

Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

The September meeting will be on Medical Center, 8:30 AM until noon. Anthony Versarge, assisted by Jason Martinetti, will describe how to build a Web Page. Please park in the healthy at the Tri-States show visitor spaces far from the door. Bring your computer junk mail, old magazines, first items to disappear. Feel free to bring old data to new machine them back for someone else to try.



THE AUGUST MEETING

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon Computer club was held on August 17, at the Hunterdon Medical Center. Doris Moore welcomed people. Marge Gelegonya handled tickets. President Maureen Barron called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Guests introduced show, and he bought a \$167. Maxter 1.3 will be our usual holiday party with Don included

Abby Bendokas, computer mentor and member Merlin granddaughter of Douglass

Paul Glattstein, now a new member, 334 Creek Rd., Frenchtown NJ 08825 996-4682. Paul has recently moved from Connecticut, where he was the program chairman for his club. He scheduled member and outside presentations. He also offered us newsletter articles he has saved on disk.

Cheryl Dubin, new member, 343 Center St., Phillipsburg NJ 08865. who has experience as a programmer and a tech support person.

dead or dying mouse.

Joe (Dan) Mirota

Pete Smith, who found out about HCC

Dr. Dick Weeder, who remarked Carroll's absence. casually that he was shopping for a better shelf ware for the use-it-or-lose-it table. computer than the one he used for his last Unloved CD-ROM disks seem to be the two books, and wants help in transferring he is redoing the club shareware library.

second inherited machine



Maureen thanked Anthony Versarge to do. for planning and running the club's table at the Tri-States Fairs show at the Clinton Holiday Inn on Sunday. August 11. Rick October program will be on the new gig hard drive, which doesn't work with Slepian's music. his old drive. He got lots of advice on how to make them compatible.

Evelyn Stewart described the show as much bigger than the first Tri-Sate show she saw. She said the show was big on CD-ROM disks, had a good supply of hardware, and no books. She reported the club's link will continue to use the buying "really bad" CD's for \$7.95 a DOS HUG name, because it is heavily piece. One has an error message spelled indexed and interwoven through links. WARRING instead of WARNING. sum of the discussion was that shows are fun, and you take your chances.

provider can reach vou www.webspan.dot. that costs \$20.

Jeanette Zink, who teaches specific but Jake Fisher and Paul Glattstein both computer programs in Langhorne and said they had been on Prolog that wants to increase her general knowledge of morning. They remarked that sometimes Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Hunterdon computers, specifically what to do about a you have to ignore the messages about being unable to make a connection, and just wait, or dial again.

There was no treasurer's report, in Jac

Art Gerke, Librarian, announced that There are now 70 directories to check. He Geneva Scerbo, a very recent Senior is indexing and combining these into Computer Class graduate, already on her Academic areas. There are now 1/4 million references. Art plans to put a complete list on the club board, then upload file requests from members. He also announced that he needs a ride monthly from Highland Park, so that he can plan to set up his computer, as he used

Bill Woodall, Program person, said the Wilkins reported that this was his first cameras, November is open, December

Bill explained that his web page and

For Computer Volunteers, Pat Frusco announced a new request from Interfaith Hospitality, the combined churches Cheryl Dubin recommended a service program that provides housing for at homeless people. (Churches take turns in a setting up cots and running a dormitory.) month, unlimited. Evelyn complained of The director, Linda Gordon, wants help in problems getting a connection with Prolog, learning WordPerfect for Windows. She

(officers page 5) if you can help.

There is now a document listing all of open Saturdays. our Computer Volunteer clients, several of which are open-ended or have never gotten the help requested. Take a look at a raffle, and John Warsinksi won the raffle support furniture. Bill said many people copy at the September meeting or on the for Microsoft Works for Windows board, and see where you can help.

New Business, Ed McHugh suggested that the club should make available copies of the latest (22nd) edition of the Secret Guide to Computers. The Secretary remarked that she was a little weary of ordering the books with her own funds and waiting for the money. After discussion Art Gerke made a formal motion that the club buy 10 copies and Bill Dearborn seconded the motion. The to be, therefore more important. motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary noted that the club price is year.

that in Compaq machines the sound card also. that the documentation for the sound card make disable the modem.

of modems and call waiting conflicts. On Microsoft's., and it did.) a 14.4 modem he could have incoming calls interrupt, but with his new 28.8 US Robotics interruption almost impossible, because so many customers wanted it that way. Howard's solution was to put in a second system boards they may run 1 to 3 years. drive. phone line.

it into the record, recommended shopping warranty. at ADVA, Advanced Micro Distribution, 18A Campus Plaza, Raritan Center,



THE PROGRAM

Managing your System Bill Woodall, Presenter

Bill opened by saying that managing 90 day warranty period. display them at each meeting for resale. your system is more complex than it used

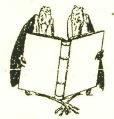
Dealing first with hardware, he urged \$9.00 rather than the cover price of \$15, people to set aside one box in which to because we bought so many copies last keep ALL system disks, so that, not if, but when, you have a hardware conflict, you can restore and start over. You need to There ensued a discussion of the fact keep all driver diskettes readily available, (Ed.: Drivers are the adjunct is part of the modem. Bill Woodall said programs that each program needs to each printer work with that clutter. would tell which jumper switch near the program. Drivers come either from the center of the card could be changed to main program, or from the printer sent me a free driver for the InkJet500 Win95, Howard Asplen discussed the problem which they said would work better than punishment." DOS has the FAT (file

> Power supplies might be 2 1/2 years. The warranty may cover part of a failure, but

is interested in sessions after work, or on Center, just as for the computer shows, wires are wires and cables laid across walk Saturday. Call her at 782 2490 or call Pat then look around the industrial park in areas. Spaghetti at the back of the system general for Campus Plaza. ADVA is won't hurt anybody, but all wires should be away from any walk space. Another problem which seems self evident, but is Anthony Versarge won the first frequently ignored, is the strength of the buy a 17 inch monitor thinking only of the clear image, forgetting that the monitor weighs about 75 pounds, and needs a firm foundation.

KEEP THE MOUSE WIRE AWAY FROM THE COFFEE.

Software Management - the days of 1-800 phone lines for tech support are over. Companies cannot afford support past the



READ THE MANUAL

unused software, to reduce Donate

Operating systems- There are 4 main manufacturer, or both. Hewlett Packard systems in use now; DOS with Win3.x; NT, and OS2 "for real allocation table) system, originally designed for a Tandy with a 10 MB hard The next thing to save is all of your drive. The FAT system doesn't allow told him they have made receipts, proof of purchase, etc. Warranties efficient storage. 32K is its minimum used to be for 90 days, but now some hard allocation, so even if you write a letter of drive warranties run up to 5 years. For 25 lines, it takes up 32K on your hard

Bill advocated splitting your hard drive A member whose name did not make not all So, when something fails, read the into partitions (sections). Save your files so that similar things are together. Put things that change, and therefore need to In setting up your system, watch for be backed up frequently, on one partition. Edison. Phone 386-1500-1515. To get traps and trip wires. Traps are items set (i.e. mailing lists, correspondence, there, leave 287 at the sign for Raritan near table edges, easily dislodged. Trip spread sheets, anything that you often write new files for.) continued on page 3



into 12 partitions. He runs a backup twice support personnel.") a day, for the partition where new data is added.

Viruses - a little quieter lately. Fewer people seem to be working at causing trouble. NT and OS2 still get viruses but not as many as Win3 and 95.

Disaster control - With every machine from 286 on, find the CMOS, a little segment running on a battery. Make 4 copies and spread them around the room or the house, or put one in a strong box. If Print Screen won't copy it, write it out. You must have the CMOS settings to essential information. Lon Hosford said he keeps this information in a pocket on the side of the machine. To access the CMOS a disk that holds 650 Mb. read the machine information screen, the system screen. On some machines you are directed to press delete during boot-up. ON some control S works. Art Gerke said he has disks for IBM CMOS information \$95 for 100 MB. or emergency boot.

oxide semiconductor.)

program for this (called making a system disk). NT forces creation of the system said Gateway mails you a startup disk. Do not throw this away. Joe Burger said Compaq can't use the '95 recovery program.

There was discussion of Registry on Cheryl Dubin said it can be exported but may not fit on one disk. Howard said after a full scan of the hard drive you have to reregister. (Ed.: The only reference to this I can find easily lists the commands available on the Boot Disk, Emergency REGEDIT

programs and 1 for all the data for all the which may aid in disk recovery. Use only says he deletes the cookie file daily. programs. Bill has 5 hard drives, divided under the direction of Microsoft tech-

to the machine that is to use them.

Backing up -

back up each new program. Back up data files uninvited. regularly. The quickest way to back up is to copy from one drive to another, whether hard or floppy.. Don't keep back up drive after it is in use, Bill said yes. Of copies on the same drive as the original. course you will make a complete back up Make a backup of the entire hard drive first. Then he recommends use of a now and then. Even 'though you have the program called Partition Magic. original program disks, you want a backup =================== that saves your configuration. Art Gerke Ed. note: Partition Magic v. 1.2 for WIN reboot after the machine dies. They said he saves a copy of only the 3.x, Win95, DOS, and OS/2 is in Surplus include hard drive tyep, size, and other configuration. Bill is using a recordable Direct flyer 608B for \$22.99 (sutx30001) CD (\$800) which holds 4 to 10 times as Phone 800-753-7877 much as a tape backup. It costs \$7.00 for

You can also back up using the Jazz manual and follow directions for finding drive Bill showed us in August, a 1 Gig 500k removable hard drive that costs \$375., powerquest.com plus \$95 for 3 cartridges.

Related to this is the Zip drive which costs

The Internet- keep security on your (CMOS stands for complementary metal- passwords. Bill said he often finds a client's password posted on the front of the machine. Choose a password you can Make emergency disks. Win95 has a remember, possibly a familiar word or files to save hard drive space, Bill said name backwards, with a number added.

Bill's words on backing up carried disk, during installation. Howard Asplen even more conviction than usual because he has had two complete hard drive wipeouts in the last few weeks. problem turned out to be the machine's power supply.



Joe Burger brought up the subject of WIN95 the cookie file, relative to security in including NetScape. Originally it was a file to store which says " REGEDIT passwords and supply them as needed, but

You might well have I partition for Grants access to Windows' Registry files, it allows access to your other files. Bill

Bill spoke about using the Web as a Bill Dearborn suggested reformatting phone system. An undocumented "feature" even new disks, to be sure they conform is that while you are on the phone someone can use ftp (file transfer protocol) and take files off your system. Similarly, if you are using Chameleon and hear your hard Bill Woodall continued, telling us to drive running, someone is transferring

Asked if you can partition your hard

PC Mag 9/10/96, page 69, tells of a patch for Partition Magic v 2 which allows you to run the program from a floppy. It's a download free www.powerquest.com/download.html

We learned from the 22nd ed of the Secret Guide that some genie will add http:// any time you type www.

Asked about doubling or compressing memory is so cheap now (1¢ for 1 Mb) that it is better to buy a new, larger hard drive than to risk the problems caused by the compression programs.

Bill Mentioning future wonders, described the digital video disk using laser beams, and gelatin + selenium as a new memory medium.

Bill for another useful and Thanking instructive session, members quietly hurried home to make system disks and back ups before a problem arises and they are embarrassed not to have done their homework.

Address correction

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Please check your own listing and report errors. Thanks.

AT THE NET WITH BILL

Bill Woodall has added to his Web page a section called "Beginner's guide to downloading from the Web." First go to http://www.woodall.com, then click on the Tech Center link. Follow Bill's always clear directions. Painless. Then download his current choice of offline reader through 1.0) (Mailmaker fttp://eclipse.net/pub/woodall

SHOWS FUTURE AND PAST

Thanks to Anthony Versarge, HCC had a table at the TriState Fair at the Clinton Holiday Inn on August 11. A lot of people heard of the club for the first time and several appeared at the next meeting. The show manager assured us that we could have a free table whenever they have a There was no newsletter local show. announcement since the show was a well kept secret until Anthony spread the word a few days before it opened. If only you would use the club board you would have heard. (782-8026) Now for the first time we have news of advance dates.

has shows Sept. 1 in Tri-State Middletown, NY at the Orange County Fair, Sept. 2 at the Meadowlands Hilton, Sept. 6 at the Livingston Hilton 5:30 to 9:30 P M and Sept. 7 at the Freehold Armory. Call 908-236-2202 for more information. Their card says "No one under 18 admitted without a parent!" Fairs Web Page: Tri-State http://www.makcom.com/tri-state

Peter Trapp Computer Shows: ALLENTOWN, PA Saturday Sept 7 10 DocuMagix' to 3 Merchant's Square 1901 S 12th and 2.0 - A Review Vultee Sts. Take 22 to 309 S. Go south on 309 to Lehigh St exit. Turn left off ramp and go north on Lehigh. At 3rd light turn Product: DocuMagix PaperMaster 2.0 right onto Vultee. Cross RR tracks. Phone "Personal Paper Management System" 607-369-2796 for more info. \$6.

Peter Trapp has another show September 29 at the Leesport Farmer's Market, on Rt 61 north of Reading, 10 miles south of I 78.

AUTOMATIC UPGRADES

\$50 Cybermedia (www.cybermedia.com) will sell you a program that lists your software then keeps track of matching upgrades on the Internet and whistles when it finds one you might want, downloads it and keeps a record of your program before the download. It's thousands of dollars or more, and cailed Oil Change.

Book to Look For

of the Internet, by Katie Hafner and Matthew Lyon, 30 pages, Simon and an affordable price. Personal Paper Schuster, \$24.00

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The Internet is a good tool to use to get on the Net."

Presidential Candidate Bob Dole

Yahoo Magazine, 9/96 page 10



PaperMaster

Wm P Woodall

\$99 MSRP; requires Windows 3.1 or above, 8 MB RAM, various document sources (fax, email, files, scanner).

Ah, yes... the paperless office. From the dawn of computing there's always been the great premise that technology would rid the office of piles of paper. For several years now the big boys of computing have had "Document Management Systems" incorporate image storage/retrieval, automatic indexing, annotations and various other wonders. But the professional systems cost tens of require extensive tuning and constant maintenance. With the advent of desktop scanners, fax modems and laser Where Wizards Stay up Late The Origins printers, the promise has risen to provide these features to the masses at Management software promises to be the roadmap to the paperless office. Unfortunately, PaperMaster takes you on a journey of endless frustration.

> PaperMaster installs easily from its diskettes, and happily created a new program group and filled it with several icons. Scanner interfacing was easy, given as I designated TWAIN drivers only. The program also comes with an alternative interface package called ISIS - which operates in the DOS/Windows environment only. I didn't test it. PaperMaster also installs a new printer driver, the "PaperMaster Filing Cabinet," which allows you to save to a folder from any Windows application merely by printing to the Filing Cabinet.

> The program presents you with a series of graphical filing cabinets filling most

the screen, with menus and toolbars across the top. Clicking on a file cabinet delivers a graphic of file folders; clicking on a file folder then allows one to browse the contents of the folder. One can customize folder colors, text attributes, sort orders, and pretty much anything else associated with folders and cabinets.

In normal use, one adds a document to a folder, and files it away in the appropriate cabinet. What you're adding to the folder depends on the source of the document. For faxes and scanned text, you're adding an image to the folder - not the text of the document. While PaperMaster ostensibly has OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software included, it just doesn't work reliably... even the sample images included with the product won't convert cleanly to text files! But you do have extensive annotation and markup abilities on the stored images. Handling of wordprocessor documents is straightforward and accomplished by printing to the File Cabinet pseudo-printer. Handling of email? Unless you have Microsoft Mail, there's no email interface, unfortunate but understandable given there are few other "standards" for electronic mail. But most users should ignore the claims for email unless you're on a corporate lan. The best part of PaperMaster is the fax handler. All of the bells and whistles of standalone fax packages such as Delrina WinFax appear to be present - scheduling, markup, broadcasting, etc.

If you're going to use PaperMaster, you're going to need a really BIG hard drive. This program eats storage. Three days of use, about 250 documents stored, and the ZIP cartridge I installed it on filled up! I really expected 100 MB to last a bit longer than that.

To be fair to PaperMaster, it is a better program than what must be its prime Personal competitor. Caere's PageKeeper, but both products suffer from a strange mentality on the part of the designers: the main assumptions appear to

be that disk storage is free and unlimited, and that users really don't have any need to convert scanned or faxed images into computer editable text. If you agree with these assumptions, perhaps this product is for you. Otherwise, PaperMaster merely offers an alternative interface to fax management software.

FILE MANAGER TIPS/ Win 3

To select files here and there, hold control and click on each one. To select a lot of adjacent files, click the first one, hold shift and click the last. To move files, click and hold the left button, and drag the mouse to the directory of your choice. A window asks if you mean to do this. You can move one file this way or a highlighted group. To copy files, or a whole disk, highlight the files, press F8, type the destination. e.g. B:\newhome. A window says there is no such directory and offers to create it. Press Y or enter, and that's it.

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Subject: POE meets DOS

NEVERMORE

Once upon a midnight dreary, fingers cramped and vision bleary,

System manuals piled high and wasted paper on the floor,

Longing for the warmth of bedsheets, Still I sat there, doing spreadsheets: Having reached the bottom line, I took a floppy from the drawer. Typing with a steady hand, I then invoked the SAVE command

But got instead a reprimand: it read "Abort, Retry, Ignore."

Was this some occult illusion? Some maniacal intrusion?

These were choices Solomon himself had never faced before.

Carefully, I weighed my options. These three seemed to be the top ones. Clearly, I must now adopt one: Choose Abort, Retry, Ignore.

With my fingers pale and trembling, Slowly toward the keyboard bending, Longing for a happy ending, hoping all would be restored,

Praying for some guarantee Finally I pressed a key --But on the screen what did I see? Again: "Abort, Retry, Ignore."

I tried to catch the chips off-guard --I pressed again, but twice as hard. Luck was just not in the cards. I saw what I had seen before. Now I typed in desperation Trying random combinations Still there came the incantation: Choose: Abort, Retry, Ignore.

There I sat, distraught, exhausted, by my own machine accosted

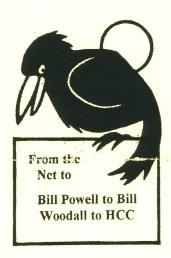
Getting up I turned away and paced across the office floor.

And then I saw an awful sight: A bold and blinding flash of light --A lightning bolt had cut the night and shook me to my very core.

I saw the screen collapse and die "Oh no -- my database", I cried I thought I heard a voice reply, "You'll see your data Nevermore."

To this day I do not know The place to which lost data goes I bet it goes to heaven where the angels have it stored.

But as for productivity, well I fear that it goes straight to hell And that's the tale I have to tell Your choice: Abort, Retry, Ignore.



THE VIDEO PROFESSOR

a review by Evelyn Stewart

Last month's free video offer turned out to be a winner. Since I asked for Quicken for my free copy, the company chose to send their second level of Quicken as my review title. A third level is also available. No version numbers were given in the ad, but the material was completely up to date. The ones I watched were for Windows 3.1 and for 95. I was disappointed to see that the Video Professor took just as many steps to get into Quicken in 95 as I do. The videos are designed to be watched straight through once and then followed step by It also step with pauses and rewinds.

These are not introductions, or overviews, or general statements about what the calculate loans before you get one, so you

program can do. They are guides to how to do it.

The speaker's voice comfortable on the ears, slow enough to follow, fast enough to keep you awake. As an added blessing, he stops talking now and then, while he waits for his student and you to type in something. His student asks only a few intelligent questions and does not use up your time saying, "Oh, now I see." or drinking soda. Microsoft should hire this company for its User Group video.

The most striking thing about these tapes is that everything mentioned is clearly visible on the screen, from across Shots of the full screen are the room. followed by a close-up of the entry, actually big enough, and actually on the screen long enough to read.

Since I spend hours writing step by step lessons for the Seniors, I was watching for skipped steps, but there weren't any. You really could follow

this all the way. The beginning lesson spends a lot of time on setting up an account and choosing options for the screen. If you haven't looked at Quicken lately, you'd be surprised at the choices here, although the basic functions haven't changed. After stepping through check register entry very carefully, the tape goes into reconciling your statement, writing and printing checks.

The second tape shows how Quicken handles credit card accounts, and loan records. It shows clearly how one payment appears as a deduction in one account and an increase in another, thus explaining double entry book keeping without ever saying debit and credit, in the Quicken tradition of non-intimidation.

goes into detail about split transactions.

The tape goes on to show how to

can choose payments that suit you.

The second tape builds on the first, and wastes no time on review or repetition. I started watching with my usual aversion to learning this way, developed from sad experience, but couldn't find anything to complain about. Another viewer-reviewer to whom Quicken was new found the tape completely clear. She agreed with the producer that a person new to the program would definitely need to run the tape again, at the computer.

The programs available include Windows 95, DOS, Word, Word Perfect, Excel, The Internet, Works and Quicken. Call 800-525-7763 to ask for a free copy. With it you will receive a second VCR. This one must be paid for or returned. For \$39.95 you get the tape and a coupon for a second one in other words, two VCR's for \$39.95. The company's address is Video Professor, 2590 W 2nd Ave. # 15, Denver, CO 80219.

Two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do

Gordon Graham tag line

Another Microsoft Feature

Version 3.0 of Explorer had been downloaded free by more than 100,000 people by August 16. If they access any site that asks for name and password, they have to type both in again each time they link to a new page on that site.

(ref NY Times 8/18/96)

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

a Dunbar Download

"But what...is it good for? — Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

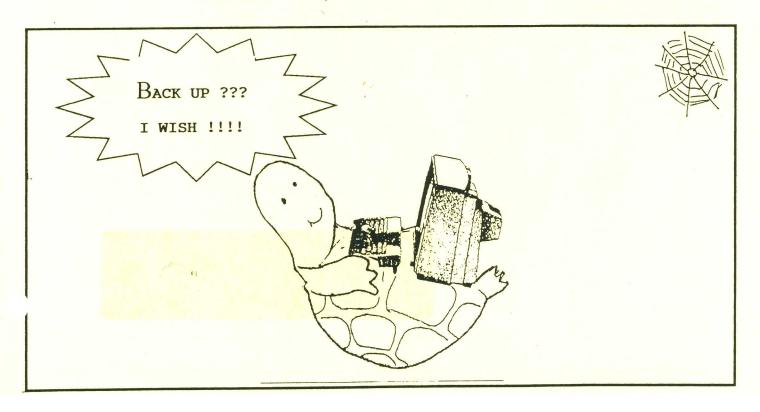
"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." — The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957.

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."— Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." — Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

ANOTHER CARD?

You can get a Visa card just for the Web, and use it for all of your on-line purchases, access your accoount, transfer data to Quicken, etc. etc. You can apply for the card on-line too, at http://www.conductor.com/gold.html. Your card number never appeaers on screen. The interest rate is 8.9% for 6 months, then prime plus 6.9%. Eligibility is apparently not closely studied - a retired teacher is offered \$10,000. credit.



HUNTERDON COMPUTER CLUB

Next Meeting - Saturday, September 21 Coffee 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 Program 10:00

Raffles, Q AND A SESSION, 11:00 - 12:00

Hunterdon Medical Center Main Entrance
Rt 31 North of Flemington
Presenters: Anthony Versarge with Jason Martinetti
Building a Web Page

Guests Welcome - all ages all interests

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