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* Next meeting:      Wednesday, January 25th, 1984*  
*                   7:00pm                       *  
*                   Rm. 111 Polya Hall           *  
*                   Stanford University         *  
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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING —

- 7:00 General Club Business
 - Report on the Monday before the Wednesday Meeting
 - New Business

- 7:50 Jim Caldwell has catalogued the library.
(Bring a formatted disk to the meeting
if you want a copy.)

- 8:45 Random Access

- 9:00 Conclusion of the Official Club Meeting.

Don't forget the Monday before the
Wednesday meeting at Talbott's - 8:00p.m.
463 California Ave. for those who have
suggestions and comments.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

To start this New Year of 1984, we want to thank those people who contributed so much time, energy, and effort to making this club work in 1983. THANKS TO -- Linda, Wes, Kevin, Mike and other members who made contributions of their time.

Nov. 30, 1983, we had an "election".

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Well, it's been awhile since I've clicked the keys to this newsletter, but here goes again. Probably the biggest news, with respect to changes in magazines, is that PC World has gone bi-weekly, or is that semi-monthly? At any rate, now they get the chance to misnumber pages two times per month. I haven't seen their new format yet, but no news is good news. However, their Dec 83 issue was over 770 pages. It also contains the index for 1983, which may make it a worthwhile purchase. There is also an article on PC furniture; but rumor has it that microwave oven carts work just as well for much less money. There is an introduction to assembly language on page 543, a comparison of spelling checkers on page 419 (included is Word Proof from IBM, 125K word dictionary for \$60. Not bad....), and the usual human interest stories about people who work at home, architects who design and lawyers who advocate with computers. Also, a slightly fluffy review of the Tallgrass 70meg Hard Disk, and articles on LISP and a property manager. Messing up this month's order of pages is about 50 pages of only-slightly reworked IBM press releases about the PCjr. No mention in the Table of Contents, but that's par. The PCjr review isn't numbered in any way, but begins about page 170. Since it has been decided, by the executives and honchoes of SPAC IBMPC that keeping up with the full-size PC is enough trouble, you won't find another word about junior, at least in this space.

In the December Byte, look on page 36 for relatively simple fixes and complex explanations to the problems of power-line pollution (lightning and such).

In the January Byte, page 442 contains an article on real-time clocks and DOS 2.0. Reasonably technical....

To be let down so early in the new year...my favorite of the big magazines -- PC World -- except a special report on the IBM PC's little brother, you know, the one I said I wouldn't mention any more. Also, article on Think Tank, an "idea organizer", and a guide through a short assembly language program to "date" your programs. Finally, a tough view of FORTRAN compilers available for the PC starts on page 172.

The Dec 83 issue of Softalk, which most of you should be getting for free, talks about the XT/370 and the 3270PC on pg 77. But in the January issue, there is an article on undocumented Basic commands, a C programming language tutorial, a listing for the program "whereis.com" to help you find where a file is (only affects 2.0 users with subdirectories), a rational look at acquiring a hard disk (much better than PC's Tall Tree article), and a program listing for getting a directory listing while in Basic. You know, like when you're in the middle of PC-Talk and want to know the exact name of the file you're about to send, but you can't remember so you get out of PC-Talk to get back to the A> to do a DIR, and your Hayes hangs up on you....when you finish typing in the listing, and it works, please give it to Jim Caldwell, such that it can go into the club library. All for now, kids.....



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