THE FEBRUARY MEETING - SNOW -

NEXT MEETING

The Hunterdon Computer Club will meet at the Hunterdon Medical Center, on Saturday, March 16, at 8:30 AM.. The business meeting starts at 9:30, followed by the formal presentation at 10:00. The March program will be the snowed-out February program, tracing the production of this newsletter from ideas to mailing.

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

It is advisable to look over the give-away (or throw-away) table, the Trading Post, and the bagels, and to make your deals with Art, or ask him for help, early in the meeting, since we now have a deadline for vacating the room.

TRENTON COMPUTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 20, 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, April 21, 10 AM to 4 PM, at Mercer County Community College. The Flea Market opens one hour earlier. General Admission is $8. for 2 days, $5. for Sunday only. For more information call 717-529-6134, or email to TCF.info@edit.com For directions, see map on page 4. Do not try to outguess the signs about parking. Be resigned to using shuttle buses. A new feature this year is a room full of computers connected to the Internet, available at no extra charge. The Banquet speaker is Robin Ruskin, editor of *Home Computing Magazine*. (Ed: That's what the copy says, but It may mean Robin Raskin, editor of *PC Magazine*.) The banquet is to be at Angeloni's Cedar Gardens, Rt 33, Hamilton Square, tickets on sale Saturday at the Festival. The Festival keynote speaker is Bill Machrone, technology VP for Ziff-Davis. About 150 speakers and workshops are scheduled, ranging from *Tips for Buying a Computer,* to *Controlling the World from your Computer*. There are 2 Apple sessions, some for Windows NT, some for OS/2 , not a mention of Windows 95. Is it being taken for granted or is it being scorned?

Quicken - To Upgrade to Version 5 or Not?

From: Denise Burger

This is just my assessment of some of the things I ran across.

I am a fairly big fan of Quicken. I use it at work to track rental properties for my boss. Its check register format makes it easy to record and print reports on income and expenses. I set up tenants as classes. I post rental checks to "rental income" in categories and then use the classes to record which tenant made their payment. This makes it very easy to report the total rental income, or to do a breakdown of each individual tenant. If tenants pay late you can see it at a glance, and bam, late charges. It works well. The initial setup of the categories and classes is important, but later adjustments or additions are easy to add, delete or edit.

So if I'm so happy with it why upgrade? Why does the grass always look greener on the other side? Why is the other computer always better? I'm a big believer if it works, don't fix it. Which believe me, in my house with Joe always making changes, speeding up, upgrading, or having the computer give you little messages like "hold onto the chair," really is a challenge, why should I upgrade?

The only reason I even considered it was that I heard the reports now had handles that allowed you to shorten or lengthen the width of the columns. This was a feature that I knew Quick Books had, but not Quicken. Last year I even questioned their tech support, wanting to know when they would offer this feature. So here it is, all mine just for the asking. This sounds like a really stupid reason to get excited about upgrading, but I was happy. I could get the reports I wanted. I could show my boss all the info I had recorded in the memos without having lines cut off, or always running landscaping, or having columns that didn't apply to a certain report.

So when I didn't listen to Joe when he told me to wait till I did the year end posting before installing the new upgrade, I had to take a crash course on the upgrade and wrap up three companies data all in a matter of a few days. Sleep, what's that?

Version 5 has a new look, it opens to an improved Home Base. Quick Tabs let you quickly move between the areas of Quicken you use the most. Choose Options from the Edit menu, and then click General Click "Full Window Mode."

My first complaint was when using the split to post more then one entry the program would no longer allow me to enter classes by a click on the icon bar. In Version 4, after you clicked on the splits the category and class buttons would still allow you to access them. On Version 5 the entire icon bar is grayed out. Sure if you enter a (/) after the category name and begin to type in the class, it will fill in the rest for you, but what if tenants have similar names. Sometimes you could be typing out the entire name before it's entered. I want my button back!!! I looked in help, I read the manual. I found somewhere in the book that if you press Ctrl + L you can then access the class list without typing the entire name. It's a good thing I can read because I went through four (4) tech support people and none of them knew why this feature was changed or how I could get around it without having to type the names. They're still in the dark, I wasn't about to tell them when I still had to pay my phone bill. Plus I want that feature back. One other problem I ran across was some of the reports I had created in Version 4 when converted over to 5, would still not allow me to customize the columns. If I really wanted them to include or delete certain columns I had to redesign them all over again.

I have Version 5.0d, running under WFWG. Joe says that it's a resource hog and "quickly" drains the system to 40% or less. Quicken is now up to Version 5.0e. They're sending me the patch. It's still not going to fix my problems, but hopefully it will take care of some of the things that I haven't even run across yet.

LOST ICONS OF THE NETHER WORLD

This item, found on almost the last page of *More Windows for Dummies*, is worth the price of the whole book. When an icon disappears from a program or application that you know perfectly well is there somewhere, choose Run from the File Menu in Program Manager. Type SETUP space / P in the Command line box, press Enter, and wait as long as it takes. Program Manager may reappear as an icon at the bottom. Click on it and all the groups and icons should be back where they belong. It worked for me. (ehs)

FUTURE PROGRAMS
from Bill Woodall, Program Chairman

April 20 - Richard Wilkins, Games
May 18 - Bill Woodall "[wpw] explores networking with Windows for Workgroups and Lantastic (and WinNT and Win95 if pushed)"
June 15 - Panel discussion
July 20 - Bill Woodall and Anthony Versarge on graphics/ scanners/ video, etc
August 17 - open

"For September or October (date still in flux) I expect a meeting will be supereseded by a major computer conference at RVCC......The conference will explore various options/offerings of online and internetworked computing."

H C C BOOKSTORE

Where do these things hide? I have discovered a book called *Wordstar Included*. It costs $4.95, plus s/h, brand new, untouched. It includes one 3 1/2 " disk that runs all of Wordstar , except graphics and preview. Version 7 for DOS The book is a complete, clear manual. If you haven't afforded one of the big word processing programs, or if your machine doesn't have 39 Mb to spare, this is a wonderful substitute. If you just would like to go back in time to a simpler day,

buy it as a keepsake. If you're so young you don't remember **WordStar,** it came after **VDE** and before **WORD,** and everything you learned using it worked in Microsoft programs. It was the big competitor for **WordPerfect**. If we buy a few copies the shipping will be very little.

Sales of the *Secret Guide to Computers* continue brisk. If you want a copy of the 21st edition for $9.00 instead of the cover price of $15., send word. Russ Walter (the author) called to say we had ordered so many books that we get the low price even if we just order 2 or 3 at a time.
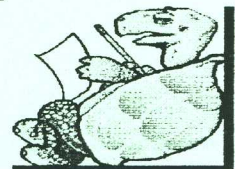
More Access Numbers

Prolog (cable) 800-804-5783 - alleged Holland Township local call access
Superlink 908-828-8988 - Hampton, Hopewell, Mercerville, South Brunswick, strong maybes
Eclipse 800-483-1223 Frenchtown number still on hold - many satisfied club member users already

MACHWORK - 01/22/96 19:53
From: Joseph Burger
Subj: Sprint Internet

Well... 2 weeks into the beta program for Sprint's Internet service a few problems have surfaced. Trying to establish a base line for connect times has been imposible, as is trying for a stable Netscape window. I have been graced with some "strange" exit messages when I get dumped to DOS right in the middle of a "locate" sequence. The new software being sent will correct these problems and a few I haven't even gotten to yet. The upgrade is version 1.4 (2) disks. At best I'd say March before things get ironed out. The number for getting on the list is 1-800-366-5941

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Hail

Address standardizations and the added zip-4 numbers and other good stuff about mailing.
http://www.usps.gov/

Bartlett's Quotations on line
http://www.cc.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/bartlett

Multi-media foreign language lessons for travelers
http://insti.physics.sunysb.edu/~mmartin/languages/languages.html

Daily Dilbert cartoon
http://www.unitedmedia.com.comics/dilbert/todays_dilbert.gif

Links to thousands of shareware and freeware programs from around the world
http://www.halcyon.com/knopf/jim

The Louvre has 9 miles of galleries. To see it without sore feet, if you have the right Viewer,
http//www.paris.org/Musees/Louvre

The Sistine Chapel without crowds
http://www.christusrex.org/www1/sistine/O-Tour.html

Riddle du jour
http://www.new3.com/riddle/..
With prizes yet

And heaven preserve the proofreaders in to-day's world!

and Farewell

Wired Magazine says something called Hyper-G is the next step. Netscape can view a Hyper-G site, but you have to get a Hyper-G browser (Harmony, Amadeus) to do the whole thing. It would be nice if they would stop the Merry-Go-Round once in a while, so some of us could get off without breaking a leg, when we feel we have been taken for a long enough ride. (ehs)

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ROUTE DIRECTIONS TO MCCC WEST WINDSOR CAMPUS

West Windsor Campus
1200 Old Trenton Road
(609) 586-4800

From North via U.S. 1

Follow U.S. 1 south of Princeton Exit onto Quakerbridge Rd., South 533;
After two miles, left onto Hughes Drive;
Follow Hughes Drive past Mercer County Park Entrance;
Campus entrance is on left.

From South via U.S. 1

Toll Bridge into New Jersey on U.S. 1 to 546 (North of Trenton);
Right onto 546 (at Mrs. G's Appliances) to Youngs Road;
Right onto Youngs Road (at Interstate 295 overpass);
Right from Youngs Road onto Hughes Drive;
Take Hughes Drive to campus entrance (on left).

From South via Interstate 95

North on Interstate 95 which becomes Interstate 295 South;
295 to Exit 65A, Sloan Avenue
East on Sloan (becomes Flock Road) to end (Edinburg Road);
Left onto Edinburg Road to campus entrance (jughandle right).
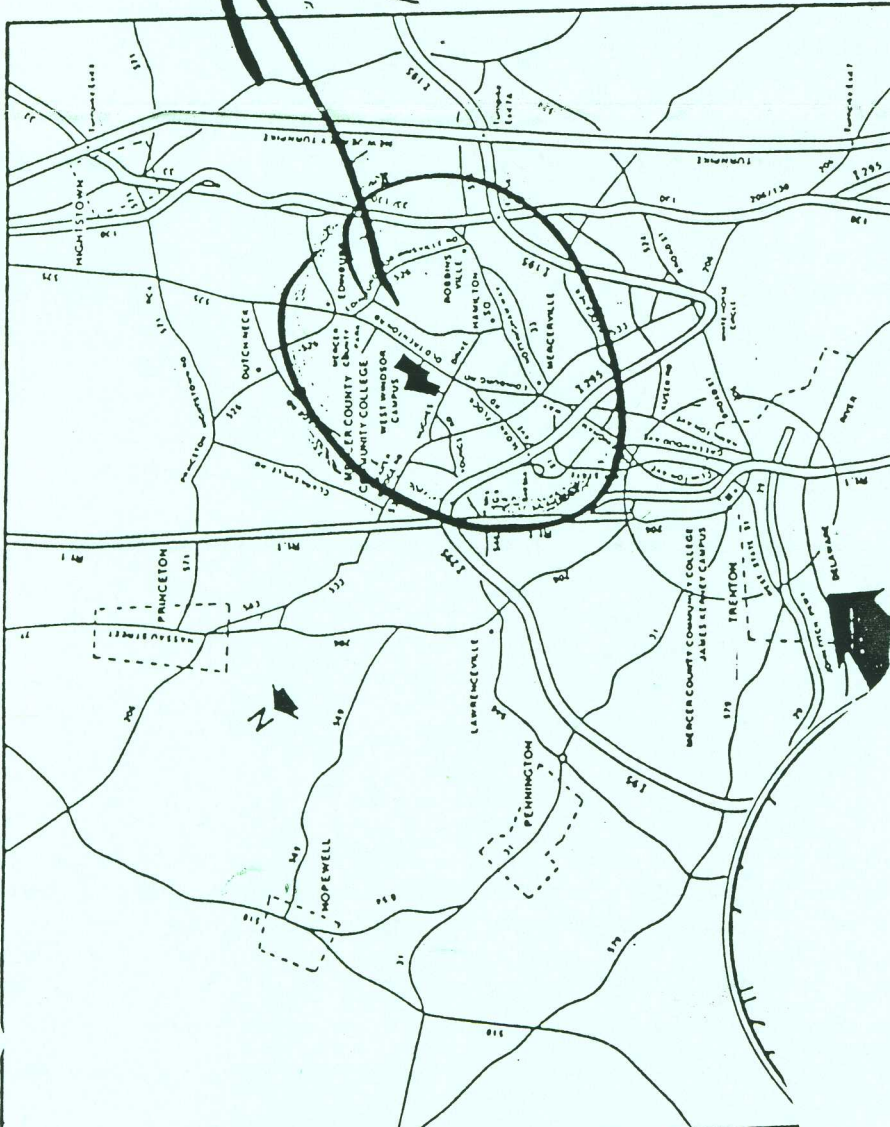
From South via Interstate 295

North on Interstate 295 to Route 130 North (end of Interstate);
North on N.J. 130 to 206 (follow sign to Trenton);
North on 206 (follow sign to 295);
North on 295 to Exit 65A, Sloan Avenue East
East on Sloan (becomes Flock Road) to end (Edinburg Road);
Left onto Edinburg Road to campus entrance (jughandle right).

From North via New Jersey Turnpike

Exit 8 at Hightstown onto 33 West;
33 West to 571 in downtown Hightstown;
Right onto 571;
571 to 535
Left onto 535 (Old Trenton Road), approximately 5 miles to campus entrance (on right).

From South via New Jersey Turnpike

Exit 7A only I-195 West
Exit 5B (first exit off I-195);
North on N.J. 130 to first light (526);
Left onto 526 to first light;
Bear left at light, then take immediate right (still 526);
526 to end, 535 (Old Trenton Road);
Left onto 535, two miles to campus entrance (on right).

QuakerBridge Road is just north of QuakerBridge Mall, which is immediately north of I 95 and Route 1 intersection.

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

I have never cared much for the editorial "we" used among friends, but maybe it's useful to cover individual stupidity.

We trust that no one looked for a meeting on February 19 on Route 32.

We made a confused comment about the special phone area for people who live near the Delaware River. 610 covers a large area of Pennsylvania. 982 is the small area that allows those on the eastern shore to call friends 2 miles away on the western shore without long distance charges.

This special area code makes it possible for the Internet provider YourTools to offer local call service to the hinterlands. With the help of a veteran Net person, not part of the company, setup was at last completed and the Your Tools connection is working. For information, 610 954-5910 $19.95   setup, $19.95 monthly, Netscape needed.

CLASSIFIED ADS ON THE INTERNET

On 2/8/96 *The Democrat* started posting classified ads at **http://www.adone.com/hcdemocrat.** Not all ads will appear, as the person placing the ad has to pay an extra $5. to have it included in the weekly transmission. The ad stays on the Web as long as it runs in the paper. Display ads will be posted at some future date. There is also an "AdHound" search ability, which will send you an e-mail notice when it finds an ad with the key words you have selected.

BEGINNERS' CORNER

Gems from a morning with Jac Carroll

Part 1: **Selecting and moving files in File Manager**. Suppose you want to move a file from A:\eggs to E:\chickens . Click on the E: box, the destination) highlight the Chickens file. Click on it. Then click on the A: box, highlight Eggs, hold the left button down and drag to the E box. You will see the little box attached to the mouse pointer a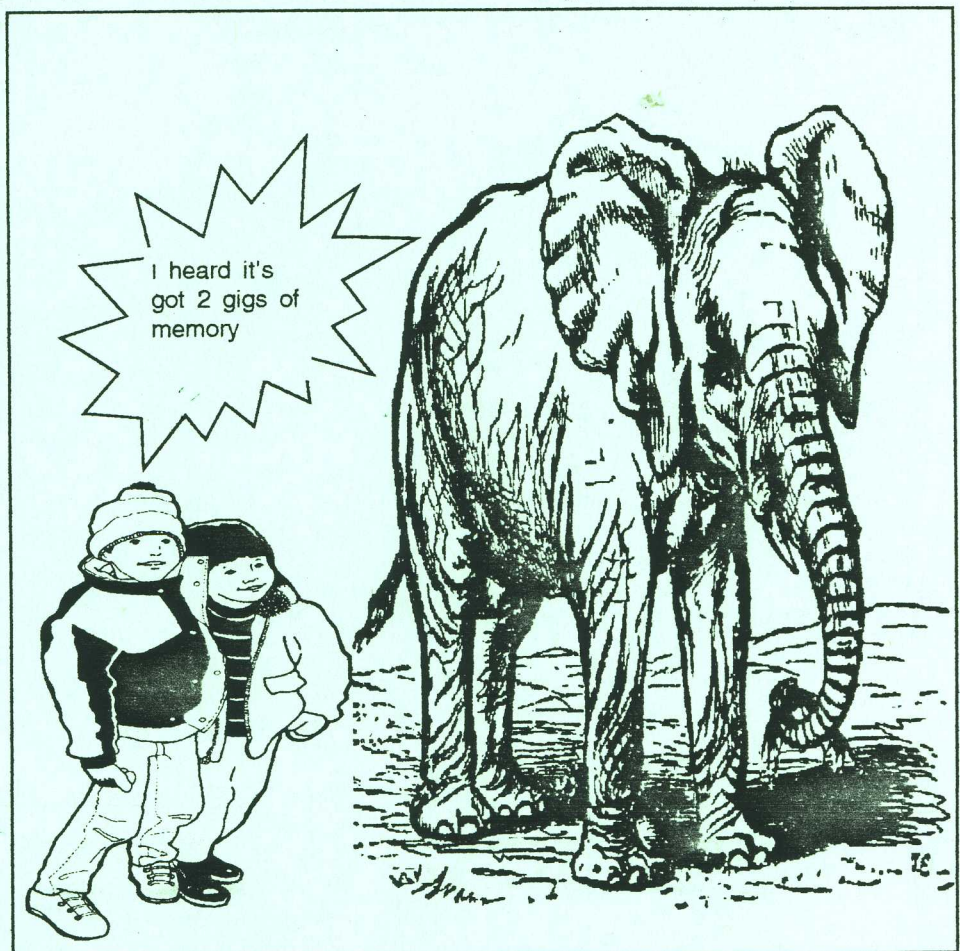s soon as you move the pointer away from the selected file on its way to the destination directory. A message asks if you are sure you want to copy, and tells the destination you have selected. Answer politely and the file will be copied.

Part 2: Still in File Manager: **To copy several files** that are not next to each other, hold **Control** down all the time you are selecting files here and there. To select a bunch of files that are all in a row, click on the first one, hold down **Shift**, then click on the last one you want, and they are all selected.

(ehs)

MICROSOFT NETWORK / INTERNET ACCESS IN WINDOWS 95

You really do just click on an icon or two, and it really does connect. BUT as usual, local isn't local. The closest phone numbers shown for Flemington are Princeton and Trenton.

MORE MUDs

In case last month's MUD item was less than clear, here's more: A MUD is or MUDs are an outgrowth of the once very famous Dungeons and Dragons. MUDs = Multi-User Dungeons, also known as Dimensions, Dialogs, or Domains. Some MUDS are just friendly gatherings of dungeon denizens. As for MOOs, " Life in the MUD is still evolving. New species have emerged: MOOS, MUSEs, MUSHes, and MUCKs, for example, are variants whose labels signify sets of features and assumptions that distinguish one domain from another and from their progenitor, the plain-vanilla MUD.

Today, classes and seminars, professional groups, and collaborative artists are meeting on-line in MUDlike domains tailored to their needs and expectations."

"...MUDs and their offspring bring a combination of ongoing community and real-time interaction, plus a permanent space in which everyone can participate at the same time."

KEN GORDON SHOWS

The next Edison shows are on June 8, one day, and August 24, 25. There are shows in Wayne on March 16, 17 and May 4, and in Fort Washington, PA on March 23, 24, June 1, and August 17.

The February Edison show was too crowded to be fun, and table after table of the same titles of CD-ROM disks are not as tempting as the shareware displays used to be. I saw one sign for Win 95, one or two stacks of 3 1/2" disks, no 5 1/4's. The big seller seemed to be the Hewlett Packard 660 color printer which prints on two sides of the paper. There was a large supply of "adult" CD's. (" This always strikes me as a misnomer.)

Battling the crowds at Edison when you already have a system you like and a color printer waiting to be connected, is pretty much like going grocery shopping right after a big meal. My only purchase was one CD-ROM for $12.00. It has 14,000 graphic files, nicely categorized, and a good viewer. Disks used to be a regular purchase, but they are just as cheap at Staples now, and easier to carry to the car. Staples' price for the HP 600C is the same as at the show. (ehs)

On Midnight Machine Works you can download a file called Newsgroups.zip, in a minute or so, that brings you a list of 11,500 Usenet Newsgroups, alphabetically arranged. A newsgroup is an Internet interest group, not a newspaper

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TRADING POST

This month's disk is Almanac, held over from February. The disk also contains a shareware version of PKWARE, and comes with carefully written step-by-step directions for unzipping this program, and therefore any other that has been zipped with PK. It's worth a blank disk to practice and master ziipping and unzipping.

From: John Carroll   To: All

Subj: Government Printing Office

NEWS RELEASE U.S. Government Printing Office

GPO ACCESS NOW FREE! GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO INTERNET/DIAL-IN USERS

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) announces free use of its award-winning GPO Access online service beginning December 1, 1995. All Internet and dial-in users can now receive electronically, at no charge, the Congressional Record, Federal Register, congressional bills, and a growing list of important government documents on the same day of publication.

"We believe the public should have timely access to vital information about the activities of their government without charge," says head of the GPO, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario. "This service is made possible through the congressional funding of the Federal Depository Library Program at a time when more and more citizens are receiving their information by computer."

The GPO Access service was created by an Act of Congress in 1993 and went online in June 1994. The service earned the 1994 Federal Technology Leadership Award and a 1995 James Madison Award sponsored by the Coalition on Government Information.

Until now, GPO Access has been free only to users on-site in some 600 of the Nation's nearly 1,400 Federal Depository Libraries and to remote users connecting through over 20 depository library "gateways." It was available to others on a subscription basis for a low fee. Under the new program, the subscription fee has been dropped and refunds of unused portions will be sent to current subscribers.

DiMario emphasizes that depository libraries will continue as an essential link between GPO Access and the public. "Citizens lacking either computers or computer skills can visit a local depository for assistance," he explains.

The new system now gives equal and free access to those utilizing a depository library and to those who are linked already by dial-up or Internet connections to electronic information. As the Federal Depository Library Program becomes more electronic in nature, additional databases will be available through GPO Access. Since its creation in 1994, the number of databases offered online via GPO Access has increased from seven to more than two dozen.

The following is a list of all databases currently offered via GPO Access.

Congressional Bills   (103d and 104th Congress)
Congressional Calendars   (104th Congress)
Congressional Directory   (1995-96)
Congressional Documents   (104th Congress)
Congressional Record   (103d and 104th Congress)
Congressional Record Index (1992-1995)
Congressional Reports   (104th Congress)
Economic Indicators   (April 1995 forward)
Federal Register   (1994 and 1995)
GAO Reports   (FY 1995 forward)
Government Manual   (1995-96)
History of Bills   (103d and 104th Congress)
Public Laws   (104th Congress)
Unified Agenda   (1994 and 1995)
U.S. Code

Government databases can be reached via the Internet or by dial-in through a modem.

Internet users can access the databases with a World Wide Web browser through the Superintendent of Documents' home page at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/ or with WAIS client software.

Internet users can also telnet to swais.access.gpo.gov; then login as guest.

Dial-in users should use a modem to call 202-512-1661; type swais and then login as guest.

In more than 20 States, users with modems can connect to GPO Access through depository library "gateways" with a local phone call. Listings of depository libraries and "gateways" can be found on the Superintendent of Documents' home page.

General information on accessing these databases is available by:

e-mail - help@eids05.eids.gpo.gov

phone - 202-512-1530
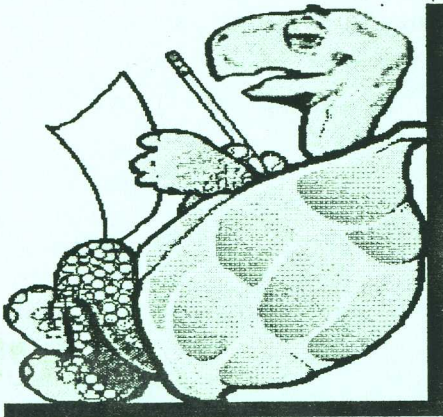
fax - 202-512-1262

Questions about the GPO Access service can also be directed to a nearby Federal Depository Library. At least one such library is located in each congressional district.

HUNTERDON COMPUTER CLUB

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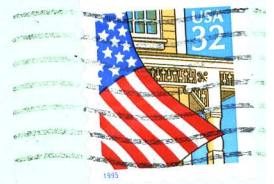
Coffee at 8:30 A.M. Meeting at 9:30 Program at 10:00

Program:

How the Club Newsletter is Produced
Presenter: Evelyn Stewart

Guests welcome - all levels
Beginner to Guru

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