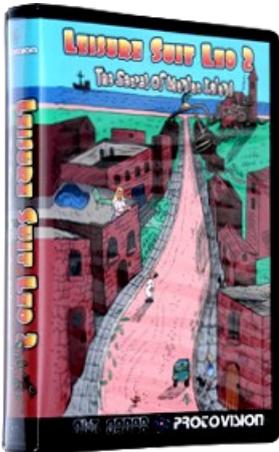


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Game Review



Game: Leisure Suit Leo II (English Deluxe Edition)
Developer: [Out Of Order Softworks](#)
Release Date: 18/7/2014
Available: [Protovision](#) (disk/digital download)
It's a bit like: Maniac Mansion
Score: 6/10

Living life in the fast lane, luxury cars, Cuban Cigars and luck with the ladies. Some people just have it. If we knew what 'it' was, we'd all have it. Some of us think we have it, but actually don't. Introducing Leonard Feuerstein...

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Game Overview

Originally released in 1997, Leisure Suit Leo II has just been re-issued in deluxe packaging by Protovision. Coming in a collectable big box, the package also contains a high quality instruction booklet (including an interview with the game's author, Volker Rust), as well as a "wannabee lady killer" badge, that you can wear while playing the game, or when trying to get lucky with the ladies.

An adventure game at heart, Leisure Suit Leo II centres around the life of Leonard Feuerstein, a down and out ladies man wannabe, who is out to prove himself in the big bad world! It's up to the player to steer Leo in the right direction and guide him to ultimate happiness, whatever that may be!

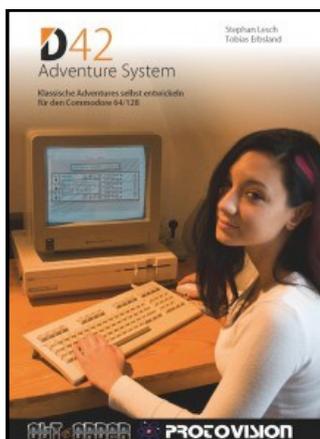
When playing the game, the screen is split into two areas, with text filling the bottom half and the top half interchanging between location graphics and the playing interface. Clicking the fire

button brings up the interface, giving you a selection of commands and options in true point and click adventure fashion. Players have an inventory, can combine items to use for puzzle solving, can have conversations as well as the usual adventure commands we are all used to.

Leisure Suit Leo II is playable with a joystick, and is also compatible with the 1531 mouse, making things much easier to navigate. The cursor keys are used to select what you say during conversations with the many characters throughout the game.

The game is fairly open ended and contains a handy RAM save/load option. Games can also be loaded and saved from disk, meaning you can play it over several sessions.

Leisure Suit Leo II is available for purchase from the Protovision Shop. Be quick though, because Protovision have already sold out of the first run and the second and final is also nearly all gone!



The game itself was programmed using the D42 Adventure System, which is currently downloadable for free from the Protovision homepage.

Unkle K - 7/10

I have never played Leisure Suit Larry. I have seen it though and know what it's about. Maybe having never played a Larry game, I'll be able to judge Leisure Suit Leo II with no preconceptions.

What we have here is a text adventure dressed up in a fancy interface. There isn't really much in Leisure Suit Leo that you couldn't do in a traditional text/graphical adventure, like a Magnetic Scrolls game for instance. The point and click interface, rather than the pure text parser, is something a bit different though. However, don't expect the same level of interactivity with your world as a game such as Maniac Mansion. Hmm, so much for preconceptions! Thankfully, the D42 interface is intuitive and only takes a short amount of time to get used to.



The German to English translation is good, but far from perfect. Some of the text contains the usual grammatical errors you would expect from a direct translation, and there are a couple of minor typos. There were times when I seemed to miss the joke, stemming from the translation itself or maybe even some cultural in-joke. That being said, for the most part, the text works and is perfectly readable, but there are certainly some 'lost in translation' moments to be had.

However, some of the dialogue is certainly amusing, especially the way the people you meet throughout the game seem to view Leonard. Some seem to see him in complete disgust, while one particularly drunk bar lady seemed to be too much for poor old Leo to handle. Exploring each location, as well meeting and conversing with the

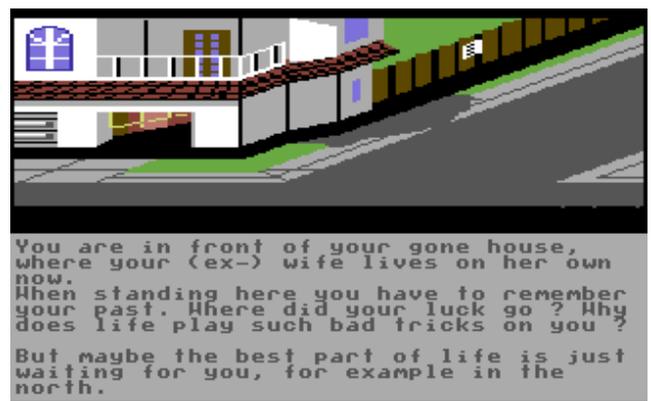
characters, is both amusing and fun! The puzzles and combinations are also quite logical most of the time.

I'm not going to try and hide the fact that I haven't seen all of Leisure Suit Leo yet. What I have seen and heard I have liked though. The game is nicely presented, with a short intro/title sequence and funny quiz at the start. The graphics are functional and work well, and the tunes throughout are jolly, even if they are a bit repetitive. The lack of a disk save is compensated by the fact that the game is split into levels, with one single password that splits the game in half.

One misgiving I do have is that the English 'deluxe' version seems a little lazy. What we seem to have here is identical to the cracked Lacity translated game from all those years ago. None of the enhanced features described in the German 'Deluxe' edition seem to be here. Sorry Out Of Order, but that's kind of cheap.

Overall, Leisure Suit Leo Deluxe Edition is a nice package for collectors. The game itself is perfectly playable, even fun at times. The D42 Adventure system works well and having mouse control certainly is a big plus. It's probably not worth buying unless you haven't played it, you're a collector of originals, or feel you owe the authors some remuneration from playing the cracked game all those years ago.

If you're an adventurer who's down on his luck in life and the ladies, you will definitely find something to like here! Leisure Suit Leo is a very good game, which was obviously made with love, and it show.



Vinny - 5/10

Okay - so it's obvious that none of us are going to be able to talk about this game without mentioning Leisure Suit Larry...

I first encountered Larry way back in 1987 when I was in Computer College. It felt as if our lives were ruled by the Leisure Suit Larry game, and there wasn't anyone on the course who wasn't trying to get Larry 'laid'. My second encounter was on the Amiga in the nineties, and then I was STILL banging my head against my desk trying to get him 'laid'.

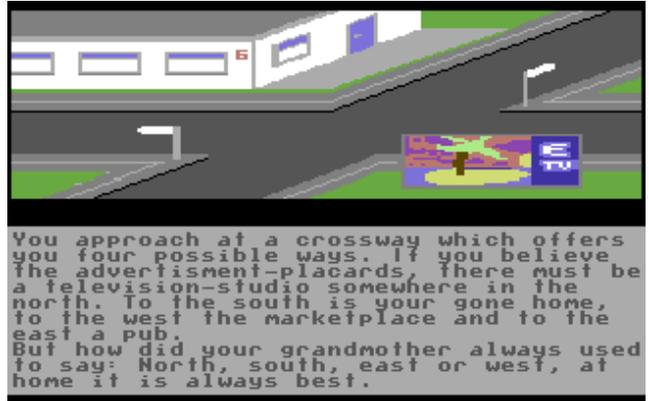
And so here we are... 2014 and Larry has become Leo (on the Commodore 64 anyway) and it's all hands on deck...

The opening presentation of this game is great: colourful, humorous, upbeat... the perfect pace for such a game. I loved the fact that I had to answer some questions to confirm my age, because the question I received was on Back to the Future - which is my all-time favourite SciFi movie. A nice touch... until I got stuck and couldn't answer a lot of the questions and kept being thrown back to the intro screen! Frustrating, but luckily the manual has all of the answers if you do get stuck on a question.



That's not the only thing I found frustrating about this game... once the game starts, the in-game menu system is a little off-putting. Maybe I'm expecting too much and wanted more of a L.S.Larry feel to the game with more screen interaction, but it doesn't happen here. Getting around is a little frustrating and

requires a lot of practice, understanding and a little patience. At one point I thought I couldn't move, but the delay was down to the visual location loading and displaying.



To me, the game felt very much like a text adventure, but with constraints that are a little frustrating to say the least. I'm not one to persist with things that annoy me, and so maybe this isn't the game for me.

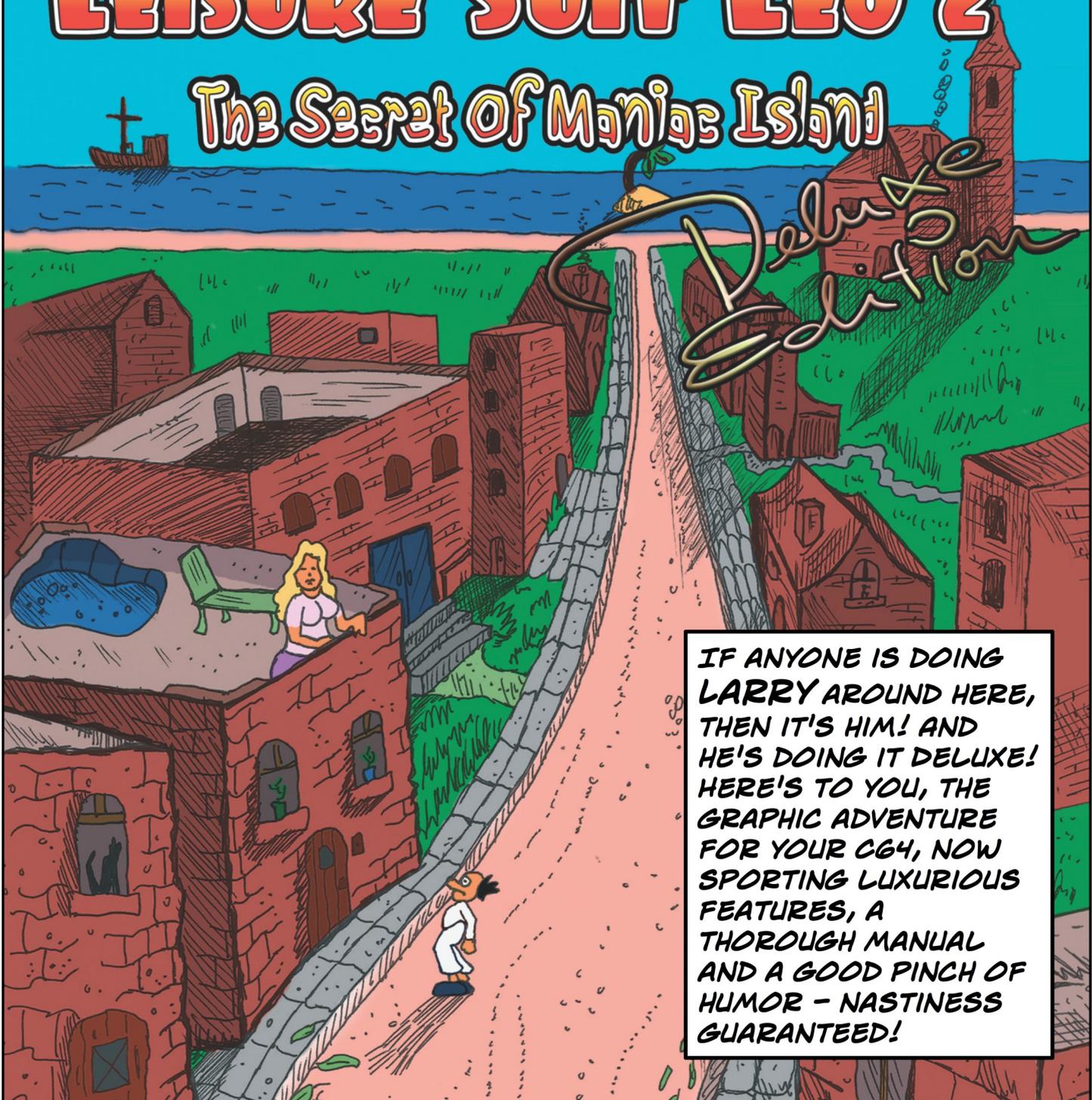
Saying all that, the presentation, graphics and audio are very good and makes this a great package for those of you who enjoy this type of game and can persist passed the annoyance. I'm sure there's a lot more depth to this game once you get passed the controls and delays.



By the way - nice game ending (what - did you really think I was going to play and review the game WITHOUT seeing the ending?). It reminds me of a section within a Commodore 64 scene demo. It's a fitting game ending to this type of game with a cool ending tune.

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