



# Newsletter

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## NEXT MEETING

HCC will gather on Saturday, December 20, at 8:30 AM, for the traditional holiday party. Coffee and soda will be provided. Members are asked to bring refreshments. Don Slepian will again regale us with great music. He will set up in the meeting room so you can examine his equipment and try it out if you have courage, or at least watch closely.

## THE NOVEMBER MEETING

HCC met at HMC on Saturday, November 15, 1997. Outgoing President Rick Williams called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Guests welcomed included Frank Goricz, an experienced programmer, invited by Joan Lorincz, and Wendell Laidley Managing Director of New Media Learning, which produces employee training videos for self training, invited by Bill Woodall.

V.P. Joe Burger noted an obscure bug in Pentium chips. He also reported that Hewlett Packard is spending \$50 million on a campaign to change its image, but will keep its logo.

Treasurer Jac Carroll reported a balance of \$476, and noted that we need 6 memberships each month to stay even.

Secretary Stewart reported that all but one of the last order of *The Secret Guide to Computers* has been sold. (ED: That copy was sold later that morning.)

President Williams expressed his pleasure in his term as President. He reported that we probably will be meeting at HMC for the coming year, and

that our community service program is a major factor in the hospital administration's decision.

He explained that Jim Russ had become ill at the last moment. However, Rick had brought a video to run in the auditorium, *Triumph of the Nerds*.

The secretary was instructed to cast a single ballot to elect the slate presented last month. Lon Hosford was thus duly elected President, and Rick retired with applause and thanks.

Lon thanked Rick, and said he was honored to be elected, as he had been a member for only 2 years. He has lived in the county for 25 years, and has had a custom programming company for over 10 years. He also teaches at RVCC. He noted that he does not plan any great changes for the club. A more detailed commentary follows.

Bill Moore took care of tickets, to the benefit of Paul Glattstein.

In Q & A, someone asked about Corel Click and Create. Bill Woodall said he thinks it is a sort of Corel Draw for Dummies, a watered down version. Joe Burger added that Corel's #1 of any program is usually poor. Karl Nielsen wanted help with a missing file MPR.DLL. He was advised to get Service Pack 2, also to back up his entire hard drive, and pray. In a discussion of DVD, we were told that DVD is better for movies than VCR but is not yet ready for the common user. Manufacturers are each trying to establish proprietary formats.

For the program segment of the meeting, many members enjoyed Rick's video, which traced the history of computers

from main frames to Win 95 and on. It was well done, understandable, and enjoyable. Those who had seen it stayed in the meeting room and had SIG meetings or conferred with Lon on ideas for club management. His notes on this conversation follow. He startled your editor by noticing that the by-laws prescribe newsletter contributions from the President, and promptly sending his first column.

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN an HCC Newsletter first

Many members talked to me about club stuff my first day on the job and I want to repeat what I heard, reflecting members' concerns and interests.

1. The program needs a backup plan for what to do in cases where the presenter becomes unavailable at the last minute.
2. We need a variety of presenters.
3. Membership renewals and new memberships are not keeping pace with monthly fixed costs recently.
4. The meeting place at the Hospital is always in demand by many other groups.
5. A presentation on Scanners.
6. A presentation on Year 2000. Bill Woodall is offering.
7. We need to have a schedule of programs for the year ahead, just as Jim Russ has done for the current year.
8. Our raffle prize is non-existent or useless.
9. The librarian problem????
10. A computer at every meeting to help answer questions.
11. The Web page needs updating.

Here are some of my initial thoughts:

The meeting place is just great.

Hopefully with Rick Williams' help we will retain it next year. But perhaps we could explore alternatives for once or twice per year. Maybe a nostalgia meeting at a local restaurant where breakfast is on you and not the club - we just talk and make it a bring your question meeting. Perhaps we could have one picnic meeting - meet the families .

We do very well with presentations. Maybe we need a bit more integration and focus. I think we need 3 or 4 presentation topics per year that should focus our efforts. For the in between meetings, we can be more flexible like a stump the panel meeting or pot luck if we do not have a presenter and topic. With focus meetings we are concerned about new members and doing things especially well.

For example the Year 2000 is a topic meriting a focus. It's a great fear motivator for people. I think this could be a big boost for the club and Bill Woodall has tentatively agreed to do it. From listening

to him, you are vulnerable even if you are buying new computers today. It's not just the government at risk. I think we could get press for this meeting and bring in new and lagging members. The Web page could have some year 2000 links. Perhaps Feb or March would be good dates for this.

I think a quality hardware presentation on one of the basic items like printers, monitors, scanners, cpu, etc should be on the schedule each year in the Fall before the end of year buying crunch for us consultants trying to reduce taxable income and for Xmas shoppers. Oct or Nov.

One quality internet topic is good for each year for a while. There are lots of topics. Need some suggestions. April to Sep. Add in the Xmas meeting and the year is full.

The best solution to membership fees is having members motivated to attend

meetings. How we run and hold the meetings is the key here.

However, if you want to play with prices, here are some ideas.

Think about membership fees changing to have a reduced 2 year rate for new members and a 2 year rate for members that guarantee no price increase for the first renewal year. The 2 year new member fee might be \$40.00. For 2 year renewals offer a double price protection. The first year of the two year fee is always your previous year's fee. Also the first year following a two year membership always is the previous year's fee. For example if your previous annual fee was \$25.00 and the new fee is \$30.00, a two year renewal is \$55.00 and not \$60.00. Also the first year after the two year period is \$30.00 regardless of the new annual fee. All reduced fees would require PAID renewal BEFORE expiration. Of course if there is a fee reduction (Gates leaves estate to club), you get the lower rate. Probably the main benefit from some sort of two year fee is reduced work for Evelyn and Jac, which I think is a good idea.

Perhaps we can build a computer (486/50, 486/100, P33) from member left overs but run Win 95 and a number of office programs on for the club. Might be a nice project challenge for you hardware gurus to come up with some left overs and put it together. Then you can present a program on how you did it!

Lon Hosford

### **Subject: Year 2000**

From: "John A. Carroll"  
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Technical Tip: Make sure your PC is Year 2,000 compatible.

If you want to check your personal PC for Year 2,000 compatibility, there are Internet utilities you can download. [www.righttime.com](http://www.righttime.com), [www.sbhs.com/y2k/index.htm](http://www.sbhs.com/y2k/index.htm), and [www.rigel.co.nz](http://www.rigel.co.nz) [for spreadsheets]

are a few of the available utilities. Be sure to check your BIOS, operating system, and software applications.

Another way to test is to reset the time and date on your computer to two minutes before midnight, December 31, 1999. Turn off the machine for five minutes. When you turn it back on, if it doesn't show early morning on January 1, 2000, you may have a problem.

from The PowerQuest Partition Magician - November 1997 newsletter

To keep his wedding private ...Bill Gates reserved every hotel room, car and camping site on the Hawaiian island of Lanai, as well as all the helicopters on Maui.

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Microsoft Publisher Tip of the Week

### **FOUND ART in Publisher**

If you've searched high and low through the Clip Art Gallery and still can't find a graphic you like, don't despair. Instead, see if what you're looking for is part of a border. To search available borders, start by drawing a very small rectangle with the rectangle drawing tool. Then choose Format|BorderArt (in Publisher 2) or Format|Border|BorderArt tab (in Publisher 3 and 97). Scroll through the list until you find something you like. If you give the border a large point size (try 70 points), you'll get a single image in your little rectangle, rather than multiple images in a border shape.

### **IS YOUR DONGLE BROKEN?**

TOP NEWS FROM PC WORLD  
Say Goodbye to Broken Dongles and  
Other Modem Hassles

For the complete story, visit  
<http://www.pcworld.com/tipnews>

## Beer and Ice Cream Diet

just in time for holiday meals  
a download from Paul Glattstein

As we all know, it takes 1 calorie to heat 1 gram of water 1 degree centigrade. Translated into meaningful terms, this means that if you eat a very cold dessert (generally consisting of water in large part), the natural processes which raise the consumed dessert to body temperature during the digestive cycle literally sucks the calories out of the only available source, your body fat.

For example, a dessert served and eaten at near 0 degrees C (32.2 deg. F) will in a short time be raised to the normal body temperature of 37 degrees C (98.6 deg. F). For each gram of dessert eaten, that process takes approximately 37 calories as stated above. The average dessert portion is 6 oz, or 168 grams. Therefore, by operation of thermodynamic law, 6,216 calories (1 cal./gm/deg. x 37 deg. x 168 gms) are extracted from body fat as the dessert's temperature is normalized. Allowing for the 1,200 latent calories in the dessert, the net calorie loss is approximately 5,000 calories.

Obviously, the more cold dessert you eat, the better off you are and the faster you will lose weight, if that is your goal.

This process works equally well when drinking very cold beer in frosted glasses. Each ounce of beer contains 16 latent calories, but extracts 1,036 calories (6,216 cal. per 6 oz. portion) in the temperature normalizing process. Thus the net calorie loss per ounce of beer is 1,020 calories. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to calculate that 12,240 calories (12 oz. x 1,020 cal./oz.) are extracted from the body in the process of drinking a can of beer.

Frozen desserts, e.g., ice cream, are even more beneficial, since it takes 83 cal./gm to melt them (i.e., raise them to 0 deg. C) and an additional 37 cal./gm to further raise them to body temperature. The results here are really remarkable, and it

beats running hands down.

Unfortunately, for those who eat pizza as an excuse to drink beer, pizza (loaded with latent calories and served above body temperature) induces an opposite effect. But, thankfully, as the astute reader should have already reasoned, the obvious solution is to drink a lot of beer with pizza and follow up immediately with large bowls of ice cream.

We could all be thin if we were to adhere religiously to a pizza, beer, and ice cream diet.....Happy eating!

The following poem appeared recently in INFOCUS magazine. The original authors were Fred Bremmer and Steve Kroese of Calvin College & Seminary of Grand Rapids, MI.

A poll conducted among INFOCUS readers had established "waka" as the proper pronunciation for the angle-bracket characters <, though some readers held out resolutely for "norkies."

The text of the poem follows:

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< > ! * " #
^ ` $ % -
! * = @ $ _
% * < > ~ # 4
& [ ] . /
| { , , SYSTEM HALTED
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The poem can only be appreciated by reading it aloud, as follows:

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Waka waka bang splat tick tick hash,
Caret quote back-tick dollar dollar dash,
Bang splat equal at dollar under-score,
Percent splat waka waka tilde number
four,
Ampersand bracket bracket dot dot slash,
Pipe curly-bracket comma comma
CRASH.
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TipWorld - <http://www.tipworld.com>  
PC WORLD's Windows 95 Shareware  
Picks of the Day

### Revival

This utility can recover files from a hard drive that has been destroyed by a virus or accidentally formatted, even when all the information in the partition table, the boot sector, the FAT, and the root directory has been lost.

<http://www.pcworld.com/cgi-bin/shareware?ID=4170>

### Second Copy 97

Backs up specific files or folders by monitoring changes in them and copying them into backup folders whenever they are modified. You can include or exclude specific files or sets of files from the copy and keep up to 25 older versions of files. Once configured, an icon sits in the Windows system tray, and the program copies files in the background.

<http://www.pcworld.com/cgi-bin/shareware?ID=3052>

### WinZip

Features built-in zip and unzip; handles long filenames, MIME, UUencode, XXencode, BinHex, TAR, and other formats. Drag and drop to or from the Explorer, or zip and unzip without leaving the Explorer. WinZip is compatible with most virus scanners.

<http://www.pcworld.com/cgi-bin/shareware?ID=4172>

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If your computer is a sickly shade of yellow-yuck, from cigarette smoke, it is alleged that Dow bathroom cleaner, subhead Scrubbing Bubbles, will restore the pristine beige tones. ref WPW

simultaneously. When you are on the program you want Press Enter.

To open the Find Files Dialog Box, press a Windows Logo Key and F simultaneously.

To open the System Properties Dialog Box, press a Windows Logo Key and BREAK simultaneously

Pressing both Windows Logo Keys at the same time opens up the System Manager

**Using the Application Logo Key:**  
The application key brings up the most commonly used menu options for the program in which it is depressed (usually cut, copy, paste and a couple of others) try it and see.

#### A NOTE FROM Paul Glattstein.

Apparently NT5 is due to be released this week. Microsoft has pushed back the deploy date for Windows 98 to the second quarter of 98. They have also indicated that they will not continue with this line after Windows 98. After that it's all NT.

#### Windows Logo Keys

from Paul Glattstein

The Windows Logo Keys are the ones with the Windows logo picture on the left hand and right sides of the spacebar between the CTRL and ALT keys. The Application Logo Key is the one on the right hand side between the Windows Logo Key and the CTRL key.

**Using the Windows Logo Key:**  
To open the Start Menu, press one of the Windows Logo Keys

To minimize all open windows, press a Windows Logo Key and the M simultaneously

To maximize all windows, press a Windows Logo Key, Shift and M simultaneously

To open Explorer, press a Windows Logo Key and E simultaneously

To open the Run Dialog Box, press a Windows Logo Key and R simultaneously

To move through the applications programs in the task bar press a Windows Logo Key and Tab

#### nerd joke

'from the MDK-12 list and Liz Dunbar

This truck driver hauling a tractor-trailer load of computers stops for a beer. As he approaches the bar he sees a big sign on the door saying "NERDS NOT ALLOWED -- ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!" He goes in and sits down.

The bartender comes over to him, sniffs, says he smells kind of nerdy, asks him what he does for a living. The truck driver says he drives a truck, and the smell is just from the computers he is hauling. The bartender says OK, truck drivers are not nerds, and serves him a beer.

As he is sipping his beer, a skinny guy walks in with tape around his glasses, a pocket protector with twelve kinds of pens and pencils, and a belt at least a foot too long. The bartender, without saying a word, pulls out a shotgun and blows the guy away. The truck driver asks him why he did that. The bartender says not to worry, the nerds are way overpopulating the Silicon Valley, and are in season now. "You don't even need a license", he said.

So the truck driver finishes his beer, gets back in his truck, and heads back onto the freeway. Suddenly he veers to avoid an accident, and the load shifts. The back door breaks open and computers spill out all over the freeway. He jumps out and sees a crowd already forming, grabbing up the computers. They are all engineers, accountants and programmers wearing the nerdiest clothes he has ever seen. He can't let them steal his whole load. So remembering what happened in the bar, he pulls out his gun and starts blasting away, felling several of them instantly. A highway patrol officer comes zooming up and jumps out of the car screaming at him to stop.

The truck driver said, "What's wrong? I thought nerds were in season!"

"Well, they are," said the patrolman, "But you can't bait 'em!"

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#### Additions and Corrections

The main correction is that the October issue announced the wrong program. The moral of that is you should come to every meeting because you can't tell what you might be missing. Apologies to all those who missed Bill Woodall's clarification of the printer maze.

New members: Two people with brand new computers:

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 > To: MDK-12@UMDD.UMD.EDU  
 \* Original: FROM..... SHAKIB OTAQUI  
 Subject: Abraham and Isaac

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 >  
 > And it came to pass after these things that God did test Abraham. And > He said to him, "Abraham!"

And Abraham replied "Here I am."

And God said, "Take your computer, your old computer, your 386; and install upon it an operating system, a new operating system, Windows NT, which I will show to you."

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass. He loaded his computer, his old computer, his 386, on the ass. And he took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son. And he rose up and went to the place where God had told him, there to find Windows NT.

Then, on the third day, Abraham lifted his eyes and saw Windows NT from afar. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and load Windows NT on our 386, and come again to you"

And Abraham took his computer his old computer, his 386, and laid it on Isaac his son. And they went both of them together.

And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father." And he replied, "Here I am my son." And Isaac said, "Windows NT requires far more memory than our 386 has. How will it possibly run on our machine?"

And Abraham looked at his son, his only

son, whom he loved; and he shook his head slowly, and in perfect faith and with unswerving trust and belief in the Almighty, he said,

" Fear not Isaac my son . . . . . God will provide the RAM."

#### BEGINNERS CORNER

When you want a font name far down the alphabet, type its first letter, or the whole name, and the list will jump to it.

If you want a new Canon printer driver, and downloading doesn't work, you can get it on a floppy, for just shipping cost, by calling 1-757-413-2848. The download URL is [www.ccsi.canon.com](http://www.ccsi.canon.com)

Several different malfunctions of my Canon printer were all due to the cartridge being installed improperly. Press the top of the cartridge gently back against the printer before you lower the green lever. At one point my printer printed only the right half of the page because the cartridge couldn't move all the way across.

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## SAVINGS BOND WIZARD

a review by Ken Jones

"The program is a great value, it's free, it does the job and updated redemption tables are available."

### Summary

Savings Bond Wizard (Sbwizard) is a program that calculates the present value and interest of individual U.S. Saving Bonds and also calculates totals for these values. It provides a means of keeping a list of all your saving bonds and this list can be printed. The program can be downloaded free of charge from the government Web site, <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/sav/>, or you can send \$17.00 and receive it on floppy disc. Also, saving bond redemption tables are available for downloading twice a year to update bond values. The program is designed for Windows 3.1 or 3.11, but the information on the Web site says that the government is working on a Windows 95 version. We all know how swift and responsive the government is. All things considered the program offers great value for free, but it is not without its faults. There is not a great deal of user control over many parts of the program. The bonds cannot be sorted, the order remains as the user typed them. No search mechanism is available to ferret out a specific bond. A list of bonds many be printed without means to a particular page or range of pages. There is a help program that is difficult to use, because its format is different than most help programs.

## SHOWS

Dec. 20 and 21 Allentown PA  
Fairgrounds - MARKET PRO  
Dec 21 Stabler Arena, Lehigh U.  
Bethlehem, Pa - PETER TRAPP  
Dec. 20 and 21 Edison -  
KEN GORDON  
Feb. 14, 15, 16. Edison -  
KEN GORDON

and if you're new here, be warned to start training to be in shape for the biggest show of all in April at Mercer Community College, known as the Trenton Computer Show.

## TRADING POST FAREWELL

The Internet has made our BBS a pleasant memory, it has made shareware libraries redundant ( high class word for unneeded) and it has taken the fun out of the Trading Post. No longer can one easily find short programs that do one interesting thing, and that run on most people's machines. I have tried downloading programs that sound promising but the download usually gets cut off, or the resulting program is missing something. So, I am printing here and there URL's for things that sound attractive, and you can try your luck at downloading them.

If someone else would like to continue the Trading Post, feel free. It has been fun for some of us.

## Paul's French Lesson

HARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS? - Can you drive a French motorcycle?  
EX POST FUCTO - Lost in the mail  
IDIOS AMIGOS- We're wild and crazy guys!  
RIGOR MORRIS - The cat is dead.  
POSH MORTEM- Death styles of the rich and famous.  
PRO BOZO PUBLICO -Support your local clown  
MMONAGE A TROIS - I am tree uears old  
HASTE CUISINE - Fast French food  
ALOHA OY- Love; greetings; farewell;  
from such a pain should never know  
MAZEL TON - Lots of luck  
PORTE-KOCHERE - Sacramental wine  
VENI VIDI VISA - I came, I saw, I bought  
CA VA SANS DIRT - And that's not gossip  
MERCRIEN- Thanks for nothin'

## BEGINNERS CORNER

Cut or Copy and Paste can solve a lot of problems. MS Pub2 cannot use a Word 6 file, but if you copy ( in the Edit menu) selected work in Word 6, then open Pub and paste, it works.

If you want to use a graphic in a format your program can't read, copy it in the program where you can see it and paste it to the other.

Microsoft has filed suit against 12 vendors found at show sites in New York and New Jersey., for illegal distribution of Microsoft software. If you too would like to call the Microsoft Anti-Piracy Hotline it's 800-785-3448. The offenders were found at Market Pro and Tri State shows. The main offense is loading illegal software onto new computers. One sign of this is not receiving any disks or manuals for the software on your machine. Investigators found over half the Windows 95 software they bought was counterfeit. You can also call the Business Software Alliance Anti-Piracy Hotline at 888 NO PIRACY (667-4722) or send e-mail to [software@bsa.org](mailto:software@bsa.org).

Ref. Microsoft press release sent by Jac Carroll

Once upon a midnight dreary, fingers cramped and vision bleary,  
Manuals piled high and wasted paper on the floor,  
Longing for the warmth of bed sheets, still I sat there doing spreadsheets.  
Having reached the bottom line I took a floppy from the drawer  
I then invoked the SAVE command and waited for the disk to store,  
Only this and nothing more.

Deep into the monitor peering, long I sat there wond'ring, fearing.  
Doubting, while the disk kept churning, turning yet to churn some more.  
But the silence was unbroken, and the stillness gave no token.  
"Save!" I said, "You cursed mother! Save my data from before!"  
One thing did the phosphors answer, only this and nothing more,  
Just, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

Was this some occult illusion, some maniacal intrusion?  
These were choices undesired, ones I'd never faced before.  
Carefully I weighed the choices as the disk made impish noises.  
The cursor flashed, insistent, waiting, baiting me to type some more.  
Clearly I must press a key, choosing one and nothing more,  
From "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

With fingers pale and trembling, slowly toward the keyboard bending,  
Longing for a happy ending, hoping all would be restored,  
Praying for some guarantee, timidly, I pressed a key.  
But on the screen there still persisted words appearing as before.  
Ghastly grim they blinked and taunted, haunted, as my patience wore,  
Saying "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

I tried to catch the chips off guard, and pressed again, but twice as hard.  
I pleaded with the cursed machine: I begged and cried and then I swore.  
Now in mighty desperation, trying random combinations,  
Still there came the incantation, just as senseless as before.  
Cursor blinking, angrily winking, blinking nonsense as before.  
Reading, "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 a dreadful sight: a lightning bolt cut through the night.  
A gasp of horror overtook me, shook me to my very core.  
The lightning zapped my previous data, lost and gone forevermore.  
Not even, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

To this day I do not know the place to which lost data go.  
What demonic nether world is wrought where lost data will be stored,  
Beyond the reach of mortal souls, beyond the ether, into black holes?  
But sure as there's C, Pascal, Lotus, Ashton-Tate and more,  
You will be one day be left to wander, lost on some Plutonian shore,  
Pleading "Abort, Retry, ignore?"



HUNTERDON COMPUTER CLUB

Holiday Party Meeting - Saturday, December 20

8:30 A.M. to Noon

Hunterdon Medical Center Main Entrance

Rt. 31 North of Flemington

Program: Don Slepian's Great Music

Guests Welcome - all ages all interests

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