

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

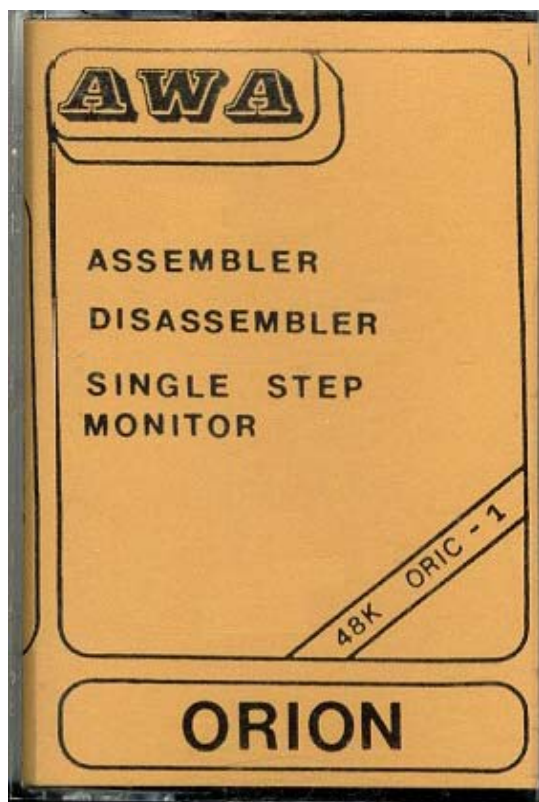
Here we go again then, looking at some old programs that you may or may not have - I wonder how many of you collect Oric programs, how many ever load an Oric program, how many know how to program.

That last comment becomes immediately relevant as this time we take a look at Orion, one of the numerous machine code monitors for the Oric. These things usually have an assembler, disassembler and monitor. They are supposed to make things much easier but they just confuse the hell out of me ! It is becoming apparent that many of them don't have all the instruction set necessary which seems a bit pointless.

Many of the knowledgeable programmers that are working on the Oric today, such as Twilighte, have resorted to writing their own editors, so I'm not sure how many will use this However, this little article is designed to avoid any difficult stuff that involves bizarre concepts such as actually using an Oric. We're just going to look at two different things and go, 'Yep, those are different !'. Nice and easy !

This picture on the left is the original release of Orion. Quite well produced with an A5 manual - perhaps that means this was in a large box originally, but I haven't come across such a box yet.

The program was sold to Lothlorien who were on the look out for a decent machine code monitor.



It is then the exact same program, though I think there are perhaps a couple of bugs removed (?) I seem to recall something being said along those lines anyway ...

As far as I know there isn't an official Atmos version of this program which makes it not so good people wanting to use the better machine, but I think there are one or two clever chaps out there who have adapted it for the Atmos.

As I've said previously, I'm not very good at programming so I'll stick to BASIC which is much easier for simple folk like me !

This program is somewhat rare in being released by two companies. We've seen several programs that have different releases by the same company but few had changes made because of a change in company. As far as I'm aware Delta 4 only had one release for example. If you can prove otherwise then get in touch !

That's all for this time..... MUSO

