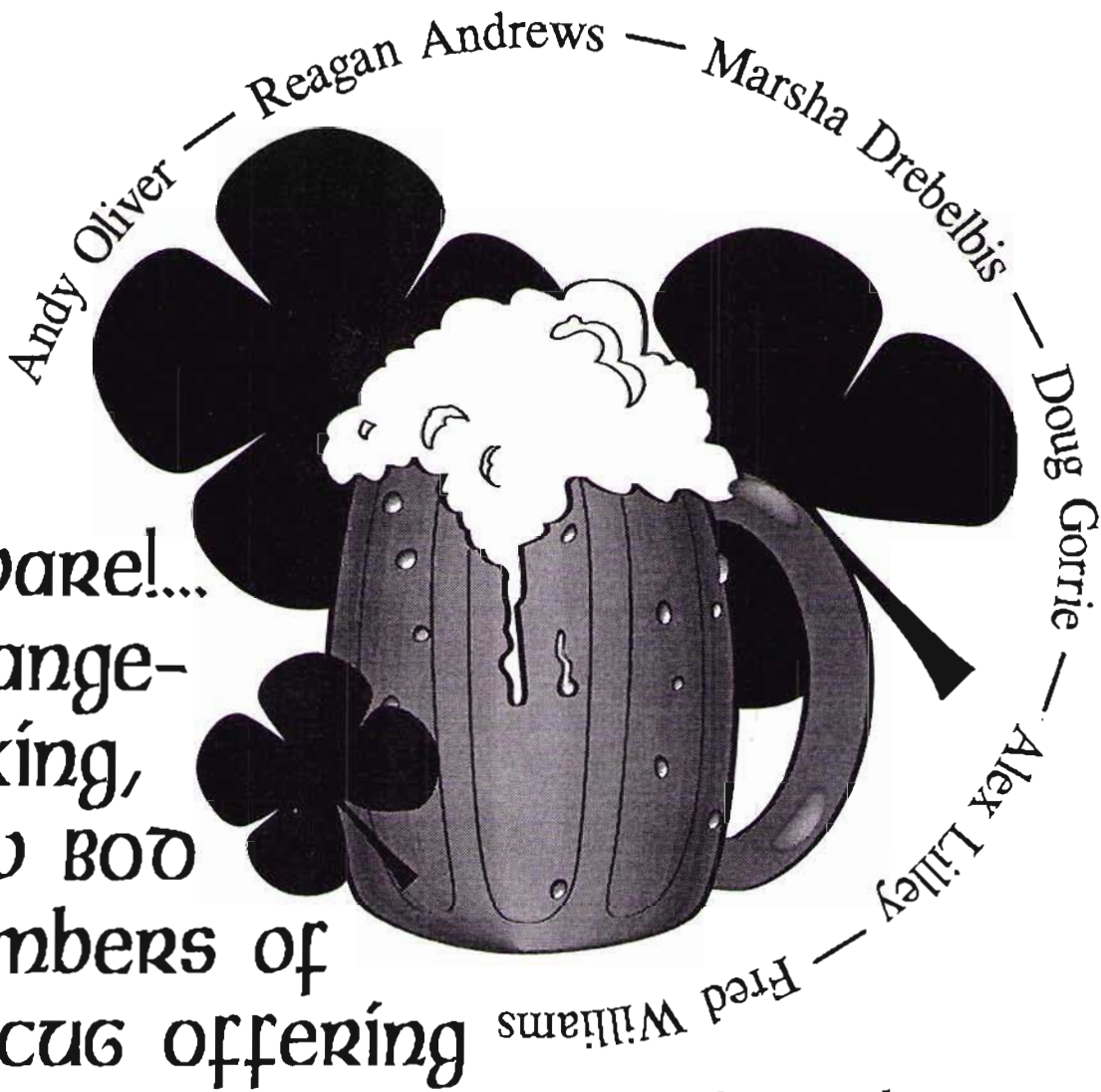


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Darren Massell, Marketing Specialist

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11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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12:00 PM - 12:55 PM

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PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS...
TIMOTHY CARMICHAEL

MARCH 22

SIGs NTPCUG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:55
Internet - WEB Developers
Microsoft Networking
Visual BASIC - Beginning
MultiMedia

8:00 - 9:55
Hardware Solutions

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

9:00 - 10:55
Dallas Corel

10:00 - 10:55
ACTI
CAD
Delphi
Emerging Technologies
Fox Pro Database
Networking
Internet-Beginning
PAF-Genealogy
Introduction to the PC
WordPerfect/Windows
UNIX

11:00 - 11:55
Assembly Language
Brother's Keeper

11:00 - 11:55 (Cont.)
CAD (Cont.)
Investors
Graphics
Microsoft FrontPage
OS/2 - Q & A
Paradox
Roots III/IV - Genealogy
Spreadsheets
Microsoft Visual C++/MFC

12:00 - 12:55
Access
Alpha Four
C++/Advanced C
Communications
Desktop Publishing
OS/2 for End Users

Introduction to the PC
The Master Genealogist

1:00 - 1:55
Business Apps./DAC Easy
C++/Beginners

OS/2 Developers
Introduction to the PC

1:00 - 1:55 (Cont.)
QuickBooks

1:00 - 2:55
Word for Windows

1:30 - 1:55
Orientation

2:00 - 2:55
Advanced Programmers
ActiveX Developers
[was - Application
Developers (OLE
and ODBC)]

Please consult the BBS and remember to check the overhead display in the INFOMART lobby

Who won the election?

Andy Oliver has agreed to be President next year, 1998, and was re-elected as President Elect. The new North Texas PC Users Group, Inc., Board of Directors are: Reagan Andrews, Marsha Drebelbis, Doug Gorrie, Alex Lilley and Fred Williams.

This will be Andy Oliver's fourth term since 1991 as President-Elect and later, as President of the NTPCUG.

Newest member of the BOD is Marsha Drebelbis who is SIG Leader of the Dallas Corel SIG. Marsha came to the NTPCUG when the former user group joined us as a SIG in March, 1995.

Longest-serving member of the BOD is Reagan Andrews, PC News Managing Editor, and a member of the NTPCUG Board of Directors since 1989.

Congratulations! We're hoping for a good 1997.

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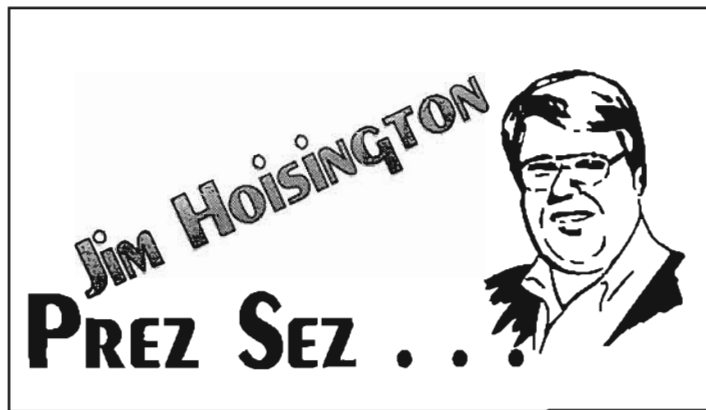
WHERE'S THE INFORMATION BOOTH?

The Information Booth that used to be in the lobby has moved just inside the vendor area. Go into the vendor area through the doors near the ATM and you should immediately spot Claude McClure and his band of volunteers.

At the February board meeting, we voted funds to get a banner and something to support it so that the Information Booth will be more visible.

WHAT TIME IS THE BUSINESS MEETING?

You have all been very vocal in your disapproval of the 1:00 p.m. time for the Business Meeting. So, starting in March, the business meeting of NTPCUG will be held in the Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. See you there.



How can I get a free, one-year membership in NTPCUG?

NTPCUG members can "earn" an additional one year membership extension in the Club by writing at least three [Ed Note: *substantial*] articles that get published in the North Texas PC News in one calendar year. Here is a list of the people who made valuable editorial contributions in 1996:

Marsha Drebelbis	Jim Carter
Lewis Graber	Patrick Dryden
Erik Leaseburg	Glynn Brooks
Gene Carleton	Claude McClure

WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OF THE NTPCUG Web site?

Our address on the World Wide Web is:
<http://www.ntpcug.org>.

Check it out!

WHERE WAS JIM HOISINGTON DURING THE FEBRUARY MEETING?

I was in Chicago checking on some mysterious activities of the Evil Vice President of DFW Xchange Corporation.

Jim...

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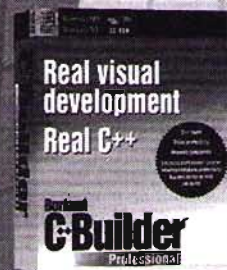
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CD-ROMs & The 'X' Rating Multimedia Tips from the BBS

by Glynn Brooks

[Ed. Note: The following was taken from the NTPCUG BBS Conference area during February. Glynn Brooks, NTPCUG member and SIG Leader responded to a member's question concerning the meaning of the "X" in CD-ROM drives from various vendors and is reprinted here as a service to members.]

What does the "X" used by CD-ROM vendors really mean? That is, what is the difference between an 8X CD-ROM drive and a 12X drive?

The "x" relates to the maximum speed (rotational velocity) the drive can achieve, but the number doesn't mean much because the speed of a CD-ROM drive is not constant to begin with; outer tracks are read at a much slower speed than inner tracks.

Here are some of the other big factors besides speed that dictate a CD-ROM's performance:

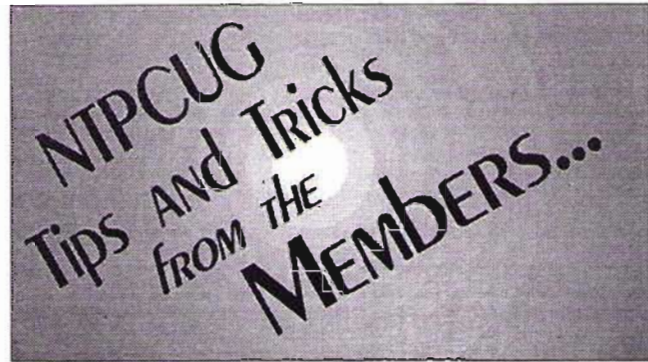
CD-ROM Cache is Important

1. The amount of RAM in the CD-ROM's cache. It is difficult to find out how much RAM is on the CD-ROM's controller board because manufacturers seldom publish that information.

Most of the ones I've looked at are in the 256KB - 1MB range. Cheaper ones may not have any. The amount of RAM is significant because the more there is, the more data the drive can have available for subsequent read requests.

There are also two types of cache: read-ahead and random. If the data you want to read is stored in adjacent sequential locations on the CD-ROM disc (e.g. games, help files), a large read-ahead buffer can provide substantial performance improvements.

If you do a lot of non-sequential reading of data (e.g. database access), a random cache will remember which disk records you access most often and keep those records in cache memory and provide a speed improvement.



RAM SETTINGS CAN BE CONFUSING

Windows 95 and many of the CD-ROM software driver programs let you set the amount of motherboard RAM used for caching data, but none of them let you specify how much RAM for read-ahead and how much for random.

2. The type of interface. For a given "x" rating, a SCSI CD-ROM will be faster than an IDE drive because SCSI controllers (especially bus mastering ones) can work cooperatively with the CPU to speed data into motherboard RAM without CPU intervention. Thus, it is not unusual for a 12X SCSI drive to outperform a 16X IDE drive even when both drives have the same amount of cache RAM.

There are other factors as well, but these are the two biggies. If you want to read more about CD-ROM performance, check recent issues of PC World. They discuss performance factors every 3 months or so as a sidebar to their "Best CD-ROM" rating lists.

Glynn—

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STARFISH INTERNET Sidekick

by Fred Williams

I've been using *Sidekick* since the first Windows release a couple or three years ago. I have been quite happy with the functions it provides, as I am not a big time marketing or sales type and don't have hundreds on minions on my staff.

For the super hyper crowd, I'd guess something like ACT! might be the more robust choice. And for the management mogul, I'd pick something like Microsoft Project as the answer.

PIM FOR THE REST OF US...

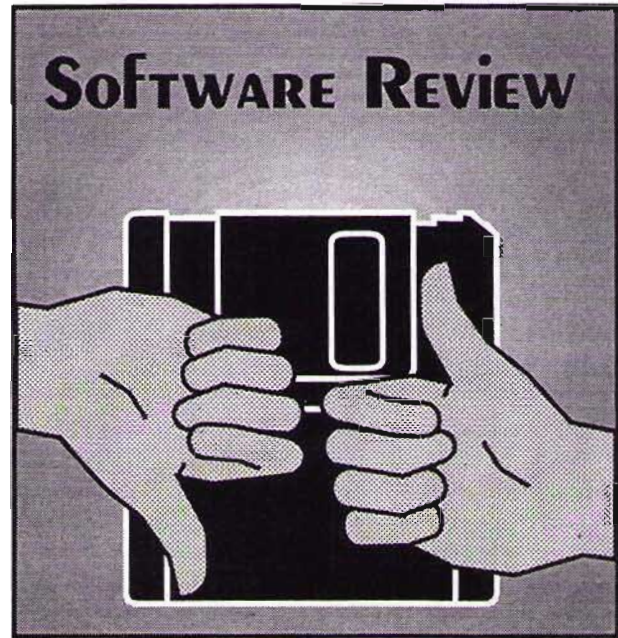
But for the rest of us, that forget anniversaries and birthdays, have semi often meetings and important phone calls to make, and have occasions where we don't feel like letting our fingers do the walking, Sidekick may be just the ticket. It hasn't the horsepower more specialized packages might have, but it is a nice well rounded little life planner and management tool.

And don't let the "Internet" in the product title swing you too much one way or the other. Now is the time in history when anything with Internet in the title will get extra attention. Philippe Kahn, has always been able to recognize a "hook", and he didn't leave that trait behind when he left Borland. Use of the Internet with Sidekick is strictly optional. I know, because I have opted to ignore that little feature altogether.

LOTS OF SERVICES IN Sidekick

For those of you unfamiliar with Sidekick, which is probably most of you reading this review, I'll list the major services provided. Those services are, listed in no particular order:

1. "Card File", address book.
2. Speed dialer.
3. Schedule calendar.
4. Expense tracking.
5. Pop up let-



ter/note/fax word processor. 6. And, last and possibly not least, the Internet enabled activity scheduler.

All of Sidekick's services are tightly integrated and are keyed to the currently selected "card" in the card file/address book. This allows one to select a card, place a call to the person on that card, automatically log the call details, schedule a meeting, and send a follow up confirmation letter all in a simple series of point and click operations.

By using the Internet, one can theoretically schedule multi-attendee events with a physically dispersed group of individuals. The actual inter communications among the various participant's individual copies of Sidekick, is through the use of specially formatted Internet e-mail messages. Remember, I initially stated theoretically, as I have not actually utilized this service. By reviewing that part of the manual, I was able to determine the general intent of the Internet enabled activity scheduling service.

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INTERNET Sidekick... Ctd.

One handy option for us "notebook computer impaired" types, is Sidekick's ability to print all of your address/phone book card files and calendar of events in a fair number of "industry standard" personal day planner book, page formats. This allows one to carry a fairly current copy of pertinent information while away from the computer. For the "day planner book impaired", I have found good old 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper and a strategically placed staple works fairly well, also.

Sidekick Helps FRED TO MOVE TO NT

I have been very satisfied with Sidekick since release 1.0. With the release of "Internet Sidekick", I now have one more missing piece of the "move to NT" puzzle in place, as one of the new Sidekick features is the ability to live in an NT environment. This means I can bring one of my more useful applications along, when I finally get the last piece of the NT puzzle in place.

I think Philippe summed it up when he said it is pretty hard to compete with free. He was referring to the "Schedule +" included in Microsoft Office at the time. I think in that environment one must provide a product superior enough to justify the additional cost. Starfish

has done that for me with Sidekick. I much prefer to use the tightly integrated, fast moving, and well designed little Sidekick over the many loosely connected similar features supplied by the resource intensive MS Office pieces.

Fred Williams

LUNCH AT THE MICROSOFT CAFE' --

Submitted by Patrick Dryden

Patron: Waiter!

Waiter: Hi, my name is Bill, and I'll be your Support Waiter. What seems to be the problem?

Patron: There's a fly in my soup!

Waiter: Try again, maybe the fly won't be there this time.

Patron: No, it's still there.

Waiter: Maybe it's the way you're using the soup; try eating it with a fork instead.

Patron: Even when I use the fork, the fly is still there.

Waiter: Maybe the soup is incompatible with the bowl; what kind of bowl are you using?


Patron: A SOUP bowl!

Waiter: Hmmm, that should work. Maybe it's a configuration problem; how was the bowl set up?

Patron: You brought it to me on a saucer; what has that to do with the fly in my soup?!

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ADOBE TYPE MANAGER DELUXE 4.0 – NECESSARY TOOL FOR SERIOUS USERS

How do users manager 5000+ fonts in *Windows 95*? Adobe's new *Type Manager Deluxe for Windows 95* may be the answer to many users' font-handling dilemmas. Handling both Type 1 PostScript fonts and TrueType fonts in *Windows 95* with user-characterized sets easily makes the Adobe program a "must have" for users with "legacy" programs.

LUNCH AT MICROSOFT... Ctd.

Waiter: Can you remember everything you did before you noticed the fly in your soup?

Patron: I sat down and ordered the Soup of the Day!

Waiter: Have you considered upgrading to the latest Soup of the Day?

Patron: You have more than one Soup of the Day each day??

Waiter: Yes, the Soup of the Day is changed every hour.

Patron: Well, what is the Soup of the Day now?

Waiter: The current Soup of the Day is tomato.

Patron: Fine. Bring me the tomato soup, and the check. I'm running late now.

Waiter: leaves and returns with another bowl of soup and the check

Waiter: Here you are, Sir. The soup and your check.

Patron: This is potato soup.

Waiter: Yes, the tomato soup wasn't ready yet.

Patron: Well, I'm so hungry now, I'll eat anything.

Waiter leaves.

Patron: Waiter! There's a gnat in my soup!

The check:

Soup of the Day	\$5.00
Upgrade to newer Soup of the Day	\$2.50
Access to support.....	\$1.00

First of all, this is a review of a package I purchased instead of requested through the review process, I wanted that to be clear to readers since I'm writing this review in a very positive manner and want readers to be aware that it's because of the characteristics of the program, not because I received it for "free."

Adobe Type Manager 4.0 for Windows 95 — This is a package I've been waiting to see. I've been an Adobe Type Manager fan since *Windows 3.0* was introduced in 1990, and the latest version, *4.0*, is as revolutionary as the *Windows 95* it runs under.

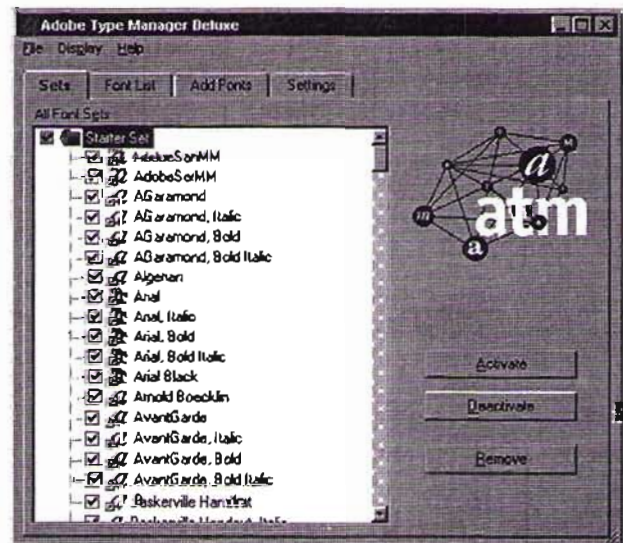
Microsoft and other vendors made ATM 4.0 necessary for the serious user.

Windows 3.1x and its "legacy" applications programs set an upper limit on the number of type fonts that could be recognized by either. Although *Windows 95* removed much of the limitation forced by *Win 3.1x*, the legacy applications continued to restrain the number of fonts that could be utilized.

Earlier, users took to ATM 2.x in numbers because of the ease of printing to non-PostScript printers, including "ancient" dot-matrix printers that choked on PostScript font utilization otherwise. *Win 3.0* and ATM 3.x continued the increased usability offered to users with inclusion of Adobe's multiple-master font sets. It was a convenient and easy way to manage type fonts for both the casual and serious user.

Heavy-duty desktop publishing and graphics users soon ran into *Windows 3.x* font limitations and turned to any of several font-management programs that allowed grouping type fonts into "sets" that got around the *Windows* font limitations. I've purchased several of these, all of which had both limitations and a disturbing ten-

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CONVERSATION ABOUT COREL VENTURA 7 BETWEEN MARSHA DREBELBIS & JIM HART FROM THE COREL CORNER

Corel VENTURA 7 is touted to combine the ease of traditional desktop publishing with the power of the on-line world. Create one Corel VENTURA publication, and then publish it on paper, on the Internet, and as a portable electronic document. One document, multiple destinations.

Curious if Corel can really bring VENTURA back from the near-dead, the following is an interview with my questions and Jim Hart's answers.

Adobe Type Manager 4.0 for Win 95... Ctd.

dency to crash when it would be most inconvenient for me.

ATM 4.0, on the other hand is fast, intuitive and efficient. It includes capability to "disable" particular fonts that won't be used frequently to enable "legacy" Windows programs, such as Corel Ventura Publisher 4.2 to load font width tables that remain within the earlier Windows constraints. The user can establish a number of font sets which can be either enabled or disabled simply within the ATM framework. Users can "see" any font via double clicking n individual font within the font in a variety of sizes. These font samples can be printed out to for further evaluation or to build a font book of the fonts available within the set.

Font management is simple and straight forward. The user can develop font sets containing document-specific fonts and activate them at will. Since I have roughly 5,000 fonts at hand as a result of numerous graphics packages, this becomes a priceless gift as it allows me to "sample" each font and make decisions about applications without having to worry about the "older" legacy constraints.

Q: Jim, is there any hope that VENTURA can regain a leading spot in the publishing software market after its long dormancy?

A: Yes. If Corel continues developing VENTURA's ambitious feature set I have seen to date, it will be a leader. Keep in mind that since its purchase, Corel re-wrote this software from the ground up, so it should be considered an entirely new program ... one only vaguely reminiscent of the familiar Ventura Publisher.

Q: Who is VENTURA 7 designed for, publishing novices or professionals?

A: Both. Corel provides a user interface and default settings which make things easy for the casual user. But the power features included will also make it the logical choice for professionals.

Q: What are some of the new features that impress you?

A: 1) The ability to "script" features makes it very powerful for the heavy user. Writing macros of your custom, repetitive tasks saves time and decreases error.

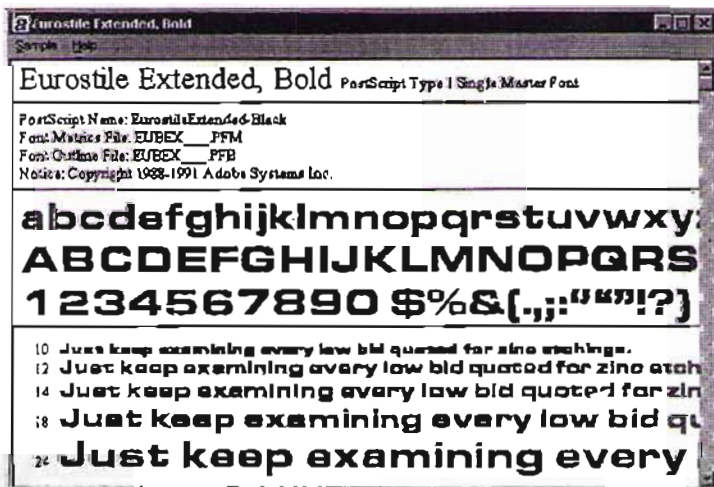
As this is a "quick" review, I'll briefly mention a few ATM features I find helpful in my day-to-day usage of ATM 4.0. Included in the package are Adobe's *Type on Call* package of Adobe type fonts — all 2,100 of them, and at a price. It's very tempting and easy to employ since users can order additional fonts on the www.adobe.com Internet page. Each of the fonts is encrypted and a call to Adobe results in a credit card charge and "release" of the font to the user. Adobe also included the latest PostScript printer drivers, Adobe Acrobat drivers, a bunch of strange display fonts and samples of other Adobe programs on the CD-ROM.

Within ATM itself is capability to employ "font smoothing" for on-screen usage which does seem to assist a great deal in working with *Ventura* and *Microsoft Word for Windows*. After using this feature for awhile, turning it "off" produced a horrible-appearing display that defied imagination.

Utilization of ATM 4.0 becomes almost automatic after brief usage. Since almost any new Windows 95 program "insists" on downloading even more *TrueType* fonts during installation, ATM 4.0 has proven to be a real lifesaver since installation.

I got ATM 4.0 mail-order — for \$49.95 instead of Adobe's suggested retail price of \$99.95. Even at the Adobe MSRP, ATM 4.0 would have been a bargain.

Reagan Andrews



COREL VENTURA 7 - CONVERSATION... Ctd.

2) The ability to publish your document to HTML means you can take it directly to the Web. And that's a task quickly becoming expected of desktop publishers. A neat trick using Windows Explorer is to click the right mouse button. That will copy your document with links. Just bring up the Explorer menu and choose "copy with links" first.

3) The new Table features are vastly improved, offering wonderful flexibility. You can even place an entire paragraph or graphics in Table "cells". Build your custom table easily with VENTURA's Table wizard, then just dump it to your web page in HTML. The same table would take forever in anything else.

4) The "rotate headings" feature is there too.

5) CorelDRAW 3 functions are built in so you have ready access to drawing, artistic text and fountain fills without the necessity of importing everything.

6) VENTURA 7 does use the single file format, that being .vp, which is both a blessing and a curse. When all components (text and graphics) are included in the single file, the files can get huge. Then you might want to choose the option to leave graphics external. Text files default to internal, but you can get them out.

7) Multiple "master pages" can now apply to a single document, easing earlier layout restrictions. A master page provides the layout blueprint, containing information such as a page size, orientation, column sizes, margins, headers, footers, frames containing graphics or text, etc.

8) You can export individual pages, as an .eps file, for example.

9) VENTURA 7 is quick. You can set up a 4-page document in short order. First choose a template. Then go to Windows Explorer and drag and drop your text and graphics files into it. You already have something workable. Then make further changes with "over ride mode".

Q: Is VENTURA 7 designed for long or for short documents?

A: Both. Unlike previous versions, VENTURA 7 is appropriate for page layout of the short, unstructured project ... four pages, for example. But its traditional power for long documents of hundreds of pages is still there. Supposedly the number of pages is limitless. Your system's memory will be the limiting factor.

Q: Does it still have powerful indexing capabilities?

A: Yes it is just as strong, but indexing and cross referencing could still be improved. What is new is that it's "live".

That means when you make changes requiring a new document page flow, it happens immediately so you can see the results right away.

Q: What are the short comings?

A: Like the first release of any Corel program (with the notable exception of DRAW 7) VENTURA 7 has bugs that need to be fixed in a maintenance release. There are some road blocks for users, some system specific problems. Some users have problems with files not printing, loading, or being visible at all; but I expect a maintenance release coming out soon to fix these.

Having a correctly optimized system is important.

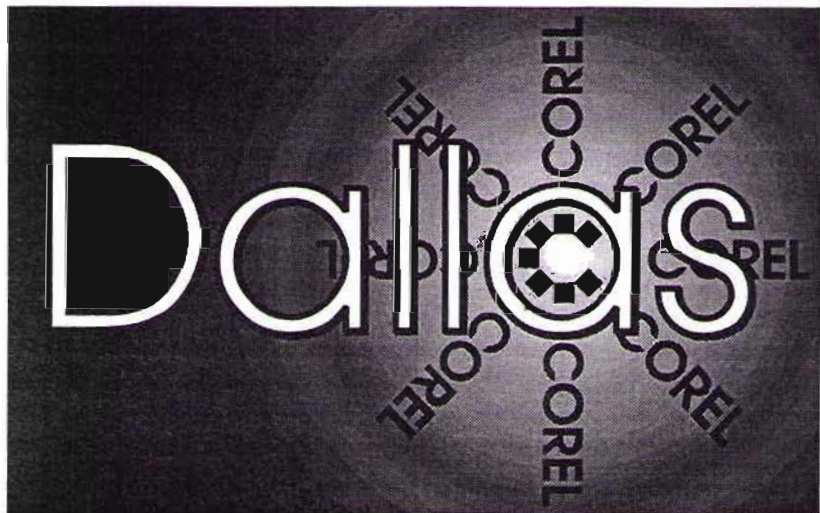
Q: How does it stack up against the competition?

A: If Corel continues to refine and develop the visionary feature set of version 7, it will be ahead. They need to eliminate some keys and optimize the code first. But I expect a fully functional, out-front release by version 8. PageMaker, QuarkXpress and Frame Maker users will struggle to keep up then.

We can get into the current comparisons at the SIG meeting and answer audience questions.

Q: Thanks, Jim. We look forward to your presentation in March.

Marsha Drebelbis



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DOM Disks Released In February

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

Disk 1082. Planet Watch 2.2, (11/96) – Solar Simulation Simulator

Disk 1083. Ted's Sci-Fi WAVs for Windows – WAV files for Windows

Disk 1084. ViruScan for DOS 2.5.3, (12/96) – Virus protection from McAfee

Disk 1085AB. ViruScan for Windows 2.5.3, (12/96)–Virus protection from McAfee

Disk 1086AB. ViruScan for Win95 2.5.3, (12/96) – Virus protection from McAfee

Disk 1082. Planet Watch 2.2, (11/96) – Solar Simulation Simulator, Planet Watch 2.2, Raben Software & Graphics, 3915 B Street, Greeley, CO 80634, Registration Fee: \$21, <http://www.raben.com/planet>

Explore the planets of our Solar System! PlanetWatch is a tour of our solar system for Microsoft Windows. Color photographs, animated maps, and up-to-date information from Voyager, Galileo, and other space probes are combined into an informative and entertaining atlas of our solar system.

PlanetWatch features include:

- * Colorful animated maps show the motions of the planets, the Moon, and also lunar phases.

- * Orbital and star maps can be set for any date between 1600 and 2400 A.D.

- * Color photographs of the Sun, Moon, Planets, and other objects in our solar system.

- * Up-to-date descriptions of each planet's composition, atmosphere, geology, and more using the latest data from Voyager, Galileo, Hubble, and other space probes!

Requirements: IBM compatible, 386 or better; Microsoft Windows 3.1, Windows 95, or better; VGA display (SVGA recommended); at least 4Mb of RAM is recommended and 3Mb hard disk space.

To install the program, "Run" the SETUP.EXE file on this program.

This software was downloaded from ZDNet Internet site by Mark Gruner.

This README prepared by Mark Gruner, edited by Gene Carleton.

Disk 1083. Ted's Sci-Fi WAVs for Windows – WAV files for Windows, From the Author, Ted Tatman 1021 Gettysburg Drive Charleston, SC 29412 e-mail: TedT13@aol.com

There are 13 WAVs on this [disk], all with a science fiction flavor. Some were voiced by a professional male announcer (John Quincy) and treated with special effects, while others are sound effects which were electronically created. Many can be associated with standard Windows events through the "Sounds" section of Control Panel (especially with Windows 95) or through a third-party sound event utility like

Wired For Sound Pro. Or better yet if you're running Win95, check out Greg Jones' excellent freeware utility Sound Event Editor.

This program makes it a snap to add sound events to the "Sounds" section of Windows 95's Control Panel. It lets you create sound hooks (Open, Close, Maximize, Minimize, Restore Up, and Restore Down) for nearly any executable 16-bit or 32-bit program file on your system. (If you can't find it online, e-mail GregJones@kandy.com.)

All WAVs are original creations, having been produced in a professional recording studio with a lot of help from an Eventide Harmonizer. Each is sampled in 16-bit mono at 22k using the excellent commercial WAV editor Sound Forge 3.0. Levels were normalized to give consistent playback volume, and each sound was expertly edited.

These sounds are freely distributed for personal, non-commercial use. Companies or software authors who wish to license these sounds for commercial use should contact the author for more information.

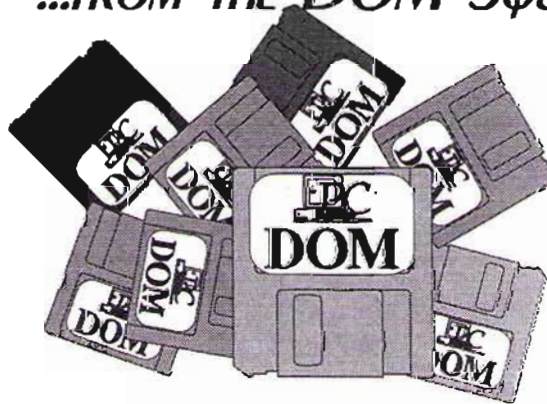
I hope you enjoy Ted's Sci-Fi WAVs for Windows!

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Disk 1084. ViruScan for DOS 2.5.3, (12/96) – Virus protection from McAfee, ViruScan 2.5.3 for DOS, McAfee Inc., 2710 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051-0963, (408) 988-3832

New Disks ...FROM THE DOM SQUAD



by JAN PARKHILL

Office, 970-9727 Fax, 988-4004 BBS, CompuServe: GO MCAFEE, Internet Support @mcafee.COM, America Online: MCAFEE, <http://www.mcafee.com>, Registration Fee: \$65

VirusScan can check all of your drives and sub-directories for viruses and virus-like activity for known and unknown viruses. It checks memory, executables, and data files and logs the information. The program can also remove the viruses and repair the infected files. This update includes detection execute-only macros, adds more polymorphic detectors, and adds an additional 124 virus definitions.

Scan checks floppy, hard, CD-ROM, and compressed (SuperStor, Stacker, Doublespace, etc.) disks on PC's 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.

Operates from the DOS command line while other files are not being used, making it the most thorough virus scanning program available. It's strongly suggested, however, that two or more virus programs be used to cross check for spurious error messages sometimes reported by one or more virus scan software programs. This program will detect and remove most all the viruses you will encounter and it's competently kept up to date by McAfee.

This software was downloaded from the ZD-Net Internet site by Mark Gruner. *This README prepared by Mark Gruner, edited by Gene Carleton. 9702*

Disk 1085AB. VirusScan for Windows 2.5.3, (12/96)-Virus protection from McAfee, VirusScan 2.5.3 for Windows, 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, <http://www.mcafee.com>, Registration Fee: \$65

VirusScan can check all of your drives and sub-directories for viruses and virus-



like activity for known and unknown viruses. It checks memory, executables, and data files and logs the information. The program can also remove the viruses and repair the infected files.

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.

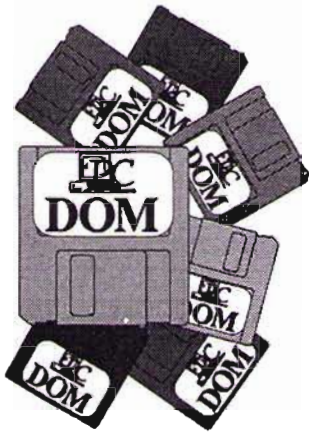
Installation:
Put this disk in your floppy drive. Assuming it's "A", type the following:
A: <ENTER>
(<ENTER> means hit the ENTER key.)

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:
WSCAN requires Windows 3.1

Top Twenty DOM Disks

Want to know what's hot? These are the 20 most popular NTPCUG DOM Library disks.

- 1064 .. PKZip for DOS, WIN, OS/2 + Utils
..... (PKZIP 2.04g and other Toys)
- 1066 .. MS Excel Interactive Tutorial
- 1065 .. Waste for Windows 1.5 (H/D cluster
..... diagnostic utility)
- 1054 .. Power Toys for WIN95 (Utilities)
- 1053 .. SUPER WinWARE, Vol 6 (Windows
..... Magazine Programs/Util's)
- 1070 .. HotDog 1.004 (HTML Editor with tables, etc.)
- 1073 .. JUNO (FREE E-mail SW and Provider Disk)
- 1077 .. PKZIP for Windows 2.50 (Compression utilities)
- 1079 .. SYSCHK 2.43 (System infor checker)
- 1074 .. MS Windows 95 Tutorial (Learn to use
..... Windows 95)
- 1063 .. VirusScan/VShield DOS, 2.2.12 (McAfee's
..... DOS-based Anti-Virus program)
- 1076 .. F-PROT 2.25 (Virus detection and protection)
- 1075 .. PROVIEW for Windows
- 1080 .. Screen Thief 95 1.02 (Windows 95 screen capture)
- 1068 .. SmartDraw 95
- 1055A&B Time & Chaos 5.1.3 for Windows 95 (PIM -
..... Personal Information Manager - for WIN95)
- 1062A&B VirusScan, WINDOWS 3.x-OS2 2.2.12
..... (McAfee's Anti-Virus for Windows 3.x
..... and OS/2 systems)
- 1071 .. Zip Code Explorer 1.2
- 1072 .. Duncce 2.4 (Dialup net connection enhancements)
- 1057 .. SLMR 2.1a (Silly Little Mail Reader - Off-Line
..... Mail Reader)



SPLICE A: C:\WSCAN
(NOTE: WSCAN directory must already exist!)

The *Splice* program will put the large file on this disk in WSCAN directory and then prompt you to put in the other disk (1085B). That program will be appended to the first program. Now you can install WScan on your system by typing WSCAN. WSCAN is a self-extracting file. After the extraction, type SETUP to finish the installation.

We have included the SLICE/SPLICE program and its documentation if you would like any more information about this program. Perhaps you may have a need for something like this in the future.

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Disk 1086AB. ViruScan for Win95 2.5.3, (12/96) – Virus protection from McAfee, ViruScan 2.5.3 for Windows 95, McAfee Inc., 2710 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051-0963, (408) 988-3832 Office, 970-9727 Fax, 988-4004 BBS, CompuServe:

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VirusScan can check all of your drives and sub-directories for viruses and virus-like activity for known and unknown viruses. It checks memory, executables, and data files and logs the information. The program can also remove the viruses and repair the infected files.

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:
WSCAN95 requires Windows 95

Installation:

Put this disk in your floppy drive. Assuming it's "A", type the following:

A:

 means hit the ENTER key
splice A: C:\WSCAN95
NOTE: WSCAN95 directory must already exist!

The Splice program will put the large file on this disk in WINSCAN95 directory and then prompt you to put in the other disk (1086B). That program will be appended to the first program. Now you can install WinScan95 on your system by typing WSCAN95. WSCAN95 is a self-extracting file.

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Calling all ShareWare & FreeWare! Volunteer... And Get Paid for a Job Well Done!

Each month, the NTPCUG DOM (Disk of the Month) has an on-going need to find new shareware disks for the following month. The best way for this to happen is when our members VOLUNTEER to download new shareware programs. You may have found a new shareware program on a local BBS or the Internet, copied one from a CD-ROM disk you own, purchased a new disk from another shareware vendor or you may have a favorite shareware utility that makes your computing simpler each day.

VOLUNTEER to share it with us!!

Your NTPCUG is an organization founded and run with volunteer effort and spirit. What better way to support our Users Group than to volunteer to donate some shareware disks from time to time? Send one a month...or five! We encourage you to donate something each month; it's amazing what one or two donations can add up to over a month's time!! It takes so little time and we can use your assistance.

There are two easy ways to VOLUNTEER and deliver your shareware to the DOM. First, you can deliver your donation on an old disk and drop it off at the DOM booth during our monthly meeting date. (The DOM booth is located in the far right corner of the basement area during the computer vendor show.) If you prefer the "High Tech" method, you can attach a zipped shareware file to a private E-Mail message (put it to my attention) on the TBBS board and I will take it from there. This is an easy and enjoyable way to VOLUNTEER each month and it only takes a few minutes.

README Help available

Furthermore, if you have a problem preparing a README file, don't despair...ask me for help and I'll pitch in to assist you! You don't have to be an author or technical writer!

Come on...pitch in...VOLUNTEER today! If you're new to our group and don't understand shareware, I especially look forward to speaking with YOU!!

**Jan Parkhill
DOM Squad Leader
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Selected SIG Reports . . .

News and meeting notes of Special Interest Groups

(Material for this column should be sent to NTPCUG BBS SIG Upload Area or to Connie Andrews, Special Interest Group Editor, before the 10th of the month)

Access SIG

In March, **Larry Linson** will demonstrate a homegrown approach to updating a master database with changes from members of a development team, in the *Access 2* and *Windows 3.1* environment and, time permitting and the demo machine being up to the task, also with *Access 97* running under *Windows 95*. It avoids that problem of forgetting to first delete an existing object in the master database, so the newly-imported ones will have a number added after their name on import and never be referenced. Under *Access 95*, this approach almost works but runs afoul of a bug that keeps modules from being imported. Optionally, we may skip the *Access 97* portion of the demo and look at some other useful techniques. **Neal Berkowitz** says, with a little luck, he'll have some more of those 60-day trial copies of *Office 97 Pro* for our drawing at the March meeting, and Larry will, for sure, have.

At the February meeting, we "merged" the meetings of Access and ActiveX Developers. **Dan Ogden** installed *Microsoft Office Pro 97* while Larry Linson discussed the new release of *Access, Version 8.0*, more commonly now called *Access 97*. Unfortunately, our demo machine is in need of some upgrades, so the demo did not begin until the second hour of our combined SIG meeting. We did have souvenirs for everyone (double bladed screwdrivers advertising *Windows for Workgroups*) and T-shirts from last year's *Microsoft User Group Tour* for nine lucky winners, courtesy of Microsoft User Group Support. Just as we finished that drawing, **Deborah Bean** arrived with a 60-day trial copy of *Office 97 Pro*, which Neal Berkowitz had obtained for us at *Microsoft's recent Office Tour*, for the final drawing of the day. Thanks, Deborah and Neal.

Not only did we have two "changes of plan" for the January meeting, but I re-

FROM THE SIG COORDINATOR

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

New SIG:

- **Microsoft FrontPage** [Contact Robert Masters @ (972) 462-7490 hw]
- **StreetSmart/e.Schwab** [Contact Jon Uytterlinde @ (972) 250-5274 w]

SIG Name Changes:

- **ActiveX Developers** – was – **Application Developers (OLE & ODBC)**

Groups Looking for Help in Leading their SIGs:

- **Introduction to the PC** [Contact Alex Lilley @ (972) 517-7430 h]
- **Visual Basic** [Contact Jim Carter @ (972) 235-5968 h]
- **Dallas Corel** [Contact Marsha Drebelbis (214) 951-0266]
- **Hardware Solutions** [Contact Charles Miller (903) 938-4220 h]

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.

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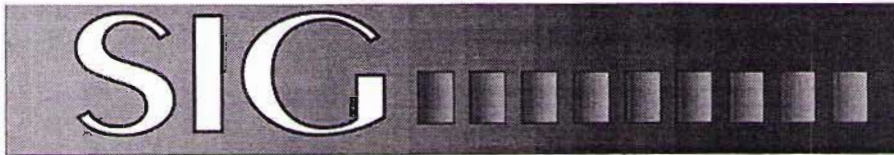
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ported it wrongly (that's the trouble with having a publication deadline before the meeting date). Special thanks to **Al Aston**, **Jack Atkinson**, and **Peggy Mitchell** for a productive session on the subject *Techniques of Access Error Handling*.

Our demo machine is a bit slow, and low on both disk and memory, for the new world of enhanced (some might say "slow and bloated") 32-bit software and operating systems. We are looking into upgrades that will make *Access 97* demonstrations under *Windows 95* less excruciating than the one at our February meeting. Trust me, *Office and Access 97* run *just-fine-thank-very-much* on a fast *Pentium* with 32MB of RAM!

Check out our local MS ACCESS message conference on the NTPCUG BBS (electronic bulletin board system) telephone numbers are inside the back cover of this issue. Our Internet newsgroup "comp.databases.ms-access" is temporarily disabled due to unknown problems between the ISP and our BBS.

We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting. Please note that the meeting time has changed from 1:00 to noon. Come join us!

Larry Linson

ASSEMBLER SIG

Since there was no volunteer to do a presentation for the February meeting, we had a question and answer session. There were a number of questions posed, the most interesting of which related to how much does *Windows95* and *WinNT* rely on *DOS*. Some material on this subject can be found in Schulman's "Unauthorized *Windows 95*". Another question related to how to convince a *TSR* that it is not running on a *LAN* drive. One suggestion was to

find the drive mapping table that *Windows* creates and 'adjust' it.

Our talk in March will discuss *Windows* 16 bit *DLLs*, and such areas as what functions are available and how to determine their arguments without having any documentation.

We hope to see you in March. Suggestions (and volunteers) for presentations are always welcome.

Frank Cavallito

C++/ADVANCED SIG

At the February meeting of the Advanced C++ SIG, **Randy Davis** introduced us to the *Java* programming language, illustrating the ways in which it is similar to C++, and some of the differences. (Thanks to **Tom Cook** for filling in for me while I was under the weather.)

At the March meeting, we'll have someone from *Powersoft* on hand to demonstrate *Optima++*, their new RAD environment for C++. The details are sketchy as the newsletter deadline approaches, but I do know they will also make an auditorium presentation at either 9:00 or 10:00. (Check the front of the newsletter or the overhead projectors for details.) Please join us!

Kent Cobb and Tom Cook

COMMUNICATIONS SIG

Are you concerned about privacy when you use *E-MAIL*? If you are, then please plan to attend the Communications SIG group meeting in March for a discussion of *Pretty Good Privacy* or *PGP*. **Alan Brosz** will discuss the in's and out's of this very elegant way to encrypt your messages. *PGP* can be implemented in your *PC* for secure communications over an insecure network.

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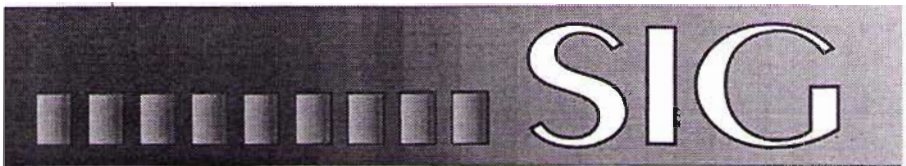
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PGP is nice and simple and can be used over the Internet for complete privacy. It is a freeware public key cryptography available only to US residents at the MIT Distribution site for PG. PGP operates by calculating the "trust" between users. Once the "trust" is established, each user signs each other's key for encrypting and decryption the message. Sounds complicated but it is actually very simple based upon the PGP software guiding you through the trust process. So if you need privacy and feel PGP is for you, come to the Communications SIG meeting in March for an informative session on PGP.

Birl Smith and Alan Brosz

Dallas COREL SIG

Prime Time For Ventura 7

As a prelude for the VENTURA Summit 97, scheduled April 13-16 in Dallas, we have invited **Jim Hart** to be guest speaker at our Dallas Corel SIG March 22. Jim is uniquely qualified on the topic of VENTURA, since he was on staff as technical support analyst for VSI (VENTURA Software, Inc.) when Xerox owned it. He has continued as beta tester and technical guru through Corel's purchase, development and "Corelization" of it. At Summit 97 Jim will present one of the sessions, will participate on two panels, and will manage the Help Center. He continues to provide his own clients with professional document management, layout and publication services using VENTURA.

We will load VENTURA 7 on our SIG computer, in readiness for an interactive screen-projected presentation March 22.

1997 Ventura Summit in Dallas

The 1997 Ventura Summit promises to be a valuable event for anyone who wants to learn about the exciting new

release of Corel Ventura, Version 7. Since 1989, thousands of Ventura users have joined host Rick Altman for this three-day user conference, dedicated to showing you all the secrets and shortcuts of this powerful publishing program.

The Summit takes place April 13-16 in Dallas, TX and Rick is extending the following offer to all members of North Texas PC User Group: Take \$25 off the registration fee of \$450. If two members register together, a third can attend for free. So three User Group members can attend for the price of two. For more information about the Summit, you can reach Rick at his toll-free Corel Hotline, 888-DRAW-NOW, or visit him on the Internet, www.altman.com.

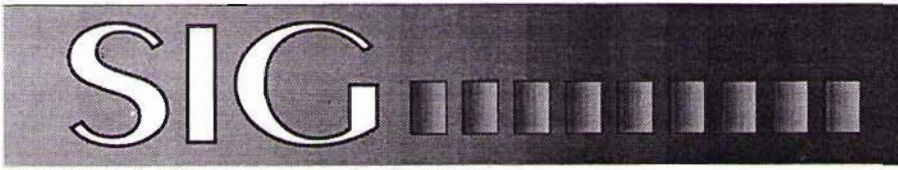
Attendees living in Dallas, call Marsha Drebelbis at 214-951-0266 if you would like to volunteer to assist at the conference and receive special benefits.

February Program In Review

Corel PHOTO-PAINT 7 was favorably reviewed and enthusiastically demonstrated February 8 on screen by Dallas Corel SIG member **Rose Anne Ellison** and her son, **Jay Bartlett**. It all started recently when Jay, a college student, found his mother's black and white baby picture (wasn't she cute!) and decided to restore it to use as a surprise component of her birthday card. Although relatively new to PHOTO-PAINT, Jay learned to skillfully scan



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the image using the easy new CorelSCAN and then repair cracks and scratches with the "clone" and "smooth" tools. He then showed, step by step, how to colorize the photo, giving it realistic tinted hues in areas defined by the various "mask" tools and colors with the "eye dropper". He reminded us to first convert the file image type to color, then proceed with the revisions. The results are impressive. Look out, Ted Turner!

Rose Anne is a technical writer and creates presentations professionally. Fortunately for us, she is also a CorelDRAW veteran, starting way back in the days of version 1.1. Rose Anne and Jay's effective presentation teamwork featured his manipulating example files from the computer and her explanations of what we saw projected on the large screen.

Rose Anne recommended that we re-read David Huss's helpful article "A Fresh Coat" from the October 1996 issue of *Corel Magazine*. She then shared the following PHOTO-PAINT 7 features.

1) Right away she called our attention to how much quicker PAINT 7 loads and saves files.

2) The convenient Tools Property Bar will become everyone's favorite, because it automatically gives you information for your selected tool or mode that previously required accessing many individual tool menus and roll-ups. Faster is definitely better when one is editing images.

3) Now you can preview your image transformations before finalizing its application to the entire image.

4) Just click that little white square at the lower right of your image frame and voila! ... a little thumbnail of the entire image with a "detail-selecting rectangle" appears.

5) A welcome new filter is PhotoLab, which makes true photographic color correction possible. It provides a true color-negative reversal, so those of us with transparency adapters on our scanners can scan color negatives and convert them to color photographs. Create accurate sepia tones, make subtle color corrections and dramatic colorizations with it too. Cool!

6) Roseanne's favorite new paint applicator is the Image Sprayer. Jay proceeded to gesture with this tool and out came an array of leaves. He made a pattern selection change and out came gorgeous butterflies. What fun we will have customizing with our own patterns too.

7) The manual enclosed in the box is much more helpful than previous versions.

In summary, PAINT 7 now has added the desirable productivity features of competing applications to its arsenal, including the speed of the high end

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ones, all in a reasonably priced package. Users of other image editing software will soon be asking their manufacturers for PHOTO-PAINT 7 features in their package ... or they will switch to Corel to get them. After struggling through buggy first releases of previous Corel versions, the apparent stability of this first release of 7 should erase your upgrade doubts. There is no reason to wait.

Important Corel Web Addresses

- ❖ Product Info:
www.corel.com/products
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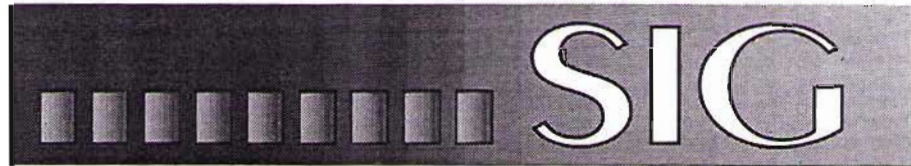
CorelXARA 1.5 Update

The CorelXARA upgrade to 1.5 is FREE to registered users of 1.1 and 1.2. Call Corel at 1-800-772-6735 to get your CD.

Updates in CorelXARA 1.5 include:

- ❖ support for full-colour separations
- ❖ spot colours and Pantone support
- ❖ OLE 2 support
- ❖ three new complex fill types (diamond, three point and four point)
- ❖ three new graduated transparency types
- ❖ Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.0 QuickViewer support for CorelXARA and Corel CMX files
- ❖ CMX 5 and 6 import and export for greater inter-operability with other Corel products

New Internet highlights include:



- ❖ Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer palettes and browser plug-in support
- ❖ animated GIF creation and support for transparent GIF files
- ❖ diffused dithered bitmap output for higher quality GIF creation
- ❖ embedded JPEG image support that retains compression information

Marsha Drebelbis

Delphi SIG

Since this is one of those rare occasions where I'm actually able to do this SIG Note following the monthly meeting I can state with conviction that, **Frank Cavallito's** WinSock Delphi programming presentation was very interesting and informative. Even if I did give all the wrong reasons Frank got involved with Winsock, in last month's SIG notes.

Oh well, I see in this month's "Delphi Informant", one of the new Client Server database platforms that is to be supported by Delphi 3.0 is DB/2. So maybe we will be lucky enough to have Frank do a future presentation on DB/2 connectivity. With only one machine, Client Server demos are a bit of a stretch. I guess we could always use the old Wang salesman's, "If you can imagine" line, and muddle on through.

Since I was practically trampled to death, NOT!, when I requested a volunteer for this month's presentation, I will most likely bring in a little application I have been working on. It naturally has to do with weighing chickens, so I guess I'll have to wear my new "Eggs Plus" gimmie hat.

I'll use the project to demonstrate a few little unique coding tricks, and provide an example of the tricks and traps related to the sometimes unexpected interplay of TTables, TQueries and other database components within a multiform project.

We are also going to attempt to keep future formal presentations short enough to allow for a question and answer session prior to ending the meeting. With just an hour, it is difficult to cover all the issues possible with such a robust and malleable platform.

I hope to learn more about the coming release of Delphi 3.0 before this month's meeting. I have heard release is scheduled for the second quarter. There are some significant changes coming as I understand it, and surprise, surprise, not all of them are related to the Internet!

Remember the "new and improved" meeting time is now 10:00 AM. So come early and stay late. I'm seeing serious signs that Delphi is beginning to filter into the corporate world in spite of all those Microsoft products. So it appears Delphi has lived past the initial excitement wave, and is entering the realm of serious development platforms.

Fred Williams

DOS SIG

Gosh! Did we have fun with "Plug-'n-Pray" this month. Learned a few good lessons along the way as well. Makes a timely and interesting lead into the DOS SIG notes for the March SIG Meeting.

Every time I think I'm through with MS DOS 6.2x, something comes down the road that forces me to reconsider just how much progress we've made since DOS 3.3. I know Windows 95 lets me do a lot of things that were unimaginable in the "dark days" of DOS alone — until I loaded Xerox's *Ventura Publisher 2.0* running under DRI's GEM. VP was fast enough on an original IBM PC to actually do page layout on a monochrome monitor with a very good WYSIWIG presentation.

SIG

It was fun — until it crashed.

Win 95 is a lot more powerful and much more stable than the mid 1980's system I'm describing. Now, I fume and use language more appropriate for a dockside saloon than an office when I stumble into a Win 95 crash.

Lesson #1: Always do a "clean" installation of Win 95. That means from a freshly-FDISK'd and FORMATTED volume rather than trying to install over the "old" version that was crashing.

That's where DOS comes in. Always keep an emergency set of DOS disks at hand — always. You need a bootable diskette, all the DOS files necessary to partition and format the hard disk, and all the driver files, including a late version of MSCDEX.EXE, so you can access your CD-ROM drive if it will be needed to re-install Wind 95.

Lesson #2: Never try to substitute "old" components where "new" components are needed.

I know this sound frivolous and excessive, but most parts have become so inexpensive that digging out old components from a junk drawer is unreasonable now. That's particularly true of disk drive cables, floppy disk drives, etc. I carry this to extremes given how much my (declining) time is worth to me.

Lesson #3: Users have to judge how much their time is worth and operate from that basis. If something is a "fun" challenge, I may spend the time "sleuthing" it to completion as a learning experience.

I enjoy debugging some DOS and hardware problems much as I enjoy some puzzles and games. When it becomes work or drudgery, it's time to call for help. Or, come to the next NTPCUG Meeting and find another user who has faced — and mastered the problem

themselves. That's what the SIG meetings are for.

Reagan Andrews

INTERNET SIG - BEGINNING

The focus of the upcoming March SIG meeting will be the world's most popular World Wide Web browser, *Netscape*. Our presenter will be **Mark Camp**, illustrious co-leader of the Web Developer's SIG (which meets waaaaay to early, at 8 AM !!).

Netscape is an "all in one" type of browser, making it very user-friendly to get onto the Internet. You can "Surf the Web", read through Newsgroups, download files and programs, send and receive electronic mail (e-mail), and more. Mark has a firm knowledge of Netscape's features and capabilities, and is prepared to point out how to best utilize all of them.

If you were present in December, you remember that **Erik Leaseburg** discussed the many features of Microsoft's *Internet Explorer* web browser. You will find both browsers similar, yet with several differences. Mark can point out which is "better".

Also in March, we will repeat our "Introduction to the Internet" course. This course is designed for the rank beginner, who just heard the word "Internet" yesterday. Expect the course to begin at Noon or 1:00 PM and last at least three hours, maybe longer. The course will include an introduction to and history of the Internet, how to choose an Internet service provider (ISP) to connect to the Internet, familiarization with common Internet applications to view the World Wide Web, send e-mail, download files, read Newsgroups, and how to create your own Web page to put on the Internet. This course will give new folks the chance to ask those basic questions about the Internet that they may have felt uncomfortable ask-

ing in the general meetings. We hope to see you there.

The primary purpose of the Beginning Internet SIG is to explain the Internet to those unfamiliar with it. This includes such things as how to choose and connect to an Internet Service Provider (ISP), what software options are available, what hardware is needed, and how to decipher all those confusing acronyms and buzzwords. Although we have several "prepared" sessions and speakers, look for general Q&A sessions (Question and Answer) periodically, too.

See you March 22nd!!

*Erik Leaseburg, Doug Gorrie,
Tom O'Keefe & Kiff Barnes*

INTERNET SIG - ADVANCED

At our March meeting, **Mr. Charles Ragan** is our featured speaker. Charles will be speaking about the Internet's backbone connectivity and the concept of Network Access Points (NAP). The NAP is where the Network Service Providers interconnect and exchange Internet traffic.

This is a topic for both beginners and experts. If you have wondered what makes the Internet backbone really work, how it gets your mail and file transfers to points across the continent and around the world, this is where the answers are. This is the part of the Internet "cloud" that seems so nebulous and distant.

Come join us on March 22nd!!

*Tom O'Keefe, Pat Hykkonen,
Erik Leaseburg, and Doug Gorrie*

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 listed months. Classes can be taken in any order suitable to the indi-

vidual student's schedule. Printed notes are provided during classes.

March 22, 1997 No Classes

April 12, 1997

- ❖ 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

May 17, 1997

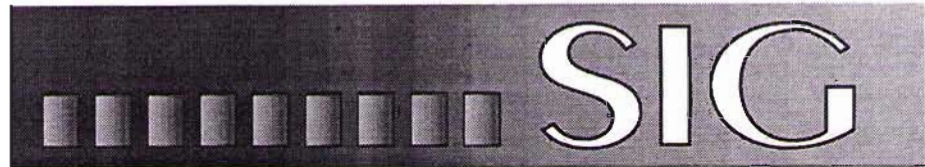
- ❖ 9:00 Class 5
Graphics for the PC
- ❖ 10:00 Class 6
Word Processors
- ❖ Noon Class 7
Spreadsheet Programs
- ❖ 1:00 Class 8
Other Software for the PC

June 14, 1997*

- ❖ 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)

July 12, 1997*

- ❖ 9:00 Class 13
Overview of Microsoft Windows
- ❖ 10:00 Class 14
Overview of Multimedia Software & 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

PARADOX SIG

The new location and time seems like it is going to work out. We actually had one of the best-attended meetings in quite some time. We are now meeting at 11:00 AM, and we were on the seventh floor for the February meeting. Please continue to check the overhead projectors in the "vendor area" for the latest meeting information on meeting day.

Tom Browning did an excellent job discussing the tricks and traps related to use of various Paradox table properties at the February SIG meeting. This was in spite of having to rely on copious amounts of transparencies. It sure reminded us presenters just how handy a real computer system is when doing presentations.

At the last hour, so to speak, I attempted to network the notebook with my main system using Microsoft's "Direct Cable Connect" feature. This time the effort ended in total failure, as I never got past the log in prompt. This was with all that "plug and play, drag and drop, user-friendly" hype still ringing in my ears! Oh well maybe with the next release

With the networking failure, I was unable to install a copy of PdoxWin on the notebook. This was the reason Tom had to drop back and punt. Sorry Tom. The good news is I am scheduled to receive a 10/100MB PCIMICA (or whatever) card for the notebook "real soon now." So maybe at the March meeting we can lose the transparencies.

We also noticed a scattering of new "Corel Office Suite" owners in the crowd

this last meeting. Based on this, and the fact so much development is shifting to Delphi and away from Paradox, Tom and I have decided to reduce the concentration on developer issues and attempt to cover more user-related topics in future meetings.

So if you have recently purchased "Corel Office Suite" or are an old-time Paradox user, drop on by this month's SIG meeting and share your Paradox experiences. I still never fail to learn something new at every meeting, after all these years.

Fred Williams

PRO SIG

I don't think it can get much worse. We had a room to meet but not only did the Evil Vice President of DFW Exchange Corp. steal the tables and chairs, he also turned off the heat and the light in the room. Keeping programmers in the dark, what a concept! Join us in March to discuss the latest version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer, version 4.3.2.1A. (The beta is already out on version 4.3.2.2C!)

Jim Hoisington

QUICKEN SIG


For March, Intuit has supplied our SIG with a VCR film on the advantages/enhancement of *Quicken 6*--the company's most current release.

Following this presentation, there will be opportunity for questions and comments on this product as well as other Quicken programs.

With routine attendance of 25-35, our SIG welcomes the neophyte along with the more experienced devotee. If you have an interest in upgrading your Quicken program, our March session should offer you a few pointers.

Phillip Faulkner

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SPREADSHEET SIG

In March, the topic will be creating basic macros in both Excel and 1-2-3 for Windows. The example will be a print macro that prints multiple pages. The initial macro will be created using the macro recording feature of the program. This initial macro may need a little editing but will print all pages.

Once the basic macro is created, then we will add a button on the spreadsheet to run the macro - again the macro will print all pages. And finally, we will add a dialog box so that the user can select the pages they want to print. If you have ever wanted to get started on creating macros, come on by in March. With luck, I will have some handouts for both Excel and 1-2-3 for Windows on using the macro re-

order, creating a button to run the macro, and creating/using a dialog box

Mark Gruner

STREETSMART/E.Schwab SIG

This is a new SIG that will start at the March 22 meeting. StreetSmart® and e.Schwab® are proprietary software offered by Charles Schwab for its customers to access their accounts to place trades, check quotes, manage their portfolios and do research on the market or specific companies. Both programs run on Windows and Macintosh platforms. Some of the topics that will be covered in the SIG are: setting up an account, portfolio management, accessing Reuters Money Network, using the online mutual fund performance guide, trading, tracking and managing non-Schwab accounts. In order to use the software effectively an account with Charles Schwab is needed. Everyone is invited to this SIG to learn more about these great investing tools. For more information call Jon Uyerlinde at (972) 250-5274 (w) or Keith Powell at (713) 960-0394 (w) or visit our Web site at www.Schwab.com. Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., member SIPC/NYSE.

Jon Uyerlinde & Keith Powell

VISUAL BASIC SIG

- BEGINNING

The March meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 1997 will address the process of creating and customizing a form in Visual Basic. The form in Visual Basic is the window that serves as the container for the user interface in a Windows program. We will discuss and demonstrate the creation of a Visual Basic form, setting its properties, and creating some code for inclusion in the form's event procedures. For those wanting to get a head start, I will be using examples from Chapter 3 of *The Visual Basic 4 for Windows 95 Handbook* by Gary Cornell.

Another reminder to all attendees that membership in the North Texas PC Users Group is required for winning any of the door prizes during our meetings. Make sure your dues haven't expired! We don't have any in hand yet, but I ex-

ATTENTION ALL SIG LEADERS!

We want your SIG notes. It's important that NTPCUG members know what your SIG has done and will be doing at your meetings and presentations. But, you must get them to the *PC News* before they can be printed in the newsletter. The best way is via the NTPCUG BBS.

It's easy and quick. After you have written your SIG note, sign it at the bottom and give it a file name that will help the editors know what it is. A good naming convention would be four letters identifying your SIG, date of publication and followed by *.SIG* suffix.

Once you log on to the NTPCUG BBS, here's the procedure:

- ❖ From the BBS Main Menu, select "F" — (F)ile Up/Download. That will take you to the NTPCUG Up/Download Menu.
- ❖ Select "P" — S(I)G Happenings upload for newsletter, located in the Upload area in the bottom half of the screen.
- ❖ Then, select "S" to submit. You'll be asked for the 12 character filename which is DOS's familiar "8.3" naming convention, then you'll be asked to write a brief description of the file you are going to upload to the SIG area.
- ❖ Next the screen will show the name of the file you are uploading and the default file-transfer protocol. If you haven't selected a "default" protocol in the user menu, it will be X-Modem.
- ❖ At this point, you should give your communication software's upload command and select the file transmission protocol to match the one the BBS thinks you will use. The BBS will tell you when the transfer is completed.
- ❖ Most problems users experience are either a failure to match protocols, i.e., using Z-Modem to upload when the BBS expects X-Modem, or not having the file to be uploaded in the appropriate upload directory. Another source of difficulty (for mixed-use shops) is inadvertently sending a Macintosh file to a PC BBS or vice versa.

If you want to make doubly sure that your note gets to the *PC News* — after you've sent it to the SIG Upload Area — you can also include it as a (F)ile attached to a BBS E-mail message to me, Reagan Andrews. You might *also* post this on your SIG's BBS Conference area in addition to the above.

Reagan Andrews

NT4.0 to Rise Again! Fred Gets Help from Doug Gorrie — and 'Batman & Robin'

Doug Gorrie and I are attempting to breathe some life back into the long-derailed NT project. Doug has diligently been attempting to establish some common ground, and time, where some very busy individuals can come together for a short period of time. This meeting is to lay the ground work for the system design. So far, Doug is caught in the seemingly endless e-mail loop. I well know, Doug is an eternal optimist, so he soldiers on.



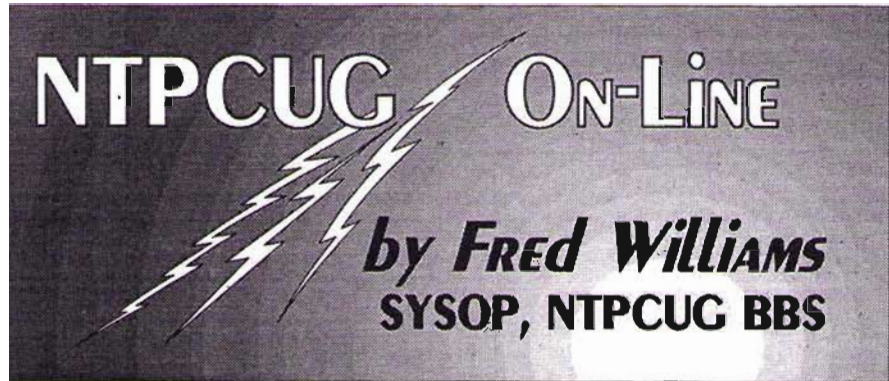
pect Microsoft will be generous when Visual Basic 5.0 is announced later this month. I understand that Visual Basic 5.0 will be announced in conjunction with Developer Days scheduled for March 19, 1997. This event will be held in approximately 24 locations throughout the U. S. and Dallas is one of the sites. Call (800) 206-3000 to register or visit the Web site at <http://www.microsoft.com/devdays/> to receive more details.

Last month we conducted our "For Beginner's Only" session and we attracted nearly 40 attendees. More folks are getting interested in Visual Basic as a Windows programming language. This session will be repeated at the August 1997 meeting.

Do you want to make a presentation to our Beginning Visual Basic SIG? If you are interested, please see me at the meetings or give me a call in the evening at (972) 235-5968. Remember, your audience will be beginners in Visual Basic.

Bring your questions on Beginning Visual Basic to this month's meeting beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 22, 1997. Check the Infomart lobby screens for the correct room assignment.

Jim Carter



I am doing some conversion of existing membership qualification "C" code for the NT implementation. There are a lot of details that must be addressed no matter what the final system design will be, so I am attempting to concentrate on those tasks.

Andy Oliver and Alex Lilly, "Batman and Robin?", of The Staubach Company fame, have acquired an Equinox, "Smart", 8 port, multi-port card for the new NT Server. My thanks to their efforts. By the way, if you guys don't like the "Dynamic Duo" metaphor, just feel lucky there are not three of you. NUK, NUK, NUK!

Doug is getting firsthand experience with ISDN, since his home is now the termination point for a brand new ISDN line. His insight will prove invaluable when the time comes to establish the coming full-time link to an Internet service provider.

I'm waiting to make the right contact point at Microsoft for a new NT 4.0



Server version, as the Beta copy quit late last year. Meanwhile, I am using my workstation copy for testing and development.

The "really busy" time has at least slacked off to just "pretty busy" of late, as I have managed to finish a couple of projects and have only started one new one. Consulting is kind'a like modeling. One can never be too busy, like a model can never be too thin. The former situation I strive for, and the latter, I never expect to see.

I guess the good news is, we are stroking the very cold coals of the NT project and there are signs of smoke in the wind.

'Old' BBS Falling to Cannibals

The old BBS system is still operating on just two lines, and I think I'll save the resources that would be required to restore the third line, and apply them toward the new NT box. I find it somewhat interesting that I continue to get questions and complaints about no answer on 8752 even though I have made numerous references and notifications on the BBS to the fact that line 8752 is currently out of service.

I stand by the old Navy axiom that, no matter what efforts are made, ten percent of the crew will never get the word! So, forgive me if I fail to acknowledge your helpful or whining references to line '52. I intend to cannibalize that one for the NT box, "real soon now", anyhow.

Fred Williams

INSIDE THE NORTH TEXAS PC USERS GROUP COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



by Claude McClure

The NTPCUG Meeting is a Whopper

The monthly meeting of the NTPCUG is a success due in a large part to the extra hours spent on its preparation by many volunteers. The volunteer leaders meet after each meeting to cook up ways to improve the quality of our user group. Changes are made where needed to give each member as much value as possible for their time spent at the Saturday sessions.

The meeting is a multimedia event. The day's activity does not just fill each hour with multiple choices for learning. There are opportunities to buy books, tapes, computer disks and other work and learning aids from the approximately one hundred ven-

dors who meet with us. This way we can have our training here or take it with us like fast brain food. We can make our experience last longer than the one day we meet.

Thanks to the SIG leaders who are in the kitchen this week preparing a menu of choices for us to select. Thanks to the club officers for making this available for about the cost of a Big Mac. Thanks to the rest of us for the good company, and pleasant volunteering, which always aids the digestion. Thanks to the Disk of the Month volunteers who may have a disk called Grannies Cookbook, which should move well this month.

Thanks to the many volunteer members and club officers who do so much for our monthly meeting. Some of them are mentioned on this page.

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Auditorium Presentations

Timothy Carmichael
Dawn Mjohus
Bill St. John
Josh St. John
Janette St. John

Newsletter Labels

Charlie Fernandez

Information/Registration

Booth

Statistician:
Connie Andrews
Ralph Beaver (Assistant)

Scheduler:

Bob Wuller
Anchor:
Ralph Beaver
Deborah Bean (Double)

Albert Champon
Eteta Eta
Hank Holt
John Ivers
Cinda Lovil
David Martin
Bob McNeil (Double)
Foy I. Mills
Carl Oehmann
Raymond Reyes
Ken Sauter
Fred Toulmin
Paul Williams

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Roger Bopp
Jim Boyce
Glynn Brooks
Vernon Cates
Lorin Cranford
Randy Durham
Neil Jochelson
Claude McClure
Ken Sauter
Fred Toulmin
Matthew Williams
Bob Wuller

Disk of the Month (DOM)

DOM Shift Supervisors:
Joe Allen
Roy Bales
Don Chick
James Donlon
M. Pat Henley
Arnold Krusemark

DOM Desk Crew:

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Michael Ashley
Douglas Athas
Bernie Baars
Richard Blair
Jim Boyce
Philip Bridge
Linda Campbell
Gene Carleton
Norm Dang
William Farris
Brad Ficke
Martin R. Gluck
Edwin Griffin
Jimmy Hurst
Tom Jackson
Tom Jones
Mac McKeethen
Mark Miller
Nancy Ogden
John Primm
George Read
Jim Russell-Redman

Oscar Tyler
Lee Williams

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Kent Haven
M. Pat Henley
David Huckabee
Jan Parkhill
Jerry Stone
Inventory and Take-down Crew:
Richard Blair
Mark Christopher
Brad Ficke
Martin R. Gluck
Arnold Krusemark
DOM Desk Scheduler:
Philip Bridge
Disk Production:
Gene Carleton
Howard Hamilton



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

1. Via BBS: (972)387-2751, (972)387-2752 or (972)263-9036 (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 (972) 661-4626 (w)

DOM Booth Scheduler
Phil Bridge (972) 422-5400

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

Information Booth and General Information
Claude McClure (972) 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.

Please try to resolve your problem by reading the manual and any on-line help BEFORE calling.

SUBJECT	HELPER	PHONE	DAYS/HOURS	SUBJECT	HELPER	PHONE	DAYS/HOURS
Access				Internet - General			
	Ram Bhandari	(972)243-4056 h	M-F 1300-1700		Erik Leaseburg	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200
Assembly Language					David Martin	(972)930-0283	M-F 1900-2200
	Frank Cavallito	(972)423-9221	7 1800-2200	Internet - Telnet, FTP, NetScape, Web Explorer (OS/2)			
	Glynn Brooks	(972)578-8737	M-F 1700-2200		Bob Wilson	(972)517-1434	M-F 1900-2200
BASIC						S-S 1000-2200
	Mike Firth	(214)827-7734	7 0800-2200	LANs - Novell			
Beginner Problems					Joseph Beasley	(872)225-8752	7 0800-2400
	Jan Parkhill	(214)828-2216	M-Sa 0900-1700	- Lantastic			
	Shirley Hudgens	(903)432-9780	7 0900-2000		Joseph Beasley	(214)410-3818	7 0900-2200
Brother's Keeper				Managing Your Money			
	Neil Sunderland	(972)272-2869	7 0900-2200		Glynn Brooks	(972)578-8737	M-F 1700-2200
C++ (the language)				Modems			
	Bob Adams	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900		Erik Leaseburg	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200
	Howard Harkness	(817)267-6227	7 1000-2100	MathCAD			
	Doug Cochran	(972)578-9258	T&T 1800-2030		Bob Adams	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900
CorelDraw				Norton Utilities			
	Linda Hume	(817)472-7555	M-F 1900-2200		John Dyer	(972)790-3311	M-Sa 0800-2200
		S-S 1300-2200	OS/2			
Batch Files					Larry Truesdale	(972)442-7074	7 1000-2200
	Charles Miller	(903)938-4220(*)	7 1900-2400	PC Tools/Win			
Borland C++					Glynn Brooks	(972)578-8737	M-F 1700-2200
	Bob Adams	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900	Paradox			
	Howard Harkness	(817)267-6227	7 1000-2100		Fred Williams	(972)492-1315	7 1300-2100
CompuServe				PKzip/PKUNzip			
	Bob Adams	(214)328-1455	M-Sa 0900-1900		Erik Leaseburg	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200
dBASE III, III+, IV & Windows				ProComm/ProComm+			
	Ted Gillam	(972)964-7923	7 0800-1700		Bill Green	(817) 731-1308	
DOS					Joseph Beasley	(972)225-8752	7 0800-2400
	Bob Russell	(972)422-4269	7 1900-2200		Joseph Beasley	(214)410-3818	7 0900-2200
	Erik Leaseburg	(817)265-7550(m)	7 2000-2200	Publisher (Microsoft)			
DR DOS					Bob Russell	(972)422-4269	7 1900-2200
	Ralph Beaver	(817)336-0570	M-F 0800-1700		Pat Cote	(214)522-1717 x266	M-F 0800-1700
	(817)624-9530	SS 0900-2100		(972)424-1738	7 1000-2200
Hardware Help							
	Charles Miller	(903)938-4220(*)	7 1900-2400				

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SUBJECT	HELPER	PHONE	DAYS/HOURS
Quicken			
	Jim Hall.....	(214)348-7848	7 1000-2100
Quickbooks			
	Jim Thompson.....	(214)953-0051	M-F 0800-1800
SPFPC			
	Doug Gorrie.....	(214) 464-4568	M-F 0800-1700
		(972) 618-8002	S-S 1000-1900
TurboVision			
	Don Cochran.....	(972)578-9258	T&T 1800-2030
UNIX			
	Doug Scott.....	(817)261-4653	7 1830-2200
Virus & Anti-Virus			
	Charles Miller.....	(903)938-4220(*)	7 1900-2400
Visual Basic -			
	Jim Carter.....	(972)235-5968	7 1700-2130
	L.J. Johnson.....	(972)495-9067	7 1700-2130
	Gene Hamelman.....	(972)495-6342	7 1700-2130
Windows for Workgroups			
	Joseph Beasley.....	(972)225-8752	7 0800-2400

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	Joseph Beasley.....	(214)410-3818	7 0900-2200
	Bob Russell.....	(972)422-4269	7 1900-2200
Word for Windows			
	Bob Russell.....	(972)422-4269	7 1900-2200
Works, Microsoft			
	Mike Firth.....	(214)827-7734	7 0800-2200
XENIX			
	Doug Scott.....	(817)261-4653	7 1830-2200
XTREE			
	John Dyer.....	(972)790-3311	M-Sa 0800-2200

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 (972)618-8002. Doug will send you a form on which you can list your qualifications and sign.

Areas Needing Helpers:

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

- Borland Turbo
- C
- CAD
- Datalflex
- Delphi
- Desktop
- Publishing
- Easy Text
- First Choice
- First Publisher
- Fox Pro
- Harvard
- Graphics
- LapLink
- Money Counts
- Microsoft C
- Microsoft C++
- Microsoft
- Visual C++
- Microsoft Word
- MKS products
- Pagemaker
- Q & A
- Roots
- Smart Notes
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- Stacker
- TurboTax
- Corel Ventura
- WordPerfect/
- Windows
- XTREE



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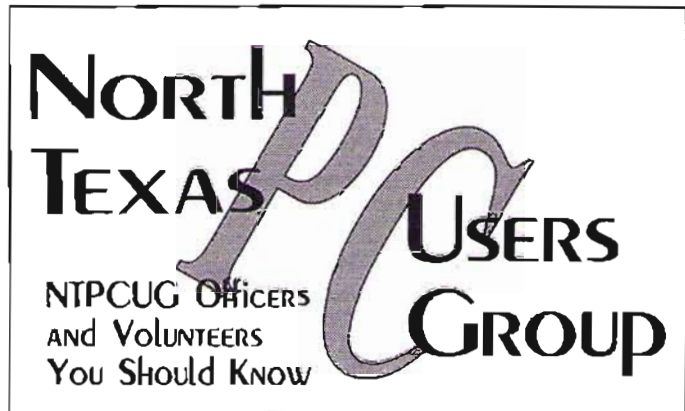
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