FLYBY

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UNZIP the demo by typing PKUNZIP FLYBY.

Then run DEMO if you have a 386, or D286 if you have a 286.

Requires VGA, EMS memory, and a sound card is highly recommended.

If you have a 286 machine, you can run this demo by running the batch file D286.

WARNING!!! This demo REQUIRES a 386 machine, VGA, 1 meg of EMS memory, and an Adlib or Roland compatible sound card.

This demo was written by John W. Ratcliff and Mark Glaenzer. The next time someone wants to tell you how crappy low res VGA is, just show them this demo.

Everything you see in this demo was completely computer generated, the mountains and clouds were fractally generated, and painfully rendered with Mark Glaenzer's GRAYRAY program.

Type 'DEMO' to run the FlyBy animation. The first time you run it you will be asked what kind of sound capabilities you have. Press ESC to exit the FlyBy animation.

You can try 3 different playback speeds by pressing the SPACEBAR. The animation starts at 18 frames per second, press the SPACEBAR and it will go down to 9 frames per second, press the SPACEBAR again and it will play the animation as fast as your machine is capable, with an upper limit of 60 times per second. (Any faster and you just wouldn't be able to see anything anyway.)

This program uses customized 386 code, and is optimized for VGA. You should see good performance even on a slow 386sx, with a slow VGA card.

If you have a lot of EMS memory in your machine you might be interested in ordering the full flyby animation. It comes on two high density floppy disks with over 15 seconds of continuous animation, at 18 frames per second, and 4 megs of EMS memory. (You can still play it with less memory, but you might not get the entire animation.)

Please distribute this FlyBy animation as many places as you can. When Mark and I wrote this animation, our goal was to see how close we could get to professional workstation type animation, on a standard PC, with standard VGA. Mark and I are quite proud of it, and hope you enjoy this graphics goodie.

If you own a Roland or MPU401 compatible sound card you will be amazed at Rob Wallace's brilliant sound track. The Adlib version of 'Fire Under the Icehouse' sounds very good as well. Custom Adlib instruments were created by George Sanger, AKA The Fat Man. You can find out more about Rob Wallace or The Fat Man's music services by calling THE Audio Solution.

The music in the demo is 'Fire Under the Icehouse' composed by Rob Wallace. The music is played back using the MIDI music drivers in MIDPAK. If you are interested in putting music into your own computer programs, contact THE Audio Solution at (314)-567-0267. MIDPAK is available for \$149 and contains MIDI music drivers for all computer systems, source code, documentation, utilities, and sample MIDI files.

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