



# EJAGFEST

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The Year of  
the Lynx



Retro fans of Atari's console offerings once again flock to the small town of Kleinenbroich for the 20th anniversary of the European Jaguar Festival. But systems with less than 64 Bit are welcome too and it's one of the few retro festivals that isn't dominated by the Commodore 64. This is the day one report directly from the show. 2019 has been an exciting year especially for Lynx gamers who enjoyed a fresh wave of quality games for their beloved handhelds. Meanwhile, Jaguar fans were able to continuously order enhanced 16-bit ports, thus able to turn their bank accounts as red as their console's logo. We'll take a look at what some people had to offer on their desks.





## Pro-Controller Replica

What shall you do when your customers tell you that the 17 buttons on your d-pad aren't enough? Add more! Of course, with the Jagpad it was always a matter of where the buttons were placed. Street Fighter-style games required six face buttons, racing games two shoulder buttons. Atari's Pro Controller was a welcome improvement that was released too late into the system's already short life span. The replica could be mistaken for the original in design and build quality, but is missing the Atari branding for obvious reasons. The replica is recommended for gamers who like the few Jaguar games that benefit from the ProPad. It also costs considerably less than the original one.



## Frogs, revisited

Party game Frogs is back at the eJagfest and in the meantime made appearances at other retro gatherings, too. Developer Thomas Ilg observed how players were playing Frogs and improving his game. The new version features an arcade mode, a countdown timer,

better graphic effects and improvements for low memory machines. You could grab both the boxed version of Frogs (with or without four player adaptor) and the older Laserball game.



# Nuon Rotary Controller



Nick Persijn, master of the rotary controller, showed the new rotary controller for the spiritual successor of the Jaguar, the Nuon DVD system. The Nuon is notably home to Tempest 3000. Persijn modded many Jaguar pads in the past with rotary controllers for Tempest

2000. Building one for 3K was a different challenge: Nuon controllers are a rare beast and he needed one for dissecting and testing.





Karri Kaksonen returned to the ejaifest this year and sold the cartridge version of „On Duty - Soldier of Fortune“. He also presented the other ten entries of Atari Gamer’s Lynx Programming Competition and held a competition for an „On Duty“ cartridge.



# Intellivision

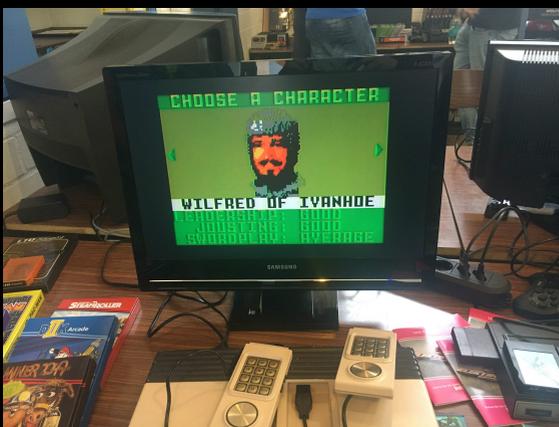


The old Intellivision by Mattel is enjoying great support by retro developers. Publisher Elektronite is picking up these homebrew titles, releasing them as boxed games, with cartridge and printed manual. Modern releases include Boulder Dash and Defender of the Crown, both licensed by the rights holder. Hover Bovver is a port of the Jeff Minter classic, one of Minter's few non-shooting games. I spent some time with the shooter „A-F Anthropomorphic Force“. It's a tough game and the challenge is not only to avoid projectiles but to not crash into the environment while doing it. Huge endbosses await the player at the end of the stage. „A-F“ is another example of homebrew that at least stands on par with the commercial releases.



The Chequered Flag tournament was held using six Lynx consoles with non-modified screens. For skilled display modder Marco Willig, the three laps plus qualification must've felt like torture ;)

A rare beast indeed is Amstrad's first (and last) foray into the console market, the ill-fated GX4000. Although much better than Commodore's C64gs, it was still an 8-bit system launched at a time when 16-bit was dominating.



Here's the Intellivision version of Defender of the Crown. The new generation of Intellivision games offer amazing graphics that surpass the old commercial releases.