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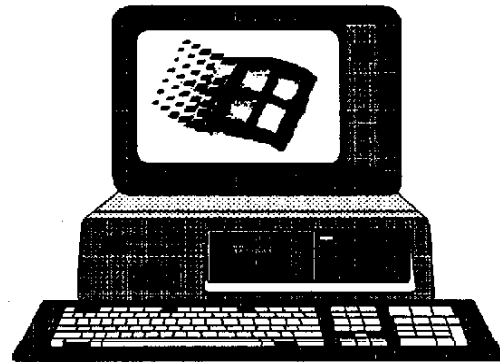


JULY, 1996

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new POMONA VALLEY COMPUTERS user group! Our old members who knew us as Pomona Valley 99ers are now invited to participate, no matter what kind of computer you now use. We have shifted our attention to include all computers since many of our old members have converted to PC's.

Hopefully, we can now attract more members, and grow our club into something like it was in the old days, while still keeping that 'all in the family' feeling that I got from the old club. Already, we have added a couple of new members, and recovered some who slipped away during the last few years. Anyone who is interested in computers is invited to attend.

We already have our old meeting place reserved, and are planning an interesting meeting to discuss how we can have demo's, freebies, sharing, and mutual help in using computers. I hope to see you at our meeting. Gene



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NEXT MEETING:

JULY 25

7:00 PM

**POMONA FIRST FEDERAL
SAVINGS**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This first newsletter obviously involves some trial and error, hopefully more trial than error. If anyone has any suggestions for making it better, please let me know. Eventually I hope to add regular columns on such things as using the computer, the Internet, tips & tricks, humorous articles, *etc.*

I am expecting a really good turnout at our first meeting of the new group in our old meeting place. Already, a few people have expressed an interest in someplace to ask questions, share knowledge, and improve their computer skills. Until we get a 'club system' it will be a little difficult to give any demo's but I am hoping to at least get a TV and VCR so we can show some tutorial videos and get some discussions going. It would also help if anyone can make suggestions for making the meeting more interesting.

Also, be sure to invite your computer friends to join us and get involved in the discussions and suggestions. We will have room for at least twenty people, so let's try to fill the room.

I currently have some CD-ROM's available for Disk-of-the-Month and am trying to line up some more for upcoming meetings. I will also try to have the entire newsletter available on floppy disk so you can see how it was done, and submit your own articles. Of course we can accept articles in almost any format, but this one, so far, has been done entirely with Microsoft Publisher. Please check with me to see if I can edit and print in your favorite desktop publisher or word processor. Fortunately MSP will accept straight text files and fit them to the page.

Howard will probably still staple, label, and mail the newsletter, but I am expecting a

new copy machine for my business, so at least for now I think I will be able to edit and copy the first few issues. I have a lot of stuff I downloaded from the Internet to use for filler, and I think much of it is very interesting, but I can certainly use some help if you have any thing to contribute. Even a magazine or newspaper article can be scanned through my fax machine, but for now it would be easier if you can type something out and put it on disk.

We also need to discuss lots of things like elections, club organization, equipment, *etc.* so be sure to attend this important meeting. I am willing to serve as President for now, but really, I was just joking about "supreme dictator for life". Anyway, I am looking forward to an interesting meeting and lots of good things for POMONA VALLEY COMPUTERS. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Gene Bohot
El Presidente

SOME INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.windows95.com/>
WINDOWS 95 SHAREWARE

<http://www.io.com/~recruit/diceman.html>
GAMBLING TIPS

<http://www.nd.edu/~crunge/wordperfect/>
UNOFFICIAL WPWIN HOME PAGE

<http://www.bigfoot.com/>

<http://iypn.com/>

<http://www.switchboard.com/>

<http://www.bigbook.com/>

PHONEBOOKS & WEB ADDRESSES

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/
homepage/notung/](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepage/notung/)

KEN GILLILAND

<http://www.iiia.org/~rosenr1/python/>
MONTY PYTHON ON THE WEB

TI-99/4A NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

To all the TI user groups who have been exchanging newsletters with us:

As you can see, our group focus as well as our newsletter have changed considerably. Even though we are not concentrating on the TI-99/4A exclusively, we have a few members who still use the TI and are staying in touch with the purists who are still devoted to our good ol' hobby computer. Because of our new direction some of you may not be interested in maintaining a regular exchange. Also, due to limited funds and members, our newsletter may be short or non-existent in some months. For that matter, for the last six months, our newsletter has been very inconsistent.

For this reason, we are considering this our last exchange newsletter unless we hear from you expressing an interest in exchanging newsletters in the future. If you are interested in continuing to exchange newsletters, please write to the president (return address on the back page) or to our membership chairman (note new address below) to let us know of your intentions.

Thank you for all you have shared with us in the past, and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

Gene Bohot
President

NEWSLETTER EDITOR GETS NEW ADDRESS

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NEWS and NOTES

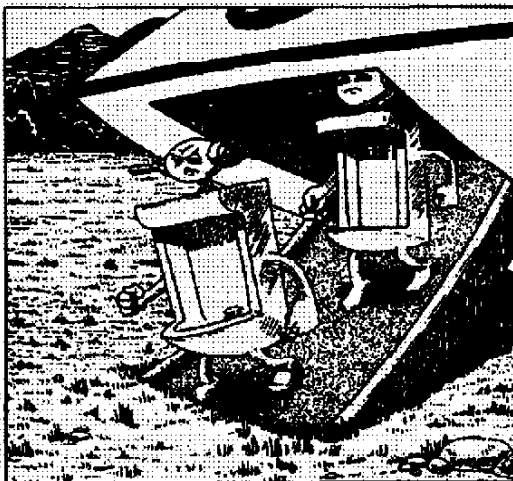
Don Gaunt is recovering nicely from his serious fall and concussion in February. He is back to computing and plans to be at our next meeting.

Rodger Merritt finally upgraded to a new motherboard in his computer and has been upgrading the rest of the system to match.

Gene Bohot has been seen repeatedly in the company of a young lady recently; probably just trying to recruit a new member for the club.

Howard & Norma McDonald have settled in at their new mansion in Upland. Make a note of the new address.

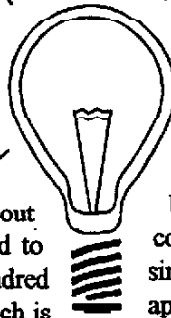
One Brick Shy



"I hope the earthlings have adopted a more hospitable greeting since the last time we were here."

Electricity 101: The Real Story

What is electricity, really? And where does it go after it leaves the toaster? Here is a simple experiment that will teach you an important electrical lesson. On a cool, dry day, scuff your feet along a carpet, then reach your hand into a friend's mouth and touch one of his dental fillings. Did you notice how your friend twitched violently? Did you get bit? This teaches us that electricity can be a very powerful force, and we must never use it to hurt others unless we need to learn an important electrical lesson. It also teaches us how an electrical circuit works. When you scuffed your feet, you picked up batches of "electrons," which are very small objects that carpet manufacturers weave into carpet fibers so they will attract dirt. The electrons travel through your blood stream and collect in your finger, where they form a spark that leaps to your friend's filling, then travels down his feet and back into the carpet, thus completing the circuit. Amazing Electronic Fact: If you scuff your feet long enough without touching anything, you can build up so many electrons that your finger would explode! But this is nothing to worry about unless you have carpeting. Although we tend to take our electrical appliances for granted, a hundred years ago people did not have such things, which is just as well because there was no place to plug them in. Then along came electrical pioneer Benjamin Franklin, who flew a kite in a lightning storm and received a serious electrical shock, thus proving that lightning was powered by the same force as carpets. Unfortunately, the experiment so damaged Franklin's brain that he had to be given a job running the Post Office. Following Franklin came a herd of electrical pioneers whose names have



become part of our electrical terminology: Myron Volt, Mary Louise Amp, James Watt, Chuck Transformer, and more. In 1780, Luigi Galvani discovered that when he attached electrodes to the leg of a frog, the frog's leg kicked, even though it was no longer attached to the frog. Galvani's discovery led to enormous advances in the field of amphibian medicine. Today, a skilled veterinarian can take a dead frog and make it hop back into the pond just like a live frog, except that it sinks. But the greatest electrical inventor of them all was Thomas Edison. Edison's greatest achievement came in 1879 when he invented the electric company. His design was a brilliant adaptation of the simple electrical circuit. The electric company sends electricity through a wire to a customer, then immediately gets the electricity back through another wire, then (this is the brilliant part) sends it right back to the customer again. This means that an electric company can sell a customer the same batch of electricity thousands of times a day and never get caught, since very few customers take the time to examine their electricity closely. No new electricity has been generated in the United States since 1937. The electric companies have been merely reselling it ever since, which is why they have so much time to apply for rate increases to pay for excessive wear and tear on their carpeting. Today, thanks to men like Edison and Franklin, and frogs like Galvani's, we receive unlimited benefits. For example, scientists have perfected the laser, an electronic device so powerful that it can vaporize a bulldozer, yet so precise that doctors can use it to perform delicate operations on the human eyeball provided that they remember to change the power setting from "Vaporize Bulldozer" to "Delicate Eye Surgery."

Bill Gates in the Afterlife

Bill Gates died and was sent to the Afterlife Waiting Room. He was met by St. Peter, who asked him if he wanted to go to Heaven or Hell, and if he'd like to see them before he decided. Bill said yes, and St. Peter snapped his fingers. They appeared on a sunny beach, with people dancing, swimming, and playing volleyball. Just basically having a wonderful time. Good food, good music, good people. Bill turns to St. Peter and says, "Wow, Heaven is great!" St. Peter says, "This isn't Heaven, it's Hell. Want to see Heaven?" Mr. Gates nods yes, and they appear in a shady park, with a few old people sitting on benches feeding birds. A gentle breeze blows by, and all is quiet and serene. St. Peter asks Bill, "Well, which would you like?" Bill thinks for a minute, and says, "Well, if this is Heaven, then I'll take Hell." Instantly, he was plunged up to his neck in red-hot lava, the screams of other tortured souls filling his ears. He looks up, and sees St. Peter in the waiting room. Bill calls out to him, and said, "Hey! What's going on? Where's the beach? The bikini-clad women? The party?" St. Peter turns from his Macintosh to face Bill, and says, "That was just the demo."

Tips in "Welcome to Windows 95" (On the 95 installation CD-ROM)

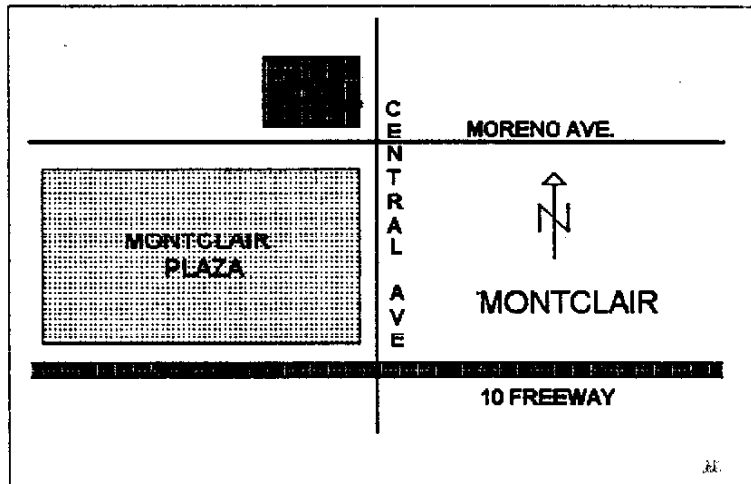
1. The Shut Down command on the Start menu enables you to safely shut down your computer.
2. To add a program to your Start menu, you can drag the program's icon onto the Start button.
3. You can use your right mouse button to drag files. Try it and see what happens!
4. You can use long filenames when you save documents. You can even use spaces!
5. You can use your right mouse button to click anywhere and see a menu of available commands.
6. To print a document quickly, you can drag its icon onto a printer icon.
7. To change your desktop background, click it by using your right mouse button; then click Properties.
8. You can get Help on each item in a dialog box by clicking the question-mark in the title bar and then clicking the item.
9. You can use Windows Explorer to see all the files on your computer.
10. You can solve printer problems by using the Print Troubleshooter in Help.
11. You can move the taskbar to any edge of your screen by dragging it with your mouse.
12. You can minimize all open windows at once; just use your right mouse button to click an empty area on the taskbar, and then click Minimize All Windows.
13. To set your computer's clock, you can double-click the clock on the taskbar.
14. You can minimize neck strain by positioning your monitor at eye level.
15. To change the Windows color scheme, use your right mouse button to click the desktop; then click Properties.
16. You can solve memory problems on your computer by using the Memory Troubleshooter in Help.
17. To select more than one file or folder, hold down CTRL while you click each item.
18. To change your screen saver, use your right mouse button to click the desktop; then click Properties.
19. Deleted files and folders are saved in the Recycle Bin until you empty it.
20. You can use Paint in the Accessories folder to draw pictures and to view bitmap files.
21. You can switch mouse buttons if you are left-handed. Just double-click the Mouse icon in Control Panel.
22. To open a document quickly, you can double-click its icon.
23. When you type, you should keep your wrists elevated or use a wristpad to minimize strain.
24. You can find many interesting programs by clicking the Start button, pointing to Programs, and then pointing to Accessories.
25. You can start a Windows-based program from an MS-DOS window.
26. You can copy and paste text between MS-DOS and Windows.
27. To see how much disk space is free, use your right mouse button to click the icon for the drive in My Computer; then click Properties.
28. Even if you don't shut down your computer at night, you can turn off your monitor to save power.
29. The mouse pointer is easier to see on laptop computers if you turn on pointer trails. Just double-click the Mouse icon in Control Panel, and then click the Motion tab.
30. When a folder is open, you can press BACKSPACE to open the folder one level higher.
31. When you display files in Details view, you can sort them by clicking the column headings.
32. To draw a selection box around a group of files, you can click at a corner of the group and then drag to form the box.
33. The underlined letters in menus are shortcuts. Press ALT + the underlined letter to choose the item.
34. You can use Defragmenter, in the System Tools folder, to speed up your computer's performance.
35. You can put shortcuts to your printers on your desktop.
36. You can find fun games to play in the Games folder, which is inside the Accessories folder.
37. To free up disk space, try emptying the Recycle Bin.
38. You can drag a file's icon into a document, or even drag a shortcut icon into a document or mail message.
39. You can solve hardware problems by using the Hardware Conflict Troubleshooter in Help.
40. You can have programs start when you start Windows by dragging their icons to your StartUp folder.
41. You can use Backup, in the System Tools folder, to make backup copies of important files.
42. You can set Windows Explorer to show or hide three-letter MS-DOS filename extensions.
43. You can use ScanDisk, in the System Tools folder, to check your hard disk for errors.

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