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On the shoulders of Giants

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After my trip to the Amiga30th in Amsterdam last month and my subsequent visits to California and the UK to attend two more Amiga30th Anniversary events, I'm now safely back in New Zealand. I have just about overcome the triple-whammy of three time zones, jet-lag and late nights coupled with a slight over-indulgence of alcohol. 😊 The shows at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California and the Amiga30th Charity event in Peterborough in UK were two very different gatherings but, like the Amsterdam Amiga30 show, were bound by a common theme - the coming together of true Amigans to celebrate the Amiga's 30th Anniversary. In each case the events were backed by a lead organizer(s) and a supporting team, and despite some minor teething problems, they all somehow managed to deliver three very successful and enjoyable Amiga shows.



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the three Amiga/Amigos

Amsterdam Amiga30th: A Dutch treat - was organized by the incomparable hosts, Marcel and Marvin. They somehow managed to cram almost 450 people into the tiny Lighthouse venue although there was also a separate marquee for all the Amiga exhibits and displays. The Dutch weather was kind and the after-show VIP canal cruise was very special.

Apart from the joint performance

of the 3 Amigos (RJ Mical, Carl Sassenrath and Dave Haynie), the other highlight for me was walking the streets of Amsterdam at 4:30 am on Sunday morning with Marcel, Marvin, Dave Haynie and Matthew. My only disappointment was not getting a signed copy of Petro Tyschtschenko's book.



Michael Battilana of Cloanto flexing his muscle?

When I finally managed to get some free time to visit the marquee display area he had already left. Hopefully I will be able to get a copy of his book at the Neuss Amiga30th event in Germany in October. Hey who said I don't read German? OK it's true but at least I can look at the pictures. Having organised the Amsterdam show, Marcel and Mavin caught the Amiga30th bug and attended both the California and UK events.



(L to R) Marcel, me and Marvin arriving in San Francisco

Computer History Museum, Mountain View, California: A family affair - Bill Borsari aided by a team of organisers and volunteers which included such Amiga luminaries as Dale Luck, Carl Sassenrath, Dave Needle, Sam Dicker and many, many others put on the most ambitious 30th Anniversary event in the spiritual home of the Amiga computer. What can I say about this show? I met so many of the original Amiga family it felt that we had gatecrashed their special Amiga, Inc reunion party.



Bill Borsari

Almost the entire team was present, apart from the few people like Jay Miner and Dave Morse who, sadly, are no longer with us. I had the privileged of mixing and talking with many of the original Hi-Toro team including Don Ressler, Amiga marketing & sales and even Bill Hart, the original Amiga Corp VC. It was very moving to see the special bond that still exists between these people after all these years. Many former Commodore employees



