EclaireXL - Feature #72

Implement stock Atari 400 mode

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Description

There are certain titles that require OS-A to run (Megalegs, Ghost Hunter). It would be nice to have a "stock Atari 400" mode that runs OS-A with 16k of memory.

History

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- Subject changed from Implement stock Atari 400 OS-A mode to Implement stock Atari 400 mode

#2 - 07/22/2018 09:10 PM - foft

Are there any differences from the Atari800 mode? I guess 2 joystick ports. I guess also allowing less than 48K of ram (though that could be the 800 too).

#3 - 07/22/2018 10:06 PM - Farb

Most of this is probably not relevant here, but my understanding of the differences are:

- 1. Membrane vs. full-stroke keyboard.
- 2. It was originally sold with 8K of RAM but most sold with 16K RAM. Atari did sell a 48K RAM expansion kit but it required some soldering and was only available to dealers.
- 3. Single cartridge slot instead of 2.
- 4. Both had 4 joystick ports, but on the 400, controller port #4 is the only port that supports a light pen or light gun.
- 5. No composite monitor port.
- 6. In North America, early production was CTIA but most are GTIA. In Europe, it was GTIA.
- 7. As with the 800, early machines had a standard 6502 CPU. Later production units used Atari's Sally 6502.

So, I guess a good starting point would be allowing 8k, 16k or 48k and OS-A or OS-B.

#4 - 08/01/2018 10:00 PM - foft

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OK, so for all intents and purposes I think its the same. At least until we add the split bus for the 800... I added 8k mode. OS A should already work, but I didn't add it to the standard profiles.

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