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NEXT MEETING

DOS HUG reconvenes on Saturday, August 19, 1995. The meeting room is not available to us so the entire meeting will be held in the auditorium. This means that all eating and drinking must be done in the lobby outside the auditorium. This is a rule not to be taken lightly, if we want to retain our guest privileges. Please take this seriously. This arrangement will cut down on our social milling around time, but people who can cope with the vagaries of a PC can certainly adapt to one meeting with a new arrangement. We'll be back in the meeting room for September.

The program will be a presentation by long time member Anthony Versage, our youngest member, and the first to have a 486.

THE JULY MEETING

The regular meeting of DOS HUG was held at the Hunterdon Medical Center on Saturday, July 15, 1995. About 40 people attended

Guests introduced included

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to meet them in person. They are students at Central and are both advanced users.

Rich Dufty, a returned ex-member, was introduced, along with his daughter Katrina and her friend Bunney. Katrina uses Dad's notebook computer for games. Rich described the Primavera software package he has used at work since 1982. It costs over \$500, but Rich says it's worth it. He oversees retrofitting of subways, for instance.

Donny Springer, Bob's "other nephew" joined us for the first time, but chose not to be introduced. #1 nephew Steven was back after too long an absence.

Alan Clark was down from Maine, where it was also hot, and John Edwards, whom we are losing to job transfer to Virginia, was still with us.

President Maureen Barron called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She asked for comments about the August meeting. It was agreed that we would meet on the usual date, but the meeting will be entirely in the auditorium. Any refreshments will have to be served and eaten in the lobby. No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium.

Maureen announced that nominations for officers are made from the floor at the September meeting, and election is held in November. If you are interested in holding office, ask a friend to nominate you, or nominate yourself. If you want to nominate someone, it would be wise to talk it over with them first.

rush to carry equipment to the meeting for the program. He posts the club checkbook register monthly, on Midnight Machine Works.

The Secretary asked members to update their entries in the membership booklet as to programs they can help with. She repeated the call for more teachers for the Senior Beginner classes and Bob Springer volunteered. Other Computer Volunteer activity is on hold until fall.

The Newsletter Editor reported that MS Publisher has typos in its Wizard boilerplate paragraphs, a fact in which she finds some comfort for her own goofs.

Librarian Art Gerke announced he now has about 70 CD-ROM disks. One new one is an index of computer manufacturers with phone, fax numbers, and addresses. He is charging \$1. for each index disk, for members to take home and make selections of programs they want to copy. He is charging \$2.00 for the disk he copies for you with your selections. He ran a varied display through most of the meeting. When he commented about the great size of some of the graphics files for pictures of big old cars, Rick Williams said he would select only small car pictures.

Rick Williams reported that the Princeton MAC group is working on producing a Home Page, giving a history of their club, meeting dates, topics, etc., and that it is taking a lot of hours. Jac noted that Bill Woodall has already posted a Home Page that includes DOS HUG.

Adam and Eric are frequent callers on Midnight Machine Works and it was good

Treasurer Jac Carroll said his report was home on a computer, forgotten in the

[Someone asked for a definition of Home Page. With Email you can post any

Page. With Email you can post any message to anyone or to a List or Newsgroup, but your message is just like a letter, which gets read once or twice by the designated recipients, then discarded. A Home Page is a publication, with graphics, and layout like a magazine page, that stays put for anyone to read any time. It can be changed and updated. It is not limited to one page. It allows anyone to go into competition with *People* or *PentHouse* or *The Economist*. Email is sort of on the edge of the Internet. Home Pages are on the World Wide Web, deep in the heart of the Internet.]

THE PROGRAM

Evelyn Stewart and Jac Carroll

Jac graciously carried in a computer to make the program possible, and installed a mouse just for the occasion. My topic was subscription disks, mostly SoftDisk publishing. Softdisk has recently started a Windows edition, and sent us a copy of the first issue. They also sent us a 3 months subscription (\$29.95) for a door prize. Also we are now members of SNUG, Softdisk Network of User Groups. We will be sending copies of our newsletter, with permission to reprint. Club members can subscribe for \$69.95 a year , on special club forms, instead of the usual \$89.95, for 12 issues.

SoftDisk started publishing in 1981, with editions for Apple, then Mac, Commodore, PC and now Windows. They bought out several other monthly publishers, and are now the only one left in the floppy market. The name has changed from **Big Blue Disk** to **OnDisk Monthly** to **SoftDisk for Windows**. I have subscribed off and on since 1984, dropping out when I panic about time to look at everything, then starting again. Every issue has something of at least passing interest, and often something to keep available. I use a DateBook program and a disk index program from old issues. Back issues are always available. Even if you don't find something wonderful you learn a lot

poking around looking at the variety of things on each disk. SoftDisk does not mess up your hard drive or cause other programs to quit. The programs work. The directions are excellent, on screen when and where you need them.

The current rage in magazines on disk is of course CD-ROMS. One of these, *Nautilus*, has been coming out every month for at least 3 years. It publishes shareware, and demos of commercial programs. The current issue contains MS VFW to install for animations, which installs 6 new drivers. It also offers QTW which needs 15 MB's of hard drive space. *Nautilus* costs \$6.95 a month. *PC Mag* says CD-ROM magazines are getting \$500 to \$2500 for 1 MB of ad space. One sells 5MB of disk space or 30 seconds of video for 20 to 25 thousand, or a 3 to 5 second billboard for \$4200. A movie trailer will cost \$38,500.

In contrast, SoftDisk publishes no shareware. Each program is ready to run directly from the disk and there are no more fees to pay, and just one place to call for tech support on all. There are no ads unless you choose the section called Market Place where they offer commercial products at good prices, with good descriptions.

Another subscription deal is called *Test Drive*, which gives you 200 programs to try quarterly. Many of these are regular commercial programs, complete and ready to try for varying numbers of times. After they quit you can call *Test Drive*, credit card in hand, for a number that will unlock the program and make it yours forever. Disks and manuals may follow. They list *Encarrta* for \$89.95.

Test Drive also includes 10 free programs, including AOL, Prodigy, CompuServe and Imagination and two that let you download and pay for graphics and fonts. They also include SoftDisk Sampler. Since it's offered as a free introduction, it seemed safe to copy it for you.

Jac loaded some SoftDisk files for me earlier in the week. The Windows wallpaper of Crater Lake that we kept on the screen while I talked didn't look its best with a 16 color video card. At home with 256 colors it looks great.

I opened the Windows issue and showed the variety offered in any one issue. In **Features**, there was **WinDecor**, which randomizes the wall paper that comes up each time you start Windows, **Win2Do**, a simple appointment book, **Circuitry**, a Tetris variation with complex scoring, **Journal**, a word processor diary, and a **Solitaire** game. I played a little of the game to show that Softdisk programs work and are easy to use. This one allows you to move cards with drag and drop or clicking first on the selected card and then on the destination. Some of the drama of the game was lost because Jac didn't have a sound card installed. If he had had one, we would have heard a raucous voice yelling "Watch those hands, Buster!" each time I made a false move. The sound is easily turned off, at any point in the game.

In **Departments** I showed the 2 screen savers, 5 or 6 wallpapers, including Crater Lake, 10 western motif clip art images, a bunch of icons, 2 fonts, and sounds (wave files). I had to drag out some of the old puppet voices for the Wolf Howl and people saying "DON'T do that!" but imagination had to serve for the train and the fanfare, and Fur Elise.

Other features I didn't show in full include a good letters exchange between users and editors, well written articles that are not selling anything.

I tried to stress that SoftDisk prints really clear and complete directions for each program. The only place where their directions fail is in adventure games, currently **Bubba goes West**. Any 2 year old can figure out that arrows move Bubba left and right and

the space bar makes him jump, which the directions tell, but then you read "Can you tell what the switches do?" No, I can't and there are no clues. So I leave Bubba stuck on a cactus. I can't get the HitchHiker out of his bedroom either.

I also showed **Cribbage**, from an earlier issue, which is outstanding for explaining a difficult game. Jac's machine froze for this, but he was right there to push the reset button. I didn't try to show the Sample disk, because of the video limitations.

We wanted to show that anyone can do a program, about anything they've tried. It doesn't have to be perfect. Having Jac's machine freeze is just as instructive as running the program perfectly. Whoever sets up the equipment will be there to help run it. Rick Williams pops up with a neat little clip-on microphone and sticks the battery in your pocket. As long as you're talking about computers the group is interested. You don't have to try to fascinate everyone at every level. Just do something you find interesting

Jac took over and showed what he sees from his end of the Bulletin Board. He reviewed the steps in calling the board, and urged people to try it and add one step at a time. Someone asked about using the Cubby Hole. This has been a mystery since the beginning of MMW. It is easy to store messages there, but neither Jac nor any user has found out how to retrieve messages from it.

Discussing off line readers, Jac explained that the reader you choose may compress files with a recent version of PKZIP, to upload your messages, but his bulletin board software uses the old version 1.1, so you have to have this loaded where your reader can find it, for downloading from the board. Asked why his board still uses the old version, Jac said the company that publishes his BBS software is rather slow to change.

{ Review: For hardware you need a phone connected to a modem, which is connected to your computer., or inside it., and a wire from the modem to the wall jack. For software you need a program that connects your computer to the modem., called a comm program. This may be ProComm, Windows Terminal, Works or many others. The off-line readers, such as CompQuik, MikeMail, Jabber, Uniqwk are a separate category of software. Those listed here are all on Jac's board, to download, free. You don't need an off-line reader to call the board. You advance to that after you begin to call the board a lot and run up a phone bill. The off-line reader condenses the message files, very fast, and gives you a file of a hundred messages in a minute or so. Then you hang up and read the messages without paying the phone company, write replies and later call the board again and upload your comments. The first step is to be able to call the board. Leave the off-line reader until later.]

I saw the icon for **Drag'nView** and asked Jac to demonstrate it. It has been in the Trading Post but I had never learned to use it. He explained that when you install it, it arranges itself so that it comes up every time you open File Manager in windows. To use it, you click on a file, hold the left mouse button down, drag the file to the **Drag'nView** icon, release the button, and there's the file in full bloom, ready to read. I came home and installed it and it works and it's great.

Jac also explained using **Windows Write** to make a letterhead to use over and over without retyping. He showed where to mark it Read Only, so that you can't spoil it in later uses. He wanted people to see that **Write** and other programs included in **Windows** are versatile and useful, and easy to use. It is not always

necessary to install big, complex programs.

Back in the meeting room, we raffled the 3 months subscription to those who were interested. Marge Gelegonya won it. Bill Cashman won the monthly drawing.

Marge, at my request, traded copies of the Sampler for dollars, half to go to the club. So far, 2 copies have been found to be blank. If you have received a blank, please get a better one at the August meeting. I must have gotten carried away labeling disks in advance.

OUT OF THE Q & A BOX

Q. I am looking for a local computer repair shop, and a place to purchase a computer.

A: Steve Steinberg said he does repairs and sales, trading as ABC Computer Service., 89 Saxonney Circle, Flemington, phone 782-4793.

[Ed: We have heard good reports from several people about Jeff Sailer, trading as JWS Computer Sales, 198 Sandy Ridge-Mt. Airy Road, Stockton NJ 08559, phone 609-397-4585.]

I didn't hear any clear answers during the meeting to the other questions so I asked Woody, on MMW, to answer them.

Q. Will the new Ram Doubler Software work or will it act like Stacker?

A. I doubt it will be as good as Stacker... The only real cure for not enough RAM is to: add more RAM. Despite the best efforts of creative marketing people, there's still no such thing as a free lunch.

[Ed. So I suppose there's no use asking if **Multimedia Cloaking** would really make my CD-ROM drive run at incredible speed and add 56 K memory for only \$39.95, with a copy of **King's Quest V** thrown in. . Do you suppose Woody ever believed in Santa Claus?]

Q. Why do Win 95's icons and "look"

{ Review: For hardware you need a

change to a softer look (lighter shadows and colors)?

A. Ask Bill Gates. I really have no ideas here, but suspect the influence of a "study" somewhere.

Q. How do you use True Type in DOS?

A. Good luck. I dunno. If someone figures it out, patent it, quickly.

TrueType works only with a graphical environment, specifically one which bases its dimensions on the typesetter "point" measurement; though not readily apparent to the casual user, Windows measurements are internally based on "twips" which come 1440 to the inch - and are conveniently equal to one-twentieth of a point. The pixel measurements in Windows are handled by internal conversion routines - pixels are NOT the inherent measurement unit for Windows.

I suppose, given the specifications for TrueType (which are publicly available) one could write a DOS program to utilize a TrueType font - for hardcopy printout - but I just don't believe anyone will; certainly not as a commercial product.

Q. What is the proper speed to purchase in CD ROM - what is the point of diminishing return —2x 4x 6x ?

A. More a matter of personal taste or what you're going to use the CD-ROM for. I have a 2x changer with 7 CDs on-line all the time - mostly text and database searching. For heavy multimedia use the higher speed is probably helpful - though most extant CDs are recorded for double-speed players. 6x seems a bit extreme.

Q. From experience is it best to get a caddy or a caddyless drive?

A. Again this is more to personal taste. I've never used a caddy drive. I treat the CDs as valued objects, always returning them to the jewel box when out of a reader. But in environments with small children or pets a caddy might make sense.

a case called a caddy, and case and disk both go into the drive. You have to buy a caddy for each disk, or move a disk into a caddy to use it. Or else you keep each disk in a jewel case and take it out of the case to slip into the drawer, handling it by the edges only. Some CD's arrive in paper envelopes. Empty jewel cases cost about 6 for \$4.00 at Staples or at shows. For a little more you can get pop-up cases which make the disks a tiny bit easier to handle.]

Q. Which interface is best - SCSI-2 or IDE?

A. Eeek. I'm a long-term supporter of SCSI. The price is a bit higher, but the ease of expansion (7 devices on the controller as opposed to just two) and software installation win for me. Further, the higher-end components usually come SCSI only - I've yet to see CD changers, scanners, printers or high-capacity tape drives on the IDE interface.

Q. Bob's "other" nephew had an ink cartridge from his BJI 000E printer that wouldn't print. "It seems as if there is a leakage of black ink but the manual says not to clean it."

A. Every now and then you get a bad cartridge. Either take it back to the store and argue about it, or toss it and start with a fresh one.

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**ONE DISK, TO BE
GROWLED TO THE TUNE OF
ONE LOVE**

(Sigmund Romberg, *The Student Prince*)

One disk,
There is but one disk
One disk, that I can't find
One disk, with just the right data,
Is driving me
Out of my mind.



[Ed. There was a sub-question asking

**DOES YOUR
COMPUTER TALK TO
YOU?**

[Ed. note: I copied the following in its entirety, as it came off MMW. I don't understand it enough to edit it intelligently, but the general idea of programs that let visually impaired people use computers is interesting, and every time you read something puzzling you understand a little bit more.]

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MACHWORK - 05/18/95 22:12
From: GORDON GRAHAM
To: ERIC HEIL
Subj: LINUX TEXT-TO-SPEECH 1/2
Area: DOS_HUG

Eric,

Pardon my dumb formatting. You mentioned that you might be interested in this. I found it on Database.

GEG

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Date: 05-11-95 06:33 Message #: 33 DATABASE
From: TV Raman Status: PUBLIC
To: ALL Ref #: 0
Subject: REPOST: emacspeak Conf: comp.os.linux.announce (1023)

ÿ@FROM : raman@crl.dec.com
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Newsgroups: comp.os.linux.announce
Organization: Digital Cambridge Research Laboratory

EMACSPK -- A SPEECH OUTPUT SUBSYSTEM FOR EMACS

Note: I am posting this to the Linux groups because I wrote this so I could use Linux on my laptop. (I use a talking computer for all mywork)

—Raman * Announcing Emacspeak, a full-fledged speech output interface to Emacs. *

Emacspeak is the first full-fledged speech output system that will allow someone who cannot see to work directly on a UNIX system. (Until now, the only option available to visually impaired users has been to use a talking PC as a terminal.) Emacspeak is built on top of Emacs.

Once you start emacs with emacspeak loaded, you get spoken feedback for everything you do. Your mileage will vary depending on how well you can use Emacs. There is nothing that you cannot do inside Emacs:-)

I currently use Emacspeak at work on my DECALPHA workstation running Digital UNIX. I also use Emacspeak as the only speech output system on my laptop running Linux. Emacspeak currently supports the new Dectalk Express speech synthesizer, as well as older versions of the Dectalk e.g. the MultiVoice. On the DECALPHA, you can use it with the software Dectalk. (If you have a DECALPHA and also have software Dectalk installed at your site, please get in touch with me and I'll give you some additional code that emacspeak needs to work with the software Dectalk.)

You need GNU FSF Emacs 19 (version 19.23 or later) and TCLX 7.3B (Extended TCL) to run Emacspeak. See the Emacspeak distribution for additional details. Available from the following sites: FTP:

<ftp://crl.dec.com/pub/digital/emacspeak/emacspeak.tar.gz> WWW:
<http://www.research.digital.com/CRL/personal/raman/emacspeak/emacspeak.tar.gz>

Emacspeak comes with full source

level documentation. There is an online info manual as well, but this is still incomplete.

EMACS SUBSYSTEMS

Emacspeak currently has extensions for many popular Emacs subsystems including:

W3: A full-fledged W3 browser [available by FTP]. Emacspeak implements a voice-lock mode analogous to Emacs' font-locking that allows it to speak WWW hotlinks using different ~voice personalities~.

GNUS: The Emacs news reader. Emacspeak provides a fluent extension to gnus that allows you to listen to Usenet news without taking your fingers off the four arrow keys.

VM: The Emacs VM mail reader. Emacspeak works with VM to present email messages using different voices; Parts of a message that are cited from a previous message are ~voicified~ to produce effective aural presentations.

Eterm: The Emacs 19 terminal emulator. (This will be part of Emacs 19.29). You can obtain a beta copy of eterm [via anonymous FTP]. I have used Emacspeak and Eterm to successfully login to work from my laptop and interface with running applications on my office workstation (including running Emacs sessions!).

Emacspeak also works well with Emacs addons like AUCTEX for editing TeX documents, the Emacs Calculator (CALC --a symbolic algebra system) etc.

Emacspeak works fluently with all Emacs addons; writing an extension makes its use even more pleasurable.

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NEW MEMBERS

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Steve is a computer repair person. He also sells computers, ordered to your exact requirements. We apologize to Steve, who should have been listed in June.

Bill Hannula
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Bill is about to buy his first computer, with advice from younger members of the family, so he can begin to follow their conversations, and is enrolled in the next Senior class. Bill is the 5th DOS HUG member on Riegel Ridge hill, Holland Township.

THE FREE SOFTWARE DEPARTMENT

Long ago, in Apple years, I started trading with the Print Shop Users Club. They published graphics and utilities. The college student owner said at graduation that he would be too busy to continue, but loyal fans persuaded him to keep on. He moved to PC's and changed to Instant Artist, then to Print Artist, staying always with graphics and utilities for that one program. The following offering of a CD-ROM completely unrelated to Print Artist is a first step into new fields.

"This multimedia culinary guide takes you on a tantalizing tour of many of the nation's best restaurants, wineries, and microbreweries... details each restaurant's house specialties, hours, prices, dress codes, duplicates menus, you get over 1000 images of interiors, menus, beer labels, wine labels.... Needs 256 color graphics, 5 Mb hard disk space, CD-ROM player.

Send \$4.95 to
Great Restaurants
POBox 641697
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PPOLITICS an editorial

As nomination time approaches, you might like to have some idea of how the club runs. It is as close to running itself as possible. A few people think of something that needs to be done, and then do it.

Most clubs have Executive Committee meetings, and plan a month or so ahead. In this club, nobody wants to stop talking about computers long enough for a dull meeting about club management. Most "executive decisions" are made by a quick chat among a few officers or other interested people at or after meetings, with now and then some discussion on the club Board. Perhaps we should look at what each officer is really doing, since the by-laws don't go into detail. When Joyce Tigner was secretary, then VP, then President, she brought the refreshments. (AND made the coffee.) Thus it was that the presidents who followed inherited the refreshment chore.

The Vice-President has always been the pinch-hitter, and twice has succeeded to the presidency but has had no other specific jobs.

The treasurer keeps the money and writes the checks and handles paper work with the banks and the IRS. Each check has to be signed by two officers, currently the president and the treasurer. He posts the membership list and the club's check register on his Bulletin Board.

The Secretary has very little to do as secretary. Most months the minutes should simply report that no business was transacted. The newsletter report is an account of the meeting, not proper dry minutes. Correspondence is minimal, consisting mainly of getting meeting notices out to the newspapers. However, Joyce started the idea that the secretary would do the newsletter. There is no particular reason for this. Whoever does the newsletter needs to take full notes but a separate secretary could take other notes, if you want.

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2 disks this month. First, the Softdisk Sampler, which we sold for a dollar last month, for a little club income. So far I have had to replace two that were blank. If yours was also, please bring it back for a better copy. If you didn't get one, just trade a disk as usual. Many clubs sell selected software that is copied before the meeting. If we are going to do that, we need someone besides the secretary to collect the money. The SoftDisk Sampler contains a chess game in which the pieces kill each other, that needs Windows, a good card game in DOS called 40 Thieves, using 100 cards, an adventure game with Bubba's travails with cactus and caves, and other regular magazine features.

The second disk is a shareware word search program. You list the words you want in the puzzle and it prints the puzzle to be worked, and the solution, with the words outlined. Great for teachers or parents to make up puzzles related to current assignments. Great for language or Scrabble students trying to memorize word lists. Saves money on puzzle books for kids on long trips. I have other word search programs, but they're all copyrighted.

Trade a useable disk please, for each.

EMAC CONTINUED

would like to write an Emacspeak addon for your favorite package please get in touch with me so we do not end up duplicating work.

SUPPORT FOR EMACSPK

Emacspeak comes as is, please see the accompanying [Copyright] notice

The office of Librarian is an elected one, but who would want Art's job of carrying all that equipment in every month? And who would build up such a collection of shareware?

I have added to the secretary's job by making the membership booklets, collecting giveaway stuff for each meeting, making club business cards, making name tags, keeping back newsletter issues on hand for meetings, preparing an agenda, writing a club history, and keeping it current. Marge Gelegonya is becoming Assistant Secretary without portfolio, helping at meetings, and helping to get the newsletter out.

In addition, I have drifted into being the coordinator for Computer Volunteers activities. This could be done better by a different person. There is nothing linking it to the secretary's other functions. Please consider volunteering for this. It involves being the one to whom calls for help are directed, asking someone to provide the help, and sometimes visiting the site to define the problem, and reporting for the newsletter.

I think we should add appointed positions of Computer Volunteers Coordinator, HMC Liaison, and Assistant Secretary. This would add to the list of concerned club managers. Having a separate Membership person seems like a good idea, but in practice Jac keeps a membership list so he knows who has paid dues. He also makes extra copies of the newsletter and leaves them at stores and gives them to his students and customers. I keep a membership list so I can mail the newsletter, and update the membership booklet, and make name tags. I track dues payments so I can mark mailing labels correctly. I take the calls generated by newspaper notices, and mail newsletters to callers. Unless a Membership Person wants to take over some of these tasks, there seems little point in a third person maintaining this constantly changing

list. Jac and I just started doing it because it seemed like a good idea. The Membership person perhaps should be calling people who come to one meeting and don't join, or ex-members. There could be more active promotion seeking new members, perhaps, but we keep growing as it is, and we run out of chairs at every meeting, and where will we meet if we get 100 members?

You could advise the President to appoint a Membership Person who is free to come to meetings, which Jennifer Hunsinger isn't, as she teaches at RVCC on Saturdays, if you see the need for one. Sometimes it's a good idea to give a person a title just to get him/her on the Executive Committee. When Jennifer joins us, she's a valuable member.

I heard that Bill Woodall was resigning as program Chair, and panicked, but he says he is not resigning, just taking a back seat.

In other words, he does not plan to keep doing programs for you. It's your turn. He does not plan to spend a lot of time begging you to do a program. It's time to offer. He will still coordinate, schedule, approve, advise and assign dates to all the members clamoring to perform. He could probably be persuaded to return as a guest speaker once a year to keep us up to date.

What this boils down to is that our great club keeps getting by, by the skin of its teeth, depending on a very small group of people. Please chew on some of the above points and bring some reactions to the August meeting. And be ready to say which month you'll be responsible for program.

The day I bought 42 old shareware disks, the Dos for Dummies calendar's message was beware of buying too much software.



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**NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 19 1995**

HUNTERDON MEDICAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

**8:30 AM TO NOON
PROGRAM Presentation by Anthony Versage**

GUESTS WELCOME

DOS HUG NEWSLETTER

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Renewal date 6/96
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