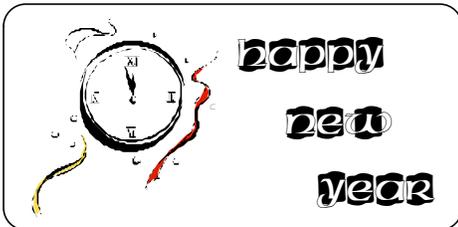


Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Hunterdon Computer Club will be held on January 20, 2001 at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ. Bagels/Coffee are available in the lobby at 8:30 AM. The meeting begins at 9:30, with the program beginning at 10:00. This month's program pertains to Access, one of the Microsoft family of applications. Visit the club website for scheduled programs at www.hunterdoncomputerclub.org. (Paul Glattstein, Webmaster).



THE DECEMBER MEETING

Many thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to share at this holiday meeting. A special note of thanks to Don Slepian who entertained us on his Casio electronic keyboard. Don not only is a fine musician, but also very knowledgeable about the equipment he uses. Thanks Don.



JANUARY 2001 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The holiday meeting was enjoyed by all that attended.

Ilene Shope exhibited her club photography. Be careful of what you are wearing on your head! Candid camera anyone?

Lots and lots of holiday munchables appeared. We had to garnish an extra long table to handle it all. Take home aplenty.

Don Slepian adorned the auditorium with music. Evelyn was eventually found zzzzzzzz! It just went great.

I welcome Marlyn Reuter who is taking on the publishing part of the newsletter. Her deadline is the first of the month (which I am late by two days with the normal New Year's hangover excuse I hope).

Marlyn is not taking meeting notes and may not even be able to attend every meeting. So if you have submitted information in the past and want to continue in the future, you need to get her email address mreuter@ptdprolog.net into your address book. Also this means we still need reporters to gather meeting information and forward to Marlyn. The rough plan is to have a small team of people who are willing to jot down notes, type them up the

same day in an e-mail and submit for writing.

Don Columbo is officially the club Secretary. He has done an outstanding job as membership chairperson and has already started pitching in to help our transition tasks. Jim Russ is recuperating and was eager to get back to work as club program chair. However, I am doing the January topic, "Using Microsoft Access for a Simple Membership Database". The database is our club's database.

I am looking for someone to maintain the database information and email copies of it each month to other members who need it. So if you attend the meeting you can learn about Access and see what is involved with this important job.

Like 1984 we also have reached 2001.

You remember, a space odyssey. Me thinks the financial folks are now thinking 2001: an eCommerce odyssey.

Finally, save on your heating bill. Turn down the thermostat, come to the next club meeting January 20 - attendance is being taken.

Lon Hosford

The Program "Music by Don Slepian" HCC Meeting Dec 16, 2000

Don Slepian plays his guitar while Harvey Schram holds the microphone. Also pictured is the Casio keyboard.

*Thanks to Ilene Shope
for submitting this photo.*



OFFICIAL ACTIONS

The official action of the December meeting were as follows:

1. The Executive Committee filled the vacancy of Secretary per the bylaws:

Minutes to e-mail meeting conducted Saturday, December 2 to Monday December 4 per e-mail voting rules set by Lon Hosford and to which no one objected or offered a point of order for discussion.

"To allow the President to discuss the Secretary position with Don Columbo and appoint him if he is interested."

Motion by Lon Hosford
Seconded by Evelyn Stewart

Voting:
Votes possible: 5
Votes cast: 3
Votes yes: 3
Votes no: 0

Don Columbo accepted the position on Sunday, December 10th as defined by the Bylaws. His term is effective January 1st, 2001 until next election.

2. The Executive Committee Minutes to meeting conducted Saturday, December 22.

"To accept Marlyn Reuter as Newsletter Editor."

Motion by Lon Hosford
Seconded by Joe Burger
Also attending was Jac Carrol

Voting:
Votes possible: 5
Votes cast: 3
Votes yes: 3
Votes no: 0

What is a computer's first sign of old age? *Loss of memory.*

What is an astronaut's favorite key on a computer keyboard? *The space bar.*

To err is human; but to really mess things up requires a computer.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF JUNO

Jim Russ

In case you have not guessed after all the mentions I have made at meetings about Juno, this is my favorite e-mail program. Besides being free, it is in my opinion one of the best-organized e-mail programs. As with all programs you should check out the pull down menus on the top line of the main screen from "edit" to "help" and each of the sub menus they contain. Become familiar with them and especially with the "help" menu and you will get the most from any program.

One of the most useful items is contained in the Options/E-mail Preferences/Other E-mail Preferences. This is the option to save all e-mail addresses automatically in your Address Book. I have not found this in any of my other E-mail programs. In these you must click on a command to add the senders address to your book for each message you receive. When you get many messages a day, this is a pain in the butt. If you check this option in the Other E-mail Preferences, and I suggest checking all the options in this list as you will find them all useful, all new senders addresses are added to your Address Book and you have only to edit or delete the new address contained in the list. While you must edit each new address separately, you can delete many addresses with just a few clicks of your mouse. Hold down the shift key on the first address to be deleted and the last in list and all will be high lighted and a click on delete will remove them. To be more selective, hold down the Ctrl key to high light selected items in the list and again delete them all with one click on "delete".

Juno's "Help" menu is quite useful in finding the answer to questions you may have, as is "Contact Juno" which is one of its options. I only wish that all of the sub menus in the "Help" menu were alphabetized, particularly in the Help/Contents/Using Juno menu. I made the mistake of printing out this file and it is a waste of paper. Partly because each topic prints out on only one page which wastes a lot of paper, and the topics are not numbered and there is no page number which makes the printout almost useless to find answers fast. To get fast answers, use the "Index" or "Find" help option and let the computer

do the work. A better method of printing a manual is needed. I would gladly spend a few bucks for a printed and indexed manual.

One feature I just discovered that Juno has is the BCC or "blind carbon copy" ability. It is not listed as a separate option in the menus but is supported in the CC or carbon copy feature of the program. For those of you not familiar with BCC, this is a feature, which allows you to send an e-mail to many persons but to hide their e-mail addresses from others in the sending. Receiving an e-mail with many addresses in the header is both annoying and impolite. After all, you are giving out their address to many people they do not know and may not ever care to know. I'm sure many of us have received e-mail from someone we do not know and wondered how they got our address. This and the practice of forwarding an e-mail to others with all its list of recipients, which are only there because the sender does not know or use BCC, should be discouraged. It is most annoying and I know we are all guilty of it at times. It only takes a few clicks of the mouse to remove the headers when we forward an e-mail. Even more annoying is the same practice in attachments. I hate opening an attachment only to find a second, third or more attachment to get to the one, which they wanted me to see. Save the attachment in a temp file and send only it out, not all those forwarded multiple attachments.

Juno also has a free Internet connection ability, which many have found useful if only to get a taste of what "surfing the net" is all about. It uses the "advertising banner" method to pay for its cost. Some find such banners very annoying but if you size the screen right you can keep it out of the main areas and enjoy the free use of the net. You may, as I did, want to later move on to the paid version. Its cost as compared to others is quite competitive. I understand from some of my friends who still use the free version that Juno has now placed a restriction on the number of hours you can use it (5 hr??). This they stated was due to the fact that most of its use is presently by free users. If so, I would hope that the numbers of free hours would be increased to a more reasonable 15-20 hours per month. Five hours a month works out to only about 10 minutes per day.

TO ALL HCC MEMBERS

Thanks for all the well wishes and my same to the members and their families in the New Year. My foot is coming along very well. My doctor said I can resume driving, but to walk as little as possible. He wants me to only gradually increase the weight to my foot and leg. I should still use the walker to limit weigh on my foot/leg. We should see marked changes in the next three week which is when he wants me to return.

Regards the HCC programs, I enjoy very much the easy give and take we are blessed to have in the club. I know that there are many experts who may have more knowledge about one of the programs, but they are always eager to help not criticize with the presentations. This is what make HCC such a great club.

I look forward to getting well in the new year, my top priority, but also to resuming my duties as program chairman. I have started to do some planning and have a rough idea of the programs for the next six months.

Jim Russ

LOST BY-LAWS

At the December meeting I laid out a pile of 6 copies of the club by-laws, intending them to go to new officers, or old officers who had lost theirs. My own only copy was among these. Some one of the six of you should let Lon and Don Colombo know where there is a copy, and perhaps even make copies as needed.

Thanks, Evelyn

HCC MEETING ROOM SCHEDULE 2001

Saturday	Auditorium	Rooms A & B
Jan. 20	YES	NO
Feb. 17	YES	NO
Mar. 17	YES	YES
Apr. 21	YES	NO
May 19	YES	YES
June 16	YES	NO
July 21	YES	YES
Aug. 18	YES	NO
Sept. 15	YES	NO
Oct. 20	YES	NO
Nov. 17	YES	YES
Dec. 15	YES	YES

TIDBITS from Evelyn

On December 16th an executive committee meeting was held as a part of the regular club meeting.. Joe Burger, Jac Carroll, Don Columbo and myself were present. A motion to accept Marlyn Reuter as Newsletter Editor was made by me and seconded by Joe Burger. The motion passed unanimously. To be clear Marlyn will produce the newsletter, copy it and put it in the mail for us. However, she will not do any writing. All articles must be submitted complete, although I suspect she may need to prioritize to fit the target pages. That means we still will need reports and writers for the Q&A and meeting synopsis which I will work on.



Jim Russ has been in the hospital for more surgery and is home alone on crutches. jfruss@juno.com 312 Garretson Rd. Bridgewater, NJ 08807, phone 908 685-1079. Remember it takes a long time to get to the phone using crutches. (Bob Hepburn reported this to us on Saturday.)

Also, Rick Williams is helping HMC get rid of a lot of ok computers, which Don Colombo can use at school, but so far they have no good plan for transportation. If you can offer a pickup, a van, an RV or ??? please let Rick or Don or me know.

Don Slepian thanked me for sending him the newsletter (I arbitrarily added him to the list free) and said that he always picks it out of the pile of mail to read first, and every month he learns something he didn't know before, and finds something to make him laugh. I was pleased to hear this and amazed that a professional programmer could learn from us.

The Middle School has a number of computers that will be thrown out. I don't think you are interested in older machines (I have no info on brand, type, or anything) but promised to pass the info on to you. If the Seniors are interested Sue Lometi at Central Office would probably be the person to call (284-7563).

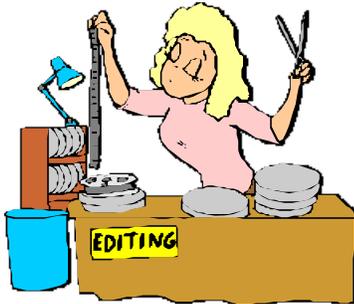
For those who know a thing or two about computers, a new glossary of terms.....

Submitted by Warren Rees

1. LOG ON: Makin a wood stove hotter.
2. LOG OFF: Don't add no more wood.
3. MONITOR: Keepin an eye on the wood stove.
4. DOWNLOAD: Gettin the farwood off the truk.
5. MEGA HERTZ: When yer not kerful gettin the farwood.
6. FLOPPY DISK: Whatcha git from tryin to carry too much farwood.
7. RAM: That thar thing whut splits the farwood.
8. HARD DRIVE: Gettin home in the winter time.
9. PROMPT: Whut the mail ain't in the winter time.
10. WINDOWS: Whut to shut when its cold outside.
11. SCREEN: Whut to shut when its blak fly season.
12. BYTE: Whut them dang flys do.
13. CHIP: Munchies fer the tv.
14. MICRO CHIP: Whut's left in the bottom of the munchie bag.
15. MODEM: Whutcha did to the hay fields.
16. DOT MATRIX: Old Dan Matrix's wife.
17. LAP TOP: Whar the kitty sleeps.
18. KEYBOARD: Whar ya hang the dang keys.
19. SOFTWARE: Them dang plastic forks and knifs.
20. MOUSE: Whut eats the grain in the barn.
21. MAINFRAME: Holds up the barn roof.
22. PORT: Fancy Flatlander wine.
23. ENTER: Northerner talk fer "C'mon in y'all"
24. RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY: When ya cain't 'member.
25. MOUSE PAD: That hippie talk fer the rat hole

MEET THE EDITOR

As your new editor, I will try to live up to the high standards set by my predecessor, Evelyn Stewart. I will need the help of the entire club for input, ideas, articles, pictures, cute graphics, jokes, stories, and interesting links.



For those who don't know me (and that is most of you), I am a resident of Stockton, have been employed for the last 20 years at Kingwood Township School as the school secretary and transportation coordinator. Webmaster was added to my credentials a couple of years ago when I decided to try my hand at a school web page after taking some courses at RVCC. You may view it at kingwoodschool.org.

Close to 30 years ago, a couple of homemakers got together and decided to write a monthly newsletter for East Amwell. We created, wrote, dittoed, and colated it at a kitchen table. It was and still is called VIP (Voices of Interested People). After my initiation with VIP, I started writing a newsletter for my church, a task I continue to do monthly. A weekly newsletter for parents and a quarterly community newsletter are part of my duties at KTS. I am the secretary of Voices For Charity and act as their webmaster and newsletter editor.

Needless to say, I feel very comfortable with this position. But I can't say it enough—your involvement is needed. Working full time and teaching piano part time gives me limited time to do research and be as creative as I'd like. My e-mail address is mreuter@ptdprolog.net. Please put HCC in the subject line as I will not open e-mail that looks hokey or commercial.

Marlyn Reuter

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Evelyn Stewart

BRITE SIDE

In a new area, John Warsinski has been helping to set up a computer program for clients at BriteSide. This is a day care program for adults who are able to live at home but need activities and supervision, and whose caregivers need a break. It operates in the Baptist Church on the corner of Church and Main Streets, Flemington. John has found at least one client who can use and enjoy the one machine installed so far. We have hopes of donating more machines when Rick Williams and Don Colombo finish their current project.

**YOUR GIFT TO THE FOOD BANK**

Gifts brought to the December meeting totaled 60 pounds. NORWESCAP shares them with the ten local pantries in Hunterdon County. I was taken on a tour of the impressive new facility. Even if you didn't see the humble, crowded place where they started, you would be amazed at this, painted, carpeted, furnished with new computer furniture, all from volunteer donations and labor. From the single amber screen computer and 5¼ disks, they have moved on to at least 5 new machines, each in its own office, with its own operator. They are still using the DOS software John and Mike and I persuaded them to buy years ago, when it was the latest thing in food inventory and distribution, but they are about to buy a new Windows program, with no argument this time. They resisted the first purchase for months, convinced that we could do it all free on that old machine. HCC still gets the credit for the Lotus 123-spread sheet that started them on the road to automation.

Incidentally, they have added a thrift shop stocked with donations, not consignments, which



is earning enough to pay all the utility bills. If you are looking for a place to donate stuff or money, where it will all go to help people, not to pay for staff dinners, this is it. 201 N Broad St., Phillipsburg 08865, phone 908-454-4322. North Broad St. is what you come to if you go down hill to the right at the last turn just before going onto the "new" bridge.

SENIOR CLASSES

Twenty-four people gathered for an elegant luncheon at Beaver Brook Country Club on December 13, to share hopes and fears of all the years we have been teaching. Guests included non-teaching spouses, a former teacher who left us only because of health problems, two teachers "on leave" hoping to get back soon, boss Dorothy Hartsell and secretary Eleanor Mistler, which leaves the impressive number of 16 teachers or coaches, an increase of 1500% over the original staff. Dorothy gave us all sincere thanks and a few admonitions as befits any faculty meeting, mostly begging us to let her know what we will be teaching in the new term.

As always, we need more teachers. The waiting time to get into a Basics class is still a year. We hold fast to our limit of 5 or 6 people to a class so that our students get enough help that they really learn and enjoy. The idea of having evening classes has not gone far, because a paid staff member must be in the building for the whole class time and staff members are not interested in coming back to work after a full day.

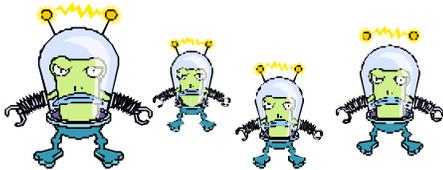
Please call the Senior Activities office at 788-1359 if you are even vaguely interested in teaching anything about computers to people who really want to learn.



The following article was taken from the November, 2000 issue of Smart Business magazine.

Before you make the switch of moving from Windows 95 or 98 to Windows 2000 follow the these steps:

1. **Back up, back up, back up.** Updating an operating system is a great excuse to do a full system backup of all important data files and documents. When upgrading machines for unsophisticated users, don't forget to look in the Temp directory.
2. **Capture your TCP/IP details.** Put a blank disk in the floppy drive, then go to a command prompt and issue the command `IPCONFIG/ALL>A:\tcp-cfg.txt`. Refer to this file later if you need to double-check network settings.
3. **Take a full system snapshot.** Open Device manager (from the Control panel's System option). Select the Computer icon at the top of the device tree, and click the Print button. This saves crucial details about IRQs, disk settings, drivers, and other hardware configuration details.
4. **Gather device drivers before you start.** If you're doing an unattended Installation, read Microsoft Knowledge Base article Q254078, which explains how to automate a Windows 2000 installation by copying OEM Plug and Play drivers to a specific location.



If you are interested in searching for extraterrestrials, this is for you. Ian Crawford is an astronomer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University college of London. He maintains the following site:
<http://www.sciam.com/2000/0700issue/0700crawford.html>

Submitted by William Dearborn

VIRUS ALERT

Don Columbo received an e-mail regarding a virus that will erase the whole "C" drive. He then asked Bill Woodall to verify for publication in the HCC newsletter. Bill's comment was, "Yes, it's real. The actual 'payload' to look out for is an attachment call 'pretypark.exe.' If you get it delete it!"

CRAYOLA SITE

This is a great site for educators, students and parents. It contains lots of creative ideas for downloading, as well as games, cards to color, and other activities.



MINDSHARE MONTHLY

If you are interested in subscribing to Mindshare Monthly, they have recently set up a new e-mail distribution system. You can visit the Mindshare Monthly page and add yourself to the distribution list. The Mindshare Monthly will include special offers for User Group members. The address is as follows:
<http://www.microsoft.com/mindshare/monthly.asp>

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Guests Welcome - all ages all levels

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