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GAMES FOR THE II (VOLUME 2)

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Welcome once again to the fantasy world of MARYLAND MODEL II GAMES. Volume II presents three games for owners of II/12/16 computers. Like the games in Volume I, these offerings are written in interpretive BASIC, but are real-time in execution. The three games are:

PALESTINE APE ESCAPE SAUCERS

The enclosed 8-inch TRSDOS formatted diskette contains the three games. The diskette does NOT contain the TRSDOS operating system which comes with all Model II/12/16s.

In order to play a game on a one-disk drive system:
(1) Make a backup disk (or 2). Store the master, use the backups;

- (2) Transfer a TRSDOS system to the MARYLAND MODEL II GAMES diskette using the XFERSYS utility;
- (3) Enter BASIC;
- (4) Type in one of the following commands, depending on which game you want to play:

RUN"PAL"
RUN"APE"
RUN"SAUCERS"

RUNNING THE GAMES:

To play, you must first enter BASIC. From TRSDOS READY, type BASIC -F:l and wait for BASIC to load. Then type RUN "(file name)" and the selected game will start.

Each game has a title page. To skip this page, press any key before the title page is displayed or while it is being displayed.

A game is finished when you see 'GAME OVER' in the middle of the screen. To play the game again, type RUN. To play another game, type RUN "(file name)". To go back to TRSDOS, type SYSTEM.

Each game has a high score file which saves the high score attained for that game. Don't forget to copy these files along with the games. If you get the high score, you can enter your initials and they will be saved to the disk along with your score.

The files on the distribution diskette are:

* PAL - PALESTINE

* PAL/HSC - PALESTINE high score file

APE - APE ESCAPE

* APE/HSC - APE ESCAPE high score file

* SAUCERS - SAUCERS

* SAUCERS/HSC - SAUCERS high score file * BREAKDIS - BREAK disable program * BREAKENA - BREAK enable program

BREAKDIS and BREAKENA are for convenience. If you want the BREAK key 'enabled' so you can stop a game by pressing BREAK, do nothing. However, if you tend to halt games accidentally by repeatedly hitting BREAK, you can 'disable' the BREAK key by typing SYSTEM "BREAKDIS" after you load BASIC. To get BREAK back, type SYSTEM "BREAKENA" after completing a game.

For best visual effects, play the games in a darkened room.

That's it. You're ready to play. We at MARYLAND MODEL II GAMES hope you'll find these games even more challenging than those you've mastered on Volume I. We're eager to hear your reactions.

PALESTINE

Somewhere in the desert in the Middle East, a terrorist group has built a large base, and the navy wants you to destroy it. You'll be flying the navy's new Q10 experimental fighter, which is equipped with a radar cloaking/jamming device so you can avoid detection until you reach the target area.

To reach the base, you must fly through ten stages. Each has different terrain and different structures scattered on the surface. Two structures found in every stage are the nuclear reactor and SAM (Surface-to-Air Missile) base, both of which must be destroyed to complete a wave.

To control the Q10, use the up-arrow and down-arrow keys to climb and dive. Use the spacebar to fire missiles, of which you have an unlimited supply. Only one missile can be onscreen at a time, so pressing the spacebar while a missile is in flight will 'cancel' it and fire a new one. The missiles are launched in the direction that the Q10 is moving.

If the Q10 crashes into terrain or structures, it is destroyed. It is also destroyed if it is hit by a SAM. SAMs are indestructable. They can fly through anything, and you can't finish them off with your missiles. If the Q10 hits a structure, both the structure and the plane are usually destroyed. Sometimes, part of a structure will survive. The SAM base and nuclear reactor can be destroyed only by a direct hit. The terrorist base can only be destoyed by hitting it with one of your missiles.

Your missiles can destroy structures on the surface, and can even punch craters in the surface. A structure explodes when it is destroyed. Rarely, flying directly into an explosion will destroy the Q10.

After you complete a wave, you get a bonus based on the level of the wave you've completed, multiplied by the round. (The round is the number of bases you've destroyed + 1).

If you complete wave nine by destroying the base, you'll get 1,000 points for the base and 1,000 multiplied by the round. in addition, you'll get bonus QlOs. However, if you complete wave nine by destroying the SAM base and nuclear reactor, you must keep repeating wave nine until you demolish the terrorist base.

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When you run PALESTINE, you will be prompted to enter either a number (0-9) or an R (for random terrain) to select a starting wave. If you select a number, you can bypass all waves up to that number. This allows experienced players to skip the relatively 'easy' early waves. Random terrain is totally different. Once you choose this option, you stay with it the whole game. Random terrain is generally used for practice, since some random waves are practically impossible!

It's important to understand the readout at the top of the screen. Shown below is a _sample_ readout with brief explanations. On screen, you'll see the readout horizontally; here it's reproduced vertically.

SCORE --> 553 PLANES --> 7 TWIN CANYONS 750 1/1 NRK 27,934

SCORE: Your current score

The number of planes you have left, including the one onscreen PLANES:

TWIN CANYONS: The name of the current wave

750: The maximum possible points for destroying

every structure

1/1: The wave/round numbers NRK: The high scorer's initials

27,934: The high score

SCORING:

terrain.....1 village......50 missile base.....100 nuclear reactor.....150 power plant.....200 oil refinery.....300 base.....1,000

bonus for completing a wave: 100 X (wave+1) X round bonus for destroying base: 1000 X round + 1000

If you get the high score, enter your initials. Use < and > to 'rotate' the letters until your initial appears. Press the spacebar to enter it. Repeat.

CUSTOMIZING PALESTINE

This is a special section that explains how you can customize PALESTINE to fit your playing abilities.

First, make sure you have BACKUP COPIES. DO NOT make these changes on the distribution disk. That way, if you make a mistake, you can always rebackup the distribution copy. Type each line exactly as instructed and press ENTER at the end of each one.

To make the changes: type LOAD "PAL" to load PALESTINE into memory. Then make the changes, and type SAVE "PAL" if the disk you want to make changes on is in drive 0, or SAVE "PAL:1" if the disk is in drive 1 (expansion drive).

MODIFICATIONS:

If you're left-handed, you may find the current key arrangement difficult. This modification moves the 'fire missile' function from the spacebar to the ENTER key on the numeric pad:

52 KS=13

This modification moves the 'fire missile' function back to the spacebar:

52 KS=32

This modification eliminates the nuclear reactor's importance. With this change you can complete a wave simply by destroying the SAM base: 85 NF=0

This modification eliminates the SAM base's importance. With this change you can complete a wave simply by destroying the nuclear reactor. Also, you no longer have to

worry about SAMs.

86 MF=0

To reinstate the nuclear reactor's importance: 85 MF=1

To reinstate the SAM base's importance: 86 MF=1

To change the number of Q10s you get for each game:

n = the number of Ql0s you 53 PL = n

want. The number must be between 1 and

32767.

APE ESCAPE

Poor little Alvin Ape. All he wants to do is swing through the jungle and eat bananas, but he finds trouble at every turn. Falling coconuts, poachers' arrows, and flying Dingbats are intent on making him one dead ape. Alvin's fate is up to you.

APE ESCAPE presents five different levels. You control Alvin, using the '8', '4', '6', and '2' keys on the numeric pad to move him up, left, right, and down, respectively. Alvin moves through the jungle by grabbing vines. He can move left or right to an adjacent vine, or can climb up and down vines. Be careful! If Alvin grabs for a vine that isn't there, he plummets to the ground. Alvin can also fall if he slips off the bottom of a vine, or slides down over a gap in a vine.

Alvin is safe when he reaches the palm tree in the lower right corner of the screen. However, getting there isn't easy. One problem is the coconuts, which hang throughout the jungle on vines. If one hits Alvin, it knocks him off the vine. When a coconut falls, it is replaced by a new one. Alvin can't hold on to the coconuts; he must climb over or around them.

More peril comes from the arrows. Evil poachers on the jungle floor want to capture Alvin by shooting him with these arrows. They don't pierce Alvin, but they do make him loose his grip and fall.

The last danger Alvin faces is the Dingbats. They cause problems by creating gaps in the vines. Alvin is not hurt if they touch him directly.

Horizontal platforms are suspended from some vines. These hinder Alvin's movement. He must climb around them.

Alvin does have some help. There are springs located on the jungle floor which have the power to bounce him back up, unharmed, should he fall onto one.

SCORING:

Every time a coconut falls and misses Alvin, you get 5 points. You get 50 points when Alvin dodges an arrow.

You begin each game with three Alvins. When you complete a wave, you get 100 points, times the level of the wave just completed, plus a bonus Alvin. When Alvin makes it through

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wave five, he starts back at wave one again.

If you beat the high score, enter your initials. They will be saved on the disk along with the new high score.

The highest score recorded on APE ESCAPE to date is 5,785.

Hurry up and save Alvin!

SAUCERS

The inhabitants of ANDOR had never had pest-control problems until a swarm of XORian beasts decided they wanted to cohabit the planet. This caused no problems until the ANDORians discovered that the XORians enjoyed swooping in and out of the atmosphere, making a most annoying droning noise.

Day and night the ANDORians were tormented by the hubbub, until ANDORian scientists finally completed a pest-control craft with a built-in PBWS (Particle Beam Weapons System). Unfortunately, none of the citizens of ANDOR could figure out how to operate the craft. You happen to be vacationing in ANDOR and, being a generous person, decide to help your hosts. To help you know what you're up against, the ANDORian scientists have compiled an XORian Pest Profile Library. They warn that contact with any of the XORians means death for you and the search-and-destroy ship. They also encourage you to avoid a powerful plasma-fan weapon used by the most dreaded enemy, the 'Bouncer'.

To control the ship, use the < and > keys to move left and right. To fire a blast from the PBWS, press the spacebar. You don't have to worry about encountering more than one XORian at a time, because they annoy each other as much as they irritate the ANDORians.

How to run SAUCERS: After the title page, all the XORians will be displayed so you can see what they look like. You will be prompted to enter a number for 'level', then 'evasiveness'. In general, the XORians get meaner in the higher levels. 'Evasiveness' refers to how erratic the XORians' flight will be. If you're a beginner, use '0'. NOTE: When you answer the prompts, you don't need to press ENTER, just type in the number (0-9).

XORian Pest Profile

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---Syncho---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY: medium TARGET SIZE: medium SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES: none POINT VALUE: 10

---Saucer---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY: medium medium medium

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SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES: none POINT VALUE: 30

---Flagship---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY:

TARGET SIZE:

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES:

POINT VALUE:

---Bouncer---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY:

TARGET SIZE:

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES:

POINT VALUE:

---Pod ---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY:

TARGET SIZE:

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES:

POINT VALUE:

---Qt---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY: TARGET SIZE:

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES:

POINT VALUE:

---Gargantuan---

SPEED/MANEUVERABILITY: TARGET SIZE:

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES:

POINT VALUE:

low - medium medium

leaves a harmless, but annoying, debris trail; when hit, it explodes

to reveal a Saucer

50

medium - high

small

fires a plasma-fan ray which is deadly to touch; mutates into a

Saucer when hit

100

500 if hit when firing plasma-fan

medium - high

medium

causes a harmless particle explosion when hit; after 'warp', a Bouncer appears near the spot where the Pod

was hit

200

medium medium

when hit releases four particle streams deadly to touch; a Bouncer

appears at the end of one of these

streams

500

low high

(harmless) explosion - when hit reveals a blinker; only appears in

wave 20 and every five waves

thereafter

300

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---Blinker---

SPEED/MANUEVERABILITY: medium - high

TARGET SIZE: medium

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES: becomes invisible for short periods

of time; still vulnerable when

invisible

POINT VALUE: 300

The highest score recorded for SAUCERS is 8,680.