



The Stanford/Palo Alto Users Group for the IBM PC

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*   Next meeting:   Wednesday, April 27   *
*                   7:00 P.M.             *
*                   Stanford Graduate School of Business *
*                   Room 46                *
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*   ==>  "WHAT COULD EWE DO WITH 512K OF RAM ?!"  <== *
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*   Guest Speakers: Tall Tree Systems, Los Altos *
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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING --

- 7:00 General club business
 - Collection of \$10.00 Membership fee
 - Status of development of club's software library
 - Progress of bulk diskette purchase
- 7:30 Tall Tree Systems
 - Presentation on Random Access Memory: RAM disks,
J-format software, where is RAM technology going,
if 512K is standard what will software be like...
- 8:00 Special interest groups I
 - RAM
 - Languages
 - Graphics
 - Palo Alto Computer Cable
- 8:30 Special interest groups II
 - Entrepreneurs
 - Education
 - Hardware
 - Novice
- 9:00 Conclusion of official club meeting

CLUB NEWS --

MEMBERSHIP FEE was decided upon at the last meeting. In order to develop a library of public domain software, to purchase bulk supplies such as diskettes in an expedient manner, and to send out a brief newsletter, the club treasury should rise above its current single digit figure. It was suggested at the last meeting to assess a \$10.00 membership fee to get these projects going. At the end of summer, the club will reassess its position and determine appropriate club activities and funding.

SOFTWARE LIBRARY for the club is now being established by Mike Van Waas. More than 20 diskettes of software is now available in the public domain. Some are trash; others are great. The club plans to maintain a master and 2 duplicate sets of diskettes. These will be available to members.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS) are being formed to educate members on particular subjects. While the Palo Alto Computer Club already has a coordinator Marc Strassmann, other SIGS could focus on any topic of mutual interest such as graphics, hardware, languages, programming tools, games, or entrepreneurship.

BULK PURCHASES are now being coordinated for Dysan diskettes. Until membership fees accumulate, bring your checkbook to order. Price is \$40.00 for a box of 10 DD DS, lifetime warranty.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ON --

1. A directory of club members seems a efficient way to link the club together and promote the easy exchange of experiences and ideas of fellow members. It is probably also a relatively cheap guide to How to Succeed at Burglary. We need a way to have visibility of members, but not vulnerability.
2. Modems, 64k chips, hard disks, RGB monitors, disk cleaning fluid -- these and other items can undoubtedly be purchased cheaper by group action in the club. How can the club best help?
3. What are the 3 most interesting, helpful topics to focus on with the next few speakers and club meetings?

CURRENT TOPICS OF INTEREST --

IBM SOFTWARE GUIDELINES booklet for potential software authors is available from IBM Software Publishing, P.O. Box 1328, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

SOFTWARE BUGS AND UPDATES should be more a matter of course by the end of May. All IBM dealers will be linked via modems so that the latest software releases and the details of software problems can be transmitted in a routine manner. Hardcopy of any transmitted information can be obtained by customers. All those wishing to hold their breath for this should phone Kevin for an official contestant number.

GRAPHICS SEMINAR sponsored by IEEE is being held April 30 in Mountain View. Cost is from \$6-30. Phone 327-6622 for more information.

OLD TOPICS OF INTEREST --

FREE SUBSCRIPTION to the Silicon Gulch Gazette. Call 415-851-7077. This is a local computer newspaper highlighting "Hot News, Rambling Rumor, and Fascinating Features." You will probably find it helpful for information on new product releases and software updates.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION to Softalk magazine for the IBM PC. Just send in your IBM PC serial number to: Softalk IBM, Box 60, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

WORDSTAR update 3.24 free to previous owners. Call 415-499-1200.

DOS update 2.0 available for \$60. This is said to be the best value in town. It increases disk storage from 320K to 360K; enables tree structured directories; supports more powerful batch file programs; may be used to configure the IBM PC as a remote host computer capable of being dialed up by an answer modem; and much more.

NEWLETTER ideas and articles should be submitted to Kevin Ohlson, answering phone 494-2574.

QUESTIONS ???

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