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CLUB CHARTER - NEW SIGS TOPICS AT JANUARY MEETING

By Steve Gibson The Club Charter was the topic at January WACO meeting. Discussion was lively and much was accomplished. Among the charter provisions: \$6.00 annual dues (pro-rated for late comers), Special Interest Group (SIG) guidelines, and a governing group consisting of a President, Vice-President/Librarian. Newsletter Editor (Yours Truly), Secretary, Treasurer, and the SIG coordinators.

A few SIG's were started; and among them: a TRS80, APPLE, ATARI, and more (see elsewhere in this newsletter for tentative SIG's and their tentative Coordinators)! About 45 intrepid souls braved the sub-zero (-20 is pretty sub!!!) temperatures to gather in the downstairs meeting room of the

Schaumburg Public Library. The meeting lasted about 2 1/2 hours. It was decided that only paid-up members would be allowed to vote in the elections to be held at the February meeting (don't despair you can pay your \$6 at the meeting!) And the election would be by a show of hands...one more decision - the first term of office would be for 6 months (in case someone turns out to be a real bummer?). The new Club Charter will be available for your reading pleasure at the February meeting and we will be finishing it up before we vote.

Please come and join us at the next meeting — the more the merrier (Feb. 13Th, 1:30pm Schaumburg Public Library)!!

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Computer Stores...

Have you noticed what I've noticed about computer stores? Too many stores are hiring people who don't know a thing about computers. That's like hiring someone to sell cars who rides a horse to work, or paying a bald-headed man to sell hairbrushes. Oh, don't get me wrong - these salespeople are nice enough, but how can you store owners trust your return business to someone who can't guarantee a happily satisfied customer is walking out your store door?

Many stores are suffering from Franchise-itis - that heart-rending malady that struck down so many Bowling Alleys in the 50's and PEE-MEE Golf Courses in the 60's. Franchise-itis is a common disease that bears a striking resemblance to the symptoms shown by the novice computer owner - loss of money, lots of new equipment, plenty of bells and whistles, no lack of intelligence, but a genuine lack of purpose...

"Now that I've got It; What do I do with It?" A computer store is different from most High-Technology stores. The Home Computer is not like your "ONE-TOUCH TUNING" TV set. No, it's not like your automatic turntable or even your remote control VCR. No, the Home Computer is more like that puppy you bought in a fit of selflessness last Christmas. Your Computer needs alot of input from you in order for it to be able to serve you. You've got to teach it to pay attention, heel, and when you get the hang of it, you can teach it some more esoteric tricks your pooch will never learn ("Fido, fetch me my 1981 Income Tax records — Good Boy!")...But without the right input, messing the carpet would be a relief. The Home Computer without a knowledgable owner is headed for trouble. "What'll It do?"

"Well...It plays a mean game of Backgammon..."

"Yeah, but can't It simulate predicted business growth, or store family tree records?"

"Oh sure, but I tried those programs and their directions don't make sense to me so I'm using my APPLE II as a \$2000 Atari game..."

Lack of training turns to frustration; frustration turns to anger; and anger turns to lost sales. Still reading, store owners? This writer thinks that what you need to do is:

- Size up the customer don't sell the Hulk a VW Rabbit
- Design an expandable system that a customer can roll into (Don't worry, he'll be back - he trusts you now)
- Follow-up call him back and get his questions answered before he starts to think you dumped on him
- 4. Don't be afraid to tell him you don't have a system that's right for him. He came into your store for some reason and I'll bet that he'll be back when he needs something you do carry.

These points are not applicable to all stores but I think most of you get the point. As for your salesmen, why not pay to have them trained? Get a trained Visicalc specialist, or a business specialist, or how about someone who knows BASIC inside-out? It doesn't take much, but think of the rewards -

WRITERS NEEDED!!

WACO needs software reviews, hardware reviews, software listings, general interest articles - etc.!! Please send all materials to: WACO C/O STEVE GIBSON 723 SUNFISH PT., SCHAUMBURG, IL. 60194.ENCLOSE A SASE IF YOU WANT YOUR MATERIALS RETURNED.



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The Computer Challenge: A Revolution in Classroom and Home sponsored by Computer Town Barrington in cooperation with Project Micro-Ideas, the Institute for Educational Research, NIAUG (Northern Illinois Apple Users Group) and Barrington AAUW.

The computer conference is a volunteer effort to be held Saturday, March 13, 1982 at the Barrington High School, 616 West Main Street, Barrington, Illinois.

Choose from over 40 speakers and demonstrations. The keynote speaker is LeRoy Finkel, an 18-year classroom veteran and co-author of six books including "BASIC for Home Computers". the conference will emphasize educational topics and home-use subjects. information about hardware, software, and services will be brought together with an exciting array of commercial and practical demonstration of computer uses in school and home.

Registration fee (including lunch) is \$15. For additional information, phone (312) 658-4710. please make checks payable to: Computer Town Barrington, Inc. Mail registration to: Computer Town Barrington, Inc., 322 West Lake Street, Barrington, IL. 60010. Deadline March 5th.

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Northern Illinois Computer Owners League (A TRS-80 Club) Next meeting at Our Redeemers Church, 1600 W. Schaumburg

Rd., Schaumburg. For info call Paul Zaura at 858-1648

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Type: Utility

Distributed by: Beagle Bros.

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PLUS THE DOS BOSS BOOK -

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DOS BOSS owner, Greg Radzienta

XEROX 820

Title: QSORT
Type: Sorting Utility
System: CP/M
Distributed by: Structured Systems
Requirements: 8° Disks/Xerox 820/CP/m

QSORT, distributed by Structured Systems is a very versatile sort/merge utility that can help speed up your high volume processing requirements. QSORT comes with 2 programs: QSORT and QPARM. Documentation is straight-forward and easy-to-follow.

Using QSORT is a breeze! Using QPARM, the user defines a sort parameter file that contains control information about his particular sort job. QPARM will build and log the file and when passed to QSORT will execute the sort job. Data can be sorted using 1 to 5 separate key fields; ascending/descending and alpha/numeric. QSORT will generate backup files, display statistical messages, and allow for diskette changes for large sorting operations. QSORT can handle an entire diskette of data and will sort random or sequential files.

Priced at about \$150, QSORT should prove to be a useful tool for any high volume record processing requirements you might have.

Geary Foltman

TRS-80

Title: Lazywriter Distributor: ABC Sales Type: Word Processor

Requirements: Disk/32k/Printer (Optional)

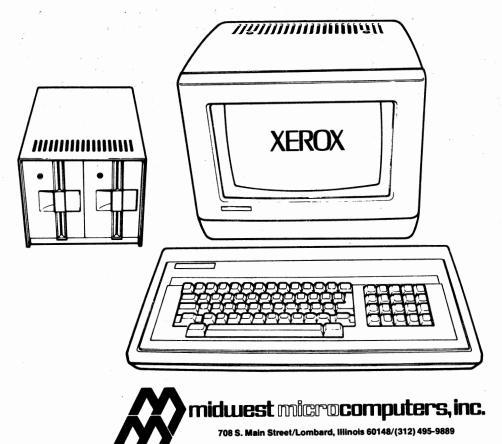
If you have been hunting around for a word processor that will give you access to all those neat tricks you have built into your printer, or a word processor that is easy to learn, or just a word processor that is well-documented—Lazywriter is just what you need. Text entry and Editing is quick and painless. Any (...and I mean ANY!) File can be loaded into LIwriter and worked on. There are mailing list merging programs available, so you can even print form letters and, best of all, you can imbed control codes for your printer (I use an Epson) and create a professional looking document easily!! This package is not cheap — \$125 for the Model I and \$175 for the Model III, but it is worth every penny!!

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The Xerox 820 Information Processor



Components

DISPLAY/PROCESSOR — The 24 line/80 character display quality exceeds industry standards for desktop computers. Easy viewing is enhanced by an adjustable brightness and high-quality flicker-free screen. The display unit also contains the processor for the system, which is softloaded and uses a Z80° based microprocessor with 64K RAM memory and 4K ROM. Four ports are standard (dual serial ports and dual parallel ports) which allow you to connect the printer, communications and other devices.

KEYBOARD — The Xerox 820 uses a standard 96 character keyboard. Additional function keys are conveniently located to the right of the keyboard for cursor control (providing easy access to any point on the screen) and editing functions. A 10-key pad is included for convenience and speed in typing statistical documents.

DISC DRIVES — You can utilize two 5½" single-sided disc drives that let you store approximately 40 pages. For increased capacity, you may configure the system with optional 8" single-sided discs that increase storage up to 130 pages of typed material. The disc drives are connected via a cable to the processor, allowing for easy placement on a desk top.

PRINTER (OPTIONAL) — The 820 features a 40 cps daisywheel printer that produces high quality copy with bi-directional printing in either 10 or 12 pitch. This is ideal for quick turnaround of documents.

COMPATIBILITY — Upward compatibility with 860 Information Processing Systems is offered on text created on the 820 with 8" disc drives through a separate software package offered on the 860. In addition, the 820 is an investment that will fit into your long-range plans, since Ethernet compatibility is available through the 872/873 Communication Server using Teletype communications mode on the 820.

BYTE BY BYTE

by Mark Schaub

In the last column, I presented some common assembler directives. Of course, there are many more depending on what kind of assembler you have. Although I only use the Z-80 set of instructions, you may be able to translate them to your type of computer. In this article I'll present some common ROM routines that are used in the TRS-80 computer.

The subroutine at 0049H is for inputting a character. It scans the keyboard and waits for a key to be pressed. The ASCII representation of that key is returned in register A. The routine itself uses registers AF and DE. you can get only one character at a time.

The subroutine at 0033H displays whatever character is in the A register on the screen. Before calling this routine, you must put the character into register A. This routine uses registers AF, DE, and IY.

To use a subroutine in ASSEMBLY language, you just CALL that routine. At the end of the subroutine you must have a RET statement. The following program is a short demonstration of the two routines decribed.

100		ORG	H000B	start of program
150	MARK	CALL	01C9H	;clear screen
200	SHOW	CALL	0049H	get a character
300		CALL	0033H	;display it
400		JP	SHOW	;keep doing it
500		FND	MARK	end the program

If you have a TRS-80 and an EDITOR/ASSEMBLER you can type this program in and run it just like it is. Line 150

is a CALL to a subroutine that clears the screen. To stop this program you must press the reset button.

You can avoid pressing the RESET button by adding the following lines of code. Just watch the line numbers to determine where to put these lines.

210	CP	'3'	;compare to a 🕯
220	JP	Z,402DH	return to DOS;

The lines shown above test for an '3'. If you press '3' you will get an immediate return to DOS. For those of you using TAPE, change the number 402DH to 1A19H to go back to BASIC.

These routines are fairly simple to use in your programs. In the future, I'll have much more complex routines to show you, but right now I'm just establishing a background to work from.

To become proficient at machine level programming, you should have some tools to work with. Some of the books and software I use are:

MICROSOFT EDITOR/ASSEMBLER PLUS

DEBUG and ZBUG

SUPERMAP by Roger Fuller

TRS80 ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING by Hubert Howe

Once you get the hang of machine language programming, it becomes really easy. If you have any suggestons or questions please send a letter to me, C/O this newsletter.

-Mark-

Method To Eliminate BASIC LLIST Problems

By Terry B. Deatherage

Have you ever wanted to have your BASIC programs printed with top and bottom margins, with headers and page numbers, and with a left margin that would allow space for a three-ring binder holes? Well if you do, there is a way to do this using SCRIPSIT and that BASIC can write programs to disk in an ASCII format.

First create, using SCRIPSIT, the Format, Headers, and Page Numbering as you would with a normal document. However, do not have any text. Then save the by using BREAK. SCRIPSIT file SBASICPGM/SCP:d, and ENTER. The file extension "SCP" will let you know that all the BASICPOM contains are the SCRIPSIT commands without any text.

Secondly load, using BASIC, the actual program that you want to print as a formatted printout. Then just resave the actual program in ASCII mode by--SAVE "BASICPGM/BAS:d", A and ENTER.

Thirdly load, using SCRIPSIT again, the file the first step. created in LBASICPGM/SCP: d, and ENTER.

Fourthly load, while still in SCRIPSIT, the program that you saved in the second step by using BREAK, L,C BASICPGM/BAS:d, ENTER. This will add your BASIC program to the SCRIPSIT file as text.

Fifthly, while still in SCRIPSIT, you now have the SCRIPSIT format commands and the BASIC program combined as one SCRIPSIT file. So save this file by using BREAK, SBASICPGM/FMT:d, and ENTER.

Lastly, you can now print as many formatted printouts as you need using SCRIPSIT and the file you created in the fifth step.

BBS of the month

At the last WACO meeting I off-handedly mentioned the fact that I felt I had been "ripped-off" to the tune of \$12 by a BBS called "Starcom" in Schaumburg. Well this week I got my \$12 check back - and more...a password to be specific. A password to a new BBS in Schaumburg called NET-WORKS. I believe it is a reincarnation of STARCOM, but this time it's FREE.

To quote from message #1 on the System (from the SYSOP, Bob Ferguson), "The NET-WORKS Chicago System is being re-activated. The System is going to be a closed-type System, with access by password only. This should keep the System clear of unwanted types. And it should help in keeping the System crashers down...One of the features of the System will be schedules for Spectrum, ON-TV and Showtime..."

Messages are sent/received in an electronic mail format with your "Box" checked when you sign on for mail. At the time I called, the schedules for Showtime and ON-TV were not

available, but the Spectrum schedule was. There are also programs for the TRS-80, Apple and PET available for downloading (though only an Apple Floating-Point program for Auto-log on was available when I called).

section I didn't peruse was titled, "Programming tips for APPLE users" and there is a list of Apple BBS's.

In order to receive your free password send your name, address, city, state, zip, and phone number (that NET-WORKS can verify) to:

> NET-WORKS CHICAGO P.O. box 94881 Schaumburg, IL. 60194-0881

...or use the (6)-option and leave the above information. Bob Ferguson, the SYSOP, has decided to limit the number of passwords to 100 so send for your password soon.

The NET-WORKS computer system consists of the following:

> APPLE II+ 64K 3 Disk II Drives D. C. Hayes Micromodem Mt. Hardware clock Epson MX80 printer

System hours were not listed but I tried at 2 A.M. and got a busy signal so I don'T think NET-WORKS is 24 hours.

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... see the SIG list elsewhere in the newsletter for the SIG coordinators nominated. Only paid-up members will be allowed to vote, however you can pay your dues the day of the meeting (\$6). Nominations will be accepted for all of the above at the February meeting, also.

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