BOYS (Axiom, the Future's Captain (PC Engine and then . . . ?) and Accept)
NBB (Mr. Lazy err. Lazer)
FAIRLIGHT (Hob-Hobbit, best of his kind ! Strider (when is the king at home ?) and Gollum)
COSMOS (Big Ben, SSD and ATT)
X-RAY (what about this parcel, Chris ???)
VISION FACTORY + THE BEYONDERS (this time I wrote the name in full)
PITO and girl in Bonn (ya !)
WORLD OF WONDERS
RED SECTOR (Mr.Zeropage ! and the Ayima . . . err. Irata)
MANIACS OF NOISE (Charlie !)
ELITE (Wolfgang)
DAVE and his "NEWS"
EAGLE SOFT'S MITCH (Amiga rules!)
dachdecker DEEJAY
some BITS of ZENO (ion)
THE WANDERER GROUP !
Mister Cursor, F.A.R.T. err M.E.,
Modem'Kay, my Sheila and
the record company ROUGH TRADE
for sending a preleased edition of
NEW ORDER's new album "technique"
3 weeks before it was released
officially ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !
Sorry to all of you who have been
coincidentally forgotten . . .
L&R M85 ! Jeffol

VOTE FOR THE CHARTS!!!

Hi friends ! You can do me a favour and vote for the charts every month as the charts should be as representative as ever possible, so I need all of you !
Okay, there are two possibilities .
1st) You copy the list below, give up to 10 points to every group and send it to me immediately
2nd) or you give a quick phone call as it's much easier for you and me . . . the number is on the last page !

64 : IKARI, DCS, ELITE, ATC, BROS,
FLT, DOMINATORS, COSMOS, X-RAY,
BB, ZENITH, HTL
AMIGA : UF+TB, QUARTEX, WOW, FLT,
ACKERLIGHT, MEGAFORCE, RSI/DEFJAM,
ORACLE, B31/QUORAM, AFL /JS

DIRECTLY FROM THE
POLICE OFFICE !

! WANTED !
DEAD OR ALIVE



→ STAN STONED
DANGER !!!

The perpetrator always carries his weapon (a can of beer) and dares to use it whenever possible. He is also blamed for committing several crimes of exterminating alcohol containing cans or bottles by drinking them.

He is searched and traced by FBI, INTERPOL, SCOTLAND YARD, HIS ENGLISH-TEACHER and by the INTERNATIONAL PRESS (they intend to get to know his secret of 'handling 'Newsroom' while he is drunk).

F.C.

DIRECTLY FROM THE
POLICE OFFICE !

! WANTED !
DEAD OR ALIVE



→ ROCKY BALBOA
DANGER !!!

This man constantly uses his fists to smash freezers, recrackers, lamers, reset-crackers, refreezers, bold publishers and retailers and even lawyers (just by use of his lingual abilities).

He is also accused of organizing secret disco parties without any computers to shock the observing forces. He is searched by F.A.S.T., several pregnant and innocent girls, a TV show presentator, and all lameheads.

F.C.

game reviews

64

amiga

(*) Fist +
Aha, after IK+ now FIST+, and it doesn't beat IK+, though it's not bad except for the horrible music. 87 pts.
(*) Superman
comes from Tynesoft, and except for the game itself, the rest is very good. Great graphics, 81 pts.
(*) R-Type
I guess all of you know the story about 'Katakis' and 'R-Type' now, so I'm not repeating it again. Well, the game is somewhat weaker than 'Katakis', mainly because the two programmers just got six weeks time from Activision to finish it. 78 pts.
(*) Starball
something like 'Krackout' for two players simultaneously. Weak game play, but still it brings fun. 82 pts.

(*) Elite
probably the best game ever made on computers, even better on 16 bit. The pure madness... 93 points! (highest ranking ever !)
(*) Dragon's Lair
Yet there is no cracked version on the circuit, but luckily I got a look on the original. Great graphics, and nice gameplay, 84 pts.
(*) Zak Mc Kracken
Aha, another superb conversation from the 64. I'm not sure if this was the first 'Lucasfilm' release on the Amiga, but it's brilliant! 93 pts.
(*) Sword of Sodan, great graphics but gets boring soon... 78 pts.
(*) Operation Wolf, best game from Ocean on Amiga so far, 87 pts.
Jeff Smart

Where have all the conferences gone ???

WRITTEN BY NOSAH / DCS

It's 2330 and the phone rings, I'm just on my way to bed and I think "shit", but wait, it might be a conference, my heart starts to beat faster and I hurry to answer the phone. I pick it up eagerly, but no, it's just someone else asking if I've got a fucking code !! A shitbox AT&T code. So I tell 'em goodnight and sob myself to sleep.

So just where have all the conferences gone? Maybe it's just me, maybe I have lost my popularity and nobody loves me anymore? Well I could always buy some razor blades!

Time was, you could guarantee to get on a couple of conferences a week. And they are great, I used to get most of my gossip off the conferences. Or you could listen to two guys who hate each other having a verbal fight over the phone. I'll never forget the famous CHUNK / MEGASHAIL conversation, there were six other guys from all over Europe just listening to two guys slagging each other off, and I have to say that Megasnail lost herds down.

But the problem seems to be that codes just aren't available anymore. Maybe the yanks have now attrived their usefulness and, I mean, in my opinion the only good thing yanks have given the cracking scene are PBX codes, AT&T codes and of course modems (but they only send 1 out of 10 they promise). So if they can't come up with the codes, maybe we should fuck 'em off?

I mean, last month I was getting phone calls every night from Sweden, Germany, Denmark etc. from guys who were desperate for codes so they could phone the yanks. Well I say, fuck the yanks, if they ain't supplying the codes then we shouldn't supply the cracks.

The great initiates of conferences seem to have gone quiet. FACD where are you? You used to be the conference king, phone broken?, busted?, or just NO CODES?

I'm getting withdrawal symptoms, I miss the times when all 6 or 7 guys on the line would speak at one and no one had a fucking clue what anyone else had said, but everyone had a laugh. Or the times someone would put his heavy metal music next to the speakers, and the guys who really had something to say would have to wait until DEF LEPPARD's drummer would shut the fuck up before they could carry on. Oh happy days!

So to you yanks out there I say get your fingers out and start hacking some codes that I can hear that lovely sentence "USA direct, may I help you?" and we can start these late night conferences again.

NOSAH '89

RADWAR PARTY V3 ???

Just as the second party was over, RADWAR already announced the 3rd one !!! It will be held in the summer times and will run over 3 full days, including camping and barbecue. THREE DAYS STONED!



Where are my demo charts?

Yeah, you might be wondering when I put the demo charts? Well, I put them off "ILLEGAL" as I only get my hands on a very few demos, so it's no longer any use to make a demo chart. Well nevertheless I'd like to draw your attention to two demos. "MEGA DEMO" from DRIVE and "BABYLON 5" from MR.CURSOR, both would have surely been top hits in the demo charts.

Anyway, later on... Jeff Smart

Seven honest answers from MWS/RADWAR !!!



- ? : Which would be the three things you would take with you on a lonely island?
- !!! : a whole harem, a big box of Johnny Walker Whiskey and a negro.
- ? : If you would win

\$ 1,000,000 what would be the first thing you would be buying?

!!! : I would bribe von Grafenreuth to work for the crackers.

? : If you could kill a person without being punished, who would that be?

!!! : Bill Masolyn from Hotline

!!! : What would be the best thing that could happen to you?

!!! : To get a computer that is able to do all the things a girlfriend can do (without cooking...)

? : And what would be the worst thing that could happen?

!!! : If there will never be such a computer.

? : If you could meet a person in history who would you like to talk to...

!!! : Cleopatra (but not only talk to...)

? : What was the best incident you ever had?

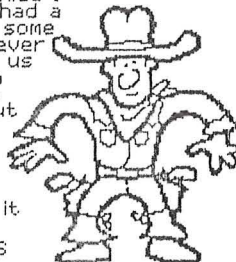
!!! : Well it happened some time ago that a guy called FLORASOFT visited me together with his girlfriend. He took 3 hours to copy all the latest games, I took 3 hours to take his girlfriend with me upstairs. I don't know, but Florasoft was very angry when he left...

DYNAMIC DUO busted after 2 years !!!

As strange it might sound like... but this is, unfortunately, no joke! So it happened beginning of January 89 that one half of the old 64 legend DYNAMIC DUO was caught by the police.

H.-J. who not longer had a 64, was squealed by some RALF FEIGEL (if you ever heard about him, let us know) from Southern Germany. Anyway the police took away about 130 amiga disks... It seems to be so unbelievable, but still it's the hard truth... Just as you thought it was safe...

MZP/JS





crackers of the month



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amiga

1. IKARI	(1)	2.00
2. DOUGHNUT C.S.	(1)	0.99
3. ELITE	(1)	0.91
4. A TOUCH OF CLASS	(1)	0.97
5. BBS	(1)	0.94
6. STRIKE FORCE/MOVERS	(1)	0.98
7. FAIRLIGHT	(3)	1.18
8. DOMINATORS	(11)	2.18
9. COSMOS	(10)	2.66
10. X-RAY	(-)	2.31

1. VISION FAC./BEYONDERS	(6)	0.97
2. QUARTEX	(1)	0.97
3. WORLD OF WONDERS	(1)	0.97
4. ACKERLIGHT	(4)	1.71
5. MEGAFORCE	(1)	0.97
6. RED SECTOR/DEFJAM	(3)	0.96
7. FAIRLIGHT	(-)	0.94
8. ORACLE	(-)	0.97
9. BAMIGA/QUORAM	(-)	0.97
10. ALPHAFLIGHT	(5)	1.47



games of the month



64

amiga

1. MICROPROSE SOCCER	(1)	
2. GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT	(2)	
3. FIST +	(-)	
4. ROCKET RANGER	(3)	
5. KATAKIS	(4)	
6. SUPERMAN	(-)	
7. ULTIMA V	(7)	
8. R-TYPE	(-)	
9. THE LAST NINJA II	(6)	
10. STARBALL	(-)	

1. ELITE	(-)
2. DRAGON'S LAIR	(-)
3. ZAK MC KRACKEN	(-)
4. SPEEDBALL	(1)
5. SWORD OF SODAN	(-)
6. OPERATION WOLF	(-)
7. HOSTAGES	(2)
8. TV SPORTS FOOTBALL	(-)
9. BATTLE CHESS	(4)
10. CALIFORNIA GAMES	(-)

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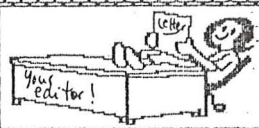
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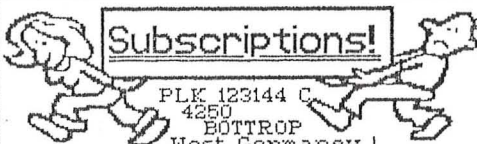
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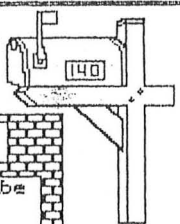
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