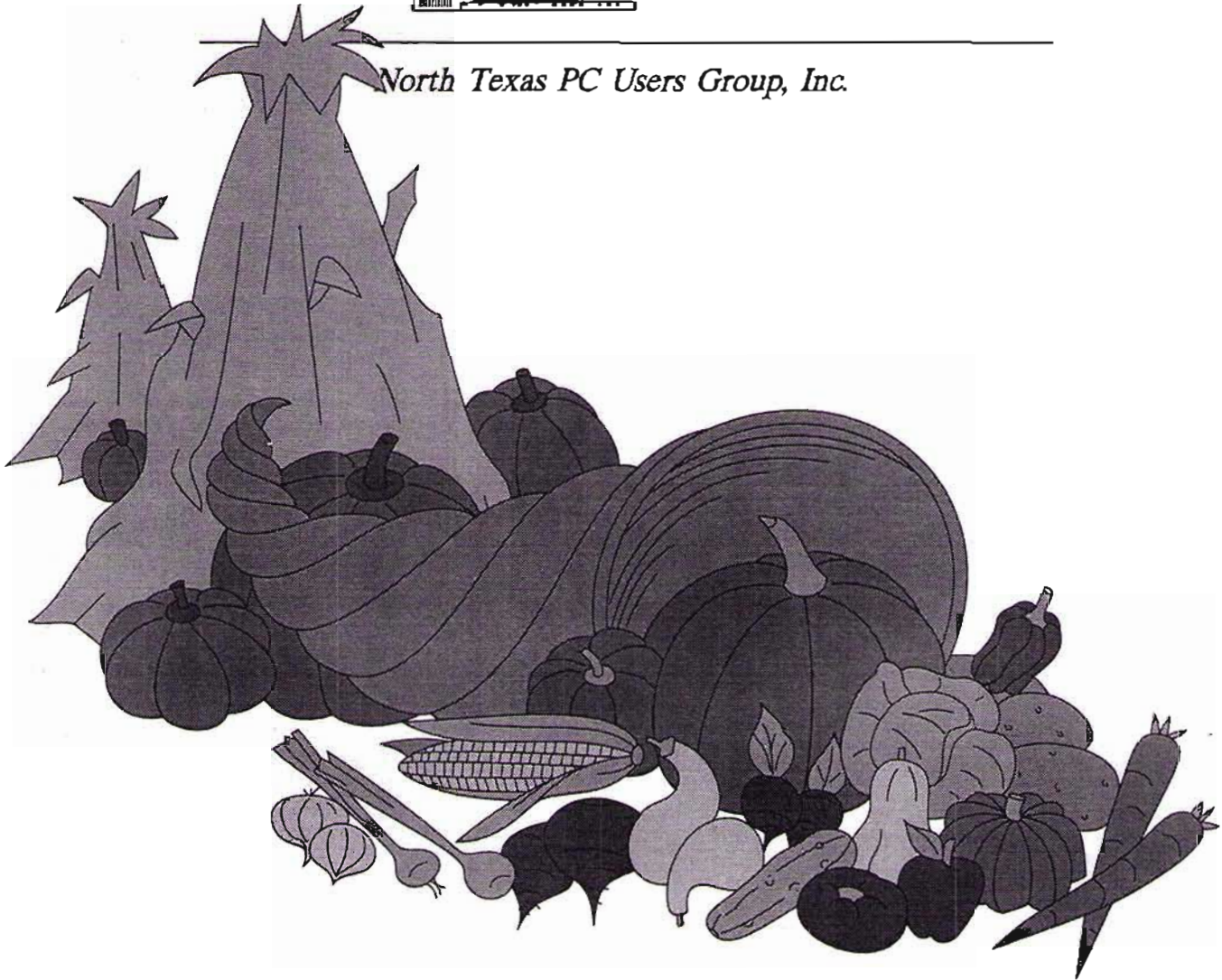


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9:00 AM PageMaker 6.0 for Windows

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Melisa Powers, Account Manager

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**NTPCUG** PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS . . .  
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10:00 AM Multimedia Educational Bonanza

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Back by popular demand, Lynda will show us lots of new titles for kids of all ages, and will give us a special discount offer just in time for Christmas. Come see My First Encyclopedia, JumpStart Preschool, JumpStart Kindergarten, JumpStart First Grade. New versions of 3-D Dinosaur Adventure, 3-D Body Adventure and Undersea Adventure will be shown. Other fun titles are The Adventures of Batman and Robin Cartoon Maker, Spider-Man Cartoon Maker, X-Men Cartoon Maker and Casper Brainy Book. There will be a drawing for free products. \*

11:00 AM NTPCUG Business Meeting

1:00 PM OS/2 Warp Connect

IBM

Brett Webb, Advisory Technical Marketing Specialist for Dallas, and John Ayo, Program Manager for IBM Software Products

This is an introduction to the features and capabilities of the networking-in-a-box version of OS/2, Warp Connect, which includes access to the most popular LANs as well as the Internet. There will be a drawing for free products.

\* Tickets for each drawing will be given out from 10 minutes before until 15 minutes after the start-time of the meeting to attending NTPCUG members who show proof of membership.

**NOVEMBER**

**SIGs** NTPCUG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:55  
Microsoft Networking  
Visual BASIC - Beginning  
MultiMedia

9:00 - 9:55  
DOS  
General Genealogy  
Hardware Solutions  
Internet-Advanced  
Introduction to the PC  
Quicken  
StarText  
Visual BASIC  
Windows Applications  
WordPerfect/DOS

9:00 - 10:55  
Dallas Corel

10:00 - 10:55  
BASIC - Classic (Language)  
CAD  
Fox Pro Database  
Graphics  
Networking  
Internet-Beginning  
PAF-Genealogy  
Paradox  
Introduction to the PC  
WordPerfect/Windows  
UNIX

11:00 - 11:55  
BASIC Programming - Beginning  
Assembly Language  
Brother's Keeper Genealogy  
CAD (Cont.)

11:00 - 11:55 (Cont.)  
Investors  
Graphics (Cont.)  
MS Works  
OS/2 - Q & A  
Roots III/IV - Genealogy  
Spreadsheet Developers  
Windows Developers

11:30 - 11:55  
Orientation

12:00 - 12:55  
Alpha Four  
C++/Advanced C Communications  
Delphi  
Desktop Publishing  
Health Care Computing  
OS/2 for End Users  
Introduction to the PC  
The Master Genealogist

1:00 - 1:55  
Access  
ACTI

1:00 - 1:55 (Cont.)  
Business Apps./DAC Easy  
DATAFLEX  
C++/Beginners  
Word for Windows  
OS/2 Developers  
Introduction to the PC  
Spreadsheet

2:00 - 2:55  
Advanced Programmers  
QuickBooks  
Application Developers (OLE and ODBC)

Please consult the BBS and remember to check the overhead display in the INFOMART lobby for latest SIG schedules and room locations.

## November Brings — Comdex, Thanksgiving & Changes at the Top...

Peyton Weaver, who has been serving as our Publicity Director, asked to be relieved. Peyton has done a great job for NTPCUG and DFWX at publicizing our meetings with a very limited budget.

Thank you, Peyton.

JoAnn Elliott, from Dallas Corel, called the other day to talk about A/V problems and ended up agreeing to pick up Publicity. You are all now warned. Don't call the Prez unless you're ready to volunteer!

Thanks JoAnn.

### October was Demographics Month

Those of you who were present at the October meeting know that, in addition to getting the Newsletter published with a week less of time, Reagan Andrews prepared the annual demographics survey forms.

Alex Lilley, our SIG Coordinator, added one more job to his hectic meeting day and distributed the surveys to each SIG. SIG Leaders then circulated the surveys among our members.

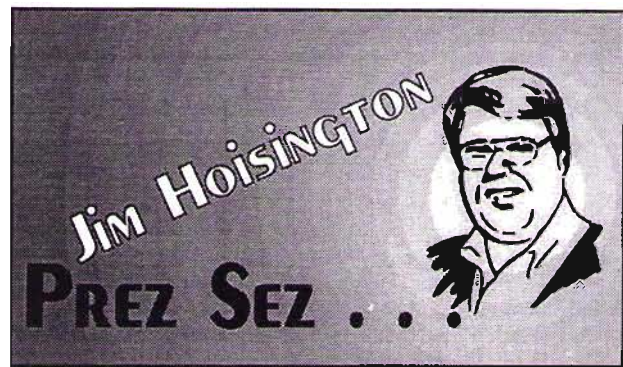
When other user groups ask about demographics, all the vendors show them ours. Thank you Reagan, Alex, all the SIG Leaders, and all the members who filled them out.

### November will be Demographics Month

Members at the October meeting probably noticed a "light turnout" as result of the competition with "First Saturday." We will be distributing the demographics survey again at the November NTPCUG meeting because of the reduced sample at the October meeting.

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### December Means — Home & Family Computer Show at Convention Center

December 8 will bring the *Home and Family Computer Show* to the Dallas Convention Center. NTPCUG members can gain free admission to the show, and volunteer to help NTPCUG man a booth at the Dallas Convention Center during the show run December 8 - 10.

See Doug Gorrie's article on Page 4 for more details about the coming show and about our need for volunteers.

### Business Meeting Drawing

We've got enough accumulated "stuff" that there will be drawings for "stuff" at both the November and December business meetings. "Stuff" means software sent to NTPCUG for review, software gathered at Comdex, other trade show handouts, mouse pads, etc., etc., etc.

Be there! You might win a Borland or Microsoft key chain.

### Elections are coming

It is the job of our President Elect, Andy Oliver, to collect nominations for President-Elect and Board of Directors. Andy is soliciting nominations now. If you know of someone you think would be a good officer or member of the BOD, and is *willing* to be nominated, please contact Andy.

### Membership

Membership was 2,227 at the end of September. I sent out 177 renewal letters for October.

### How Sweet it is!

This is one of the rare times when I get to write this column after the prior month's meeting. Because we met on October 7th and Reagan's dead-



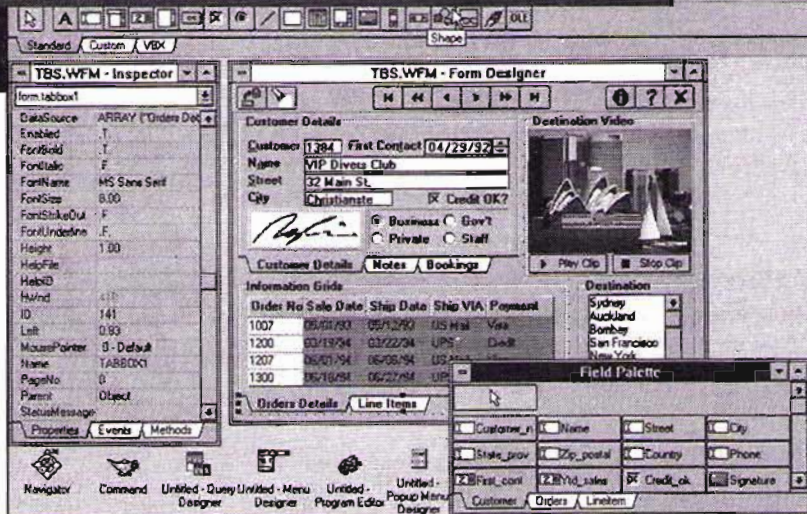
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**NTPCUG sponsors the *Home & Family Computing Supershow***  
(Gorrie's looking for volunteers again)

by Doug Gorrie

It's about time !!! A computer show for individuals and small business users, not just those Big Business types. And just in time for Christmas, too. Plus, NTPCUG members who act as volunteer helpers will be given a T-shirt, free admission to the show, and entered to win a multimedia computer and LOTS of software!!

Our User Group has agreed to help sponsor the Home and Family Computing Supershow, December 8-10 at the Dallas Convention Center. This show is expected to benefit NTPCUG, its members and hopefully the community at large. Lots of folks will be thinking "computers" this time of year, and there is likely to be a major interest in NTPCUG as those Christmas gifts spawn questions like "Where is the ON switch?, What is a disk drive?, Which button connects to the Internet?". NTPCUG will be a great place to get these answers in the months that follow, and our December meeting is only a week after (Dec. 16).

The show should be a lot of fun for attendees and volunteers. There will have 10 Pavilions, all of which sound interesting and/or fun, including:

- ❖ **Internet and On-line Pavilions** - hands on tutorials. Internet and other services (AOL, BBS, CompuServe, etc).
- ❖ **E-mail to the Rich and Famous Pavilion** - attendees send mail to the "important" people.
- ❖ **Computer Learning Center Pavilion** - dozens of computers with hot software and CD products, hands on.
- ❖ **Small Office/Home Office Pavilion** - laptops, fax machines, phones, etc.

- ❖ **Computer Games Pavilion** - test your skills on the coolest, challenging games.
- ❖ **Techno-Demo Pavilion** - get answers to your toughest computer, software and on-line questions.
- ❖ **KidsFest Pavilion** - all the neat things in children's computing needs - software, furniture, etc.
- ❖ **Computer Hospital** - a quick course in computer diagnostics and how to avoid breakdowns.

NTPCUG members who volunteer to assist will be placed in a role that they can be comfortable in following pre-show training. For each five-hour stint you work, you will be registered for the computer and software, plus receive the items described above.

Please note that you do not have to be an expert on computers to help. Volunteers will staff and monitor each of the pavilion areas, provide directions to attendees, answer simple software questions, etc. If you have more expertise, I'm sure it will prove helpful.

How do you volunteer? Lots of ways. Show managers hope to do a volunteer-request mailing to our members, and they should be represented on our BBS as you read this. Or, let me know your name and number and I'll forward it to them. You can also call them at (800) 717-7469, Ext. 27 or even E-mail your name, phone number and address to [MPCSHOWS@CIS.COMPUSEVERVE.COM](mailto:MPCSHOWS@CIS.COMPUSEVERVE.COM). Let them or me know by November 27th if possible.

NTPCUG will have a booth at the show, and as usual, I'll be looking for volunteers, too. Let me

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**PREZ SEZ . . . Ctd.**

line is October 10th, the October meeting is history, not the future.

Stuart Yarus just sent me an E-mail that the 1996 contract with INFOMART has been signed.

The Kansas City Chiefs and the San Diego Chargers are playing a pretty good game of Monday Night Football.

The agenda is out for tomorrow night's Board of Directors meeting and nobody has sent me any last minute additions.

Great!

Oops! I still owe Reagan an article on the Microsoft trip. Shsss! Don't tell him. Maybe he'll forget and I can write it for the December newsletter.

Jim...



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by Andy Oliver

## Windows 95 — It's Not Always Easy

In a corporate environment, it is my responsibility to evaluate new software. Especially when the news media, commercials, and ads are covered with it. *OS/2 Warp* never compelled me to rush out and get an eval. copy. Then again, our desktop PC's are not running OS/2.

I was not in the midnight lines with the crazed propeller-heads who had to get their hands on Windows 95. The real propeller-heads, again not me, have been beta-testing the software for a year. I did go by on the following Saturday to pick up a copy on CD-ROM. Plus, I wanted to look at Office95, so I purchased the upgrade for it. Unfortunately, the upgrades were only available on floppy disk. The only CD copies in the store were full licenses. So I get to swap 25 disks. Like, I'll ever get to, but that is the rest of the story.

I OPENED THE MANUAL AND READ IT. Not a first, but certainly a rare event at my house. The manual said to start my existing Windows, and

run D:\setup.exe from the File Run prompt. So I ran d:setup. I waited 15 minutes (timing it with my wife's Rocky & Bullwinkle watch) for the hourglass icon to go away and for something to appear on my screen. My 2X CD-ROM on my 486/66 keeps giving me the evil orange eye like it is reading the CD. In reality, the computer is laughing at me. YEAH, A MESSAGE APPEARS. "Application Execution Error. Cannot find d:setup or one of its components."

Maybe I've tried to shortcut the procedures once too often. I didn't really put in D:\SETUP.EXE. I just put in d:setup. So I will follow the directions to the letter, and Mr. Hourglass and Ms. Orange Eye have returned. And we wait. Fifteen minutes later, Moose and Squirrel are in trouble. Same message.

I have gone back to my old Windows and tried to access the Microsoft Encarta CD, only to get another message, "Error reading drive D:" I run Scandisk, I run Defrag, I run Memmaker like a good Microsoft soldier. After all of this, I can do a DIR of D: and it lists the files on the CD. Then, for 30 seconds I am able to listen to an audio CD on the drive before it quits again.

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### HOME AND FAMILY COMPUTING... Ctd.

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## Windows 95 ... Ctd.

Now don't get me wrong. I am not saying that Windows 95 caused any of these problems. I am just saying that everything ran fine until I started the install, and after returning to Windows for Workgroups 3.11, my CD-ROM is flaky. The next step is to reseat all of the cards in my PC. Nothing. From here, I turn to friends and co-workers looking for clues. I look for the latest CD-ROM drivers from Sony. I update my MSCDEX files from the Microsoft forum on CompuServe. Nothing.

Moving day quickly approaches so I pack up the system wondering if I can get my money back on Windows 95. New home, new perspective. "We will fight them in the stores. We will fight them..... We will never surrender." You can't wimp out.

The last boxes to get unpacked are the computer boxes. I set up the system and start again. Further steps include, REMMING out all of the device drivers and adding them back one by one; bringing the CD to work to make sure that it is not defective; taking the sound card out of the PC; moving Windows to a new directory called Oldwin; and finally, trying a new IDE controller for my CD-ROM. The new controller works, but it conflicts with the video, so my screen is like totally blank. I put the old IDE controller back in and HEAVENS TO MERGATROID, it works. Don't ask me how, don't ask me why, I'm so happy that I stay up till 12:30 installing it and finish it at 5:30 the next morning before going to work.

Windows 95 does not load my sound card. It says there is a conflict with the IRQ on COM2. I remove the ATI FX sound card and there are no jumpers to change the IRQ, and my COM1 and COM2 are in use. When all else fails, throw

money at it. I bought a SoundBlaster 16 after receiving the proper approvals.

Life is good. Now after I put the cover back on this machine, I will tackle Office95.

Andy

## NTPCUG Walkabout

NTPCUG holds *Walkabout* tours of the SIGs and Infomart at every meeting. The purpose of the Walkabout is to familiarize new members with how User Group Saturday works. Membership benefits such as the BBS, Introduction to the PC SIG, User-To-User Program, *North Texas PC News*, magazine discounts, job bank and resource networking are also discussed.

Walkabout groups will depart from the Information Booth in the Infomart lobby at 9 AM, 10 AM, and 12 PM. NTPCUG holds its business meeting in the auditorium at 11 AM and a new member orientation at 11:30 AM.

While this is open primarily to new members, anyone is welcome to come join us in the Walkabout. Whether you have been a member for a while or you have not yet joined, come to the Walkabout and learn more about what NTPCUG offers and how User Group Saturday works.

This Walkabout project will need volunteers, so if this appeals to you, please give me a call at 342-8833. I think this is a really fun project and I encourage every member to think about volunteering for it.

Linda Moore

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### Hoisington on the road again — Redux

## The Trip to Microsoft

In the middle of September, Microsoft invited the presidents of 45 user groups to Redmond for their annual *Mindshare Summit*. The theme this year was Back to School. For two and 1/2 days we sat in briefings and product demonstrations from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. It was an *intense* course of study.

### A New Operating System

Of course, we got to meet with people from the *Windows 95* team very early in our schooling. One of the things that we learned was that *Windows 95* underwent 293 person-years of internal testing before going into Beta.

The design goals for *Windows 95* are:

- ❖ It fixes some of the architectural limitations of the past operating systems.
- ❖ It is safe to use; it protects programs from each other.

- ❖ It is easier to use.
- ❖ It makes it easier to share information between applications.
- ❖ It communicates in a connected world.



Whether they met these goals depends greatly on your success or failure at installing *Win 95* on your current hardware.

Future versions of *Windows 95* will take advantage of more powerful hardware and provide a wider variety of communications services.

### Extensive Research & Development

The slogan for enhancement of existing Microsoft products is *User Driven Development*. They have a toll free telephone number, 1-800-936-WISH, where user's can suggest product enhancements. 70% of those suggested enhancements are already in the product. (That may say something about the documentation and the HELP screens.)

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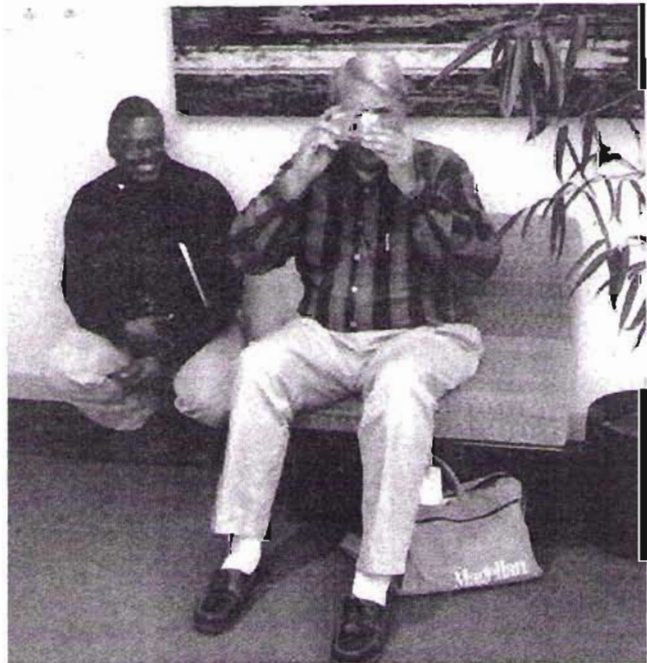
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Jim Hoisington, right, shown here with Robert Hilliard admiring a souvenir camera from the Microsoft trip.

## Hoisington on the road . . . Ctd.

Microsoft gets enhancements ideas for products in three ways:

- 1) They get ideas from the way people use the existing version. That is done by recording areas of use from people who call Product Support Services. Microsoft also distributes instrumented versions of their products to selected customers. These products collect statistics about how the product is used. And, Microsoft gets suggestions through the 1-800 number mentioned above.
- 2) They examine the potential for technology. To do this, they visit customer sites and observe people at work. The Microsoft engineers try to find ways that software would help their customers do their work.
- 3) They run potential enhancements through usability testing and benchmarking. If the feature isn't well implemented or not efficient, it goes back to the design team.

### Brad Silverberg - Personal Systems Division

One of the really great people at Microsoft is now in charge of the Personal Systems Division. While a lot of the other speakers gave canned sales pitches for their products with little time for questions, Brad Silverberg sat with us and just answered questions for an hour and 1/2. It was refreshing.

One of his best answers was *"If you need Windows NT, you already know it."* He said that Microsoft's operating system strategy was: Consumer OS, Corporate OS and Server OS. I'll leave it up to you to figure out how their current offerings fit that strategy.

### NT team

The other really enjoyable presentation was given by the NT team on Saturday morning. They are a really *up* group. They told us that they are five years into a ten-year project. They are really excited about where they are going with NT.

### Summary

A lot of the presentations were boring product pitches. Unlike the other software companies that we visited, we got very little time to ask questions. There were exceptions and I've mentioned two of them here. There are several other prod-

ucts under development that I can't write about but which are interesting.

I did see a couple of changes from the last time I visited Microsoft. Microsoft has a lot more structure than it did two years ago. They are a big company with a big company structure.

Research and Development is now a formal process. It has structure and it costs Microsoft a lot of money. Gone are the days where a team would develop a prototype and then spend some time with Chairman Bill to get funding or to get their team disbanded.

Human Resource now has it's own building. The average age of Microsoft employee's appears to have risen by about five years in the last two years.

Will these changes slow Microsoft down? Most certainly. Will slowing down hurt them or help them? Only time will tell.

Every one of these summits develops its own inside set of jokes. The first day one of the presenters was late because, at the last minute, he got a call from Microsoft's lawyers. So we dutifully asked the next few presenters if the lawyers had called them before they were allowed to talk to us.

The other inside joke that developed during the summit was the Microsoft Bob interface. The interface is designed for first-time or home computer user's. It's not designed for the hard-core user like a User Group President. Nonetheless, there were countless Bob jokes during the summit and the Microsoft Mindshare team took it in stride and never complained.

*Jim...*



Kent Cobb, C++ SIG leader, left, chats in the Cafeteria with Fred Williams, BBS Sysop, as Connie Andrews looks on.





REAGAN ANDREWS

## THE VARIETY STORE

*A personal view of new or unusual hardware, software, and applications for IBM small computers and compatibles*

### More become fewer as Comdex/FALL '95 Heralds additional permutations/combinations PC-oriented industries consolidate to survive

#### *People are the 'real news' for November*

Heading into Comdex/FALL '95, PC corporate scene is really murky. Seagate and Conner reported plans to merge — a combination I anticipate with some ambivalence. Hayes appears to be on the block again, this time being pursued by both US Robotics and Diamond Multimedia after being "dumped" by Boca Research over balance sheet figures. Late-breaking news pulls NexGen and AMD together in the CPU field countering AMD's problems getting the "K-5" to production and NexGen's lack of manufacturing capabilities.

Meanwhile, Intel announced plans to build three off-shore manufacturing facilities valued at \$3 billion to bolster its production capabilities. Part of this is a surprise — we expected an Austin, TX, Intel expansion. Oh, well...

#### **Back to hardware/CPU's again this month?**

That's where the news (I could understand) is it seems. Cyrix heads the list for November courtesy of an October party to celebrate shipping of the 6x86 chips. Party was fun and marked by a lot of Cyrix employees obviously enjoying themselves and the spirit of the evening.

Although the Cyrix party was open to the press, it really appeared to be a celebration for Cyrix employees for a job well done. There were some priceless videos shown on the big screen via projection TV, one of which featured a Groucho Marx impersonator making fun of Cyrix's security fetish follow-

ing two rather well-publicized hold-ups recently. Was capped-off by a hilarious, slow-motion race between Cyrix and Intel CPU's. Guess you really had to be there to fully appreciate the fun.

#### **Blazing new Cyrix CPU's, 6x86 & 5x86 Take Center Stage**

Reason for the party was the new 6x86 combatant from Cyrix which the Richardson CPU designers billed as "faster than the 133 MHz Pentium from Intel." There's a caveat here, though. New Cyrix chip shines under *Windows 95*, but lags slightly behind on *Windows NT*. Evidently, Cyrix is hopping on the "95" bandwagon for now

and leaving the early NT battle to Intel, DEC, MIPS and Sun (SPARC) CPU's.

#### **120 MHz 5x86 announced**

Party was followed a week later by arrival of a press release from Cyrix announcing shipment of the 120 MHz 5x86 chips which are claimed to beat out the 90 MHz *Pentiums*.

Cyrix included some very impressive graphs to illustrate their point. Given my experience with their "doubled" 386 to 486 converter CPU's, I tend to believe the claims Cyrix published.

My only complaint is that Cyrix didn't include a sample CPU with the press release. I'll be visiting them at Comdex, though.

#### **CPU Wars' new twist — Back to application Specific PC choices?**

New thought. Remember several months ago when I wrote we'd be using *Windows NT* and not really care which CPU was powering the platform? I was probably very wrong with that assumption. Here's why.

Not all CPU chips are created equal. Some chips can and are being "optimized" for specific types of operation — even some of the *Pentium* CPU's. Cyrix announcements in October are a good example.

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Intel is already joining the fray and announcing/advertising that they will incorporate multimedia operations and graphical manipulation capabilities on a future generation of CPU's. Would expect other vendors to follow this path, and try to stake out claims on particular classes of operation as well.

Same direction is becoming particularly true for some of the RISC-based CPU chips being offered in up-scale workstations. I know we're seeing increased use of NT servers on the Internet, but it's still mostly SUN (SPARC) territory.

Makes sense that DEC might tailor the Alpha CPU's for server-based operation in business settings and large-scale database manipulation, while MIPS might tweak the R-10000 CPU's for graphics-based operations

(MIPS is owned by Silicon Graphics) while SUN might just look at Internet and server ops on LAN's.

May make life real interesting for the users — having to decide between a really hot graphics system and an equally hot spreadsheet-optimized system that may not be too swift on the graphics end of the spectrum...

### Where's IBM/Apple/Motorola fit in this?

Oops!, forgot the IBM-Motorola-Apple (?IMA?) Power PC camp.

Don't know where they fit in now since IBM has lagged on delivery of OS/2 for the Power PC, Taligent's OS vaporized and Mac percentage sales are dropping rapidly as Apple seems to be coming apart at the seams. Just to "tweak the tiger," am hearing and reading

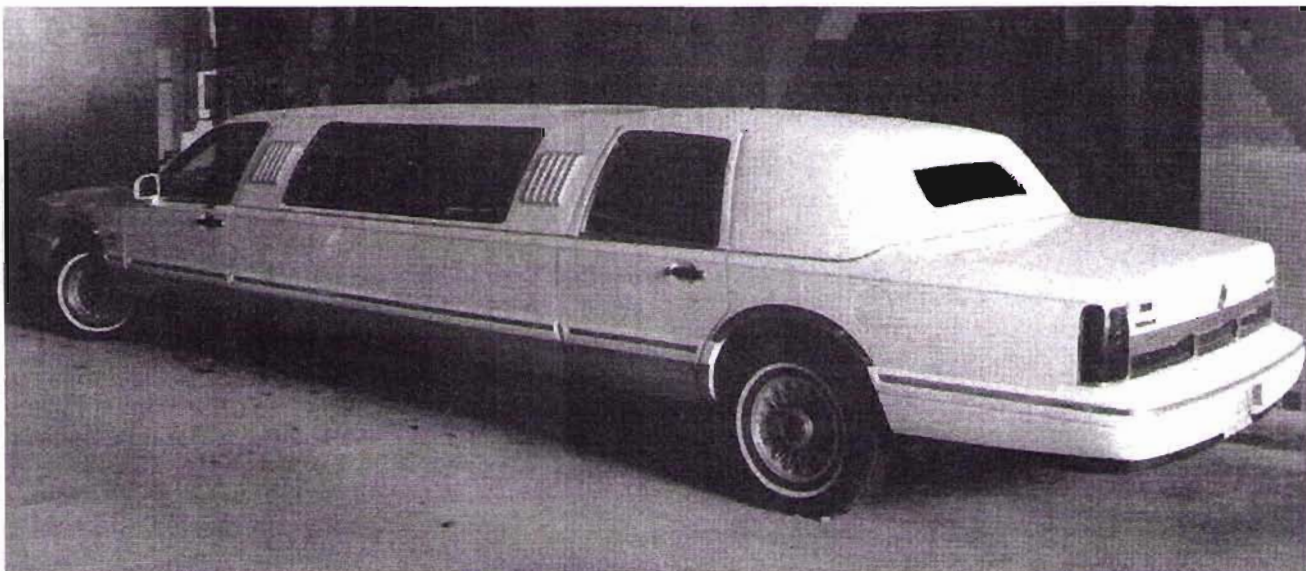
about IBM taking some interest in Cyrix as a possible acquisition. What does that say about the Power PC future?

Consortium between IBM, Apple and Motorola appeared to be best possibility for evolution of the *affordable*, RISC-based PC

RISC CPU's are still quite expensive compared to x86 CPU's since the numbers are relatively small and IMA (see above) had the potential to get the numbers high enough to drop the prices very low.

### Apple's halls seemingly Running in blood — What gives in Cupertino?

Apple gives the impression that there's no hand on the rudder at all. Even media that like the Cupertino, CA, company are asking a lot of rather pointed questions about Apple's vision for the future and present management decisions. Seems to be a tragedy waiting to happen as Apple becomes more invested in infighting among its leaders while rumors fly that Steve Jobs is "coming back."



**Your membership dues in action? This is how the Evil Vice President of the DFW Xchange comes to NTPCUG meetings since we've had all the problems with the A/V equipment and "missing" white boards at Infomart!**



Unfinished part of the statement is an almost religious hope that Jobs can make everything "whole" again at the apparently foundering Cupertino, CA, company.

Don't know what his (Jobs') feelings, ?appetite for revenge?, may be after the rather nasty corporate shove that propelled him out the Apple door. Meanwhile, Apple continues to have problems meeting computer delivery schedules and further difficulty with "over-heated" laptops courtesy of flaming batteries.

I've seen this scenario before in the military-aerospace industry. Works OK in the soap operas — the heroic founder returning to the rescue on a white charger — but, this ain't a Walt Disney, G-Rated cartoon and reality usually has a different and more vicious bite. Lots of folks forget that the '70's were 25 years ago and Jobs has aged as well.

### Reiswig and Manzi Leave 'Big Blue' Wins and losses

IBM made some personnel changes as well. One we'll mourn, one was anticipated as soon as the ink was dry on the purchase of Lotus.

I guess IBM's loss is Perot's gain since Lee Reiswig left Mother Blue for Perot Systems after being reassigned to a non-job/role at IBM in the last month. Have been to a number of functions where Reiswig presided and was almost always impressed with him. Except at the OS/2 Warp presentation for APCUG at Comdex/FALL '94, that is.

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IBM's other change is highly understandable — Jim Manzi left in some sort of flurry in October, probably much to a number of Lotus/IBM employees' relief. Manzi definitely has a "dark side" countering his creative/managerial thrust personified by *Lotus Notes*.

He does have a reputation for episodes of anger that can rattle the doors of any room he's in among his underlings/peers.

Saw a portion of a Manzi temper tantrum at Comdex several years ago and was astonished at the display in a public arena usually dominated by marketing smoothness and (at least) surface good manners. That's aside from the well-heralded and mutual displays of childish bad manners between IBM and Microsoft marketing personnel at various trade shows a couple of years ago.

### Seagate — Conner Joining creates new Mega drive maker

Back to Seagate - Conner announcement. This will definitely put a crimp on contest for largest drive vendor competition. Seagate has been essentially the undisputed leader in spite of those of us who adamantly refuse to own one of their drives. Haven't had similar feelings about Conner drives in spite of noted, early

*Guess who forgot to show up at the October 7th Meeting ...? We're told it was a mixup on dates. If you guessed "Starfish," you're right!*

Conner IDE interpretations that made addition of non-Conner drives to systems with Conners quite difficult if not impossible.

North Texas PC News readers should know I fell in love with the 4-G Conner tape backup drive several months ago. I was thrilled with the price/quality mix in the new drive and do feel comfortable with Conner products. With Seagate in the picture, I'm not so comfortable. I've got a long memory...

In the past, I've been equally enthusiastic about CDC disk drives — until they were purchased by Seagate (in what I thought was an effort to boost Seagate's reputation for questionable quality in face of the



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ST-251 QC debacle.) Surprise, CDC/Imprimis fairly rapidly vanished as a marque.

### Sordid QC history...

Local vendors were reporting approx. 30% DOA ST-251's when installed. Seagate's response was essentially to claim it was the end users' problem/installation, etc. Followed closely on the heels of the ST-225 redesign which specifically thwarted attempts to run the drives in RLL 2,7 and forced use of the more expensive (different drive electronics sans the filters which defeated RLL 2,7 encoded signals on the St-225) ST-238 instead. Definitely not a good show for a major vendor.

All water under the bridge, I'm told.

### First Comdex, Now, Ziff-Davis What next Softbank?

Add to the "hungry," Softbank — new "owners" of Comdex. Media reports that Softbank has Ziff — Davis publications in their acquisition sights. That's something, since Z-D is the major publisher of PC and PC-related magazines. Probably true and addition of the Z-D journals might make Softbank a real force in the growing consumer arena. PC's are rapidly coming under the "commodity" umbrella along with soy beans and pork bellies and are increasingly being marketed in the same manner as shampoo and toothpaste.

### Is AOL deserting the Free backup floppy game With switch to CD-ROM?

Sign of the time is the passing of the AOL "backup" disks. I've received a lot of America On Line sign-on disks over the last several years, enough to backup a 200M disk, in fact. I've gotten them in the mail, in magazines and almost any distribution channel you could imagine.

October brought forth a new media — the CD-ROM. Got the first AOL CD-ROM and almost wept. Given that the Microsoft *Windows 95* beta is finished, with AOL switching to CD-ROM's, where will I get enough 3.5" floppies to backup? Aaagghhh! What will become of the "good old days" of free floppy disks from AOL?

Not to worry — just opened the latest mailing and, sure enough, was yet one more 3.5" disk from AOL. Maybe I can use the CD-ROM's for Christmas tree ornaments...

### Security woes ... An easy fix and A better solution

Security issues stay in the news, both for Internet (*Netscape*) and *Windows 95*. May make us all think before we decide to trust the W-W-W with our credit card numbers, and our shared printer/file capabilities in *Windows 95*.

The Windows security bug is easy. It's in file and printer sharing routines involved in Windows 95's peer-to-peer networking, or when attached to a Novell *NetWare* network and the fix is free from Microsoft. Try the Microsoft WWW or FTP servers, or MSN, CompuServe, etc., online services, or the Microsoft BBS. Fix is free, but on-line time is at user's expense.

### When money's involved Hacking gets serious — The Netscape solution

More important (to me) is the NetScape security breach which may involve users' credit card numbers. That's easy since I'm not an MIS concerned with network security.

Almost every time I open *The Wall Street Journal*, there's another article about the "latest" security breach discovered in *NetScape X.x* by some hacker. Have to know that part of this is a "bounty" placed on bugs in NetScape by the authors. Not a bad idea, come to think of it, since that's one way of getting the best and brightest to really hammer on the code. Maybe Microsoft and IBM should pay some attention here?

At any rate, it's credit cards and PIN's that are at stake, and users should beware at this stage of the game. This is a recurring nightmare for all the folks who have pushed Internet's WWW as the next commercial wave. If we're all afraid that our credit card data is at risk on the Net, that just won't happen.

Reagan



# Selected SIG Reports . . .

## News and meeting notes of Special Interest Groups

(Material for this column should be sent to NTPCUG BBS SIG Upload Area before the 10th day of each month)

### ACCESS SIG

Release date, non-disclosure releases, and schedules permitting, in November, we'll not only learn about, but see the significant enhancements that are in *Access 7.0 for Windows 95*. From what we've already read in the major publications, we know that Access wasn't just "ported to the 32-bit environment". It can now act as an OLE automation server, has "replication" capability to synchronize data in multiple copies of Access databases, more Wizards, the *Visual Basic for Applications* language base in common with *Excel*, *Project*, and *Visual Basic 4.0*.

If there's a problem with one of the "permitting conditions", we'll have a technical presentation on Access 2.0. Don't forget, those of us continuing to develop for Windows 3.1 users, or continuing to use Windows 3.1 ourselves, will also be continuing to use Access 2.0; Access 7.0 is strictly for the Windows 95 and Windows NT 3.5.1-and-later environments.

We extend our thanks to Kevin Marshall, System Administrator of "intex.net" for a most enlightening look at *Access* and the *Internet*. John Walton, who arranged for Kevin to speak, and was to share the podium, was called away for a funeral. We

### FROM THE SIG COORDINATOR

The following are changes/additions/needs that the NTPCUG has made to the SIG's.

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— Introduction to the PC — formerly Personal Users SIG

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— Desktop Publishing (Contact Deborah Bean @ (214) 475-7463 h 475-3124 w)

#### The requirements for forming a SIG are:

**Leadership** — at least one individual willing to lead the SIG, and an assistant.

**Membership** — at least eight individuals willing to attend the SIG fairly consistently.

If you have a group that meets these qualifications or would like help in finding others who might share your interests, please contact me at (214) 517-7430 (H) or (214) 527-0922 (W).

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extend our sincere sympathies to John, and hope to see him back at the November meeting.

Would you be willing to present that interesting application, those useful hints and tips, or perhaps just demonstrate features of the Access product? You don't have to be an Access researcher making startling breakthroughs because our goal is to have something for every level of Access user, from the person still deciding on a database to the experienced developer. We need speakers for future meetings on both Access 2.0, Access 7.0 for Windows 95, and Access-related controls, add-ins, add-ons, and other subjects.

Between meetings, keep up with the group; and Access, on the NTPCUG electronic bulletin board system. The Internet "comp.databases.ms-access" newsgroup isn't operative now, but we look forward to its return. We also have our own local MS ACCESS message conference for questions, answers, keeping in touch, and just gossiping if the notion strikes us. Check inside the back cover of this issue for the BBS telephone numbers.

We look forward to seeing you at the November meeting. Come join us!

Larry Linson

## Alpha 4 SIG

Alpha Four version 6 (for DOS) has been out for a couple months now. (Who says new DOS software can't be released?) Version 6 contains many enhancements to field rules, script variables, applications, layouts, etc. Specific support has even been included for

CD-ROM-based CASS-certified address correction, and a service is available that provides all U.S. addresses on CD-ROM.

Almost all limits have been expanded. Tables can contain up to 256 fields, and can attach up to 24 indexes. Many new controls mimic features in *Alpha Five* (Windows), such as pick lists, combo boxes, radio buttons, and check boxes on forms. Forms can now use a tabbed notebook metaphor for keeping multiple "pages" within instant reach. Long-time Alpha Four users will rejoice to know that sets now support multiple one-to-many links at the same level.

Even though version 6 is targeted toward developers and power users, features such as Quick Print, which let you print the current record for forms, letters, reports, mail labels, etc. by pressing Alt-P, are obviously helpful to end users.

Ken Brooks is currently doing a project in Alpha Four version 6, and will discuss some of the new capabilities that he particularly likes. That means I don't know what he is going to talk about. But for you DOS die-hards, this is a great release that provides a number of features available in the Windows version. Come see it.

Bill Parker & Ron Jackson

## Application Developers SIG (OLE and ODBC)

Our November presentation, final arrangements still pending as I write this, is planned to be an overview of the improved, enhanced OLE available in the Windows 95 and Windows NT environments. We all knew that the Windows 3.1 implementation of OLE was sometimes a little rough around the edges and were expecting great things with the new world of

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Windows 95. If you've been waiting for the "smoothing" of OLE before getting started, better hop on board now, or expect to find yourself left waiting at the station.

Thanks are due again to **Dan Ogden** for the conclusion of his comments on *Fixed Price Contracts*, our October presentation (Larry Linson's occasional interruptions with war stories to illustrate points didn't seem to fluster Dan at all).

We're looking for more presenters on the subject of early experience with Windows 95 and Microsoft Office for Windows 95, with emphasis on our chosen topics, OLE and ODBC (both improved in the new environment). If you've begun to work in these areas, won't you share your insights with us?

Come join us for the November meeting!

Larry Linson

**ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE SIG**

At our October meeting we began a discussion of how packet services work on the Internet and the role that TCP/IP plays in getting messages transmitted from one computer to another. We discussed the most popular ways used to connect a PC to an Internet provider and what the various services are. We looked at the way that E-mail messages get routed through the network and the function of a domain name server.

We concluded the meeting with a discussion of whether to continue to call ourselves the "Assembly Language SIG". By a show of hands, it was clear that only a few of the SIG members actually use or have a high interest in Assembly language itself. It was also agreed that if our meetings dealt with only



Assembly language topics, we would lose enough members that there would not be enough to keep the group going. Thus, I expect we will be announcing a SIG name change in the near future. We want to have a name that more accurately reflects our technical bent but does not limit us in terms of subject matter. If you have name suggestions please post them on the BBS so we can talk about them. In the meantime, we will continue to present detailed technical discussions of whatever topics hold an interest for our members.

In November we'll continue the discussion of TCP/IP operation while paying special attention to how Internet client/server applications communicate, how WIN-SOCK.DLL works and the services it provides, the differences between Windows 3.x and Windows 95 TCP/IP services, and the things you need to know to setup your PC for connection with an Internet service provider. We will also talk about what features to look for in Internet access software packages.

I had no idea when I announced the October program how popular it would be, but I am happy to report that our SIG set a new attendance record. The interest in Internet topics is obviously running high. Why don't you come see what others have already discovered?

Glynn Brooks

**BUSINESS APPLICATIONS/  
DACSIG**

It's a rare treat to be able to report on the previous month's SIG meeting after it has taken





place but that's what can happen when NTPCUG meets on the first Saturday. That's the good news. The bad news is, every thing else except for our presentation.

Rose Rice, a Certified Consultant for Timeslips Corporation, did a fine job at our October 7, meeting, with her presentation of *Timeslips Deluxe for Windows, Version 6*. This powerful software will save a lot of entry time for the user with so many of its functions automated including the ability (with a linking program, sold separately) to post your billing to your accounting program's Accounts Receivable. Bruce Schubert is doing a personal evaluation of *Timeslips* and will publish an article in the *North Texas PC News* within the next few months.

At the November 18th SIG meeting, we will get a look at the brand new version of *StreetSmart*, the security trading, research and portfolio management software, offered by Charles Schwab & Co. It's available for both Windows and the Mac, but naturally we will see the Windows version.

Keith Powell, a software specialist with Charles Schwab, will show us how to buy, sell and manage our portfolios on line using this great tool. The on line capability is through Schwab, naturally, but investors are not limited to managing only those securities purchased through Schwab. The program will allow you to update any of your listed holdings through Schwab's link, as well as download articles and information from a wide variety of independent resources.

If this sounds like something you've been looking for, it may be. Come see how StreetSmart works at 1:00 pm on Nov. 18th.

*Putt Shaw*

**COMMUNICATIONS SIG**

In our November meeting we will be discussing "AT" commands and problems associated with hang up failures. We will also discuss other questions brought to the group.

Thanks to Jeff Smith of On-Ramp Technologies for the live ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network) demonstration at the October meeting. We discussed the equipment that is available for an ISDN connection and the cost for installation, telephone line and service from INTERNET providers. The ethernet and serial port methods for connecting your PC to an ISDN modem were also discussed. A new tariff is expected to be approved in January that should lower the installation cost of ISDN.

We will be seeing you in the November 18th meeting.

*Birl Smith & Doug Gorrie*

**Dallas Corel SIG**

November Meeting

**How Members Use CorelDRAW - November 18 Dallas Corel Meeting**

Members Sharon Chandler and Rocky Stonewall will give presentations on just how they use *CorelDRAW* in work and play. Sharon will show us how she uses *Lview Pro* to do Web pages. Rocky does color coupons! She says you can be very creative on just that 1/3 of a page for a coupon even if you do not have a lot of memory! She'll show us how she creates

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Jim Carter.....(214) 235-5968 h

**Visual Basic**

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.....(214) 475-3124 w

**Windows - Developers**

Art English.....(214) 618-1266 h  
.....(214) 232-3310 w

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Cindy Adams.....(817) 481-1300 wM



the art and how to export for printing as .EPS files for the Mac with downloaded fonts.

### September Meeting in Review, Surfing the Internet

As promised, Gary Biggs gave us a most informative and entertaining presentation on 'Surfing the Net'. Although we never experienced him getting his board wet (malfunctions with the phone lines), we were tantalized by his introduction and we at least got our feet wet.

Gary showed us how to create a Web page using image editors, *Corel Photopaint*, and *LVPro*. He also discussed the advantages of surfing using an (ISP) Internet access provider to that of exploring through *America Online*, *Prodigy*, or *CompuServe*.

Handouts were provided that encompassed not only technical information, but a language guide for expressing ourselves online, i.e., LOL (Laughing out loud), ;), =;-).

At the end of the meeting a questionnaire was circulated regarding interest in signing on with an ISP whether it be 30 days from now, 60 days or 90 days where we may receive better rates from a group discount. We encourage your participation. ;).

*Pamela J. Lugo*

At the September 16th meeting we heard Gary Biggs and Sharon Chandler show and tell us how to do the Web! Gary gave a great presentation on how to get connected to the Web and the basic terminology associated with it. He explained E-mail and FTP (that's file transfer protocol). Gary also showed how to create a Web page of your very own using *WordPerfect Internet Publisher* to write

the web html. Sharon assisted with questions and answers. Unfortunately, the phone line connection was inoperable, and Gary could not get on the Web during the meeting, and therefore Sharon could not escort us to her favorite graphic and designer sites on the Web. We'll try that part again at another meeting.

*JoAnn Elliott*



F1 - Get Help -  
Give Help

### Printing Texture Fills/lenses

"Q: I've had trouble printing projects that contain texture fills or lenses to print correctly to my color inkjet printer.

A: If you are encountering problems with printing to a non-PostScript device, then try setting the following in the \COREL50\CON-FIG\CORELPRN.INI file:

`DumpEntireBitmap = 0`

The default value is 1 but we've experienced the same problem as yours on a variety

### NAME CHANGES...

You probably noticed that this SIG section is no longer titled DACAD. Due to the confusion the title sometimes has created, and more in coming into full compliance with NTPCUG/APCUG relationships, the Board of the group has decided to call the group Dallas Corel. If you have any questions or comments, please address it to the Corel section of the BBS and/or attend the next meeting.

*JoAnn Elliott*



of non-PostScript color printers when the flag is set to 1. Once set to 0, you should exit and start DRAW again for the settings to take effect. Printing will take longer with this setting but it should print more reliably."

from *Power Graphics Report*

*JoAnn Elliott*

### Delphi SIG

Wow what a unique experience, actually doing the SIG notes *after* the SIG meeting! I can honestly say that Frank Cavallito's DLL presentation went great, was short and sweet, and well received. It also highlighted the ease with which Delphi can be used to generate DLL's for use by any other Windows development platform, including both "C" and Visual BASIC. YUCK!

This month, Tom Browning, will be doing a presentation that demonstrates the power of utilizing Delphi as a database development tool. Tom is a long-time Paradox programmer so I'd bet that his database structure of choice will be Pdox. Let's hope he fails to carry over his poor taste in Paradox forms design color choices into his Delphi work!

Next month, December, I'm still planing on demonstrating the ease of installing and using third party development components. Since we have two evaluation copies of the component I'll be demonstrating, and I don't need one, it looks like give away time! So who says NTPCUG never gave you a chance at a Christmas present?



By January I'd guess that we will be running under that new Windows OS on the "SIG Computer". This will insure that we will be ready to do a 32-bit Delphi install just as soon as it begins shipping.

Drop on by the SIG this month, Tom always does an excellent presentation and we are seeing a continuing high level of interest in things Delphi, so you need to be there.

*Fred Williams*

## DOS SIG

Will DOS die on the antique OS vine? That's a good question for the November DOS SIG meeting — and, I'll bet Jim Hoisington, NTPCUG President, recently returned from his latest Microsoft adventure will have much more to say about this. Good timing, too since the November meeting falls directly on the heels of Comdex/FALL '95's last day.

*Below, John McCrae, left, and Dan Spinazzola, right, Microsoft support engineers, explain how to do a successful Windows 95 setup.*



There is a "new DOS" sitting inside Windows 95 and Jim may have a lot to say about its future as a separate OS after his trip to the APCUG Officers' meeting with MS in Redmond. Question is when/ how/if MS decides to release it alone. Or, if there will be a "market" for a separate DOS.

Would imagine remainder of session will be taken over by questions concerning older, "legacy" applications and how to get them running well in the new Windows' DOS implementation. Since Jim claims to have gotten his last copy of IBM's TopView 1.0 running in '95 (it's much faster, he says), he may have some suggestions . . .

I won't be at the SIG meeting in November — I'll still be cramped on an airliner heading back to Dallas from Las Vegas and Comdex.

*Reagan Andrews*

## INTERNET SIG - BEGINNING

The topic of the October 7th meeting was a surprise for everyone. A hoped-for presentation of Camelot Corporation's Digiphone Internet voice communication product fell through due to lack of response by the vendor. However, Erik Leaseburg, NTPCUG member,

computer consultant and Internet fanatic, gave a presentation on the hottest information technology to hit the Internet since E-mail, the World-Wide Web (WWW). Erik specifically discussed "How to Create a Home Page on the World-Wide Web."

A home page on the WWW is an electronic multimedia document that can mix text, graphics, and sound to help promote yourself, your business, or your organization to the rest of the Internet-connected community. The World-Wide Web has grown tremendously in the last year due to the ease with which its users can browse the myriad of resources and information available on the Internet. It's just point, click, and read/buy/learn.

Due to the enthusiasm and interest of the audience, Erik will return to the meeting on November 18th to further discuss publishing your information and selling your services on the World-Wide Web. We hope to see you there!

*Doug Gorrie, Tom O'Keefe & Eric Leaseburg*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PC SIG

The following is the tentative schedule for SIG classes that will be offered as an Introduction to the PC during the next four months. Classes can be taken in any order suitable to the individual student's schedule. Printed notes are provided during classes.

### November 18, 1995\*

- ❖ 9:00 Class 1  
Introduction to the SIG and the Personal Computer
- ❖ 10:00 Class 2  
Working with Files & Directory Structures



- ❖ Noon Class 3  
Disk Operating System  
(DOS) - Part I
- ❖ 1:00 Class 4  
DOS - Part II

### December 16, 1995

- ❖ 9:00 Class 5  
Graphics for the PC
- ❖ 10:00 Class 6  
Word Processors
- ❖ Noon Class 7  
Spreadsheet Programs
- ❖ 1:00 Class 8  
Other Software for the PC

### January 13, 1995\*

- ❖ 9:00 Class 9  
Hardware for the PC
- ❖ 10:00 Class 10  
Printers for the PC
- ❖ Noon Class 11  
Overview of Quicken Accounting  
Software
- ❖ 1:00 Class 12  
Modems & Telecommunications
- ❖ 2:00 Class 12a  
NTPCUG Bulletin Board System  
(BBS)

### February 10, 1995\*

- ❖ 9:00 Class 13  
Overview of Microsoft Windows
- ❖ 10:00 Class 14  
Overview of MultiMedia Soft-  
ware & Hardware
- ❖ Noon Class 15  
Disk of the Month (DOM)
- ❖ 1:00 Class 16  
PC's Into the 21st Century

\* These dates are subject to change. Check your *PC NEWS* and/or the NTPCUG BBS for corrected dates before the meetings.

*Alex Lilley*

### Microsoft Networking

Catch-up time again! The last few months have featured some eclectic subjects. **Tony Golightly** and **Michael Malone** did a great presentation in August on Win95 setup features; especially terrific in view of the fact that the overhead and computer plate did not arrive to be used for the SIG. I personally think that's really the test of a good talk- when things do not go well, and one enters "demo hell". I know Michael worked very hard on the Powerpoint slides far in advance of the SIG and hope we have another opportunity to enjoy his work again.

Last month, October, **Tim Wheeler** of Microsoft Consulting Services showed us all how to create electronic forms for mail using *Visual Basic*. *Microsoft Mail* is doubly useful when eforms are part of the picture, and *Exchange*, in the future, will also make extensive use of eforms.

In September, **Bruce** and **John** led a free-for-all troubleshooting topics SIG. Due to *Windows 95* being released so recently before this month, this was a good chance to field questions and discuss various potential issues.

This month, we will go over Technet and the Microsoft certification process. Technet comes on CDs and contains knowledge-base articles for *BackOffice* and *FrontOffice* products; it should be part of every Microsoft network administrator's toolkit as it not only contains answers to common problems, but also has white papers discussing functionality of products.

I had originally planned in September to do a DHCP/WINS demonstration and due to some temporary conflicts on Saturday morning, have had to postpone it until December. Not sure yet when the December meeting will be, but plan on a detailed discussion of how to set this up, with a



demonstration of same. We'll talk about the RFC specifications, as well as how Microsoft has implemented this with the TCP/IP 32-bit stack.

One final note: We do cover quite a range of subjects in the Microsoft Networking SIG- *Windows NT Server*, *NT Workstation*, *Windows 95*, *Windows for Workgroups*, *Systems Management Server*, *SNA Server*, *Exchange* and *Mail*. I'd like an informal poll of how many people would like to see (and would attend ) a separate forum for strictly *Exchange* and *Microsoft Mail*. These products encompass a whole world of interesting topics- X.400, X.500, X.25, Gateway connectivity, such as SMTP, Profs, MHS. . Drop me a line at [deborah@microsoft.com](mailto:deborah@microsoft.com) with your opinion.

See you at 8:00 on Saturday morning!

*Debbie Lenhart*

### PARADOX SIG

*Paradox 6/7.0* is not shipping yet. Rumor has it now that it will not be shipping prior to Novell's planned launch of the *Win95 Perfect Office*, which should occur in early '96, unless the schedule slips again.

**Tom Browning** just keeps on keeping on. Once again he did a superb presentation on a method he developed to allow some of his "power users" to define query constraints for reports that they wish to run periodically. He was prompted to do this when found many of his users' systems littered with very large numbers of copies of the same query with only slight differences in the contained query criteria. His method allows these users to con-



tinue to query the data using their selected constraints but prevents the never-ending replication of the same query each time the constraints are modified.

Drop on by the SIG this month and see what kind of tricks and trips everyone has found this time. With the richness of Paradox, there is an unlimited opportunity to learn something new each and every day.

*Fred Williams*

## PRO SIG

The October topic was 32-bit programming techniques. There were rumors that a certain compiler vendor is set to announce RPG for *Windows 95* with full support for the 32-bit programming interface.

Join us in November when the topic for discussion is 24-bit programming languages.

*Jim Hoisington*

## SPREADSHEET AND SPREADSHEET DEVELOPERS SIG

Unfortunately, I have a prior engagement for the November meeting and therefore neither SIG will be meeting in November. So take this opportunity and check out the other goings-on at the November meeting, but then return to either or both SIGs in December. One other comment about the two SIGs is that beginning in January 1996, the two SIGs will be combining into the one SIG at the 11:00 time slot. So enjoy the month of no spread-

sheets in November and we will continue addressing spreadsheet users' questions in December.

*Mark Gruner*

## VISUAL BASIC SIG - BEGINNING

The November 18th meeting of the Beginning Visual Basic SIG will continue discussions of *Visual Basic 4.0* and the impact on beginning *Visual Basic 3.0* programmers. The major issue for beginners is that the Standard Edition of Visual Basic 4.0 contains only the 32-bit version and, therefore, requires a 32-bit operating system (*Windows 95* or *Windows NT*). In order to get a 16-bit version of Visual Basic 4.0, you have to purchase the Professional Edition of Visual Basic 4.0 which includes both the 16-bit and 32-bit versions. We will discuss this in more detail at the meeting.

As promised, **Woody Pewitt** gave an excellent presentation of Visual Basic 4.0 at our meeting on September 16. That was just 4 days after the official an-

*Mark Gruner, SIG Leader for the Spreadsheet/Spreadsheet Developers SIG, explains a complicated MACRO during the September Meeting.*

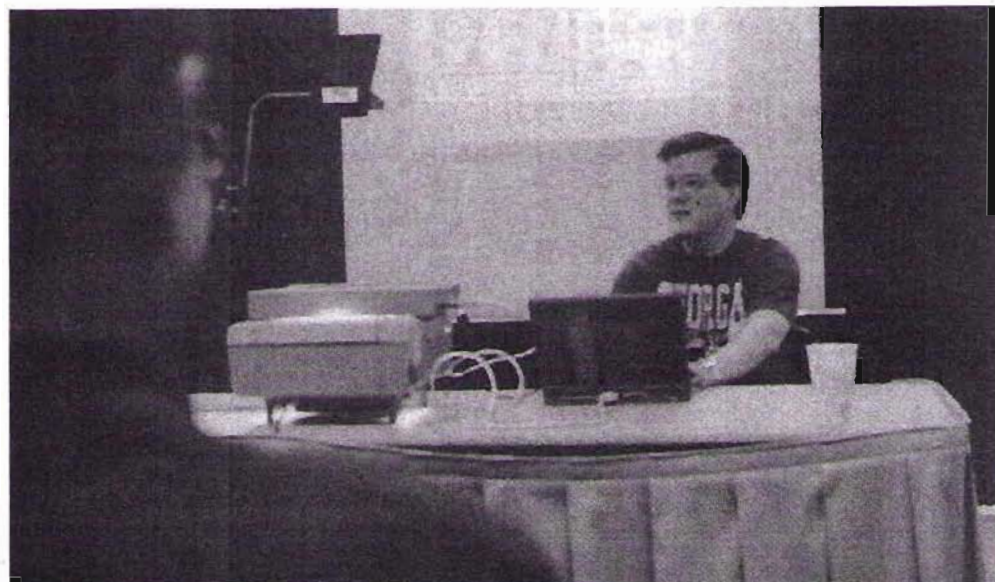
nouncement of the existence of Visual Basic 4.0. Thanks, Woody.

By the time you read this, copies of Visual Basic 4.0 should be shipping from Microsoft and on the shelves of your favorite software dealer. Prices on packages ordered directly from Microsoft are:

- ❖ \$99.95 + \$7.00 S&H for Visual Basic 4.0 Standard Edition,
- ❖ \$499.00 + \$15.00 S&H for Visual Basic 4.0 Professional Edition
- ❖ \$999.00 + \$17.00 S&H for Visual Basic 4.0 Enterprise Edition

Upgrade prices on packages ordered directly from Microsoft are:

- ❖ FREE (maybe Shipping & Handling) if you purchased Visual Basic 3.0 on or after August 12, 1995
- ❖ \$49.95 + \$7.00 S&H (you pay \$99.95 and there is a \$50 coupon inside that you return to Microsoft for refund) for upgrade from any Visual Basic Standard Edition Version (Version 1.0, Version 2.0, or Version 3.0) to Visual Basic Standard Edition Version 4.0
- ❖ \$249.00 + \$10.00 S&H for upgrade from any Visual Basic Standard Edition Version to Vis-





ual Basic Professional Edition  
Version 4.0

- ❖ \$99.95 + \$7.50 S&H for upgrade from any Visual Basic Professional Edition Version to Visual Basic Professional Edition Version 4.0
- ❖ \$499.00 + \$15.00 S&H for upgrade from any Visual Basic Professional Edition Version to Visual Basic Enterprise Edition Version 4.0

If you would like to order your copy of Visual Basic 4.0 from Microsoft, the number to call is 1-800-228-6139.

Bring your questions on Beginning Visual Basic to our meeting beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 18, 1995. Check the Infomart lobby screens for the correct room assignment.

*Jim Carter*

## Visual Basic SIG

The November 18th meeting of the Visual Basic SIG will feature another presentation on the just released Visual Basic 4.0. Woody will continue to demonstrate using his laptop with Windows 95 and the 32-bit version of Visual Basic 4.0. This will be Woody's last presentation at the Visual Basic SIG (see below).



## Good-bye and Good Luck, Woody!

To those of you who missed last month's Visual Basic SIG meeting, **Woody Pewitt** (Leader of the NTPCUG Visual Basic SIG) announced he will be relocating to the San Diego area in December 1995. Woody has done a superb job of running the Visual Basic SIG since its first meeting in June 1992 and helped me start the Beginning Visual Basic SIG in April 1993.

Woody was able to translate his in-depth understanding of Visual Basic into interesting and informative presentations at the monthly meetings. I especially admired his ability to field questions on any subject related to Visual Basic. This ability proved invaluable to me as Woody helped me substantially in my early struggles with Visual Basic.

Last month, Woody gave a live demonstration of how you can create your own DLL's with the 32-bit version of Visual Basic 4.0. This feature will help VB programmers write more efficient code in their applications.

Come say good-bye to Woody and bring your questions on



Visual Basic to the Visual Basic SIG meeting on Saturday, November 18, 1995 at 9:00 A.M. Check the room assignment in the Infomart lobby.

*Jim Carter*

## WORDPERFECT/Windows

At the October SIG meeting, I took over the group as the main leader. **Mitch Milam** will be my backup leader when I have conflicts. I want to thank Mitch for the job he has done with the SIG and I am glad Mitch is willing to continue to help. I intend to keep your interest piqued each month.

At the November meeting we will be creating a holiday letter utilizing formatting techniques such as styles, paragraph/page borders, shipped clip art and clip art that I have collected (I live for my visits to the basement each month!).

## QuickTip . . .

Ever had too much text in a table cell and you spend too much time moving the lines to make the text fit? No more! With WordPerfect 6.1 you can have your cursor in the cell which needs to be expanded, and from the tables tool bar, choose *Size Column to Fit*. Right before your eyes each column will proportionately resize to let the text fit within the margins!

Look forward to seeing you next month (November 18, 1995)!

*Cindy Adams*

*Eureka!*

## Internet Problems Explained at Last BBS Happy Again!

I would like to thank NTPCUG's own Doug Gorrie and OnRamp Technology's Eric Schnoebelen for the extra effort they have both put forth to test and debug the NTPCUG Internet E-mail feed issues. It has become apparent from testing that the majority of the Internet E-mail instability many BBS users have experienced was actually a result of the Internet "culture" more than our provider directly.

I have found through the efforts of Doug and Eric that one must not rely on the content or context of an Internet E-mail message header. Internet E-mail is the only mail system I have dealt with that failed to maintain any control over the content and context of the message header data. On the Internet, if some dweeb decides that he wants to totally restructure any and all data contained in Internet E-mail headers, he may, on a whim do so, and everybody else downstream be damned! Most amazing.

### Improvements

I have made some changes to my mail tosser code, which Eric recommended, and the E-mail situation has improved immensely. Doug and Eric are going to attack the News Groups next and I am hoping for similar results there. The only down side

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by *Fred Williams*  
SYSOP, NTPCUG BBS

there is that if problems are found on our end, the Aussie whose code I am using has evidently departed on an extended walkabout.

I am pretty certain that I don't have the time nor patience to replace that portion of the Aussie's code. So those who are interested in the News Groups best cross your fingers and hope that most of the issues are on the Internet end of things.

### Upgrade Status

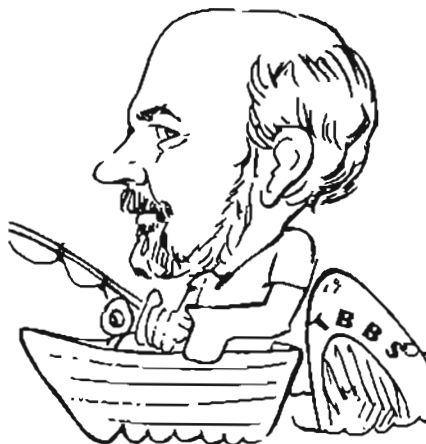
I'm still planning a review of BBS upgrade options with WinNT still leading the pack. As I said last month, with WinNT Internet connectivity

is close to a "no brainer", obviously something yours truly could use a bit of. Given the right setup, users could come in the Internet BBS "back door" to use the BBS as well as using the more conventional standard dial-up phone lines. WinNT is also considered a strong and simple Web Page server.

The reason the WinNT thing is staying on the front burner is that One BBS Con has come and gone and eSoft has only once again promised delivery of TBBS upgrades that were announced at last year's One BBS Con. Bummer! I can most likely pull together, evaluate, and implement everything I'll need for an NT launch before the first promised TBBS enhancement begins shipping. I have lost the faith!

### Hope is in the Wings

Next month, I very much hope to announce the "healing" of our Internet News Group feed.



*Fred Williams*



## News from Corel Corporation

Corel Corporation has a site on the Internet available to all users direct from Corel. It is <http://www.corel.ca>.

Are you an avid user of spreadsheets, databases, pims, and/or word processing? We have openings in our beta program for the 32-bit version of *CD Office Companion*. If you are interested, please call our faxback system at 613-728-0826 ext. 3080. Request document #1006.

This year's Corel's \$3 Million World Design Contest runs from September 1, 1995 until April 30, 1996 and features eight different categories: People Plants and Animals, Landscapes and Landmarks, Technical Drawings and Graphs, Corporate Identification, Page Layout, Abstracts, Specialty and the Goodwill Poster category. To receive a copy of the entry

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- ❖ Customer Service Representatives ..... 800-772-6735
- ❖ IVAN (Interactive Voice Answering Network) ..... 613-728-1990
- ❖ 24 Hour Automated Fax System ..... 613-728-0826 Ext.3080
- ❖ Technical Support hours are 4AM to 8PM (EST) excluding holidays
- ❖ To obtain our catalogue please request document #2000



form, please dial 1-613-728-0826 ext. 3080 and request document number 1125.

### Corel Corporation Road Tour Notes

Corel Corporation is doing more Road Tours! On November 28 they will return to Dallas for a more intimate meeting, aimed at local user groups and related businesses.

Check the BBS for more information in November.

### Product Updates

The current shipping version of *CorelDRAW 6* is 6.118. If you have version 6.112 please call Customer Service at 1-800-772-6735 and they will send you the latest version at no charge.

For customers who own *CorelDRAW 5.0* and *Ventura 5.0*, the latest software revision is F5(b). There have been no changes to the DRAW module since F2, and the latest revision focuses on fixes to *Ventura 5*. For details dial 1-613-728-0826 ext. 3080. The software update is available from Customer Service at 1-800-772-6735. Alternatively, you can visit the DOM area downstairs and get the 2-disk F2-F5 maintenance release for *Ventura 5*.

There will be an additional maintenance release for *Draw 6*

scheduled to be out in the end of November.

### International CorelDraw Users' Conference Review

Rick Altman's conference just wrapped up this week and the number of us in attendance left feeling duly inspired. As always, the speakers gave informative, professional and sometimes humorous presentations. At upcoming meetings look for some of us to demonstrate the new techniques we learned.

There were several opportunities to speak directly to Corel Corporation representatives during the conference, and complaints, compliments and requests were shared by all. Product Manager of *CorelDRAW 6*, Leah Hayman was especially informative and impressed the group with her review of the product. Leah also gave a demo of *CorelXARA*, a vector-based image-editing program, also due at end of November, which is like Draw but uses bitmap images more efficiently. Purchased from a small company in the Netherlands, and the de-

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## Disks of the Month (DOM) for October

Note: All of these disks are distributed on 1.44M disk only

Disk 1006. *BANANACOM 1.5a*, 9/95 – Communications Program for Beginners. Author: Paul Wheaton, 1916 Brooks, #205, Missoula, Montana 59801. Shareware fee: \$20.00 + 5.00 S&H

*BANANACOM 1.5a* is the newest release of the world-renowned BEGINNERS COMM PROGRAM designed to help you start using your modem. BananaCom will automatically locate and configure to best suit your modem, as it installs itself on your system. You WILL NOT BE REQUIRED to configure your communications parameters such as parity, data bits, stop bits, echo, duplex, flow control, terminal emulation and other truly scary things!

The total "hands free" installation took less than a minute on my system. A very small DOS batch file is placed in your DOS subdirectory, which allows you to type BCOM from anywhere you have a DOS prompt, to start BananaCom. The default subdirectory used to install BananaCom as C:\MODEM. To totally remove BananaCom from your system: DELTREE C:\MODEM, and then DELETE C:\DOS\BCOM.BAT. Why anybody would want to do that is hard to understand. It doesn't get much better than BananaCom for the average PC user.

BananaCom is a small, tight, fast little communications facility that will meet the needs of many computer users. It will be all that most will ever need. It is also an excellent first program for those who will later require a more robust communications environment. It has built in Zmodem protocol for faster downloads and uploads with error correcting checks, while it provides ANSI color and high speed modem recognition and utilization.

The only negative thing I found with the release was, it "lost" my system's cursor. Evidently, from what I gather from the Author's BBS, this does not happen on all systems.

System requirements: Any IBM PC compatible system. Definitely includes 8088's.

Installation: Switch to the diskette drive where you have loaded this diskette. At the DOS Prompt, type: INSTALL

I recommend, for your first ever installation, that you let BananaCom do everything. Put you' hands in you' pockets and watch 'da blinking lights!

Shareware downloaded and submitted to the North Texas PC Users Group.

*This README prepared by Fred Williams, edited by Willard Davis.*

Disk 1007. *COPYQM 3.22*, 9/95 – Disk Duplicator. By Sydex, Inc., P.O. Box 5700, Eugene, OR 97405. Shareware Fee: \$25.00

CopyQM reads a master diskette and formats, writes and verifies duplicates of the mas-



ter diskette. Copying can be performed on up to six drives in a single session; copies are written on only one drive at a time. "No Hands" operation is featured—after you've started things, you needn't touch the keyboard again; just insert diskettes in drives as needed.

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS: IBM PC/XT/AT or compatible, or PS/2.

In addition to the basic operating mode, CopyQM features the following:

- 1. Conversion between different formats. Unlike competing products which just copy the same format to different drives, CopyQM actually rebuilds the diskette format to match the drive. It's possible to convert from a 360K format to a 1.44M format. And you wind up with 1.44M worth of diskette space.
- 2. Support of image files. An image file created by CopyQM is a complete de-

scription of the information on a diskette. You can enter a comment to be included (registered version). The image file is checksummed with a 32-bit CRC.

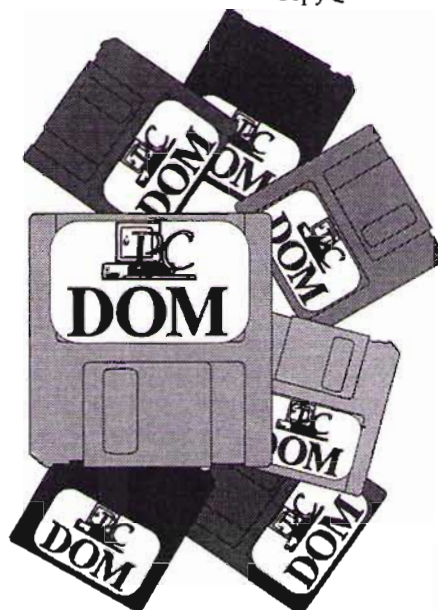
- 3. Copies Mac HD and DOS diskettes with no special processing. Will copy most PC-readable diskettes regardless of format with the "Blind" option.
- 4. "SMART" mode will format diskettes only when needed.
- 5. Faster copying by copying only active data—the empty area on a partially-filled diskette is not copied.
- 6. "Plus version" includes serial numbering facility, insertion of copy-protection information, diskette maintenance utility, self-extracting image files and more.
- 7. Menu or command-line interface with complete on-line help.
- 8. Choice of direct hardware access or use of BIOS routines.
- 9. Copy Microsoft DMF distribution diskettes.

To print the documentation, put this disk in Drive A:, and type COPY COPYQM.DOC PRN at the DOS prompt.

To start the program, copy the files on this disk to a directory on your hard disk, and type COPYQM X: at the DOS prompt where X is a floppy drive.

This software was downloaded and donated by Mark Gruner.

*This README prepared by Mark Gruner, edited by Willard Davis.*





Disk 1008. VirusScan and VShield 2.26E, 9/14/95 - McAfee's Virus Protection. McAfee Inc., 2710 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051-0963. (408) 988-3832 Office, 970-9727 Fax, 988-4004 BBS, CompuServe: GO MCAFEE, Internet Support @mcafee.COM, America Online: MCAFEE

SCN-226E.ZIP (VirusScan Version 226E) REGISTRATION FEE = \$25. Scan checks floppy, hard, CD-ROM, and compressed (SuperStor, Stacker, DoubleSpace, etc.) disks on both stand-alone and networked PC's as well as net-

work file servers for pre-existing infections of known and unknown viruses; and disinfects all common viruses (file, boot sector, partition table infectors) with options to overwrite and delete infected files. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: SCAN requires 390Kb of free RAM and DOS 3.0 or above.

VSH-226E.ZIP (VShield Infection Blocker Version 226E) REGISTRATION FEE = \$25. When VShield first loads, it will search for known computer viruses in memory, the partition table, boot sector,

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system files, and finally itself. Then it installs itself as a memory resident program to monitor program loads on all drives, scanning all programs before allowing the system to execute them. Prevents known viruses from becoming resident or spreading on systems.

To install VirusScan, make a directory on your hard disk, make that directory current, place this disk in drive A:, and type A:PKUNZIP A:SCN-226E at the DOS prompt. You may want to create a different directory for VShield and repeat the process except replace SCN-226E with VSH-226E.

Documentation is available in the file named VIRUSCAN.TXT. To print this file after unZIPing the program, type COPY VIRUSCAN.TXT PRN at the DOS prompt. You can also bring this file into your favorite word processing program and print the file.

This software was downloaded and donated by Mark Gruner.

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Disk 1009. VirusScan, Windows/OS2 2.26E, 9/14/95 - McAfee's Virus Protection. McAfee Inc., 2710 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051-0963

WSC-226E.ZIP (VirusScan for Windows Version 226E) REGISTRATION FEE = \$25. Scans and checks floppy, hard, CD-ROM, and compressed (SuperStor, Stacker, DoubleSpace, etc.) disks on both stand-alone and networked PC's as well as network file servers for pre-existing infections of known and unknown viruses; and disinfects all common viruses (file, boot sector, partition table infectors) with op-

tions to overwrite and delete infected files. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: WSCAN requires Windows.

OSC-226E.ZIP (VirusScan for OS/2 226E) REGISTRATION FEE = \$35 (Does not include VirusScan). Scans and checks floppy, hard, CD-ROM, and compressed (SuperStor, Stacker, DoubleSpace, etc.) disks on both stand-alone and networked PC's as well as network file servers for pre-existing infections of known and unknown viruses; and disinfects all common viruses (file, boot sector, partition table infectors) with options to overwrite and delete infected files. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: WSCAN requires Windows.

To install VirusScan for Windows, make a directory on your hard disk, make that directory current, place this disk in drive A:, and type A:PKUNZIP A:WSC-226E at the DOS prompt. You should create a different directory for OS/2 and repeat the process except replace WSC-226E with OSC-226E.

Documentation is available in the file named VIRUSCAN.TXT. To print this file after unZIPing the program, type COPY VIRUSCAN.TXT PRN at the DOS prompt. You can also bring this file into your favorite word processing program and print the file.

## Top Twenty DOM Disks

Want to know what's hot? These are the 20 most popular NTPCUG DOM Library disks - as of September 16, 1995.

- 958. . . . Windows Bonus Pack (FAQ and \*.INI guidance . . . . . files, a must)
- 955. . . . VirusScan & VShield 2.17E (Possibly the best . . . . . virus finder)
- 980. . . . Modem Doctor 5.2 (Make that rascal perform)
- 969. . . . WINFORMAT 1.5 (Windows Program . . . . . Uninstaller, Plus)
- 972. . . . Professional Screen Capture Systems 1.02 . . . . . (Windows)
- 984. . . . WinZip 5.6 (Use zipped programs without . . . . . unzipping them)
- 986. . . . CTS Serial Port Utilities
- 950. . . . LIN4WIN 1.5 (Windows Program Uninstaller)
- 982. . . . Tips for Using Windows for Workgroups 3.11
- 941. . . . Wintune 2.0 (Fine tune Windows for . . . . . maximum performance)
- 990A .. Netscape 1.10N, Disk 1 of 2
- 990B .. Netscape 1.10N, Disk 2 of 2
- 954. . . . INFOSPY 2.13 (What Windows Info do . . . . . you want to see?)
- 978. . . . INTERNET Help Files
- 991. . . . WALL \$TREET, The Bottom Line 1.5
- 959. . . . F-PROT 2.16d (Virus detection)
- 979. . . . HOT BUTTON for Windows
- 973. . . . This Day in History (World events on . . . . . your birthdate)
- 974. . . . BANANACOM 1.1
- 985. . . . Duplicate File Locator 3.40





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Disk 1010. *VirusScan for Windows95 1.00E, 8/23/95* - McAfee's Virus Protection. McAfee Inc., 2710 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051-0963.

S95-100E.EXE (*VirusScan for Windows95 Version 1.00E*) Scans and checks floppy, hard, CD-ROM, and compressed (SuperStor, Stacker, DoubleSpace, etc.) disks on both stand-alone and networked PC's as well as network file servers for pre-existing infections of known and unknown viruses; and disinfects all common viruses (file, boot sector, partition table infectors) with options to overwrite and delete infected files. **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:** requires *Windows95*.

Unfortunately, the reviewer did not have *Windows95* to test the install and documentation (including printing). However, since *Windows95* was recently released AND virus protection is a major issue for many PC users, this file program is being made available through the NTPCUG Disk-of-the-Month.

To install the program, start *Windows* manager and run the file S95-100E on this disk.

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Disk 1011. *F-PROT 2.19, 9/95* - Virus Protection from Iceland. Frisk Software International, Postholf 7180, IS-127 Reykjavik, Iceland, sales@complex.is e-mail, Command Soft-

ware Systems Inc. (USA Agent), Tel: +1-407-575 3200, Fax: +1-407-575 3026. **REGISTRATION FEE = \$20.**

The F-PROT anti-virus package contains a virus scanner combined with a disinfection program, as well as a resident monitoring program for intercepting known viruses. This program is free of charge for private users, but others are required to register. This program has been consistently rated as one of the top computer virus scanners. It provides virus scanning, disinfection and information. Several levels of virus detection, including Heuristic Analysis, are available. Most users will find the menu-driven interface to be very user friendly. Command line options are available for use in batch files. F-PROT first performs a self-test, to see if it has been infected with a virus, and then it loads the search strings into memory. The next step is to

search for viruses in memory, then on your disks.

VIRSTOP.EXE (Infection Blocker Version 219) The other program included in this archive is VIRSTOP.EXE, a TSR program to intercept known viruses - it will prevent the execution of any program infected with any of the viruses.

Documentation having the extension .DOC are included as well as a file containing information on computer viruses in general. To print any of these after unZIPping the program, type COPY ??? .DOC PRN at the DOS prompt (where ??? is the name of the file). You may also bring these files into your favorite word processing program for printing.

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Disk 1012. *UUCODE 3.1 for Windows, 5/94* - *Windows UUencode/UUdecode Utility*. SabaSoft Software, 924 Bayhill

Road, Naperville, IL 50565. Shareware Fee: \$10.00.

What is UUCODE? Whenever you try to send binary data or code over communication links or networks, like the Internet, which cannot handle 8-bit data, then UUCODE provides the answer. To further explain, binary data is the data found in files with extensions like .EXE, .COM, .ZIP, .ARC., .ZOO, .LZH and many others. In practice, you must UUencode your file before transmitting them and then you UUdecode the files when they are received and ready to be used.

UUCODE will allow the sending of binary data files between popular on-line services like America OnLine, Compuserve, AT&T Mail, MCImail, Genie, Delphi and educational and other sites on the Internet.

Another popular use for UUCODE is for posting to UseNet, the Bulletin Board System (BBS) of the Internet. Again, the reason is to be able to post a binary file as part of news articles.

With the *Windows* interface and menu, you will find this preparation step has become easier to use when you have a binary data file to transmit over your on-line service or Internet.

UUCODE will not work with *Windows 3.0*, so be sure that you are running *Windows 3.1* or higher.

**SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:** MS *Windows 3.1*, 386 platform or better.

**INSTALLATION:** Simply place the unzipped files into the directory of your choice and use *Windows* Program Manager FILE, RUN to install the program on your system.

This software was downloaded by the North Texas PC Users Group.

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Disk 1013. PGPShell 3.2, 7/94 – Menu-driven Shell for PGP Encryption. Author: James Still, PO Box 1583, Boulder, CO. 80306. BBS: 303-443-2457 (VooDoo BBS), I-Net: still@rintintin.colorado.edu. Visa/MasterCard: 800-333-HEAR (4327). Shareware Fee: \$20.00.

This is a menu-driven shell for operating with Philip Zimmermann's PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) Encryption program for protecting your E-mail and files when transmitting via the Internet, etc. This program almost makes it fun; certainly it makes the process of adding encryption to your E-mail as simple as it can become.

PGP is a UNIXish command-line application, meaning it requires switches be used to perform various tasks. The use of PGPShell merely simplifies the use of those switches in a user-friendly environment, even the use of an optional mouse if you desire. You may point and click to various keys to make encryption very fast and easy.

The author provides a quick and dirty "fast start" lesson that makes setting up this program very easy. Simple instructions are also given for setting up your autoexec.bat file to accommodate both the master PGP program and the

PGPShell program. This disk requires you own the PGP program before using the PGPShell.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: Any MS DOS-based system.

INSTALLATION: Copy the files to a subdirectory on your hard drive named \PGP. Type install and the program will complete the installation process.

This software was download by the North Texas PC Users Group.

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Disk 1014. PGP 2.6, 5/94 – Pretty Good Privacy Encryption Software for E-mail.

Author: Philip Zimmermann. Boulder Software Engineering, 3021 Eleventh Street, Boulder, CO 80304. Tel: 303-541-0140, Internet: prz@acm.org. Shareware Fee: Freeware.

With the enormous usage of the Internet and E-mail in general, it becomes increasingly necessary to consider some form of protecting your messages and files. The author of PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) states in one passage that this is comparable to sending a letter in an envelope versus sending a postcard for all to see and read. The privacy

provided by this program far exceeds that simplistic statement.

The mere fact that the US Government has taken Mr. Zimmermann into Federal Court to force him to allow them access to his coding via a "gateway" so they may read his encrypted messages (and yours and mine) indicates this program must be doing the encryption job pretty well.

The program uses two keys; a "public key" which allows

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anyone to address mail to the originator of the public key. This key can be disseminated with little regard to privacy since only the originator can read the mail. Not even the sender of the message can decrypt the message. Your "secret key" is the key used to read the messages when they arrive encrypted from a sender. This key may even be sent along with the message and the recipient can recover this key to read the "one time" message.

With all the Internet E-mail and the vastness of Cyberspace, sometimes it just feels good to know that an errant message posted to a close associate will not be read by 50 million strangers on the Net! I still recall the gentleman from Australia answering one

of my posts to my daughter at college with the reply, "Why are you asking me all these questions?"

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: MS DOS based systems; VAX/VMS and UNIX is also available.

INSTALLATION: Copy the files to a directory on your hard drive and unzip the program. Later, you can add commands to your autoexec.bat to assist you with setting up PGP v2.6.

This software was downloaded and submitted by the North Texas PC Users Group.

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## THE COREL CORNER .. Ctd.

developers will remain in close contact with Corel's software team, leaving the product mostly unchanged, with postscript support added. It is an easy-to-use intuitive program. You can do a gradient transparency simply, among other things. This low-end but high-powered program has excellent features and works very fast. You can request a demo program by calling Corel.

A special thanks to user group supporters Kim Prince and Michael Bellefeuille for being participants, and manning a booth also, giving away goodies and listening to our questions, concerns and requests. They left many items for us to give away as door prizes at upcoming meetings.

We'll have additional comments to share with you all at the November 18th meeting. See you there!

*JoAnn Elliott*



# INSIDE THE NORTH TEXAS PC USERS GROUP COMMUNITY

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



by Claude McClure

### Volunteers are Early Risers:

The alarm clock rings in the morning at five o'clock. David Slavik knows the Computer Marketplace vendors at the Infomart will be needing tables to show their products. David is a member of the NTPCUG and is Anchor (crew leader) of the group of volunteers who designate, inspect, position and label the number of tables called for by the vendors. He has always shown up earlier than the suggested 6:30 a.m. hour. When David thinks a job is important, he makes it a priority. It's pretty obvious this duty is important to him and he shows it when working and showing other volunteers how to set up the area. Thanks David.

The NTPCUG is run 100% by volunteers, and they are all needed to maintain the high quality of our meetings. Other early risers who work their scheduled shifts are Larry Johnson, Dan Yates, Dick Abbot, Larry Matzek, William Guyer, James Guyer, Jo Coke, and Bert Shurtleff. A special thanks should go to DFW Xchange Corp.'s Stuart Yarus (Infomart Liaison) and Andy Reese (Vendor Manager) from the Apple Corps, because of their hard work.

Volunteers from last month are listed on this page. Thanks to all of them and the many members who work behind the scenes to put it all together on our monthly meeting date.

#### Infomart Liaison

Stuart Yarus  
Alex Lilley  
Robert Hilliard

#### Vendor Setup/Break-down

Anchor:  
David Slavik  
Kenneth Berg  
Ross Jones  
Crew:  
Larry Johnson  
Neal Van Pelt  
David Temple  
Wayne Washburn  
Kev Walden

#### Auditorium Presentations

Timothy Carmichael  
Chris Jung  
Chris Carmichael

#### Information/Registration Booth

Statistician:  
Connie Andrews

#### Ralph Beaver (Assistant)

Scheduler:  
Bob Wuller  
Anchor:  
Al Aston  
Ralph Beaver  
Lorin Cranford  
Eteta E. Eta  
Allan Harbaugh  
Hank Holt  
John Ivers  
Bob McNeil (double)  
Bob Wuller

Booth Crew:  
Deborah Bean  
Chris Brooks  
Albert Champon  
Tim Foster  
Claude McClure  
Martin Moomaw  
Fred Toulmin  
Frank Winans

Walkabout:  
Linda Moore  
Perry Slack

#### Disk of the Month (DOM)

DOM Shift Supervisors:  
Joe Allen  
Roy Bales  
James Donlon  
M. Pat Henley  
Oscar Tyler  
DOM Desk Crew:  
Michael Ashley  
Douglas Athas  
Bernie Baars

Richard Blair  
Philip Bridge  
Gene Carleton  
Mark Christopher  
William Farris  
Charles Fernandez  
Mac McKeethen  
Nancy Ogden  
Jan Parkhill  
Bob Post  
George Read

#### With Special Thanks to:

Set Up Crew:  
Mark Gruner  
M. Pat Henley  
David Huckabee  
Jan Parkhill

Jerry Stone  
Inventory and Take-down Crew:

Richard Blair  
Mark Christopher  
Jan Parkhill  
DOM Desk Scheduler:  
Philip Bridge  
Disk Production:  
Howard Hamilton  
Willard Davis



### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

**1. Via BBS:** (214)387-2751, (214)387-2752 or (214)263-8036 (metro). Sign up on the Volunteer Conference - make the subject matter your area of interest.

**2. Meeting day:** Sign up at the Information Booth or DOM Booth to work those areas in a coming month.

#### 3. By phone:

Auditorium Presentations  
Timothy Carmichael . . . . . (214) 681-4626 (w)

DOM Booth Scheduler  
Charles Cashion . . . . . (214) 881-0952 (h)  
. . . . . (214) 519-2583 (w)

DOM Software Review  
Jan Parkhill . . . . . (214) 828-2216 (h)(w)

Information Booth and General Information  
Claude McClure . . . . . (214) 867-0978 (h)



# NTPCUG USER - To - USER PROGRAM

Introducing the NTPCUG User-To-User program, composed of members who are willing to donate their time to help others with software and hardware questions. Some of our helpers are professional consultants. All have joined the User-to-User Program because they want to share their knowledge with others and help them. They agreed to answer questions that they are comfortable handling over the phone, without charge, and within

reasonable time limits (at the volunteer's discretion).

These individuals are volunteering to assist NTPCUG members. NTPCUG is assisting in finding these volunteers for you, but cannot be responsible for unsatisfactory outcomes. Next to each subject, we will list the person's name, phone number and the times they are available. Please honor the wishes of our helpers by seeking help only during those hours.

SUBJECT	HELPER	PHONE	DAYS/HOURS	SUBJECT	HELPER	PHONE	DAYS/HOURS	
<b>Access</b>	Larry Linson .....	(817)481-2350	M-Sa 1300-1500	<b>DR DOS</b>	Ralph Beaver.....	(817)336-0570	M-F 0800-1700	
					.....	(817)624-9530	SS 0900-2100	
<b>Assembly Language</b>	Frank Cavallito .....	(214)423-9221	7 1800-2200	<b>Hardware Help</b>	Charles Miller.....	(903)938-4220(*)	7 1900-2400	
	Glynn Brooks.....	(214)578-8737	M-F 1700-2200	<b>HyperAccess</b>	Woody Pewitt.....	(214)230-3485	M-F 0800-1800	
<b>BASIC</b>	Mike Firth .....	(214)827-7734	7 0800-2200	<b>Internet - General</b>	Erik Leaseburg .....	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200	
<b>Beginner Problems</b>	Jan Parkhill.....	(214)828-2216	M-Sa 0900-1700		David Martin .....	(214)717-0523	M-F 1900-2200	
	Shirley Hudgens.....	(214)352-2800	7 0900-2000	<b>Internet - Telnet, FTP, NetScape, Web Explorer (OS/2)</b>	Bob Wilson .....	(214)517-1434	M-F 1900-2200	
<b>Brother's Keeper</b>	Neil Sunderland.....	(214)272-2869	7 0900-2200		.....		S-S 1000-2200	
<b>C++ (the language)</b>	Bob Adams.....	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900	<b>LANs — Novell</b>	Joseph Beasley .....	(214)225-8752	7 0800-2400	
	Howard Harkness.....	(817)267-6227	7 1000-2100		— <i>Lantastic</i>	Joseph Beasley .....	(214)410-3818	7 0900-2200
	Doug Cochran.....	(214)578-9258	T&T 1800-2030	<b>Managing Your Money</b>	Glynn Brooks.....	(214)578-8737	M-F 1700-2200	
<b>CorelDraw</b>	Linda Hume.....	(817)472-7555	M-F 1900-2200	<b>Modems</b>	Erik Leaseburg .....	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200	
	.....		S-S 1300-2200	<b>MathCAD</b>	Bob Adams.....	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900	
<b>Batch Files</b>	Charles Miller .....	(903)938-4220(*)	7 1900-2400	<b>OS/2</b>	Larry Truesdale .....	(214)442-7074	7 1000-2200	
<b>Borland C++</b>	Bob Adams.....	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900	<b>PC Tools/Win</b>	Glynn Brooks.....	(214)578-8737	M-F 1700-2200	
	Howard Harkness.....	(817)267-6227	7 1000-2100	<b>Paradox</b>	Fred Williams.....	(214)492-1315	7 1300-2100	
<b>Comm Software</b>	Doug Gornie.....	(214) 464-7942	M-F 0800-1700	<b>PKZip/PKUNzip</b>	Erik Leaseburg .....	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200	
	.....	(214) 618-8002	S-S 1000-1900	<b>ProComm/ProComm+</b>	Doug Gornie.....	(214) 464-7942	M-F 0800-1700	
<b>CompuServe</b>	Bob Adams.....	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900					
<b>dBASE III, III+, IV &amp; Windows</b>	Ted Gillam.....	(214)964-7923	7 0800-1700					
<b>Delphi (Borland)</b>	Howard Harkness.....	(817)267-6227	7 1000-2100					
<b>DOS</b>	Bob Russell .....	(214)422-4269	7 1900-2200					
	Erik Leaseburg.....	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200					

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		(214) 618-8002	S-S 1000-1900
	Bill Green	(817) 731-1308	
	Joseph Beasley	(214)225-8752	7 0800-2400
	Joseph Beasley	(214)410-3818	7 0900-2200
<b>Publisher (Microsoft)</b>			
	Bob Russell	(214)422-4269	7 1900-2200
	Pat Cote	(214)522-1717 x266	M-F 0800-1700
		(214)424-1738	7 1000-2200
<b>Quicken</b>			
	Billy Pitts	(817)430-8148	7 1830-2100
	Jim Hall	(214)348-7848	7 1000-2100
<b>Quickbooks</b>			
	Jim Thompson	(214)953-0051	M-F 0800-1800
<b>SPFPC</b>			
	Doug Gorrie	(214) 464-7942	M-F 0800-1700
		(214) 618-8002	S-S 1000-1900
<b>TurboVislon</b>			
	Don Cochran	(214)578-9258	T&T 1800-2030
<b>UNIX</b>			
	Doug Scott	(817)261-4653	7 1830-2200

## NTPCUG User - To - User Program

<b>Virus &amp; Anti-Virus</b>			
	Charles Miller	(903)938-4220(*)	7 1900-2400
<b>Visual Basic - Advanced</b>			
	Woody Pewitt	(214)230-3485	M-F 0800-1800
<b>Visual Basic - Beginning</b>			
	Jim Carter	(214)235-5968	7 1700-2130
	L.J. Johnson	(214)495-9067	7 1700-2130
	Gene Hamelman	(214)495-6342	7 1700-2130
<b>Windows for Workgroups</b>			
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	Joseph Beasley	(214)410-3818	7 0900-2200
	Bob Russell	(214)422-4269	7 1900-2200
<b>Word for Windows</b>			
	Bob Russell	(214)422-4269	7 1900-2200
<b>WordPerfect 6.x /Win</b>			
	Georgene Harkness	(817)267-6227	7 1000-2100
<b>Works, Microsoft</b>			
	Mike Finh	(214)827-7734	7 0800-2200
<b>XENIX</b>			
	Doug Scott	(817)261-4653	7 1830-2200

**LEGEND:**

7..... All 7 days of each week M-F ... Monday through Friday  
 T&T... Tuesday and Thursday M-Sa .. Monday through Saturday  
 S&S... Saturday and Sunday (\*)..... Caller should incur any Long Distance charges

The subject areas below do not have a volunteer to answer questions. If you would like to assist or add possible categories for the future, please contact Doug Gorrie at (214)464-7924 M-F-0800-1700 or Sa &

Su 1000-1900 at (214)618-8002. Doug will send you a form on which you can list your qualifications and sign.

**Areas Needing Helpers:**

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| \$ & Sansa           | Microsoft Word        |
| Borland Turbo C      | MKS products          |
| CAD                  | Norton Utilities      |
| Dataflex             | PAF                   |
| DeskLink             | Pagemaker             |
| Desktop Publishing   | PC Hookup             |
| Easy Text            | Personal Tax Preparer |
| First Choice         | PKzip/PKUNzip         |
| First Publisher      | Portfolio Analyzer    |
| Fax Pro              | O & A                 |
| Harvard Graphics     | OuletWrite            |
| LapLink              | Roots                 |
| Mathematica          | Smart                 |
| Modems               | Smart Notes           |
| Money Counts         | Sound Blaster         |
| Money Plans          | Stacker               |
| Microsoft C          | TurboTax              |
| Microsoft C++        | Corel Ventura         |
| Microsoft Visual C++ |                       |

## North Texas Users Group, Inc. Membership Application

The NTPCUG is a non-profit independent organization of individuals learning to apply personal computers to practical problems. For additional information, call (214) 746-4699.

Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE:(Check Preferred No.) Home \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Ext) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one from each column below		
Payment:	Membership	Application Status:
Cash _____	Classification:	New Member _____
Check _____	Regular (\$24.00) ____	Renewal _____
Credit Card _____	Student (\$16.00) ____	Address Change _____

Applications should be mailed to: North Texas PC Users Group, P.O. Box 780066, Dallas, TX 75378-0066 (Make checks payable to NTPCUG.)

Please initial here \_\_\_\_\_ if you do not wish to have your address included on member



# How do you (Want to) Use the Internet?

## An NTPCUG Member Questionnaire

by Doug Gorrie

Users Groups are great tools for information-sharing, and for getting bargain rates for products and services. With this in mind, NTPCUG wants to know what you expect from an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and what you think of your current ISP, if you have one.

NTPCUG has also been contacting ISPs to determine what rate they would give to NTPCUG members, both individually and as part of a group purchase. By the time of the November 18th meeting, we expect to have one or more ISPs involved in the program.

Your responses below will help us ask the right questions, as well as assist you and your fellow members in choosing a reliable ISP that meets your needs.

The survey below attempts to ask two questions - (1) if you have an ISP, how happy are you with their service, and (2) whether or not you have an ISP, what services do you want/expect?

You can respond to this survey in several ways - (1) extract or copy the survey below, complete, and mail to the address specified or deposit at the Information Booth on November 18th, (2) complete a survey at the meeting, or (3) Perhaps the most fun, answer the survey by connecting your Web browser to <http://www.ae.utexas.edu/~erik/ntpcug/>. (courtesy of member Erik Leaseburg).

Although optional, we would like your name

\_\_\_\_\_ and member number \_\_\_\_\_ so we might contact you if there are additional questions.

1. Would you be interested in joining with other members for reduced Internet access rates? Y N

If so, how long would you be willing to wait if a minimum number of subscribers were needed?

Can't/Won't wait    1 month    2 months  
3-4 months            6 months

2. How important is 24 hour ISP assistance?  
Not very    Moderate need    Very important

You may need special software to access the Internet, depending on how you connect. Standard communications programs like ProComm Plus, Telix, and Qmodem can access Bulletin Board Systems and CompuServe, and can give you access to ISP "Shell Accounts". Shell

Accounts are typically text only (non-graphical - cannot use Browsers like Netscape). Use of Web Browsers requires a more complex SLIP or PPP connection, which generally has a higher monthly access fee than Shell Accounts.

SLIP/PPP software can be acquired as freeware/shareware (minimum or no charge), but may be complex to set up. Commercial software packages from Spry, Netscape, Frontier and others may cost towards \$100 but are often easier to configure (your ISP can recommend one and probably carries it at a fair market price). Whichever way you go, your ISP should help you set it up.

3. Knowing these variations, which type of software are you likely to select?

"Standard"    Shareware    Commercial.

4. Knowing the above, which type of access would you probably want? (Circle one)    Shell    PPP/SLIP
5. What is the highest monthly amount you plan to pay for an ISP connection?

\$10    \$15    \$20    \$25    \$30

An ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) connection costs significantly more/month. You pay more to your ISP and Telco provider, plus will require additional equipment costing several hundred dollars. However, the connection can be 56 kbps - 128 kbps, much faster than the 28.8 kbps rate generally available.

Knowing this, how likely are you to want an ISDN connection for work or home?

Not likely    Maybe    Very likely

6. Some ISPs provide their customers with a megabyte or more of space to insert a World Wide Web page, as part of the monthly fee. How important is this to you?:

Not very    Moderate    Very

7. On the Internet, what application(s) do you use/want to use most? (circle all that apply)

E-Mail    World-Wide-Web    Newsgroups

Gopher    Telnet (including MUDs, etc.)

FTP    IRC/Chat

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# NTPCUG Internet Questionnaire

Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### If you already use an Internet Service Provider:

8. How long have you been on the Internet (including E-mail, gopher, ftp, etc.)? [Please circle]

- Below 6 months      6 to 12 months      1 to 3 years
- 4 to 6 years              7 years or more

9. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning NOT AT ALL SKILLED and 5 meaning VERY SKILLED, how skilled are you at navigating the Internet?

- 1      2      3      4      5

10. What ISP do you use ?

11. What kind of connection do you have? (circle one)  
BBS      Shell      PPP

12. What communications software do you use?

13. How pleased are you with your software?

- (Not pleased) 1    2    3    4    5 (Pleased)

14. How long have you used your ISP?

15. How many times per week do you connect to your ISP? \_\_\_\_\_

16. How often are you unable to connect to your ISP?

\_\_\_\_\_

Is that acceptable service to you? Y N

17. When you have questions/problems, how easily can you reach your ISP?

- (Difficult) 1    2    3    4    5 (very easy)

18. When you contact your ISP with questions/problems, how do you rate their ability to answer your questions and solve your problems ?

- (Poor results) 1    2    3    4    5 (Good results)

19. Overall, would you recommend your ISP to your friends? Yes No

Thank you for taking the survey. If enough are received, we will tally the results and make the membership aware. In addition, your input will help us become a more powerful force in the Internet community.

If you prefer to mail the survey to us, mail to:

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