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NEXT MEETING

The January meeting will be on Saturday, January 20, 1996, at the Hunterdon Medical Center, starting at 8:30. The serious part of the morning starts at 10 AM, with Lon Hosford trekking around the World Wide Web, discussing its uses for job hunting and other business angles. Remember to leave the good parking spaces for patients.



THE DECEMBER MEETING

The regular meeting of DOS HUG was held on Saturday, December 16, 1995, at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, NJ. In spite of the difficult weather, about 40 people attended, a little late after driving at safe speeds. After about an hour of milling around, and sampling new cookie arrivals, and watching Don Slepian set up, the meeting was called to order by President Maureen Barron, assisted by former president Eileen Mullen. Among guests introduced were **Karen Small**, from Lebanon, and **Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Barad**, who soon became new members. Dr. Barad said he hoped for better times with us than he had

when he tried another club just one time, when the presentation was for advanced C programmers. Rick Williams replied that he was the program chairman for that club for that meeting and he couldn't understand a word of it either.

Treasurer Jac Carroll reported a balance over \$1400, unusually high because the newsletter bills haven't been paid lately. (Ed: We are mailing 150 copies each month, to 90 paid members, a few deserving friends, each library in the county, potential members, and people or businesses mentioned in any one letter.)

Jac has started the paper work to get the club established as a non-profit organization and urged that we make a decision on changing the club name while he can still put it on the first round of forms, rather than changing it later with great ado. Maureen called for suggestions. Suggestions included **PC HUG**, just **HUG**, and **Hunterdon Computer Club** allowing for Macs(!) and Windows 99 and Sexiums or whatever. There was some sentiment for keeping HUG as part of the name. Maureen asked members to be ready to decide at the January 20 meeting. One choice, of course, is to keep the name as is. (Ed: The reason for the unofficial name change on the newsletter banner is that Jac found when he left copies at stores, no one recognized them as computer club related, back when the banner was DOS HUG with no explanation or picture of a computer. While we're changing the

club name, if we are, you're welcome to supply a clever new name for the newsletter.)

The Secretary reminded people to fill in the order sheet for Russ Walter's *Secret Guide to Computers*. (11 members ordered, so we will have the \$9.00 price.)

Librarian Art Gerke said he now has about 70 CD ROM disks full of shareware. The procedure for members is to take home a disk copy of the index of a CD, look at the summaries, then at the next meeting copy the chosen programs from the CD.

Rick Williams, our HMC Liaison person, announced that we are able to continue meeting here for 1996, but must be cleaned up and out of the room by 12:30, for a hospital group to meet each month.

COMPUTER VOLUNTEERS

Howard Asplen discussed problems of providing help with computer training for HMC, since this requires trainers available during the day. The hospital is starting a new computer system soon, which means a lot of training will be needed. Judi Weinstein offered to consider helping with beginners on the hospital staff. Howard suggested that the lessons already in place for the Senior course might be useful at the hospital. (Ed: These are available on a disk., for WinWord 6 and get rewritten after almost every use.)

Pat Frusco reported that she has a few



boxes of the ARC 123 sets, 2 of Harvard Graphics, and lots of the Word Perfect boxes that have no disks.

The Secretary reported that the third semester of Senior classes ends in January, and 47 more people are signed up for the new term starting February 8th. There is hope that we can start more advanced classes, going thoroughly into one program or another after the next group of beginners graduates. The graduates who acted as aides this semester are pairing up to take a few classes. We still need more teachers. The hoped for dedicated computer classroom turned out to be vaporware, but donated computers keep arriving, and we are passing some of the oldest ones on to individuals.

There was only one drawing this month, won by someone whose name was not revealed to this reporter.



THE PROGRAM

The business meeting drifted gently into Don Slepian's music. Don prefers to setup in the meeting room where people can gather around to stare or sing or both. This year he had grand new cases, and 6 computers instead of the expected 5, and he set 4 big speakers around the room. He explained that he was just making paper cones vibrate, and our ears were interpreting it as music. He said the next step is to reduce the total size of the equipment. The keyboard and foot pedal units had not grown since he was here last. These are still the distinguishing feature of Don's system, in that each key allows 3 different intensities not just of volume but of timbre and tone, and the foot pedals take care of volume, swell, sustain, etc.

The concert included all the club favorites, notably Jewish Jingle Bells, in which Jingle Bells changes key and becomes a Hora, followed by Russian Jingle Bells in a still more mournful key. We heard a little straight Bach, which rapidly strayed into an upbeat (offbeat?) adaptation. When asked if he still used the disks of recorded sounds, he said yes and inserted one and played the Howlaluia Chorus, church organ accompanied by cats in full midnight voice..

Don has a disk and video of relaxing sounds and colors, and a cassette tape of Christmas music, and a new CD that combines all his publications. Most of the modest supply he brought along sold instantly.

He installed on Art's computer the Armed Services screen saver he had just finished making on request, and selling to the Pentagon. It was used as a gift at a convention, instead of a keyring. Members were invited to copy it.

The morning ended with a sing along of Christmas carols around the console, highlighted by *O Holy Night* sung by professional soloist Janice Latella.

Thanks to Don's charm as a presenter, and to his music, which created an attentive, absorbed audience, and to all the good cooks, it was a grand morning.



DECEMBER Q AND A

Q: How do you stop a HP Laser IV printer from printing a cover/page /document/blank page?

A: Read the manual.

(Use of a hammer was also suggested. It was party time.)

NAME CHANGE

The by-laws say we can make amendments by a vote of a majority of members present at a regular meeting, provided members have had two weeks' notice in writing, so if you get this by January 6, we can vote on the 20th. Most people favor a name that covers future changes in operating systems, such as Hunterdon Computer Club or Hunterdon Users Group. The by-laws call for a secret ballot, but if someone makes a motion in favor of a particular name and almost everyone votes in favor of the motion, we won't need a ballot and you can get back to talking about computers.



ECLIPSE UPDATE

On December 28 Erich Reineker said these numbers are working:

Somerville	526 1364
Whitehouse	534 2152
Hampton	537 9443

Eclipse Web page

[HTTP://www.eclipse.net/](http://www.eclipse.net/)

Eclipse BBS from which to download startup communications software 2 0 1 635 5726 The BBS logon is Eclipse and the password is Guest.

Eric said the Kingwood number is actually going to be a Frenchtown 996 number. Everything is in place for it to open except that United Telephone has so far taken three months to get pricing from the powers that be.

For general information call 800-483-1223

To enroll in Eclipse email to sales@eclipse.net

SECRET BOOKS COMING

Russ Walter called to apologize to the club that the 21st edition didn't arrive for the December meeting. "We were swamped", he said. The books are on their way now and you can pick them up at the January meeting. \$9. each.

WHAT'S NEW?

Rooting through disk drawers I came upon a 3.5" disk called PCLINK, which offers for \$9.95 a month access to Telenet, Tymnett and Datapac, which will bring you Book reviews, the Grolier Encyclopedia, college choices, current football scores, stock quotations, news and weather from USA To-day, home shopping, news of Hollywood stars, travel help...software to download....Local calls from 600 cities..... sample of chat mode: "Would a 15 year old have trouble learning her way around this program?" The program was written in 1988, for a Tandy machine.

COMPUTER BAR

On Rt. 46 in Ridgefield, the Jingle Inn has 6 computers for patrons to use, with Internet access, and games and chat on the owner's son's BBS The Rock Pile. Beer and hamburgers are served right beside the computers. On Monday nights 50 or so members of The Rock Pile gather at the Jingle in person. Patrons are charged \$5.00 a half hour to use the computers, but the half hour stretches if they are eating and drinking. The proprietor plans to put 12 machines in his other restaurant, Jingle Inn II, and add 6 to the current collection. The Jingle Inn serves bottled beers only, \$1.50 for domestic, \$2.50 for imported. Will keyboards have to pass health department inspections?

Cray Research Inc has recently produced a computer that can perform 12 trillion calculations per Second.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

Careless reporting in the December Minutes gave the impression that President Maureen is doing the program planning. Bill Woodall is our Program Chairman, without whom we cannot do. Maureen has worked hard to stir members up to give Bill a break, as he was not only planning the programs but presenting most of them, but after Maureen stirs, Bill decides what topics are worth presenting and who might do them well, and when. He has hinted that he and Anthony Versarge will join forces next summer - talk about bringing up your big guns! Talk to Bill about YOUR presentation. There is still a place for smaller guns, and someone (probably Jac Carroll) will help you set up a machine to work with.

New members:

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Barad
521 Sergeantsville Road,
Flemington NJ 08822 782-5571.

Where are we going, and why am I in this
handbasket?
wpw

TWO MORE RECOMMENDED DEALERS

from Eileen Mullen and Pete Barone
EastOne County Line Road
Branchburg 685 1977 ask for David

from Judi Weinstein
Computing Service Corp
430 Route 206
Hillsborough, NJ 08876
VOICE 908 874 4750
FAX 908 874 4769

Directions: Shop is located on the southbound side of Rt 206, just north of Rt 514 ... next to the 7-11. It's a tiny store.

FLASH!

CD-ROM disks saved from landfill! They will make much better bird scarers than aluminum pie tins. Some have termination dates, some won't run, some are just dumb, some have one or two things worth copying before you toss them. Birds will hate them.

Split personality? Who, us?
CMPQwk 1.4 #797 [wpw]

A LIST FOR 95 NETTERS

jedwards@mnsinc.com

Another maillist you might try is IN-TOUCH. It is a weekly blurb about available WIN95 shareware. There are a couple of interesting programs appearing each week.

To subscribe, send e-mail to :
intouch-request@islandnet.com
with "subscribe" as the subject. No other text or message is necessary.

To unsubscribe, send a message to the same id with "unsubscribe" as the subject.

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"Never±touch ±he flop±y disk s±rface!"

From: John Carroll To: All
Subj: The Internet's Catastroph Area:

From Bob Metcalfe's column, InfoWorld, Dec. 4, 1995

I predict the Internet... will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse.
[1] ...Investors poured a lot of money into the Internet during 1995, but very little leaked out.

[2] ...transaction costs, at 50 cents each or more, remain way too high. Without

efficient micropayments. there will be little Internet commerce...

[3] Advertisers only invest the big bucks in measured media... we'll discover in 1996 that the vast majority [of users] surfed for several hours and went back to watching TV. After the third major corporation stuffs its Web pages full of dazzling product literature and gets no hits, the Internet's collapse will begin to accelerate...

[4] Dazzling product literature and advertising require at least ISDN speeds. But the major corporations we are relying on to upgrade the Internet... are the local telco monopolies, which like our postal service and public schools have become little more than jobs programs.

[5] In early 1996, another series of major security breaches will drive the rest of the productive Internet to safety and out of reach...

[6] During 1996, the way for control of standards will tear the Web. with a general loss of compatibility...

[7] ...The Internet is intermittently overloaded, and the TCP/IP architecture doesn't deal well with overloads. Furthermore, the Internet's naive flat-rate model is incapable of financing the new capacity it would need to serve continued growth...

[8] Internet backlash among professional paranoids will break into a full collapse after a series of well-publicized privacy violations instigated by the professional paranoids themselves for our own good.

[9] ...without video the Internet will lack the energy needed to sustain its current expansion.

[10] The Internet traffic carrying arguments about pornography... will swamp the actual pornography.

[12] ...in 1996, CD-ROMs through Federal Express will emerge as the information superhighway...

What do you think? Has Metcalfe got it right?

DISMAL NEWS ABOUT WIN95

Here is an exchange between Jac Carroll and Bill Woodall, on MMW. Bill also went over this problem at the December meeting. (Quotes deleted from Bill's reply.)

- From: John Carroll To: All
Subj: WIN 95 excitement

Client calls about a warning message on the screen. It says something about their version of **Microsoft Office 95** being a preview which will expire 12/31/95. The preview was installed by a neighbor kid home from college last summer. It upgraded the MS Office for Windows 3.11 the client owns.

So, I try to uninstall the preview but the program won't let me unless I have the installation disk. Where's the installation disk? Somewhere far, far away...

I wonder if I'll ever be able to uninstall the program, especially after it expires. Guess Microsoft has a "gotcha" there and the client will just have to upgrade. Any suggestions?

Bill replied. (Quotes deleted)-

Yep. They shipped several hundred thousand of 'em. It was called the "preview" program - the paid beta test crowd. You will also need the "CD-Keycode" which was on a yellow or red sticker on the back of the cdrom. I've no idea if the preview series was individually serialized.

No, you're NOT going to uninstall it. They need to upgrade. Or just quit

using Office...

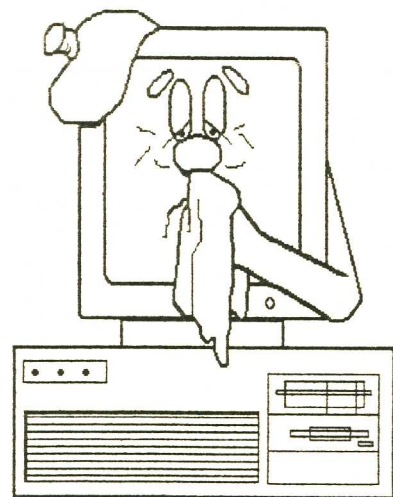
Computer City usually has the best retail prices on the upgrade. [wpw]

p CMPQwk 1.4 #797 p Sleep is a totally inadequate substitute for caffeine...

ONLY 360 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

The Mouse King at P O Box 4363, Bellingham, WA 98227 will print your photo (color or b/w) or drawing on a washable, easy glide surface 7 3/4 x 9 1/4 mouse pad for \$15. Ten day delivery. Phone 360 738-4862 FAX 360 647-8939. The Editor has connections in Bellingham and received such a pad for Christmas. This one has a very old photo of two men and two ladies hiking on a glacier. The ladies are wearing proper hats and long skirts, but also trousers, it appears. The resident mouse does indeed glide nicely over this.

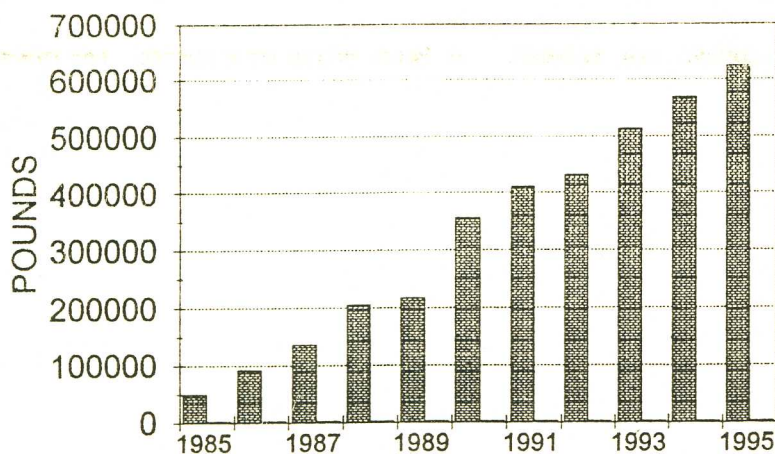
Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change. tag from John Edwards



OUR ADOPTED FOOBANK Below is a reduced view of the famous NorWesCap food distribution chart. It's done in Quattro Pro/WIN (3.1). Each year they call with the new year's figure and that's all I have to enter, besides remembering to change the title date. The P'burg warehouse sends a truck weekly to Second Harvest in Hillside, where they pay 14 ¢ a lb. P'burg distributes it to 126 pantries in Warren, Hunterdon, and Sussex counties, for 7¢ a lb. By far the largest amount goes to Hunterdon. The pantries, all run by volunteers, distribute the food to individuals. Second Harvest is the depot for large donations from the big grocery companies, who send seasonal leftovers, slow moving items, mildly damaged packages, etc.

NorwesCap is one place you can give money or food and know that it is going directly to the people you intend it for, not to professional fund raisers, fancy offices, or high salaries. The address is 350 Anderson St., P'burg 08865. If you'd like to visit and see the elegant program they bought when Mike Howell, and John Warsinski and I convinced them we wouldn't live long enough to write it, call Patty Apgar or Cathy Rummel at 454 4322. Don't visit Thursdays - that's distribution day. Ask for directions. It's hard to find, in the first floor of an NJP&L warehouse.

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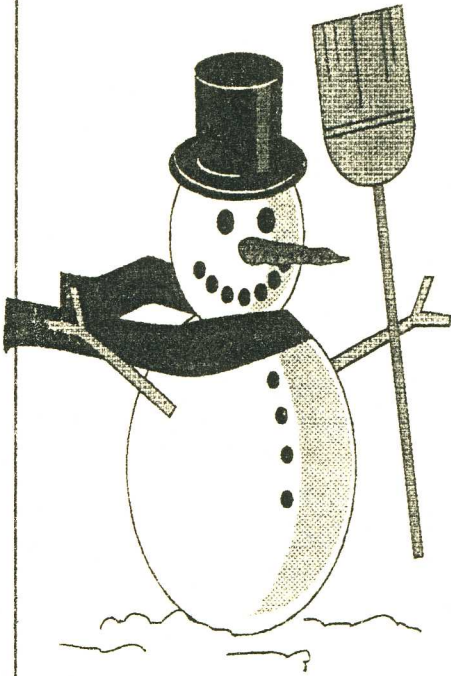
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**HUNTERDON MEDICAL CENTER
RT 31 NORTH OF FLEMINGTON**

**COFFEE 8:30 A M
PROGRAM AT 10:00**

**LON HOSFORD SHOWS HOW TO FIND A JOB ON THE
INTERNET WORLD WIDE WED**

**GUESTS WELCOME
ALL AGES ALL INTERESTS ALL LEVELS**

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