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## WOODFIELD AREA COMPUTERIST ORGANIZATION NOW FORMING!!

By Steve Gibson

**WACO** is finally going to get off the ground! Dedicated to **ALL** computer enthusiasts, regardless of hardware, **WACO** is everybody's computer club. The first meeting of **WACO** will be:

December 5th, 1981 at Woodfield Shopping Center in Schaumburg, at 1P.M. in the Schaumburg room near J.C. Penney's on the upper level (ask information at the center for directions or call me at 843-7852).

AT this meeting we will be deciding and discussing a few things. Deciding the format for future meetings and discussing the future plans for **WACO**. Should we be an "umbrella" organization for a number of Small Interest Groups (SIG'S) or should we merely act as a clearing house for other area computer clubs? Should we meet monthly or less (or more) often? What SIG'S should we create - Apple,

TRS80, CP/M, Investor, etc? How about some ideas for future events, like a Computerfest (computer flea market) or raffles? What are your interests, what speakers would you like to hear? What new products would you like to get your grubby hands on? What would be a realistic amount to charge for dues? Who is going to give me a hand doing all this?

Please put your thinking cap on now and let your imagination run wild!! Get involved!! Let's make this thing big!!

**RETAILERS!** You are needed! I want you to be an integral part of this organization. I need freebies to give away, to keep it interesting. And I need sponsors for our newsletter and special events. Please contact me today (Steve Gibson 843-7852) and give me your ideas, too! I'm looking for stores to offer discounts and perks to bonafide members - join the growing list of retailers taking advantage

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Games...

Not many people will argue the fact that if it weren't for "PONG" and early TV games like it the home computer market would be years behind where it is today. It took some type of easy-to-use video game with few complicated rules and simple hand controls to get "Joe TV Addict" hooked on two-way TV. All of a sudden you didn't have to eat up whatever the Tube had to offer. No sir, you could spend hours of equally useless time batting a "Beep" and a "Bloop" across your screen until you etched its path into your TV tube or your wife's every waking moment (anyone know the present "VIDEODIVORCE" rate?).

And what did you gain from this exercise in futility? Well, if you were under 5 years old, you gained improved eye-hand coordination. And if you were in the 6 to 12 year old age group you improved your ability to concentrate and accomplish difficult tasks. For the 13-29 age group there was the decreased drug use aspect. And finally, for the 29+ group, you gained 3-4 inches of "beer belly", the pleasure of beating a 6 year old into a corner (and giggling moronically), and another excuse to not do that landscaping that'll wait one more weekend.

So what's changed 7 years later? ...Nothing...Oh, sure, there are new "Beeps" and "Bloops", the games are in 4 or 5 colors and they come with 30 page instruction booklets that read like a Carlos Castaneda story, but you still use them to avoid housework, to waste the hour before "Dallas" comes on or to ignore your wife who had another bad day at "Piggly-Wiggly". And, believe it or not, that friend of yours, who shook his head wonderingly at your new "Robot Attack" game, went home thinking you were out of your mind to spend \$2500 to play a game that costs 25 cents at the corner 7-Eleven...

The point? Maintain your "COMPUTER PERSPECTIVE". Don't attempt to

legitimize your hobby by saying, "Someday this thing is going to spit out mailing labels by the thousands for 10 cents apiece!"...nope, did you ever hear a "Weekend Sailor" brag that someday he would, "take on a load of iron ore bound for Hammond and retire on the proceeds"? No sir, the "Weekend Sailor" loads up his cooler, hoists up the mains'l and pours on the tanning lotion - he's out to enjoy his hobby - outsiders be d----d!

So pop in that "Space Invaders" cartridge, open a bottle of Heinie's, heat up the egg rolls and beat the pants off those creeps! Who cares if this thing ever makes a cent? I love it!!

**ANCHORS AWAY!!****QUOTE:**

Dr. James McAlear in an article in **OMNI** (12/81) "Biochip Revolution" on the subject of computer brain implants;

"One Sunday about four years ago I was parked in front of the Swedish Covenant Church, waiting for my wife, Anna, who was inside. The minister, it seems, had gotten into this tiff of singing a hymn and then praying that I'd come in and be saved. Finally my wife came out. 'Why don't you come in,' she implored. 'They've asked me to ask you, don't you believe in God?'

"'You go back,' I said, 'and tell them that not only do I believe in an almighty God, but I'm probably the only one here that has any idea how to build it.'"

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SOFTWARE REVIEWS  
FOR ALL COMPUTERS  
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
BBS OF THE MONTH  
CLUB NOTES  
LOTS MORE!!!

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**CLUB CORNER**  
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(Club Secretaries: Send your news, names, and numbers to -  
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Chicago Area Computer Hobbyist Exchange  
-3rd Sunday each month at DeVry Tech. 3300 N. campbell,  
849-1132

**CHICATRUG**

Chicago TRS80 user's group  
-3rd Wednesday each month at 203 N. Wabash, Rm. 110,  
782-9750

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295-6078 (Dave)  
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841-5453 (Bill)

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and a  
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