EUGENE IBM PERSONAL COMPUTER CLUB

IBM PCjr Special Interest Group

P. O. BOX 3695, EUGENE, OR 97403

MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 7:OOPM

OUR SECOND MEETING WILL AGAIN BE AT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY OF IDA PATTERSON GRADE SCHOOL, 1510 West 15th Street, Eugene. (If you have difficulty getting to the school, take 15th Street [west] off of Polk - the only way in. The library is in the west wing.

At Thursday's meeting, Jim Cox will be featured speaking on the topic of DOS COMMANDS, and the DOS System. Have you been having difficulty with screen modes, centering on the screen, and all those other little things? Bring your questions ...and special solutions... to share! We will also have displays of literature, some software, question and answer period, ...and much more... and we will try to have coffee "on tap" ...are there any volunteers for cookies? (that's a keyboarder's note).

THE REGULAR IBM PC CLUB MEETING will also be at the Ida Patterson Grade School, but on May 16th at 7:30pm. Interested parties are encouraged to come to a couple of meetings, without obligation, to see what goes on. You can write them at P.O. Box 11436, Eugene, OR 97440.

AT OUR FIRST MEETING...

THE FIRST MEETING of the group took place at 6:30pm, Thursday, April 18 at the library of IDA PATTERSON GRADE SCHOOL, 1510 West 15th Street, in Eugene, one hour before the regular monthly meeting of the Eugene IBM Personal Computer Club. There were about 30 interested PCjr owners in attendance. Efforts were made to reach (you) through an ad in the REGISTER GUARD, posters in the computer stores, personal contact, and Tom Drew of the BYTE SHOP helped identify some PCjr owners.

SOME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION was held about what goals and objectives a PCjr group might have. Dick Page kicked the meeting off sharing some thoughts, and there were three PCjr systems set up. (1).128k Enhanced with IBM printer interface and a Panasonic KX-P1091 printer, (2).128k Enhanced unit with the Microsoft Mouse and 128k booster, (includes the printer interface), and a Epson printer, and (3). Pcjr with the RACORE 2nd disc drive and memory enhancement, Epson printer, etc. It was interesting to see the different configurations side by side.

WE DISTRIBUTED A QUESTIONAIRE for information purposes, and if you were unable to attend that first meeting, we have enclosed a copy with this newsletter. Please fill it out, and if you are unable to bring it in, mail it to P.O.Box 3695, Eugene, OR 97403. These will help us evaluate the PCjr owners in this area, whether or not you are interested in the "Group" activities. We will also distribute the newsletter to

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those of you who express an interest for the first two or three times, without obligation. After that the "NO FREE LUNCH" rule will apply. It is hoped that the newsletter will become an important vehicle, not just for us, but also as a communication tool with other PCjr clubs.
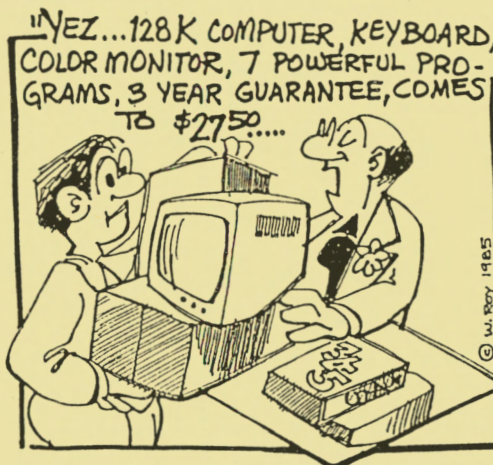
SOME OTHER THINGS WE MIGHT GET INTO
        ...HARDWARE EXCHANGE
        ...GROUP PURCHASES OF DISKETTES AND PRINTER PAPERS
        ...TRADE SOFTWARE
        ...DEVELOPE A DISC LIBRARY OF "PUBLIC DOMAIN" SOFTWARE
        ..."GROUP CLOUT" TO LET IBM KNOW WE ARE HERE
        ...GET GUEST SPEAKERS
        ...KEEP MEMBERS UPDATED ON DEVELOPEMENS & NEWS
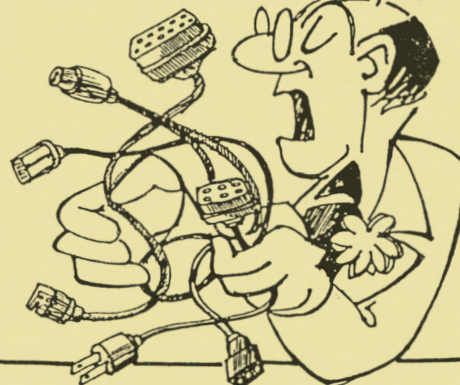   ...and KEEP SUPPORTING EACH OTHER!

SOME QUESTIONS...

A QUESTION WAS POSED at our first meeting about how to transfer some extensive programs that (he) had developed in BASIC on his TI-99 4A computer, to his IBM. (There are more than two of us who have been through this "orphaning" process more than once!) It is supposed to be possible to send the material from the TI-99 4A to the PCjr using a MODEM(s), and then correct any "brand-specific" BASIC language. The two BASICs appear to be very similar. Does anyone want to help attempt this, thus saving a great deal of previously stored data?

ANOTHER QUESTION was asked, whether anyone was using a BROTHER electric typewriter as a daisy-wheel printer with their PCjr. Please contact Bill Roy, 686-8416, before he gets the $180 BROTHER interface!

"YEZ...128K COMPUTER, KEYBOARD, COLOR MONITOR, 7 POWERFUL PROGRAMS, 3 YEAR GUARANTEE, COMES TO $27⁵⁰....."

"AND THE CONNECTOR CABLES ARE AN ADDITIONAL $3,219⁷⁸!"

AS INSPIRED BY A COMMENT AT THE LAST MEETING!

THE DIRECTORY
PERSONALLY DEVELOPED SOFTWARE FOR IBM PERSONAL COMPUTERS

THIS IBM DIRECTORY lists software developed by individuals for the IBM Personal Computer Family. Many of the software programs listed in the Directory list for as little as $14.95, covering a wide range of interests from entertainment through educational and business applications. To subscribe to the Directory, available directly from IBM, call their toll-free number, 800-IBM-PCSW. We have a couple of extra copies of the Directory for your inspection at the next group meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

(Only fill in information you want to share. However, the more we know
the better our jrSIG can meet your needs.)

Name_____ Home Phone_____

Address_____ Work Phone_____

City_____ Zip_____ Occupation_____

The main reason I have a jr is:_____

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My main interest in a jrSIG is:_____

AGE OF USERS:	Primary User	Youngest User	Oldest User
0 - 10	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11 - 20	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
21 - 40	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
41 - 65	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
66 - ??	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

HARDWARE I HAVE (H) or PLAN TO BUY (B):

Have?	Type	Manufacturer	Model Name	Comments
(H)(B)	jr C.P.U.	IBM	64K or Enhanced	
(H)(B)	Monitor			
(H)(B)	Printer			
(H)(B)	Keyboard			
(H)(B)	Second Drive			
(H)(B)	Memory Expansion			
(H)(B)	Modem			
(H)(B)	Mouse			
(H)(B)	Joystick			
(H)(B)	Surge Protector			
(H)(B)	Misc. Accessories			

Other computers I own or have access to:_____

SOFTWARE I HAVE (H) or PLAN TO BUY THIS YEAR (B):

Type	Manufacturer	Program Name	Comments
(H-B) Cartridge BASIC	IBM	Cartridge Basic	
(H-B) BASIC Programs			
(H-B) D.O.S. Utilities			
(H-B) Word Processing			
(H-B) Spreadsheets/ Financial			
(H-B) Data Management			
(H-B) Mailing Lists			
(H-B) Educational			
(H-B) Games			
(H-B) Communications			
(H-B) Graphics			
(H-B) Miscellaneous			

jr SIG FUNCTIONS: Importance to me (scale 0 - 3)

1.)	Sharing of information with others.	0	1	2	3
2.)	Use of club disk library.	0	1	2	3
3.)	Swapping disks with members.	0	1	2	3
4.)	Discounts at local stores.	0	1	2	3
5.)	Help with hardware problems.	0	1	2	3
6.)	Help with software problems.	0	1	2	3
7.)	Subscription to club newsletter.	0	1	2	3
8.)	Presentations on hardware.	0	1	2	3
9.)	Presentations on software.	0	1	2	3
10.)	Guest Speakers.	0	1	2	3
11.)	"Group clout" to influence local stores, mail order houses, IBM Corp., etc.	0	1	2	3
12.)	Other functions_____	0	1	2	3

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                          Scale:   0 = not of interest
                                   1 = of little interest
                                   2 = some interest
                                   3 = of great interest
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WORKING TOGETHER:
I am willing to help get the jr SIG going in the following way(s):
    [ ]   Help with organizing the jr SIG
    [ ]   Help with recruitment.
    [ ]   Help with meetings: [ ] Setup/Breakdown   [ ] Speakers
               [ ] Hardware Demonstration   [ ] Software Demonstration
    [ ]   Help with Disk Library
    [ ]   Help with newsletter/mailings/phone banking

THE NEWSLETTER NEEDS INPUT AND STAFF!

WELCOME TO OUR PCjr S.I.G. (Special Interest Group) NEWSLETTER! It
will take a while for things to take shape and to assume some sem-
blance of order, but this is an effort in that direction. Maybe it
will turn out that a "semblance of order" is not of utmost importance.

Getting a (this) newsletter out can be a major undertaking. All input
will be appreciated. Help is needed for keyboarding, paste-up, and
preparing for mailing (we have the offer of the use of a bulk mailing
permit if we ever get to 200+ copies ...now there's a goal to aim for!

If you have items to contribute, set your printer for a seven inch
width and go for it! (Let us know what printer you are using, too!) If
you don't yet have a printer, send the materials anyway, to "PCjr NEWS-
LETTER", P.O. Box 3695, Eugene, OR 97403. How about some of those
simple or limited length programs that you have developed? or Screen
Dump graphics, or... ?

HOME COMPUTER MAGAZINE'S ONE-LINERS

EUGENE'S OWN computer magazine, HOME COMPUTER, continues to run many
programs and articles addressed to the PCjr. A recent series has been
the "one line" program, of which the following is an example:

The Colorful Cosmic Worm
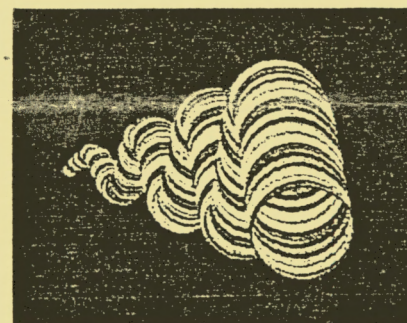[Cartridge BASIC on the IBM PCjr]
Dear Sir:
   Since I purchased my IBM PCjr it has
convinced me that there is no other
computer in its price range that can
match its graphics capabilities. I
created this one-line program as a
demonstration to prove my point. I
would like to challenge anyone with a
non-PCjr system to duplicate the
Cosmic Worm in one line.
                    William P. Scott
                    New York, NY 10028

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1 CLS:KEY OFF:CLEAR,,.,
32768:SCREEN 5:COLOR,8
,4:FOR Z=.1 TO 1.1 STEP
.0009:C=C+.1:CIRCLE(Z
200*SIN(Z*24)*(Z*50)+Z10NC
0),Z*40,.C:C=-C*((C<15)):C=
EXT:FOR Z=1 TO 1000:C=C
+1:PALETTE C,0:PALETTE
C,.C:C=-C*((C<15)):NEXT:GO
TO 1
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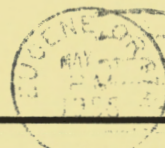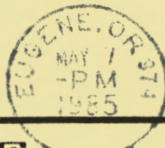
© *Home Computer Magazine*   *Volume 4, No. 5*

If you haven't taken a look at this magazine, give it a try, and re-
member that HOME COMPUTER offers the listed programs in each issue on
diskette or casette for $5.00.   (Used with permission).

JUNIOR Jr ?   How about a SPECIAL Special Interest Group for
our younger users? A TEEN/CHILDREN's group with special activities for
them (the youngest user at the first meeting is 4!)? Bring any ideas
you may have on this to the meeting. Many of us find this to be a good
FAMILY activity. Anyone for sharing ideas on solving "ZORK 1", "KING'S
QUEST" and the like?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TO BRING TWO OR THREE JUNIORs TO THE
NEXT MEETING!!! LET'S TRY TO SHARE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S A BIG
BOTHER, BUT WE EACH "JUST (FINALLY) GOT IT ALL HOOKED UP". If you are
willing to volunteer for THIS month, please call Dick Page (342-3193),
or Bill Roy (686-8416). Thanks for your help on this one!

O   THE BEST SOFTWARE FOR THE APPLICATION IS THE 2ND ONE YOU BUY!   O

IN THE MARKET PLACE

RACORE Corp. has a special order price for the DISC "DRIVE TWO" enhancement of $499 (reg. $675), and the 128/384 Memory Expansion is $220 (reg. $275). call (408)438-7255, or write RACORE Corp., 10 Victor Sq., Scotts Valley, CA 95066.
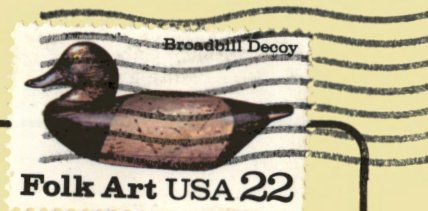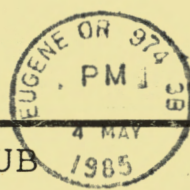
The AFT Company is about to introduce the RESEARCH Inc. "JR-COMBO" that will include a multi-function expansion board, clock, calendar, super-spool (buffer), super-menu, and a parallel printer port, with expandibility to 640k!

The SEARS Computer Centers in the Portland area were selling PCjr accessories at modest discounts, and featured the PCjr "hard" carrying case for $19.95 (reg. $60), as of two weeks ago.

VAL COM Computer Center, 2190 W 11th, Eugene, has 128k memory expansion units, auxiliary power attachments and the IBM PC Compact Printer all available at special low prices. Better call for availability first.

COMPUTER TUTOR has changed their name and location to SOFTWARE EXPRESS, Delta Village (near Valley River Center), by the BYTE SHOP on the El Torito Restaurant side. Got all that?

The BYTE SHOP is featuring special prices on software for the IBM PCjr and IBM family.

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