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General Meeting Report

Harv Haight

To start OCIPUG'S 71st General Meeting, President Steve Burnside led a lively Random Access from 8:30 to 9:06 a.m. He defined, clearly, the personal responsibility of a PC user and that of the Power Company, for noisy or low/high voltage 120-VAC lines. The hustle and bustle of a TV camera crew, brought in to record our major speaker, made his task hectic.

Bearded, spectacled, color-coordinated Gordon Eubanks opened his talk to a packed house by thanking OCIPUG for "a chance to communicate." With a clear and effective delivery, Mr. Eubanks (CEO of Symantec) chose three topics: utilities, evolution/revolution, and piracy.

Symantec has just acquired Peter Norton Computing and its staff. From his own fifteen-year background he regards computer utilities as an extension of DOS software, primarily to protect and make it more reliable. With a shift from main frames to PCs and networks, to house data for decisions, business "no longer looks at the bottle, but at the wine inside (paraphrased from Paul Mace)."

Unerase techniques first used by Peter Norton, are thwarted by DOS's subsequent writeover of erased data; other obstacles come from network operation and use of Microsoft's Windows. Mr. Eubanks suggests storage of erased files in a temporary pool, erased at shutdown and transparent to the user. Today's techniques can capture to file an image or mirror of FAT entries at startup. He foresees future utilities that recognize usage patterns, that look

ahead to predict intent, that sidestep obvious problems, and that assure high quality storage.

Too often today, copyright laws make it necessary for new software to avoid widely accepted practices, but users generally prefer incremental or evolved changes to avoid teaching new techniques or reentering data. Mr. Eubanks called to mind the Dvorak keyboard and its general unacceptance. The legal squabbles of today block useful attempts to standardize. Symantec does not regard piracy as a top-level concern; it hopes to teach users that good documentation and backup help are worth the price.

He answered questions: 1) Anti-Viral updates free. 2) Less piracy in Europe, Russian Q&A due next few months. 3) No spreadsheets for Q&A. 4) Artificial Intelligence now an overkill, present programs incorporate what's known. 5) "Borrow program, try, erase." - OK by him (but not by his lawyers). 6) Norton Disk Doctor has 32 MB and 1024 cylinder limits. 7) New ways to distribute? Nice, but people want manuals. 9) AntiVirus program balks at archived files or with Windows. 10) Overseas programming: Japanese skills sell at home and to Europe; Europe and Canada like advanced technology. 11) Secret DOS calls? Not deliberate but multilevel oversights by Microsoft.

Prior to the break, OCIPUG members cheered the donation of a 150 MB hard drive and driver board for our BBS, presented by Robert Robbins, Product Manager of Mass Storage, CMS Enhance-

ments of Irvine. At the break, Symantec made available, through Advanced Computer Products, outside the Science Hall, copies of the Norton Utilities for \$59. In describing library disks available at the break and after the meeting, John Lunsford highlighted Q&A Utilities and RS-232 collections.

After post-break SIG and other announcements, Peter Schenk (who came with Peter Norton Computing to Symantec) demonstrated features of the Norton AntiVirus Program. This recognizes the signatures of hundreds of viruses and by checksum techniques can note new varieties. Mr. Schenk noted that the program can inactivate recognized viruses, but that removal of the tainted file and its replacement by a new copy assures best results.

Last, prior to the raffle, Greg Pyros of Pyros Partnership introduced Brent Blackett from Autodesk 3D Studio. Mr. Blackett demonstrated a fantastic CAD package that incorporates extensive animation, and that works with a 80486 processor machine.

Our thanks to those who donated raffle prizes - winners are shown elsewhere. ■

President's Message

Steve Burnside

If you missed the January meeting you missed a good one. We were honored by the presence of Gordon Eubanks, CEO of Symantec. Gordon is one of the Movers and Shakers in the computer industry. His company is active in both the DOS world and the Mac-Intosh world. Symantec's merger with Peter Norton Computing has thrust the company to the forefront of the computer utility field. Gordon's talk was enlightening, entertaining and candid. Incidentally, our meeting was video taped by a professional crew. After editing, it will be made available across the nation to organizations such as ours. We apparently made quite an impression on Mr. Eubanks, because he spoke of returning to our club in June. He hinted that he might be making an announcement regarding a new product or product update. Could it be a Windows product?

This is the third time our club has been able to get one of the leaders of the computer industry to visit us. So far, we have had, in addition to Gordon Eubanks, Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft, and Peter Norton, whose company, Peter Norton Computing, recently merged with Symantec. The ability of OCIPUG to draw speakers of this caliber is an indication of the respect OCIPUG enjoys within the user group community, and of our standing in the computer industry. This reputation has been built by you, the members, due to your interest and participation in the club's activities. Our reputation has been further enhanced by the efforts of many volunteers who have worked very hard on your behalf.

Some of these people have worn many hats in our club. They devoted many hours of their time to activities on behalf of OCIPUG and continue to work diligently for you.

On the present Board of Directors, we have another group of people who, like their predecessors, are doing their best to help OCIPUG prosper. There are many others who have offered, and continue to offer, valuable service to the club. I could fill the pages of our newsletter with their names. In the coming months I hope to be able to tell you what this core group of people is accomplishing on your behalf.

One final thing I'd like to mention here is the Tim Smith Memorial Fund. I didn't know Tim Smith and never got to meet him. He passed away shortly after I joined the club. However, I have a sense of the kind person he must have been, as evidenced by the Scholarship Fund at Orange Coast College established in his name. At the last Board meeting the Directors approved a \$500 scholarship donation to a deserving OCC student. The \$500 is less than the \$1,500 we gave last year, the reason being is so that we can maintain the principal amount in the fund. We hope to get the principal to a level whereby the interest earned would generate enough money to make the fund self sustaining. We would like the Tim Smith Memorial Fund to go on forever. You will hear more about the activities of The Fund in the coming months. As you can see, this isn't just a computer club, for some it's like family. ■

ABC'S of the BBS

Bob Otke

One of the more mysterious and confusing topics in telecommunications involves protocols. What are they? What do we need to know about them? How do I use them? We'll try to hit some of the high spots in this article. If you really want to get into the technical details, there is a lot of reference material available.

A "protocol" is simply a method for transferring computer data from one machine to another. Think of it as a language for communication. If you and I both speak English, we can communicate without difficulty. If I speak Arabic and you speak Swedish, though, we are not going to be able to exchange our thoughts and ideas. In the case of telecommunications, both machines must be speaking the same language, that is, using the same protocol. On our BBS, for example, you have a choice of several protocols, and you may select whichever you prefer. You must, though, tell your own machine to use the same protocol. That is a selection that is made in your communications software program. For reasons completely beyond understanding, occasionally you will find that a particular BBS, in combination with your machine, simply cannot communicate. A change of protocol may solve the problem.

Where should you start? XMODEM is probably the most universal protocol in the PC world. Every communications program, and every BBS, supports it. Xmodem transfers data in blocks of 128 bytes. Each block received is checked (CRC) and compared with the block that was sent. If an error has occurred, the block is re-sent.

Your screen will show an error. Don't worry about it; the block is repeated until it checks satisfactorily. Most comm programs, such as ProComm, have some internal controls that will terminate the file transfer if the number of errors or garbled transmissions gets too high. As long as the file transfer is continuing, you may be reasonably sure that you are getting correct data.

YMODEM is a very similar protocol, and is often referred to as 1K Xmodem. Data blocks are 1024 bytes. If you have a clean transmission line, Ymodem can be a bit faster than Xmodem, as you only have one-eighth as many error checks. On the other hand, if you are on a noisy line, more data are transferred before the error is discovered, and larger blocks must be re-sent.

KERMIT is more of a system than a rigidly established protocol. It was developed principally for mainframe data transfer, but is supported by most BBSs and comm programs. Kermit is somewhat slower than most other protocols, partly due to its 94 byte maximum block size, and partly due to its thorough error checking (it uses both CRC and checksum). In full duplex, Kermit can send data and receive error checks simultaneously. When in a difficult transfer situation, Kermit may be the answer to problems, but will probably not be used to any great extent.

ZMODEM is a shareware protocol developed by Chuck Forsberg of Omen Technology. A \$20 registration fee is expected if you use the program extensively. Registration also opens the door to a few fringe benefits in program

functions that alone are worth the fee. New, improved versions of Zmodem come out every few months, but once registered, you may automatically upgrade through a system of registration numbers. ProComm supports Zmodem as an external protocol, that is, it must be installed separately. With the docs at hand, this is not a particularly intimidating job. The new version of ProComm, though, supports Zmodem as an internal protocol, so will be easier to install. Since I have not received the new ProComm as of this writing, I can't give you any firsthand comments about it. The comm program Qmodem supports Zmodem directly, and does so very elegantly. There are a lot of advantages to using Zmodem. When it comes to errors, it is a bit like that Energizer Battery rabbit; It just keeps going...and going...and going... Zmodem automatically adjusts block size, depending on clean transmission. With no interference, it will run at a block size of 1024 bytes. With bad line noise, block size is adjusted downward to provide the most efficient transfer. Block size can go as low as 32 bytes when necessary.

What happens if you are toward the end of a long download, and you have a power failure? Unless you are using Zmodem, everything is lost, and you will have to start over again. On the other hand, Zmodem has a very useful feature called "Crash Recovery." Let's say you have spent almost an hour downloading 300K, and you forgot to turn off "Call Waiting." Bang!! you are offline, and staring at NO CARRIER. With Zmodem, provided you have installed that option, Crash Recovery allows you to pick up just where you left off.

Of course, there are many other telecommunications protocols, but unless you are into something a lot more technical than BBS work, you will probably not come into contact with them.

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As you may have gathered by now, I am a strong booster of Zmodem, and feel that it is more than worth the effort to install it, and make it your standard. Let's all support the efforts of these shareware authors who make such fine programs available to us all. The twenty bucks for Zmodem does get you a few goodies, such as allowing downloads to be directed to specific disks or files.

As always, questions can be answered, and problems can be solved by coming to our Modem SIG. First Thursday of every month at the SIG space....

NEW ON THE BBS....

As usual, thanks to our dedicated uploaders, we have had more than 120 new offerings during the month of January. Not surprisingly, many are Windows related programs for those of you who do Windows. Some others that may be worth your attention:

Financial Programs:

BOOKKE13.ZIP. A single-entry

bookkeeping program.

OA1.ZIP and OADOC.ZIP. An analysis program for those of you who trade in stock options.

CHARTP.ZIP. A stock charting program.

AMTAX90.ZIP. 1990 personal income tax program.

Genealogy Programs: There are nine new programs that work with the fine LDS program, Personal Ancestral File. Although PAF is not shareware, these nine are. If you are interested in this sort of thing, you know how to find them, so we won't take the time and space to list them all.

Miscellaneous Goodies:

APGAMES.ZIP. A group of three video arcade type games.

CONTROL1.ZIP & CONTROL2.ZIP. A business management program that handles credit and collections, customer contacts, sales reports, expenses, etc.

MEMMASTR.ZIP will help you develop your personal memory powers. I forget how it works...

CCALC.ZIP. A calculus program

for all you mathematicians out there; integrals, differentials, etc.

ALDOS.ZIP. The DOS version of the fine Windows program, Active Life. An excellent time manager.

VSUM9101.ZIP. Patricia Hoffman's scholarly treatise on computer viruses. The best and most up-to-date list of all known computer viruses, and what to do if you get one.

QEMMTECH.ZIP.

Quarterdeck's technical supplement for QEMM.

STEVE-FC.ZIP. A fascinating history of one sysop's brushes with the law. French Connection is a sex dedicated BBS that allegedly was passing out commercial programs.

As a parting note, PLEASE don't forget Mike Springer's Modem Seminar. The first was held on February 10, and will be repeated on March 10 at the SIG space. If you have any questions about modems, installation, setup, operation, you couldn't get a better teacher than Mike. Reserve early.....it will be a full house! ■

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DIGGING UP YOUR ANCESTORS

Stan Sabin

Members of the Genealogy SIG are anxiously engaged in doing just that...digging up their ancestors, figuratively speaking, of course. On the third Monday night of each month, they can be found at the SIG space after 7 p.m., searching for their horse thieves, pirates, war heroes, members of Royalty, and, of course "just plain folks." It is really amazing how you can get involved in the lives of your forbears and how interesting it can be.

When the group first started meeting last spring, we tried out about seven different software programs, which help you do your family research, write family histories, etc. We tried programs that list for as much as \$300 and as little as \$3 (for shareware). Basically, we found that at both extremes, it was software that was hard to use. The shareware programs were way too limited and too restrictive; i.e., you had to capitalize exactly the same every time, fields were extremely limited, etc. The most expensive program was one which would do almost any kind of a report, etc., but was quite complicated to learn and also quite complicated even after you learned it.

After much research, the group decided to, more or less, standardize on Personal Ancestral File (hereinafter called PAF) which seemed to be just what most of us were looking for—a program which would do all the major reports, sorts, etc., yet was entirely menu driven, so that a person could start USING it on the first day. I say more or less standardize, as we have a couple of members who already had another software program, and we try to tailor our programs so that most of them can

be used with any genealogy software program.

An additional bonus is that the software sells for less than \$40. The last update was \$13 for disks and new documentation. At that price we felt we had indeed found a bargain. We have not been disappointed as the software does even



more than we had anticipated. Another benefit is that this software is now the best selling genealogy software in the world, and many people have written Freeware or Shareware programs that further enhance the program.

In recent months we have made available to the group members such programs as; FOREST, which searches your database and finds unconnected family trees as well as other special items; BROTHER'S KEEPER, which enables even more specialized printouts, sorts, etc.; FAMILY RECORDS UTILITIES (FRU), a Freeware program which enables you to do all kinds of special things with your database, making it possible to do even more

with the PAF program. During the break we copy these public domain programs off onto members' formatted disks.

This last meeting we also made several more shareware and freeware programs available. In the months to come we will be demonstrating some of the things you can do with these "add-ons," as well as continuing to utilize the PAF software and it's many functions. In the January meeting we learned how to send specific parts of one individuals database to someone else. We then showed how to merge the information on people in their database, into the database of someone else. We also learned how to match and merge people in the database, whose statistics seem to be duplicative in some fields, and how to decide which to keep and which are probably duplicates.

In November we had a terrific guest speaker who drove up from San Diego just to appear at our meeting, on her own time and gas. Her name is Joan Lowery. She teaches a series of classes in the San Diego area, is President of a German Genealogical Society, and has authored a guidebook to PAF, which makes it even easier to use. She showed us numerous special tips, which not only made doing genealogy easier, but also a great deal of fun.

Doing genealogy used to be a lot of boring time-consuming work, but computers have made it a whole new experience. If you are interested in learning how to "dig up your ancestors," join us on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Remember to bring some blank formatted disks with you and come join the fun! ■



*(Author Unknown –
and probably for good reason)
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Q How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

A That's a hardware problem.

Q How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

A Two. One always quits in the middle of a project.

Q How many Windows programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

A 472. One to write WinGetLightBulbHandle, one to write WinQueryStatusLightBulb, one to write WinGetLightSwitchHandle...

Q How many programmers

does it take to change a light bulb?

A I think that's a device driver problem.

Q How many product managers does it take to change a light bulb?

A Let's get the marketeers involved. I think we can sell this as a feature.

Q How many staff managers does it take to change a light bulb?

A Three. Two to hold the ladder and one to screw the light bulb into a faucet.

Q How many staff managers does it take to change a light bulb?

A We've formed a task force to study the problem of why light bulbs burn out and to figure out what, exactly, we, as managers, can do to make the light bulbs work smarter, not harder.

Q How many PC repair people does it take to change a light bulb?

A PC Repair has received your mail concerning your hardware problem and has assigned your request Service Order Number 39712. Please use this number for any future reference to this case of trouble. As soon as a technician becomes available you will be contacted.

Q How many technical support people does it take to change a light bulb?

A We have an exact copy of

that light bulb here and it seems to be working fine. Can you tell me what kind of system you have?

OK. Just exactly how dark is it. **OK.** There could be four or five things wrong. Have you tried the light switch?

Q How many production editors does it take to change a light bulb?

A I'll have the documentation assistants do it.

Q How many documentation assistants does it take to change a light bulb?

A I can't do anything unless you fill out a light bulb change request form.

Q How many testers does it take to change a light bulb?

A We just find the problems. We don't fix them.

Q How many developers does it take to change a light bulb?

A The light bulb works fine on the system in my office.

Q How many C++ programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

A You're still thinking procedurally. A properly designed light bulb object would inherit a change method from a generic light bulb class, so all you'd have to do is send it a bulb change message.

Q How many secretaries does it take to change a light bulb?

A One. ■

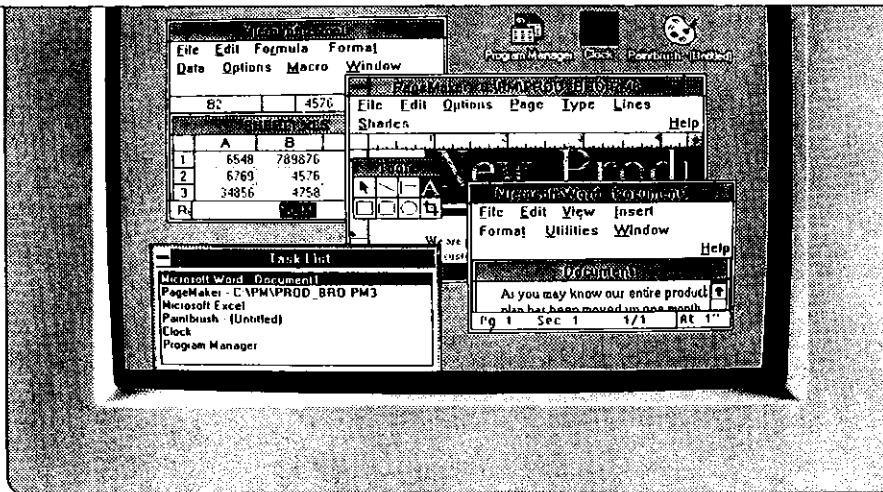


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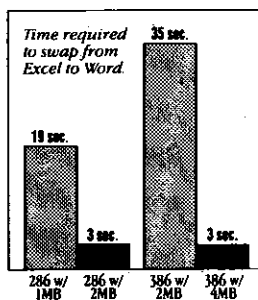
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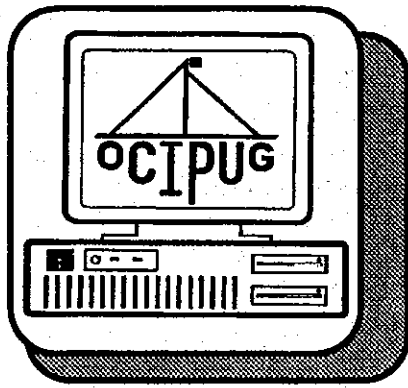
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This SIG will cover intermediate and advanced topics relating to both *Ventura Publisher* and *Corel DRAW!* At the March meeting we will discuss *Corel Draw! 2.0* and *Ventura Publisher*. A copy of *Corel Draw! 2.0* will be raffled to those in attendance! Please come with your questions. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

Graphix Zone, 38 Corporate Park, Irvine - Near Jamboree & Alton Pkwy.

DATABASE

SIG Leader: Bob Schmiedeke 714/536-1178

This SIG discusses various database programs, specializing in *dBASE*. At the March we will learning how to get the maximum use of templates. Come with your questions.

DATAEASE

Co-SIG Leader: Bill Ulrich 714/721-1371
Co-SIG Leader: Dick Barker 714/639-2865

This SIG covers *DataEase*, a 4th generation application development language. Check the HOT-LINE for the topic for March.

3RD SAT

DESKTOP PUB./WINDOWS 3

SIG Leader: Richard Villa 714/841-6991
Asst. SIG Leader: Steve Burnside 714/758-8957

This SIG covers software for the new *Microsoft Windows 3.0* during the first half, and specializes in *PageMaker* and other advanced topics in the last half. At the March meeting we will take a detailed look at the new *PageMaker 4.0* and look at some new shareware for *Windows 3.0*.

DOS and LANGUAGES

SIG Leader: Joe Zebrowski 714/545-0889
Designated Guru: John Goodman 714/895-3195

Come to this group to learn more about how your PC works and how to get it to do what you want. This SIG is about the program you use everyday: DOS. Also about languages (e.g. BASIC) & other system issues. At the March meeting we will discuss *Xtree Gold* and *Geos Ensemble*.

GENEALOGY

SIG Leader: Stan Sabin 714/968-7307

For beginners to experts. If you know a little about Genealogy or a lot this SIG is for you. At the March meeting we will discuss shareware add-on programs and solving problems in P.A.F. Everyone welcome!

HARDWARE

SIG Leader: Bob Basaraba 714/733-3310

This SIG is one of the most popular, judging by the strong attendance. Check the HOT-LINE for the topic for March.

INVESTORS

SIG Leader: Dan Jacobs 714/675-5895
Designated Guru: Joe Farber 714/642-6993

Explore the world of computer-aided investing. Check the HOT-LINE for the topic for March.

1ST WED

1ST SAT

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Public Bulletin Board (BBS) - 714/843-0388

Private Line - 714/843-9248

(Members may access and download files
and messages from either line)

Hot-Line-For latest information - 714/843-2048

ATTEND A SIG MEETING THIS MONTH - FIND OUT WHAT'S HOT!

MODEM

1ST THU

SIG Leader: Bob Ottke 714/759-1515
Designated Guru: Rich Sabin 714/965-6734

Reach out and access the whole world of information through telecommunications. Check the HOT-LINE for the topic for March. Come and random access with us.

NEW USER/NEW MEMBER

1ST SAT

SIG Leader: John Lunsford 714/995-0947

This is the best SIG to attend first. The meetings run on a 4-month cycle and this month is number THREE in the cycle. You may start at any point in the cycle.

OS/2

2ND SAT

SIG Leader: Dave Lorenzini 714/751-9262

Come learn about what OS/2 is all about and what this new operating system can do for you. At the March meeting we will continue the review of printing techniques in OS/2 and review the new OS/2 version 1.3.

PERSONAL FINANCE

4TH TUE

SIG Leader: Max Lockie 714/644-0103

This SIG discusses the various financial packages for the PC. At the March meeting we will discuss advanced features of Intuit's *Quicken 4.0*. and briefly discuss *Turbo Tax*.

PROGRAMMING

2ND SAT

SIG Leader: Wendy Sarrett 714/733-9906

This SIG covers various aspects of programming and programming languages. In March we will discuss debugging and see a presentation of *Turbo Debugger*.

Q & A

4TH WED

SIG Leader: Terry Currier 714/774-2018

Come and learn about this popular database and word processing program. At the March we will discuss lookup functions.

REAL ESTATE

LAST TUE

Contact Person: Kent Pierce 714/536-0271

Contact Person: Tom Sutro 714/754-7045

Jointly sponsored by OCIPUG and several local Boards of Realtors, this is one of our largest SIG's. Check the HOT-LINE for the topic of the month. (Coffee at 7:30 AM).

Newport Harbor - Costa Mesa Board of Realtors Boardatorium, 401 North Newport Blvd., Newport Beach.

SPREADSHEET

1ST TUE

SIG Leader: John Alesi 714/770-1130
Designated Guru: Neil Carman 714/964-1901

This group covers *Lotus 123* and other popular spreadsheet programs, including shareware products, for both beginners and advanced users. Check the HOT-LINE for the topic for March.

WORD

4TH MON

SIG Leader: Winston Jewson 714/544-4330
Microsoft Contact: Dave Lorenzini 714/751-9262

Microsoft Word 5.5 is a powerful and popular word processing package. The March meeting will explain and demonstrate how to create, use, and work with STYLE SHEETS using *Word 5.5*.

Architectural Resources, 3001 Redhill Avenue, Bldg 2, Suite 107, Costa Mesa.

WORDPERFECT

2ND MON

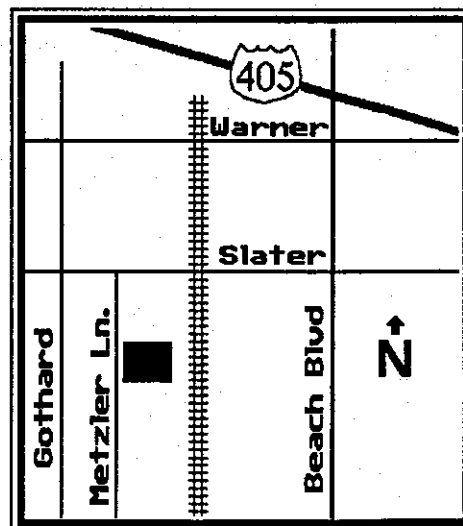
SIG Leader: Susan Novak 213/594-4144

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Contact Person: Ben Swanson 213/865-4555

Come and learn about this popular word processing package. At the March meeting we will discuss tables in *WordPerfect 5.1*.

SIG SPACE



17632 Metzler Lane, Suite 211
Huntington Beach

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Saturday February 23rd, 1990 - 9:00 AM to Noon

**GENERAL
MEETING**

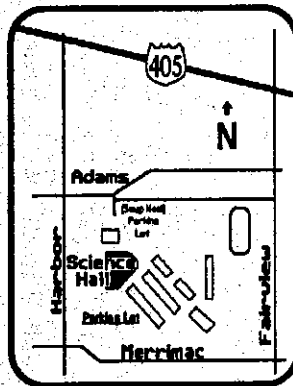
9600 Baud Modems

Al Kinney, Technical Support, Intel Corporation

⇒ 8:40 to 9:00 AM - Random Access!

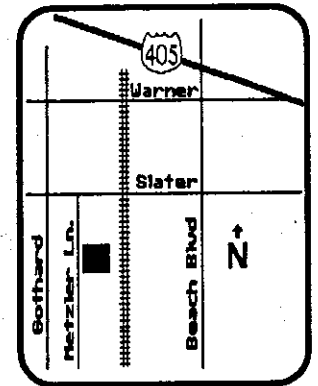
**MEETING
LOCATIONS**

Orange Coast College
Costa Mesa
2701 Fairview Rd.
General Meeting:
Science Hall (next to
Chemistry Bldg.)
Parking in campus lots
available off Adams or
Merrimac.



SIG Space
Huntington Beach
17632 Metzler
Lane, Suite 211

SIG Meetings:
Take elevator to 2nd
floor.
Parking in lot or on
street



**MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION**

Orange Coast IBM PC User Group (OCIPUG) was formed in 1985, and has become one of the largest and most respected User Groups in the country.

OCIPUG, a non-profit corporation, is an all-volunteer organization which provides PC enthusiasts with an opportunity to gain knowledge and gives assistance to those who need it.

Membership includes:

- ✓ subscription to README.DOC, the monthly newsletter published by OCIPUG
- ✓ discounts on Public Domain, Shareware and User Supported software
- ✓ access to the OCIPUG RBBS private telephone line
- ✓ eligibility for monthly raffle at General Meeting
- ✓ free copies of software and publications

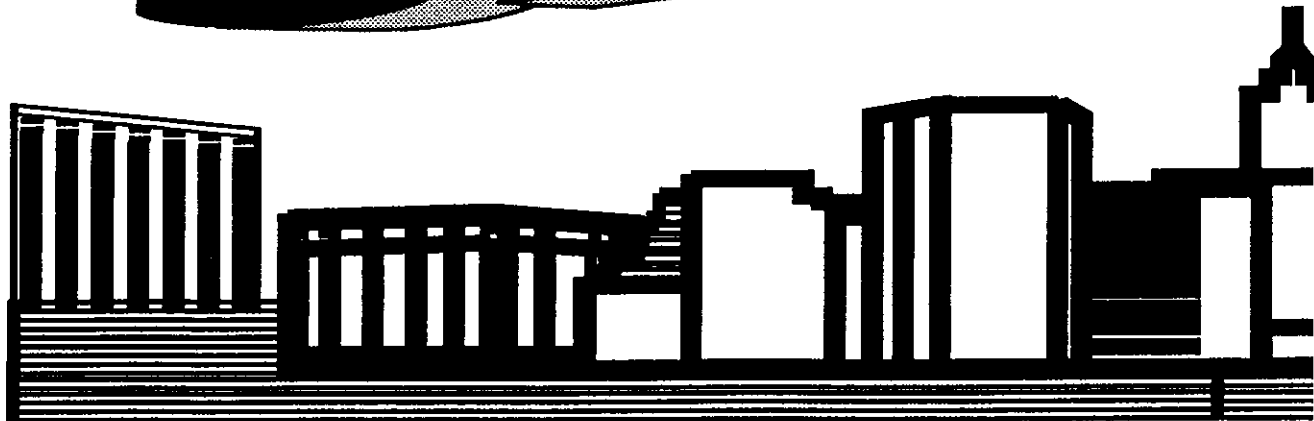
If you would like to become an OCIPUG member please call 714/843-2048 and request an application for membership, or write: OCIPUG, PO Box 6100-211, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-6100.

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Keeper of the Calendar: Richard Villa - 714/841-6991 - Deadline for March Calendar: Feb. 9th.

PRODUCT REVIEW...

SIMCITY



SIMCITY AND THE SIMCITY PLANNING COMMISSION HANDBOOK

Herb Huey

Well, Christmas has come and gone and unfortunately Santa didn't get me everything I wanted. However, SimCity, by Maxis Software, turned out to be an unexpected surprise under the Christmas tree. SimCity, the City Simulator, was originally written by Will Wright for the Commodore C-64 and has been ported to nearly every popular computer system, as well as, for the Nintendo game system. I first saw this game simulation on a Macintosh IIcx and I knew I had to get it for Christmas.

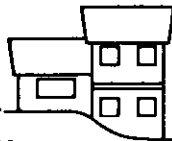
The idea behind SimCity is to build your own city or take control of existing cities, such as, San Francisco, Tokyo, and Rio de Janeiro. As the introduction in the manual says, "You are the Mayor and City Planner with complete authority." Your city creations are populated by Sims - Simulated Citizens. Just like their human counterparts, they try to enjoy a high standard of living by building homes, condos, factories, schools, churches etc. As the mayor, you get complaints about taxes, crime, traffic, and

inept mayors. If the Sims get too unhappy, they'll move out, your tax base will suffer, and your city will deteriorate.

SimCity provides you a set of rules and tools to manage your cities. The rules that govern the health of your city include:

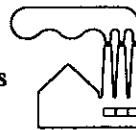
HUMAN FACTORS

Residential spaces and amenities, availability of jobs, and the quality of life.



ECONOMIC FACTORS

Land value, industrial/commercial space availability, unemployment, city services taxation, and the market's economy.



SURVIVAL FACTORS

Your strategies for dealing with disasters, crime, and pollution.



POLITICAL FACTORS

Public opinion, zoning, and keeping the Sims happy with



your mayorial performance.

Your tools allow you to plan, layout, zone, bulldoze, and build your dream city. These include:

PLAN

Maps give you demographic overview of the entire city.

LAYOUT

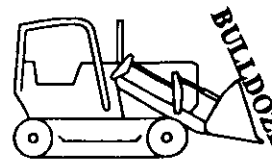
You can design living and working areas, build road and mass transit systems, parks, stadiums, seaports, and airports.

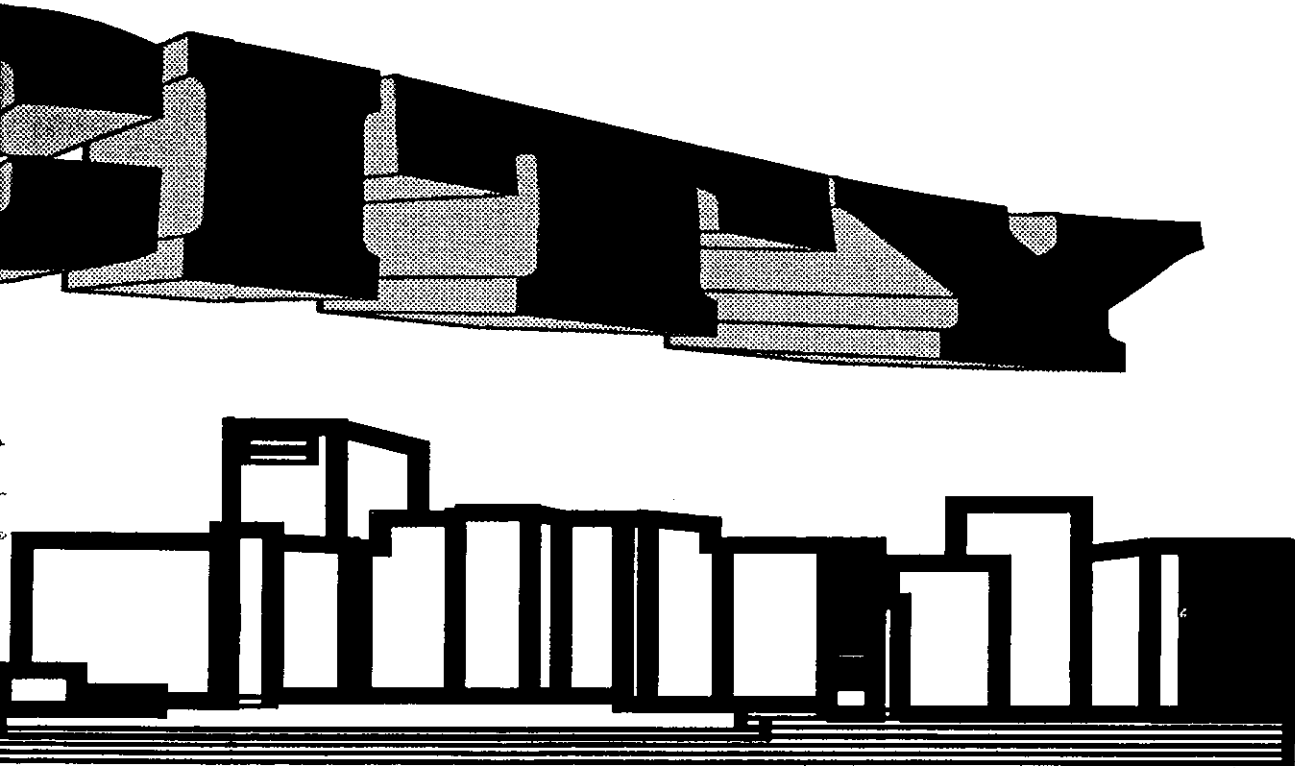


ZONE

You set up residential, commercial, and industrial zones for the Sims to build upon.

Allows you to clear forests, build landfill near waterways, clear and re-zone developed areas for additional growth.





MANAGE

Using the maps and graphs, you gather up-to-date information on traffic density, population trends, pollution, crime, police and fire protection, and most important the taxation rate and funding levels for required city services.

When you start zoning land, supply power, build roads, you will notice that the Sims will start building homes, schools, churches, factories on their own. The animation is fascinating. When you are able to build a seaport, you will find ships moving in the waterways or planes and helicopters in the air when you build an airport. When you bend to citizen demands for a stadium you will even see periodic football games in the stadium! However, all is not roses in your Utopia. Periodic disasters can occur in your city or you can, with evil intent, go to the disasters menu and unleash one of the following: fires, floods, aircrashes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and even the monster, Godzilla!!

SimCity has eight built-in scenarios which include, Tokyo, Japan, with our favorite movie star, Godzilla,



or the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. The San Francisco scenario is very tough to beat.

SimCity can be played via keyboard, joystick, or mouse. It supports graphics standards from Hercules monochrome (lucky thing for me), CGA, and EGA. You can print out your beautiful creation on any Epson compatible on a single page or as a six-page poster. SimCity also includes digitized sounds that support the Tandy sound chip or the Soundmaster board from COVOX. The sound quality from the computer speaker is unfortunately very poor. Installation is easy on hard disk, or on two floppies. The software itself is not copy protected but a special four-page city/population codebook printed on dark red paper (can't photocopy it) is required to turn on the full simulation. This is a great game for only 30 bucks.

The fanaticism behind this game has spawned two Terrain Editors and a new game, SIM EARTH, which has not appeared in an IBM version as of the time of this review. While browsing at Crown Bookstore I found *The SimCity Planning Commission Handbook* by Johnny L. Wilson. This \$14.95 book begins with a foreword by Will Wright, the program-

mer behind SimCity, and the history behind the creation of SimCity.

Chapter 1 describes how to load and use the SimCity tools. A history of ancient city planning is the theme of Chapter 2. Chapters 3-8 deal with various concerns behind SimCity, such as, population management, traffic, air pollution, and dealing with disasters. Tips and hints for playing SimCity, as well as, how to win at the built-in scenarios are also given. Chapter 9 presents evaluations of several case studies submitted by various players. Two appendices present the use of the Terrain Editors and an Atlas of successful SimCities. A mail-in coupon offers the Maxis newsletter and a free disk with many of the scenarios described in the book.

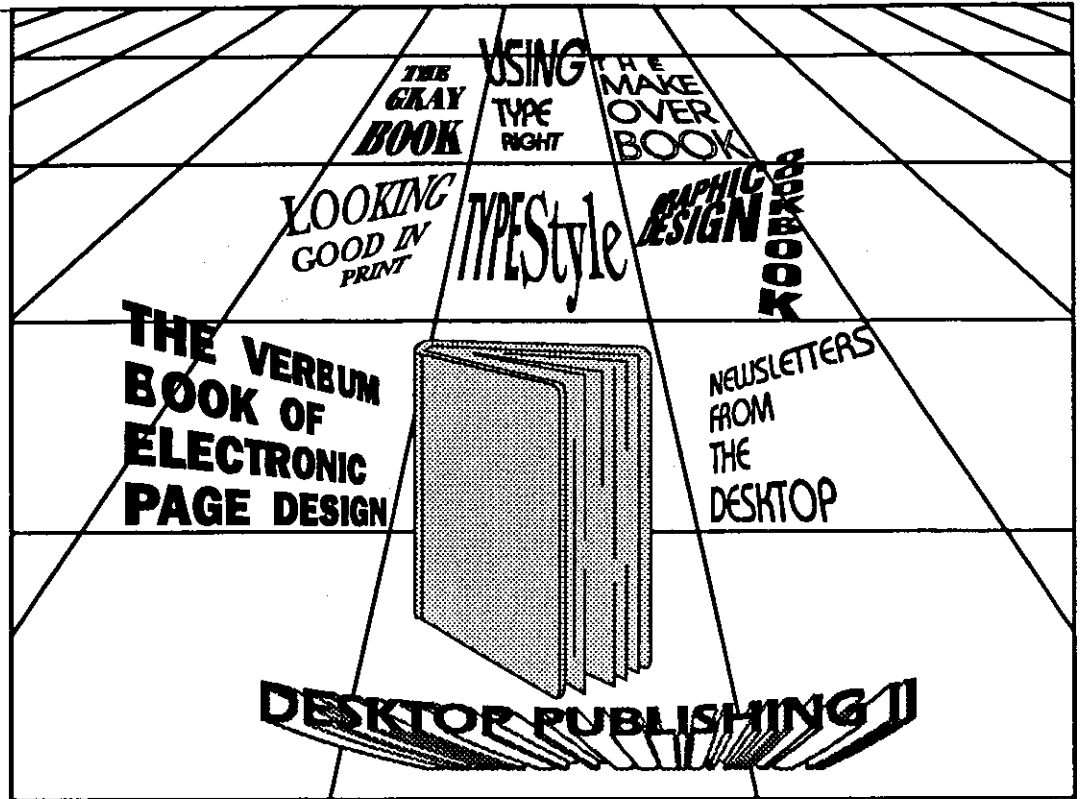
I find SimCity a refreshing change from the usual mindless shoot-em-up type games. My current Utopia stands at 200,000 Sims and I've successfully beaten off Godzilla at Tokyo but I've taken my lumps at San Francisco. I can't wait to get a multiscan monitor to see this game in color (it is beautiful on the Macintosh). Hopefully, a new monitor will soon be the subject of a future review. ■

Steve Burnside

Last month this column focused on desktop publishing books which I thought were of particular value to the user of Ventura Publisher. This month I will expand our focus on desktop publishing books to include books in general, whose information can be applied to all desktop publishing programs. Incidentally, if you are not using a dedicated desktop publishing program, don't feel that this information doesn't apply to you. If you are a user of an up-to-date version of one of the major

DOS word processing programs such as WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Wordstar, you probably have a fair number of desktop publishing features at your disposal. In the Windows environment, programs such as AMI Professional, Microsoft Word for Windows, and Legacy, have blurred the lines between "true" desktop publishing programs and word processing programs. One of our members, Carl Bergerson, has shown me drafts of manuals he has produced in Word for Windows that looked quite professional. Therefore, the information in these books can be applied to whatever software you may be using.

The first books on my list of essential desktop publishing books are a trio of books by the same author, Roger C. Parker. Parker is President of The Write Word, Inc., an advertising and marketing consulting firm. He has authored a number of books on desktop publishing among which I have found three to be very helpful. They are: *Looking Good In Print*, *The Makeover Book*, and *Newsletters*



from the Desktop.

Looking Good In Print
Roger C. Parker
Ventana Press \$23.95

Looking Good In Print is a basic primer on what to do and not do in document design. Parker's book covers some broad territory, from the design of business stationary and business cards, to the layout of newsletters and books. The book assumes no design background on the part of the reader. It begins with a description of the basic desktop publishing terminology and features, then progresses to a before and after look at various kinds of document treatment, such as menus, newsletters, fax cover sheets, resumes, etc. This book will help the beginning desktop publisher to produce good looking pages in no time.

The Makeover Book
Roger C. Parker
Ventana Press \$17.95

This book uses the "before and after" format of Parker's *Looking Good In Print* to amplify the basics set forth in that book. It covers all kinds of printed material including

flyers, brochures, catalogues, charts and graphs. This is a good companion book to *Looking Good In Print*.

Newsletters From the Desktop
Roger C. Parker
Ventana Press \$23.95

The final member of the "Parker Trio" is *Newsletters From the Desktop*. For the budding newsletter publisher/editor this is the book to get. It covers almost all the issues involved in newsletter production. It covers the six building blocks of newsletter design; grids, nameplates, body copy, reader cues, visuals and graphic accents, in an easy-to-understand manner. This book also covers production issues, including hardware and software options, and high-resolution options. A basic glossary and a bibliography are also provided.

Typestyle
Daniel Will-Harris
Peachpit Press \$24.95

After you've learned the basic principles of layout and design espoused in books like the "Parker Trio," it's time to move on to refinement of your work. *Typestyle* is a

book that can help you do just that. Daniel Will-Harris helps you choose type that is easy to read, attractive, and appropriate for the tone of your publication. Will-Harris is the author of a number of books and hundreds of articles on desktop publishing. *Typestyle* covers all aspects of the use of type, including the use of type as a graphic element, and contains some very interesting examples of type treatments. The book focuses on the font family of typefaces, but the principles and techniques can be applied to any brand.

Using Type Right

Philip Brady
North Light Books \$18.95

This book, subtitled *121 Basic No-Nonsense Rules for Working With Type*, defines and clarifies the rules on using type. It is not a "computer book" per se, but rather a treatise on the aspects of type that everyone who works with type should know. The author, Philip Brady has worked with type as a writer, typesetter, editor, and paste-up artist. He shows you how to use type well, knows all the rules, and can even tell you when its okay to break them. I confess I don't refer to this book often enough! If I did I could be proud of every printed page I produce. *Using Type Right* is a "must have" book.

The Gray Book

Michael Gosney, John Odam,
and Jim Schmal
Ventana Press \$22.95

After you've learned the basics of production, layout, and type, it's time to move on to the area of design. Since most of us work primarily with the black, white, and gray output of dot-matrix printers, laser printers, or imagesetters, knowing how to effectively use those three colors is very important. *The Gray Book* provides the information necessary to make black and white output just as effective and attention-getting as color. The authors are associated with *Verbum* magazine, which is devoted to ex-

ploring the areas of art and computer graphics as they relate to desktop publishing. The examples and suggestions provided in this book show the incredible graphic effects possible with the ordinary desktop laser printer. *The Gray Book*, itself, is an example of excellent design and gorgeous illustrations and examples.

The Verbum Book of Electronic Page Design

Michael Gosney and Linnea Dayton \$29.95

This is another book by members of the staff of *Verbum* magazine. It covers both black and white and color page design and layout. This book is chock full of examples of actual layouts done by graphic designers. The techniques used are well illustrated with concise explanations. The book does lean toward the "high-end" desktop publisher, but there is much useful information for all levels of experience and budget.

Graphic Design Cook Book

Leonard Koren and R. Wippo Meckler \$12.95

This book is one of the most unusual books you'll ever use. Actually, there's very little reading material in this book. It should really be called an idea stimulator. It consists of over one thousand line art illustrations of design methods and treatments. All the information in this book is demonstrated graphically with no text explanation. You are expected and encouraged by the authors to look upon the examples in the book as archetypes of text, graphic, and page treatments. *The Graphic Design Cook Book* is a treasure trove of ideas. If you aspire to something more creative than the average printed piece, add this to your list of "must have" books.

Next month, in the final installment of this series, I'll tell you about using color on the desktop. In addition I'll recommend a list of periodicals I have found useful. ■

RAFFLE WINNERS

CMS Enhancements

CMS Jacket - \$49.95

Chris Lloyd
Bob Crippen
Allan Roberts
Paul Crafton

Symantec

Norton Backup - \$149.00

George Mefferd

Norton Editor - \$75.00

Al Weil

Time Line - \$695.00

Cal Strobele

Norton AntiVirus - \$129.00

Nancy Swan

Grand View - \$249.00

Jim Cole

Norton Commander -
\$149.00

Jim Dobbs

Norton Utilities 5.0 -

Robert Klein

Q & A - \$349.00

Barry Baxter

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

CMS ENHANCEMENTS, INC of Irvine, CA for donating a 150 MB hard drive and Controller Card for OCIPUG's BBS, which was presented to us by Robert Robbins, Product Manager for CMS. This will replace the 300 MB hard drive which was loaned to us so generously by Jim Petit. One doesn't have to be an advanced math student to figure out that we still need another 150 MB hard drive just to bring us back to where we were. (Hopefully another generous vendor will step forward to help us meet our hardware needs, so that we can better serve our members). Also in their giving mode, CMS donated ten jackets which were raffled off at our December and January General Meetings. THANKS again CMS!

DOS SIG REPORT

Rebecca Yoder

On Saturday November 3 approximately 20 members attended the DOS SIG. The general topic was programming languages. Mike Springer hosted this session with John Goodman as resident Guru.

First order of the day, we need a SIG leader for 1991. The current SIG chairperson has moved out of the area. Scheduled topics: December, "Memory: Extended/Expanded & difference between processors," January, "Utilities" (sounds hot!).

Then a brief forum for questions/answers ranging from capturing screen images during startup to managing TSRs. John and Mike referenced a great number of files currently available on the BBS. These files are not just informative but there are also programs to help resolve/answer these questions. Moral: USE the BBS. A lot of good stuff is out there!

Guest speaker Mike Cox, faculty member of Golden West College, presented the main topic. Starting with an overview of programming languages from initial mainframe days, he went on to current popular micro languages.

Mike covered, in detail, the development of the BASIC language and its current best selling version by Microsoft *QuickBASIC*. Of interest to the writer was the fact that BASICA runs only on a true IBM PC under PC DOS. Clones can run GWBASIC under MS DOS (although some vendors will "rename" GWBASIC to BASICA). Both are free and packaged with the operating system. However, *QuickBasic* and its competitor, *True Basic* must be purchased. They offer substantial enhancements such as mouse support, creation of EXE files, CASE logic, and DO loops.

The audience was curious: Is there a "best" programming language to learn? All agreed that the best strategy is to become proficient in good programming techniques and programming concepts. Then choose a programming language that suits your goals. ■

DOS SIG REPORT

Joe Zebrowski

Prior to the opening of the December DOS SIG meeting, a call was made for a SIG leader, but no volunteer appeared. I then came forward when it became obvious that the DOS SIG meetings would have to be discontinued. I did not want this to happen because I have benefited greatly from the five previous meetings I attended. I offer no computer experience and so will have to depend on the resident experts for presentations.

At the opening of our meeting, a Random Access was conducted by Michael Springer on the following: DOS commands (verbs) and their parameters (objects and modifiers), serial/parallel I/O cards, computer 'clocks,' Break On/Off, and POST error 1701.

Following Random Access, the main speaker was former OCIPUG President John Goodman who talked about "how any computer uses memory." Specifically, John addressed RAM, ROM, BIOS, Expanded and Extended memory differences. Also, an analysis of the 8086 chip was made, showing different areas of memory for RAM (scratch pad); RAM used to store image information for video display, other uses of RAM & ROM, and BIOS ROM. ■

(Editor's note: We apologize to the DOS SIG for inadvertently omitting the above November and December SIG reports from previous issues of the newsletter.)

Programming Sig Report

Wendy Sarrett

At the January meeting of the Programming SIG we went over, in detail, a simple C++ example using classes. A lot of ground was covered, especially for those who were unfamiliar with C++ and classes. The possibility of SIG members working on, and presenting the results of, programming projects was also discussed. At the February meeting, among other things, we will have a presentation of Zortech C++ and see how it compares to the Borland product, one of its major competitors. We welcome all those interested in programming, whether novice or experienced programmers. Hope to see you there. ■

Q&A SIG Report

Terry Currier



In March, the Q&A SIG will start meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. Due to a change in my hours, it's hard for me to get to the SIG space by 7 p.m. on a week day.

Symantec maintains a BBS for users to call in and ask questions, which is sometimes easier than trying to explain over the phone. The number for the BBS is (408) 973-9598. The topic for the March meeting will be the XLOOKUP; how and when to use it.

The following questions and replies are an example of the kind of help available from the Symantec BBS.

Subject: Report sorting

I have the need to sort a report on (2) fields, which happen NOT to be in the correct order.

Example:

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Field1: 2 Field2: 1 Field3: 3,as  
Field4: 4,as
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My sorting needs to do a primary sort on Field4, and a secondary sort on Field3, with the locations of the fields as indicated by the column number following each colon. Can anyone help?? Thanks!

Reply: Report sorting

Since Q&A sorts in order of field number, the example you used in your message would use field3 as your primary sort. By using an invisible column and a derived column, we can make field4 become the primary sort as you would like it to be.

Your report spec would be as follows:

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Field1: 2 Field2: 1 Field3: 4,as  
Field4: 3,as,1
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Derived column formula: #3  
column spec: 5
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Subject: Exporting a Q&A database to a comma-delimited database.

I have a Q&A database that I wish to export to a program called ACT! 2.0. I can't seem to change the order of the fields to export into Q&A so that the fields will be exported into the proper order. Is there a program or a merge program that is available that I can use to properly export or merge the 2 databases? My wish list for 4.0 would be to add this feature. ■

COMPUTIMES by Rac Hark



"Oh, it's just a little extra test that quality control insists on."

Board Meeting Minutes

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Miscellaneous

Bob Ottke said the Public Line has a questionnaire for new users and we are getting great response. Terry Currier will give us feedback regarding memberships generated by the BBS.

A suggestion was made that OCIPUG should charge non-members for using the BBS as a means of generating income. Steve Silverwood described the three levels that the Clipper User Group of Orange County uses. Richard Villa suggested tiered memberships. The overall feeling was negative and discussion was dropped.

Richard Sabin said Gordon Eubanks was impressed with our group. Mr. Eubanks thinks we are a very professional organization and would like to return in June, if possible.

Jeannine Englehart volunteered to handle posting the latest information about SIGS and the General Meeting on the BBS. She will work with Richard Sabin and Richard Villa on uploading this information to the Program area which is available to everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. ■

BATCH FILE BASICS

Michael Springer

We have been 1) exercising the batch file ability to accept "data" provided on the command line with the batch file name and 2) using the testing features to check such "data" and to check that conditions are correct before operations are attempted. Most of the batch file examples have been self-contained units, taking control of the computer to do some DOS-like task and then giving control back to DOS. While many batch files fall into this category, we must not ignore the benefits of using batch files in combination with applications. After all, application programs are the meat and potatoes of computing, aren't they? Batch files can customize things before starting an application and then undo the customization, leaving no trace of the previous operation and the computer ready to do something else. The July, 1990 README.DOC example file for running Procomm Plus is such a file. Some batch files are very involved, doing things such as, loading TSRs, changing drive, directory, path and prompt. We need another tool to make these batch files work.

The only variables we have studied so far are the replaceable parameters. We must supply their values on the command line when the batch file name is invoked. Within the batch file, we cannot change the values of the replaceable parameters themselves. They are assigned the values provided on the command line.

DOS uses some variables that we can access with batch files. These variables are kept in the DOS scratch pad which is called properly the DOS environment. The typical variables that DOS uses are the COMSPEC, the PATH, and the PROMPT. The last two are really specified by the user, but we should consider them to be mandatory. To see all the variables that DOS has in the environment, simply enter the command SET.

If there is any room left in the environment, we can add our own variables. One can be sure that there is room by using the SHELL statement in the CONFIG.SYS file. Check your DOS manual and/or 3rd party DOS books for details. Two advantages to these environmental variables are that they can be manipulated easily and that there is practically no limit to the number that can exist at one time.

We will use environmental variables to remember some specific information which we will need to "put the computer back the way it was." You probably are aware that changing the PROMPT destroys the old prompt value. The same goes for the PATH. Hopefully, your AUTOEXEC.BAT file sets these values during start-up so that you don't have to type them in every time you start your computer. But, what happens if you need a different prompt or path to run one of your applications?

SITUATION

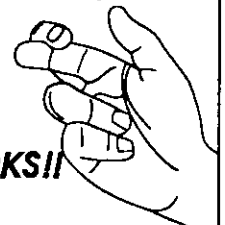
I have an application program called WORDMAKR on D: drive in the WM subdirectory that needs some special setup to make it work properly. It can be told that its output is on a LCD laptop screen. The PATH needs to be different than normal and the PROMPT should have a message in it. WORDMAKR has provision for temporarily going to DOS and I need a reminder in the prompt that I am really using DOS from WORDMAKR. When I am finished using this program I want the computer to go back to the original PATH and PROMPT. (WORDMAKR is a fictional application. Any similarity between WORDMAKR and a real application by that name is purely coincidental. You might have an application program which could be used in a similar way.)

SOLUTION

The PATH and PROMPT are already in the DOS environment. They need to be copied to different variable names for holding. The new values of PATH and PROMPT need to be established. The rest of the program setup can then be accomplished. After finishing with the application itself, we need to reverse the setup, recover the old values of PATH and PROMPT, and erase the unneeded holding variables in the environment. The batch file WMKR.BAT, located in C:\BAT, might read as follows:

```
echo off
set oldpath=%path%
set oldprompt=%prompt%
set wordmakr=lcd
path=d:\wm;c:\dos;c:\util;c:\
prompt=Now in WORDMAKR Shell, type EXIT to
return - $P $G (ALL ON ONE LINE)
d:
cd wm\data
wordmakr
cd \
c:
set path=%oldpath%
set prompt=%oldprompt%
set oldpath=
set oldprompt=
set wordmakr=
```

Next time we will examine the lines of WMKR.BAT in detail. Read any information you have about the DOS environment and environmental variables in preparation for that discussion. ■



I HOPE THIS WORKS!!

Summary of Draft of Minutes of January 28, 1991 Board of Directors Meeting (As submitted by Ginger Buck, Secretary)

Board Members Present

Stephen Burnside, President
Richard Villa, Vice President
Ginger Buck, Secretary
George Mefferd, Treasurer
Tom Stolp, Parliamentarian
John Goodman, Past President

Harv Haight	Jim Petit
Ben LeGare	Stan Sabin
Sunny Lockie	Steve Silverwood
Bob Ottke	Terry Currier

Members and Guests

Preston Hill
Jean Stevens
Richard Sabin

The regular meeting of the OCIPUG Board of Directors convened at 6:45 p.m. at the SIG Space.

Approval of Minutes of December 17, 1990 Meeting

Minutes were approved with two minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

George Mefferd reported receiving \$3,181 in new memberships. A committee of Jim Petit, Preston Hill, Michael Springer, and Max Lockie went over the checking account for last year and entered the checks in the Quicken program. They are still trying to find the source of a couple of discrepancies.

Program Committee

Richard Sabin invited all members to the first meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the SIG space. He requested involvement from people who have contact with software and hardware vendors.

By-Laws Committee

Stan Sabin was approved to replace Thurman Wade as Chairman. The Board wishes to thank Thurman Wade for his excellent work as By-Laws Committee Chair. Discussion concerning wording on the "Election of Officers" section of the By-Laws, raised concerns re: plurality versus majority. Tom Stolp said the past practice of the group had established majority as acceptable.

Membership Committee

Terry Currier reported that our membership now totals 783 members with a net gain of 25 new members. Renewal notices were sent to those whose member-

ships were expiring. Discussion ensued concerning advertising and publicity for the Club. Terry Currier requested coordination regarding the public relations effort.

SIGS

Terry Currier moved Q&A to the 3rd Saturday of the month at the SIG space at 1:00 p.m. due to conflicts with his work schedule. Bob Ottke will replace Richard Sabin, as Leader of the Modem Sig, beginning in March. John Goodman reminded leaders that late SIG news should be called into the Program area for the Hotline and BBS updating.

Budget for 1991

John Goodman questioned how expenses and income should be categorized. The Board needs a clear set of definitions. He would like to see a division by function such as General Meeting, SIGS, BBS, Newsletter, etc.

Sunny Lockie said we are entitled to a reduction in postal fees. George Mefferd will pursue getting the Post Office to approve our non-profit status. This will entitle the Club to a reduction of 50% in postal fees.

Orange Coast College Scholarship Fund

Steve Burnside read a letter from OCC thanking the Club for the Tim Smith Scholarship donation. The Associate Dean of Students will be invited to speak at the General Meeting and An Khanh Kim Chau, last year's recipient, will be invited to attend.

Richard Villa moved that \$500 be appropriated from the Tim Smith Fund for this year's scholarship program. It will be awarded at OCC, on Honor's Night, May 9.

Acquisition of 27" TV

Ben LeGare reported that the Club could purchase a 27" to 31" monitor for \$500 to \$1,000. He is still trying to find a converter box capable of changing a Super VGA to a S-VHS signal.

New Business

Richard Sabin requested more OCIPUG mugs to hand out at General Meetings and funds of \$250 were approved.

Sunny Lockie's request for reimbursement of one toner cartridge and two reams of paper at a cost of \$100 was approved.

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As a courtesy to OCIPUG members, the memberships up for renewal are published in *README.DOC* every month.

**IS YOUR NAME LISTED BELOW?
DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!**

**THESE MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN
FEBRUARY**

<i>Jean Cody</i>	<i>Terence Mang</i>
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<i>Kevin Criswell</i>	<i>Roger Mendenhall</i>
<i>Paul Delke</i>	<i>Jenny Minton</i>
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<i>Edward Etter</i>	<i>George Moore</i>
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<i>Timothy Gilles</i>	<i>Robert Olea</i>
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JANUARY 1991 FINANCIAL REPORT
George Mefferd, Treasurer

	Un-restricted Funds	Tim Smith Fund
Cash Balance - December 31, 1990	\$7,763.24	\$4,181.78
Cash Receipts		
Interest	\$ 41.99	\$ 74.14
Sale of Equipment	75.00	
Membership Dues - New	540.00	
Membership Dues - Renewal	2,691.00	
Total Cash Receipts	\$3,347.99	\$ 74.14
Cash Disbursements		
Rental - General Meeting	\$ 180.00	
Rental - Sig Space	767.00	
Electrical - Sig Space	185.00	
Printing - Newsletter	897.82	
Postage - Newsletter	140.00	
Postage - Membership	190.68	
Telephone - BBS	126.37	
Stationery - Board	225.00	
Miscellaneous	17.51	
Total Cash Disbursements	\$2,729.38	
Net Change in Cash Balance	\$ 618.61	\$ 74.14
Cash Balance - January 31, 1991	\$8,381.85	\$4,255.92

PLEASE MEET AND GREET OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Olivia Chambers lives in Huntington Beach. *Margaret Conant* from Huntington Beach, is a registered nurse, and has an 8088 (see there are still some around) with a modem. She uses Quicken, and Turbo Tax. *James Corl* lives in Buena Park and is a tax consultant with a 386, Laserjet, and modem. *Janet Crider* from Mission Viejo uses a 386/VGA and modem. Her choice of software includes Excel, Clipper, and Quicken. *Bob Flack* lives in Newport Beach. *Harley Gaylord* is from Mission Viejo. *Harald Kirk* is from Torrance. *Sid Kuperberg*, an attorney, lives in Huntington Beach. He uses an SX with WordPerfect, Quattro Pro, and Quicken. *Phil Meline*, retired, and living in Santa Ana, has a 486. Now he keeps busy with Wordperfect and Ventura Publisher. *Ron Rock*, from Costa Mesa, works as a sales manager and uses a 386 with WordPerfect and Lotus. *Steve Weiss* lives in Carlsbad and works as a computer system specialist. He uses a 386 with WordPerfect, Lotus, and Harvard Graphics. *Christopher West* lives in Huntington Beach and is a Police Sergeant. He has a 286 with an HP Laserjet III, a modem, and uses Q&A (Yea!), Quicken, and PFS 1st Publisher. *Peter Zebot* lives in Santa Ana and is employed as a Pension Consultant. He uses an SX with a modem, WordPerfect, and Lotus.

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OCIPUG Info & Message line	843-2048

OCIPUG General Meeting Dates 1991

Our General Meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month except when there is a conflict with a major holiday.

February 23

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 29

Membership Form

Bring to General Meeting or mail to return address on the back cover

New Renewal Information Update Date: _____

Have you ever been a member of OCIPUG? ___ If so, what is your member number: _____

Individual Membership \$36.00 per year Family Membership \$45.00 per year

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