# LONGVEN CONPUTER USERS GROUP

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Ray Coates

Well, here it is September, back to school, and, for many of us, back to our computer projects and meetings. As a result of our recent poll of the LCUG membership, most of us will have one less meeting to attend each month. Starting this month the Atari, Commodore, IBM, & Lotus SIG's will meet on the first Tuesday when we have the monthly General meeting. The General meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M., followed by the SIG meetings. The SIG meetings should start around 7:30 P.M. and run until around 8:30 P.M. The two exceptions are the Apple SIG and the TI SIG. The Apple SIG will continue to meet at 10:00 A.M. on the Saturday following the General meeting. The TI SIG will continue to meet at 7:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday. See the back page of this newsletter for details.

Let me express my appreciation to all those who completed and returned to me the questionnaire we inserted in the July newsletter. We received forms from about one-fifth of our membership. Those of you who haven't returned yours yet, please do so. The information will still be helpful.

I want to apologize to those who attended the August General meeting at Pine Tree Jr. High School. The school was not open so we held the meeting outside. This played right into the hands of our guest and his demo, but it was still a disappointment to have to meet outside.

We have some really neat things in store for the Fair this year. As most of you know, the Longview Computer Users Group staffs a booth at the Fair each year. Leo DuBry has done a great job of supervising this each year and we are pleased that he is doing so again this year. He will be working closely with the SIG chairmen on this project. We will be decorating the booth and there will be plenty of newsletters available. We want this to be our best effort to date.

Some of the things we are planning for the Fair are: We are putting a notice in the local book stores and computer stores about our booth; we are going to have drawings for prizes at the fair, hopefully donated by our local book stores and computer stores, those registering for prizes will be placed on a temporary mailing list to receive our newsletter; and, we will be offering a discounted membership fee for new members during that week only.

All of these ideas came forth at the August LCUG Board meeting. I say that to say this, you, too, are invited to attend the board meetings. The more people, the more ideas. These meetings are not just for board members, which brings me to my next point. Are you and the other members of your SIG being represented at the monthly board meeting? Do you even know? If you don't know the answer to these two questions, why don't you ask your SIG chairman if he/she is attending the board meetings on a regular basis, and if not, why not?

If you have something to present to the readers of the NEWSLETTER, please write your article and submit it by the deadline indicated in this issue. Any member is welcome to write an article for possible inclusion.

The IBM SIG will be starting up their new classes in September. If you are interested in learning more about your computer, especially DOS, call Stephen King for the details.

Once again I want to thank all of those who are working to make our computer group grow and mature. Thanks, y'all.

# TI Report

# by Leo DuBry

Sorry about last month. I had a very important event take place. My daughter, who lives in Pasadena, California, with two wonderful teen-aged grandchildren, was married on the ninth of July. She asked me if I would give her away at the wedding. Who in his right mind could turn down his only daughter? To tell a short story, I left on the sixth of July from the Gregg County Airport and returned on the eleventh. The aircraft that I flew in was a DC 10 which flew from Dallas and returned a without incident! If you will come by the studio I will glady show you pictures of my daughter and grandchildren that I took.

As for what is happening in the world of TI, this month I am going to have to talk about som-

thing else as I was unable to attend the Tyler Meeting.

The big thing is the Fair starting September 12 which is only one month away. The Fair will run from Sept 12 through the following Sunday or the 17. The Fair will open Tuesday through Friday at five PM and close at eleven PM. On Saturday and Sunday it will start at twelve noon and run to eleven each night. Each SIG will have a section of the Booth and I will get two sets of tickets for each of the four main SIGs. These will be in my possession the day before the Fair. I have found in the past that arriving between four-thirty and five in the afteroon, I was able to enter the fair grounds through the back entrance and carry my equipment to the exhibit building in the VAN. Then many times I was able to find a parking place on the grounds. You will have to convince the guard that you have a lot of heavy equipment and he will let you drive down to the rear of the building.

I would like to see posters made up and distributed to each of the computer and book stores telling about our booth. A black lady told me years ago, "Mr. DuBry, if you don't toot your own horn no body else will". This also applies to our Computer Users Group so each of us need to start tooting our Users Group Horn. I have written about a dozen TI 99 suppliers of both hard and soft-ware and will have give away material about the TI. I suggest each SIG have this type of give-away information on his or her machines. Each supplier of both hard and soft-ware for your machine would be glad to supply you with material.

### WHAT ABOUT A PROGRAMING SIG? BY LEO DU BRY

The son of one of the original founders of the Longview Computer users Group, posed this question. Why is there not a programing SIG in the user group. These would be people with different computers binding together to help each other in programing. We have a tendency to feel that each computer is different. But, like Ford and Chevrolet, we all get into the left hand side, sit behind a wheel, and drive it on the right hand side of the road. The two cars look a lot a like and have much the same things that make them run. Yes, they have different size parts, but they still do the same thing.

What the young man was driving at is for people who are interested in programing to bind to-

gether, and through mutual conversation improve each other's programming skills.

The book called "HACKERS" is an excellent illustration of this. When the computer was first introduced, the people using the machines had no idea what they could do and this group of people tried to answer this question. Today the average user uses some one else's programs, but there are some that like to do it them selves. These are the people who would make up this group and I would like to be a member of this group. Anyone interested in this could either call me or see me at the next combined meeting.

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