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In issue 2 I asked readers to tell me if they wanted more pages, no cover, etc. Well, I had a very poor response so I cannot know what readers want. Therefore the Q.U.M. will remain the same. Thanks to those who did reply.

The news section tells all about the French market, software and hardware. Reviews this month are pinball games, plus Survivor, an arcade game. This month's book review is 40 educational games for the Oric Atmos. Please do not send money for any subscriptions at the moment please, the Q.U.M. is undergoing a major change. All will be revealed soon.

Many thanks to Gary Ramsay and to Keith Thomson of Oric magazines, for the mentions of the Q.U.M. Send up your top 5 games lists for the charts with any problems, letters, pokes, programs, etc, please.

Game: Video flipper
Supplier: Loriciciels
Price: Various

In Video flipper you have 3 balls to get loads of points with, in this pinball machine game. You use a flipper to spring the ball into the air and watch it bounce around hitting bumpers, lights, etc.

You use two flippers and one small one to hit the ball back up the screen but often it falls down the hole at the bottom of the screen and you lose a ball.

You only play with one screen but can change the bounce, gravity, weight etc to suit your needs.

If you are in dire needs of cheating because you are about to lose a ball you can attempt to tilt the table. This often works but sometimes results in you losing a ball anyway for cheating.

You get extra balls at certain scores but it's hard to reach.

The graphics are small but detailed and the ball bounces realistically. The sound is quite good and this as a whole is a nice piece of software.

Graphics: 8 Sound: 7 Addictiveness: 7 Overall: 7

Game: Macadam bumper
Supplier: Kre-Informatique
Price: Various

As above, this is a pinball machine. This game has the usual bumpers, holes etc as in Video flipper, but the graphics are large yet undetailed here.

The ball moves very realistically, and the flippers work better than in Video flipper. You can tilt the table to cheat, with the same risk as VF. There is the change to change the gravity, tilt, etc.

The sound is great, with nice little tunes, and spot effects during the game.

Up to 4 people can play, whereas only 2 can play in VF, but the best is still to come...

You can play the pinball table or design your own, with a selection of pins, lights, bumpers, etc at your disposal.

This is a great fun and very addictive game.

Graphics: 6 Sound: 8 Addictiveness: 8 Overall: 8

Charts: Compiled by readers

- 1) Xenon III I.J.K
- 2) Zergons revenge I.J.K
- 3) Defence force Tansoft
- 4) Karate Gazoline
- 5) Damsel in distress I.J.K
- 6) The hellion Orpheus
- 7) Maze rally F.G.C
- 8) Fire flash No mans land
- 9) Tendre poulet Sprites
- 10) Classic racing Salammander
- 11) Xenon I I.J.K.
- 12) Zebbie I.J.K.
- 13) Frelon Loriciciels
- 14) Manic minor Software projects
- 15) Snake venom F.G.C
- 16) Doggy Loriciciels
- 17) Lone raider Sévern
- 18) Starter 3D Landscape
- 19) Ultima zone Tansoft
- 20) Football manager Addictive

Comments: Xenon III still hangs on, just. Defense force rockets up the charts and there is even a showing of football manager at the bottom, please keep sending the lists in.

Game: Survivor
Supplier: Loriciciels
Price: £ 12.95 (cass) , £ 17.95 (disk)

When I first saw this game I swooned at the price tag, but was it worth it ? No. You defend your craft on a scrolling screen against four or five waves of aliens, then onto a refueling stage, a little like that of Xenon I, and thats it. The gameplay is boring and quickly becomes repetitive. The sound is rare and not too good. It does however, have good and smooth graphics, very detailed too. But I was expecting much more from Loriciciels, at a lower price.

Graphics: 8 Sound: 5 Addictiveness: 4 Overall: 3

If you have any comments, letters, tips, hints, problems, pokes, listings, etc then please write to us.

Last issue I asked for more tips, thanks to many people who responded to my plea.

Advertising is free, so what have you got to lose ? Or sell ?

Issues cost 55p, and in by December the 21st please, and don't forget an s.a.e.

Sorry, a few sharp signs were missed out in the Zergons pokes listing last issue.

Adventuring & Tips

Gary Potter wants to know how he can get into the boat in Time machine.

We can offer free solutions to adventures, Time machine, Hobbit and Wizard of Akyrz if anyone wants them then please write.

Dave Williams has sent some infinite lives for a few games, thanks Dave.

Fireflash : Poke#46C8,#EAEA

Them : Poke#24B9,#99

Defence force : Poke#3F98,#EAEA
Poke#3EEO,#EAEA

The defence force pokes give infinite lives and infinite shields.

Pokes from Robert Bray give a selection of features for Mr Wimpy.

Poke 13319,96 will let you use the reset switch.

Poke 16887,96 will give you a fast, but a little jerky, game.

And for infinite lives, type in this program, then type LOAD"" ,J and play the tape/disk.

- 0 PAPER 0:INK 7:Poke 618,43
- 1 REL EASE:HIBES
- 2 LOAD"":LOAD""
- 3 Poke 16037,173
- 4 Poke 18405,173
- 5 TEXT:CALL 11776

You will lose 1 life, but not any more. Thanks Robert.

Simon Wheeler wants pokes for Ultima zone and Maze rally. Do you have them ?

Last issue I begged and groveled for more tips and hints, well I got them. Thanks to everyone who sent tips, programs, etc, but still keep sending.

I've been swamped with letters requesting information on how to get hold of a copy of Insect Insanity by Tansoft.

This game may in the future be available from the software club, (see last issue). Or your best chance is to contact France, in issue 2 the address is given.

The game itself has you controlling a boat, to splat flies, flowers, etc. It is very hectic and fairly good fun.

Back:40 educational games for the Oric Atmos
Price: £ 5.95

This book is full of small programs, some are games, others more like educational quizzes. The programs take about 5 or 6 minutes to type in each, which really has you bored. As with all programs you often make typing errors and have to de-bug the games after. Village is one of the better games in the book, you must decide how much wheat is to be grown, how many villagers are going to it, how much they will be paid, etc. You then find out if they are happy or not and if they are angry then they sack you, it's quite good fun. The book is fairly good value for money and is recommended for the people who are fed up of blasting aliens.

Confusement: 3 Friendliness: 7 Overall: 7

News

More French software prices:

Ultima zone :	£ 3.70
Harrier Attack :	3.70
Spr Meteors :	3.70
View to kill :	12.95
Centipede :	3.70
Carm 3 :	3.70
Munch :	3.70

Disks

Hubert :	12.95
Intertron :	12.95
House death :	12.95

The address to write to is : 39 Rue Victor Masse,
75009 Paris,
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Next month: Reviews of more games, plus a full review of the Quill, books, maps, tips, hints, pokes, more and more...
Christmas is here, and hopefully many people will find a Talestrat under the tree, please send up your top 5 games list for the christmas charts, it will have more pokes and many other things than in any other issue.

Issue 5: Send an s.a.e plus 55p to : OUM, 10 Thomson Ave, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38, 8YD, by December the 20th please.