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Announcement of the European Atari Jaguar Festival 2016

The European Atari Jaguar Festival, "ejagfest" in short, takes place on November 5th and 6th of this year in Kleinenbroich (between Düsseldorf and Mönchengladbach), Germany. We celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Atari 7800 this year which has been released nation wide, 30 years ago in 1986 in the USA.

The European Atari Jaguar Festival is a noncommercial annual festival for all Atari and retro gaming fans from all over Europe. It was established in year 2000 and the focus of attention is on Atari and all systems of the cult lable. But we don't want to miss other retro-systems, as well. The more exotic, the better.

All of you who would like to play again on systems like the Jaguar, Lynx, VCS 2600, 5200, 7800 or on a trusty home-computer of the 70s, 80s or 90s, this is the right place.

Retro games, homebrew announcements / presentations, prototypes believed to be lost and demos of all kind can be experienced on the ejagfest. Developers from all over Europe regularly take the opportunity to present their new developments on the festival, and sometimes even have exclusive items for sale. Another highlight was the presentation of the only working "High-res Jaguar Virtual Reality Headset" in existence, which was shown for the first time in Europe on the ejagfest in the year 2007.

Competitions such as "Club Drive" or "Kasumi Ninja" make sure everyone has a fun time. Next to these fun competitions, the official European championship in "Checkered Flag" for the Lynx is taking place each year. Thanks to the kind support of Nintendo we will have a Nintendo retro competition this year, as well.

To make the event complete there are retro game retailers to offer Jaguar/Lynx titles and a variety of other retro games and systems.

Highlights of this year:

Matthias Domin from MDGames:

Sells some of his games such as the Jaguar game "Impulse X" on Cartride and Jag-CD. Further he plans to show us a glimpse of his new Jaguar project.

16 32 bit Systems:

Nick Harlow, the retailer from UK offers used and new hard- and software for different Atari systems. Due to the fact he closed down his webshop, this will be one of the last chances to buy goods from him.

DerLuchs (neXGam):

Shows and sells some of his homebrew games for Jaguar and Vectrex.

- Ausweichmanöver (Jaguar CD)
- Absorbierer (Jaguar CD)
- Arne Jäger des Jags (Jaguar CD)
- Brecher (Vectrex)
- Dead of Knight (Vectrex)
- Eineiig (Vectrex)
- Flak (Vectrex)
- Inkubationszeit (Vectrex)
- N.E.L.S (Vectrex)
- Staiga (Vectrex)
- Vectrexroli Das Spiel (Vectrex)
- Der Luchs Vectrax (Audio)
- Triac The Powers of Two (Audio)
- back to newc45tle the best is yet to come (Audio)

Marco Willig (McWill):

Shows his VGA-Screen hardware mod for the Atari Lynx and the Sega Game Gear. It improves the screen quality a lot. Further it provides an VGA-Out to play Lynx on external VGA displays and TVs. On Sunday he will modify systems on side.

This year he also will unveil his new hardware project as a *world premiere*. A hint, it's not another VGA-screen mod.

Silvio Laute:

Shows some exhibits from his collection, some Pong machines like the Atari Pong - C-100, Atari Super Pong - C-140, Atari Super Pong Ten - C-180, Atari C-402 Ultra Pong Doubles, Atari C-380 Video Pinball and the very rare Sears Pinball Breakaway. Further he will show some variants of the only DDR video game console, the Bildschirmspiel 01 (BSS01).

TXG MNX:

Shows his Jaguar Kiosk. Atari used them to show the Jaguar at trade fairs and in shopping malls in the USA. It is very rare to find in Europe.

ST-Computer Magazine:

The german ST-Computer magazine will be there as well. They will shows and sell their latest issue of the magazine and have a little surprise for Jaguar owners.

Nick Persijn:

Many will remember him from his visit in 2013 when he sold his self made rotary controllers. This year he will be back, to sell his rotarys again. On Sunday he will also build them on site if you bring your own controller to get modified. Further, with permission of the developers he will sell the Duranik Native-Demo and the homebrew game Martian Attack from Tursi on cartridge. In addition to that, he will show the prototype of the coming soon rotary controller for the Nuon (by eltoozero AA). This one will be perfect for all Tempest 3000 fans.

Christoph Podlech:

Shows his "P.I.T.S - Fahrschule for the Atari Lynx". This is a software that teaches people the rules of the road traffic and it was used in the mid nineties in driving schools.

Retrospiel:

Shows and sells homebrew for different retro-systems.

Retrogamesshop.com:

Another reseller for retro games. He sells e.g. custom box sets for ST games. If you want to pre order something, please contact him before the show.

DragonBox Shop:

The Dragonbox shop presents the "MIST FPGA" Computer. This device emulates the most known and unknown 8 and 16 BIT computer and consoles. You can try it out yourself at the show.

SainT (AtariAge):

Thanks to SainT. He sends us a Lynx SD card to conduct the Lynx multiplayer competitions. You can try this device yourself at the show. It can play lynx games, homebrews and prototypes via SD card on your Lynx.

Zone 3 gaming area:

Thanks to "Zone3" we can present you a gaming area with beanbags for gamers and full of retro-gaming highlights.

AtariAge:

Thanks to the support from AtariAge, we can show some Atari homebrew highlights in the gaming area.

Gameplan:

The publisher is well known for high quality books about retro video games and home computer. They will offer some of the books at the ejagfest. Beside the german versions of "Spielkonsolen und Heimcomputer, Volkscomputer, Spielemacher and Joysticks" also the rare english version of the "Encyclopedia of Game Machines".

Further exhibitions:

A transparent Jaguar case will be on display. It's a special edition, which was produced in spring of 2015 with the original Jaguar tooling. This limited run was sold to support the "RVGS" console. The system was later renamed to the "Colecovision Chameleon" and it was planned that they would also use this tooling. After some problems during the production of the console, the project was canceled. What is left, are this nice cases for the Jaguar.

For the first time at an Atari event we show you a *HotRod*. After Atari discontinued the Jaguar, they sold the tooling to a company who made dental cameras. The HotRod was the flagship product of them.

This list is nowhere complete; every visitor who has something to show is welcome to. Please let us know in advance if possible.

Fixed marks in the program:

Saturday:

Checkered Flag european championship and further competitions, group picture at 3:00 pm Sunday:

McWill modifies Lynx-VGA mods on side and gives mini workshop, Nick Persijn modifies rotary controller on side and tombola with lots of prizes.

All of you who enjoy retro games and a nice chat with like-minded people are welcome to join us.

This year is the event's 16th anniversary and takes place for the 2nd time in the location in Kleinenbroich. Let's celebrate Atari!

The ejagfest takes place at:

Hochstraße 26 41352 Korschenbroich Germany

Opening is on 5th and 6th November at 10:00 AM (setup from 9:00 AM). Entrance fee is 10,00 Euro for one day and 15,00 Euro for both days.

More information and latest news can be found on:

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