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## SOMETHING NEW - A JOINT MEETING

The next meeting will be on November 18, at the Hunterdon MedTical Center on Rt 31, north of Flemington. The Ewing Seniors PCUG will join us for a joint meeting, to hear a presentation by Broderbund, maker of the **Print Shop** series, **Arthur's Teacher Trouble**, **MYST**, the **Carmen Sandiago** games, and a lot more.

Coffee and talk start at 8:30 AM, with the meeting at 9:30, and program at 10 in the auditorium, followed by the Q & A session and more talk.

Please park far away from the main entrance, leaving the closer spaces for patients.

## THE OCTOBER MEETING

The regular meeting of DOS HUG was held on Saturday, October 21, 1995, at HMC, Flemington. About 50 people attended.

Guests introduced included

**Eugenia and Elaine Simberg**; Eugenia is a recent graduate of our senior classes and is serving as a coach for class and for afternoon labs. Elaine uses a computer at work but is new to evening addiction;

**Bob Klucsarits** who uses all kinds of computers. Bob's wife works at HMC;

**Colleen Ulbrich**, who works in the Flemington Library and has inherited a Compaq;

**Karl Nielson**, a Net user;

**James Russ** from NJCC, who has had 22 different computers and has a 133 Mb Pentium on order. He recently

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demonstrated using his computer to create model train layouts, for an NJCC program

**Vito Convertini and Greg Snarke**, who didn't make it onto the tape recording;

**Evelyn Hall**, who has left computer learning to her daughter, Melinda, but has decided to join the new world since she now has to face a computer at work; and her fiancé,

**Corey Dart**, who uses computers at work.

**Doris Moore** served as greeter, and **Betty Skaarup** took care of ways and means.

President **Maureen Barron** called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She announced that the next meeting will be on November 18. The Ewing Sr PC UG will join us. They have arranged for a presentation from Broderbund.

**Maureen** announced that the December meeting will feature **Don Slepian's** music. the January meeting will bring us **Lon**

**Hosford** with the topic of "The Web and Jobs", and in February your Ed will show how this newsletter staggers into being, from MMW to Staples. Having more than one program planned ahead is a first for DOS HUG. **Maureen** is now looking for a March program.

Treasurer **Jac Carroll** reported a balance of \$1206.

The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from **Dottie Hartsell** of the Office on Aging, thanking the club for supplying teachers for the Senior computer classes.

**Pat Frusco**, part of the new **Computer Volunteers** Committee, reported that ARC director **Tom McKenna** has given the club 7 sets of Harvard Graphics

3.0, 17 boxes of Lotus 1-2-3 v.4/DOS, and 14 copies of WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows. He hopes for a donation to ARC. **Evelyn Stewart** said the Senior classes could use one or two of each. After inconclusive discussion the topic was tabled.

(Ed.: **Bill Woodal** was absent coping with a cellar flood, but commented on MMW that he feels the club should not accept "gifts" with strings attached, and that these programs are worth \$2.00 to 5.00 each. He feels that their main value is providing people a chance to buy upgrades.)

In further **Computer Volunteers** business, member **Carol Gbur**, the teacher at NJ Youth Corps, a state funded program for capable but disenchanted high school dropouts, ages 16 to 25, operating in a house on the Sand Hill School property, asked for help in finding software for the IBM PC they now have,

and for more computers. She uses a MAC and needs help with PC commands. Rick Williams has been helping her with MAC questions. (Ed: Subsequently I spent some time with Carol on site, sharing shareware, and showing her basic commands.)

Phil Stonesifer noted that he had been asked to find a home for some old machines, two PC's and an Apple IIC. Before the meeting ended he had agreed to deliver these to the Youth Corps. (Ed: By the time of my subsequent visit, Phil had already delivered the machines.)

In unfinished business, Maureen called for additional nominations for officers. Hearing none, she directed the secretary to cast a ballot for the slate. The incumbents are now in office for the coming year.

Pat Frusco, our veep, reaped the rewards of office when the numbers were drawn.

## THE PROGRAM

Bob Springer gave a clear and thorough demonstration of using a computer as a fax machine. He explained that you must first be sure you have a fax modem. Some modems handle data only, some handle both. A data-only modem cannot talk with a fax modem. If the two modems are of differing baud rates, the message will go at the lower rate.

Some older software was written when Hayes was the only modem around, and is not compatible with some of the new brands.

The point of computer faxing is

that you write your message on the computer and it is then sent automatically through the steps of Connecting, Negotiating, Sending and Receiving. With a FAX machine you have to prepare a piece of paper with your message on it, to put into the machine, and hope that the receiving machine has paper ready.

Bob demonstrated a DOS program first and then Bob moved to **Winfax** by Delrina. He likes the program but finds the tech support slow (as in 2 to 4 days!) and not too competent. **Winfax** can FAX anything you see on the screen. You can FAX to one person or to a list of names in an automatic directory. Some FAX machines have memory. If the receiving machine does not have memory, and runs out of paper, it stops.

Andy McTeague commented that Winfax 4.0 is not compatible with WIN95.

On the subject of unwanted FAXes, Bob said the recipient must notify the sender not to send any more messages. If the sender continues to send messages, he/she is in violation of federal law. The sender must include name and identifiers so that the receiver can always get back to him.

Rick Williams said that he has been pleased with software called Flash Modem, which can change modem speed. The maximum speed for Faxing is 14.4 at the moment. Data can go at higher speeds.

Bob said his bank had accepted a check faxed to him. The sender sent a check by snail mail later.

(Please see Bob for details and correct program and company names. The tape recorder failed us.)

Bob is accustomed to giving presentations for business, and his program was a great example of careful preparation and smooth performance. This should not keep less experienced members from sharing what they are doing, even if they are not into slide shows. As you can tell from our general talk sessions, everybody is interested in anything to do with computers.

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**ENCLOSED FILES ON  
MMW**

Jac Carroll explained how to read an enclosed file:

The easiest thing is to turn on your communication software's "capture", then just hit "e" for <e>nclosed. The next menu will ask what protocol. Choose "type to screen". When you log off you can close the capture file, save it with a name, and then print it out.

(Ed: in Procomm the capture command is ALT with F1. This asks for a file name, which can be anything. It makes a file of everything that passes on the screen, until you toggle it off. Toggle means that the same key works for **on** and for **off**. To read a file on screen, type: : TYPE filename then the vertical line above the backslash, then MORE, enter. To print a file, on some machines you can just type: Print filename.)

### WINDOWS SONG

from Joe Burger

Transposed in the mind and sung by the Rolling Stones (tune of Honkey Tonk Women).

I met a pencil necked geek outside of Redmond... He said he had something new for me to try... He rolled the disk out right across the table... I put it in and then it blew my Drive!!!

*It's nieeiieideefive windows... gimme, gimme, gimme, an OS that Works!*

*It's nieeiieideefive windows... gimme, gimme, gimme, money you jerks!*

He said I don't know how this could have happened.. 400 'thou brought this thing up to gold... of course it's only version one dot zero... without plug and play you're left out in the cold!!!

*It's nieeiieideefive windows.. gimme, gimme, gimme, a good dual boot!*

*It's nieeiieideefive windows.. gimme, gimme, gimme, all of your loot!*

...as you can gather all you need to add to this tune is sleep deprivation and/or a quantity of alcohol, the prose just flows. How about for Shop. gled hues.. ya, stop.



JMB

### KEN GORDON SHOW

November 11 9:30 to 4, November 12 10-4 500 dealers as usual.

\$9.00 on Saturday, (good for two days), \$6.00 for Sunday only. Raritan Center Expo Hall is now called the NJ Convention and Expo Center. The address is Edison, but going east on 287 the the sign and

the turnoff are after the Edison exits. It's very close to exit 10 of the Turnpike.. New: "Preferred parking" available for \$3.00. "More shuttle buses". "WIN 95 programs in the Win95 theater" (!). Call 908-417-1400 for directions, or 800-631-0062 for other information.

Other show dates:

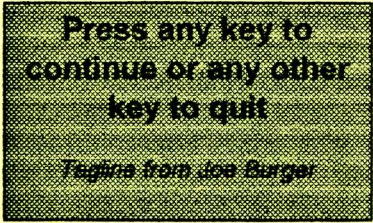
November 25,26 Pennsauken South Jersey Expo Center

Dec. 2 Wm Paterson College Recreation Center

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### RENAME? REDO? CHANGE DIRECTORY?

There are increasingly frequent comments about the club name being a little out of sync with the times. The older members could be THUGS - The Hunterdon Users Group Seniors - but that doesn't fit the majority. NOMACHUG? ...HUGE? .....PCUGOHC?... Just plain HUG? This is not easy. Try it.



### HAVE YOU BACKED UP LATELY? DID YOU HIT ANYTHING?

Wired Magazine tells of a company that never runs out of work recovering lost files for people who don't back up. They claim there was a customer who said she backed her machine up to the wall every night, and another who put floppies in the typewriter to type labels and another who fastened disks to the file cabinet with magnets.....?

### :Beginners' Corner: CATALOG CLUTTER

If you are strong minded enough to discard the flood of Christmas catalogs without opening them, skip this, but if they are piling up and falling over, Cardfile in Windows Accessories might help, especially if there are only one or two items you think you might buy some day.. Click on CARD, then on ADD. Type a category name for the top line of the card, such as Toys, Decorations, Clothes, Cheese.....To correct errors on this line, choose EDIT then INDEX. On the body of the card, type the company name, address, phone, and the names of the items that are causing you to save the catalog, with order #, price, s/h cost and any other salient details, including orders actually placed. If you record a plant order, record where you think you'll plant it, when it arrives 6 months later, and you've forgotten why you ordered it.

Cardfile will sort the cards for you alphabetically, so all the Pet Stuff

cards will be together. Arrows will take you through the cards, or you can point to the one you want to read or edit.

Choose Save from the file menu. Name the file CATALOGS. Remember to OPEN the file when you add cards. If you start typing cards without opening a file, they will go into a new file.

The most important step is the last. After saving your Catalog file, recycle the catalog., immediately.

If you study the manual you can learn how to use Cardfile as an automatic phone dialer., but it's useful just as a replacement for assorted little boxes of cards, piles of catalogs, scraps of paper with critical notes on them., rarely used but hard to find phone numbers, records of pet shots, menus used for parties, gifts to a particular person, etc.



## BILL'S ADDRESSES

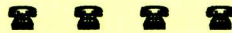
When the membership booklet began to bulge, I asked Bill to choose one e-mail address. You too may find your booklet entry abridged, one more cost of progress. Bill answered  
woodall@woodall.com

That's the permanent address. Although I'll still maintain several of the others, now that I have my own domain, that's the primary one.

For anyone else collecting e-mail addresses, my addresses, in order

that they're likely to be checked:

-woodall@woodall.com  
woodall@eclipse.net (the actual mailbox for woodall.com)  
woodall@mars.superlink.net  
70115.177@compuserve.com  
wmpwoodall@aol.com  
Bill.Woodall% moms@cjbbs.com



## A LETTER FROM DAVID NOWOTNIK 10/27/95

I'm glad that I made it along to the October DOS-HUG meeting. It will probably be the last one I can attend for quite some time. I'm closing on the sale of my NJ home on November 9, and moving in to our new home in Maryland on November 10. Still, I will keep in touch through this board, and right now I'd like to follow up on our conversation at the meeting on my favorite subject of the moment, HTML!

There are a number of tutorial programs on the Web; one that I thought was quite good is at <http://www.mccli.dist.maricopa.edu/tut/>. At the moment, it only goes as far as I did in my presentation last month, although it has some good links to information on enhanced features. Another good idea is that the whole tutorial can be downloaded, so that it's easy to go through it off line.

As I mentioned during our discussion, I have been looking into background GIFs. Again, there are several sources; here are two:  
<http://home.netscape.com/home/bg/bgbackgrounds.html>  
<http://www.execpc.com/~jeffo/webdes>

/bckgrnd2.html

Once a page has a fancy background, then it's better to have the GIF images have transparent backgrounds. There are several useful pages that provide instructions on how to do this.

Use of Lview Pro is the easiest way. This is mentioned in:  
<http://www.awa.com/nct/software/tranngif.html>

(Lview Pro can be downloaded from this site, which also provides an on-line Web magazine)

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## BOOK REVIEW

Gene Martinez added a footnote to David's HTML talk:

Thanks for the GREAT demo on Saturday..... I know that you said that you don't need any books, but I found a good one *Netscape & HTML Explorer*..... Lot's of good info on getting the most out of Netscape and everything you wanted to know about HTML.... It also includes a CD-Rom with lots of good programs and HTML pages to look at.... I've also gotten an HTTP server set up so (when I find out how) I can set up some CGI scripts and check them out locally.....

## USERS COMMENT ON ECLIPSE

> Well, EclipseNet is finally set up in Whitehouse AND Hampton, > Hunterdon County.

>I've been very happy with their service so far. Highly recommended.

>Don't forget to visit <http://www.woodall.com> for the DOS HUG Web Page. <bg>

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From: John Carroll on MMW

Subj: **employment opportunity**

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is looking for a "PC Analyst" to take care of all their PC's. Send resume to Ray Tyska, Director of Data Processing Operations, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, 1 Robert Wood Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ,

There is also an opening for a "Microsoft Teacher's" position for training hospital personnel in MS Office, CC Mail, and so on. Send the resume to the attention of Michael Zegar, same address.

As of tonight (11/1/95) resumes for these positions are still being sought.

**Tried to play my shoeborn  
and all I got was  
footnotes.  
tagline from John Edwards**

## SOAPBOX

*Bill Woodall*

CL>\* UniQWK v3.3a\* The best way to accelerate a Mac: 9.8 (m/s)/s

[tagline left as reference to latest topic]

... most Mac users are just trying to rationalize being stuck with a marginalized system... Mac sales peaked in 1993; they've been on a downward spiral since. Apple is switching efforts to software since they've lost the hardware war - their belated acceptance of cloning hammers it home.

The sad part is: Apple had plenty of warning in the marketplace. IBM closed the system with MCA, and slid to 8th place in a market they -More-defined. Tandy went proprietary with the T-1000 series and dropped from 2nd to 19th before giving up. Commodore stayed proprietary with the Amiga long enough to destroy the company. And lowly Packard Bell went to the head of the class.

Americans don't like censorship (read First Amendment, US Constitution). The closed architecture of Macintosh (both h/w and s/w) is just another form of censorship. Same goes for Amiga, Tandy-1000, PS/2 MCA and all the other failed proprietary systems.

ISA-based systems, and their attendant multitude of choices in both hardware and software speak

to the spirit of freedom. Don't like OS/2? Change to Win95. Tired of Linux? Use Free-BSD or Xenix instead. The perceived "user-hostile nature" of this is the price of freedom.

The computer represents the utmost achievement in intellectual tools, yet there is a notion that it must be "user-friendly" and obvious to use. Is the pencil user-friendly? Does a child inherently know how to use a pencil? What about a book? Is the utilization obvious to the uninitiated?

Just as training and discipline are required to make use of more prosaic tools, so it is for the computer.

[wpw climbs down, folds soapbox into a tiny square, tucks it away in a pocket, and wanders off to fight other titles...]



For November, the choice is **WinTrek**, a game that allows you to destroy aliens for a change. Trade a blank. Look for the grey folder with all the Post signs from the past. Members are welcome to copies of any, on request, either size, high or low. Even trade, disk for disk. It's all shareware, of course.

**\_NERDS**

by Jac Carroll

For the Get A Life Crew - you know, the folks who showed up at their local Egghead on Sept. 24 to be the first nerds on their blocks with Windows 95 - there is now an Internet site following the construction of Bill Gates' house. Morse-McFadden Communications sponsors a homepage with color photos of this \$50-Million-And-Counting Work in Progress. Check out Walls 96 at www.morsepr.com.

I knew this would interest some of you. <g>

**OUR EXPERTS CHAT ABOUT VIRUSES ON THE NET**

JE>Let me see... I can create a page with embedded programs that people JE>will access and have executed on their PCs whenever they read my page..

JE>Looks like an ideal way to send a Viral program.

BW>Who needs to bother with a virus? Let's see. How long would it take to write a ditty that adds a new line to the start of the autoexec.bat file, and point to a reboot.com utility? That would drive the average user up the wall, especially if one also patched config.sys to ignore the F5 and F8 escapes...

John Edwards:

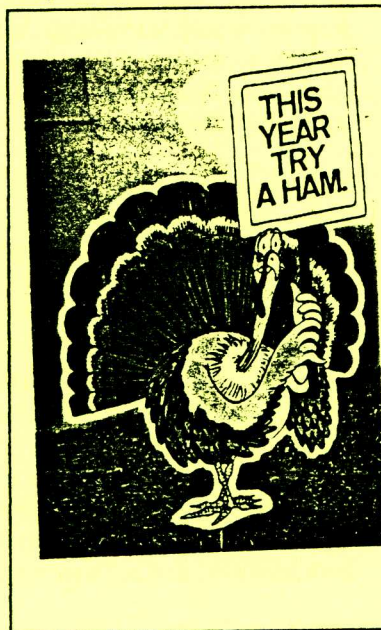
>See what I mean? Imagine giving such capability to a less scrupulous person. I have to believe that SUN has thought of this exposure and has built something into JAVA to reduce the potential for misuse. We will know soon enough. The new version of Netscape (2.0) will include JAVA capability. Given the widespread distribution it will have, the holes should start surfacing within a week or two of its release.

BW>And such a program would almost certainly not be flagged as a virus by most static detectors - though a TSR would catch it.

JE>Since the JAVA script will be interpreted (my understanding), I don't know if there is anything now available to detect hostile intent.

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p CMPQwk 1.4 #692 p Boycott shampoo! Demand the REAL poo!



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Philip Howard, literary columnist for The Times of London says

"Those who phone hotlines are by definition eccentric, opinionated, idle or mad, probably all four at once."

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There's still time to add your e-mail address to the membership booklet. To keep it pocket size we are eliminating business phone numbers, and fax numbers. We are also eliminating "areas of expertise" because there are too many now!

## WHERE THE WEB BEGAN

The man credited with creation of the WorldWide Web is Tim Berners-Lee, who joined MIT a year ago. Early in the 1980's he wrote a program to help keep track of projects, for his own use. From the beginning he used hypertext, highlighted words that double as commands.

The main idea behind the Web is that computer-accessed information can be linked to other information no matter where the other information is.

MIT has helped form a consortium of more than 90 companies and institutions to develop technical standards for the Web.

The Internet in general is guided by a group of volunteers who care enough about it to pay a fee to become members of IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force.) Directors of the nine or so sections of the IETF make up the Internet Engineering Steering Group. About a hundred people do most of the work, networking experts all. The total membership may be in the thousands.



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HOLD A JOINT MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1995

HUNTERDON MEDICAL CENTER  
RT 31 NORTH OF FLEMINGTON

A Presentation from BRODERBUND, Publishers of  
Myst, Arthur's Teacher Trouble and other great stuff

Coffee and talk 8:30 AM Meeting at 9:30 Program at 10:00

Guests welcome- Beginner to Guru

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