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N E X T M E E T I N G

Date: Wednesday, March 25
 Time: 8:00 p.m.
 Place: Polya Hall,
 Turing Auditorium (Rm. 111)
 Stanford University

A G E N D A

8:00 PM General Club Business, Elections
 8:30 PM Speaker: Bob Schwabach
 Topic: Investment Software
 9:00 PM Discussion and Random Access
 10:00 PM Conclusion

Bob Schwabach, an expert in on-line investment research and analysis, will explain how a computer can be used to maximize investment income. He will share his methods with us as outlined in his new book "The Dow Jones-Irwin Guide to Investment Software." According to Bob, only four out of forty investment programs actually work. Bob is also the author of the syndicated column On Computing.

P L A N N I N G M E E T I N G :

All members are welcome to attend the monthly Planning Meeting, where we make decisions on the future of the group (e.g., speakers, topics). Please call Corwin Nichols, 494-8640 or 324-9114, for the location of the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 8 p.m. If you can't reach Corwin, call any Club Officer.

CALENDAR

Mar. 25....Group Meeting.....8:00
 Apr. 2.....Novice SIG.....7:00
 Apr. 15....Planning Meeting.....8:00
 Apr. 29....Group Meeting.....8:00

Membership renewals: For the two months preceding the expiration of your membership you will find a renewal envelope enclosed in your newsletter. Use this envelope to promptly send in your \$25 check so that you won't miss an issue of the monthly newsletter. A current membership card will then be sent to you in the next issue of PrtSc.

Remember, the "Goodie Coupon" attached to your membership card is presently good for one free disk: the library catalog, Disk of the Month, or a blank disk. Trade in your coupon for a disk at a future meeting.

Xidex Precision disks are available for \$7/box. The catalog and the Disk of the Month will be offered for \$1 a disk. If you wish to purchase disks at the meetings, you will need to present your membership card, so be sure to bring it with you.

**GET PUBLISHED:
WRITE FOR PRT SC**

Please contact Rebecca Bridges if you are interested in writing for PRINt SScreen.

It does not matter what your level of computer experience is; each of you has some information, knowledge or opinion that would be of interest to your fellow members. Review your latest software or hardware purchase. Tell us how you use the PC in your work and play. Help others avoid or solve problems you have encountered.

Please submit the articles:

- o In WordStar or ASCII format.
- o Single-spaced.
- o Double-spaced between paragraphs.
- o Any right margin.
- o By the 15th of the month.

Carrel Ewing from Server Technology, Inc. gave a demonstration of the low cost EasyLAN network. This network allows you to share printers, disk drives and information--for about \$100 per PC. This price includes the cables and EasyLAN network software.

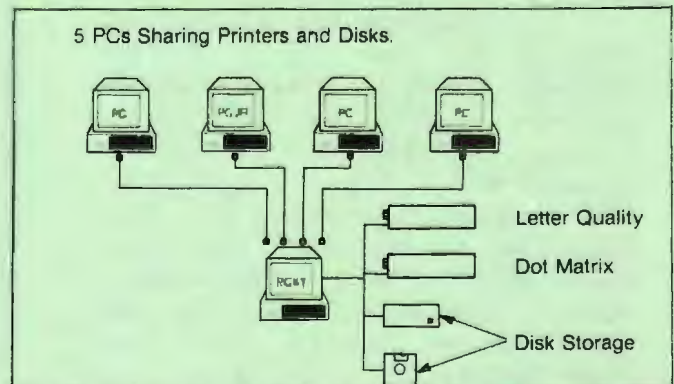
The telephone wire-like cable plugs right into the RS-232 serial port. Because EasyLAN is an RS-232, not a high-speed network, it is not very good at application sharing. The more complicated high-speed networks require a network operating system which sits on top of DOS and consumes another 200K of memory. Additionally, the high-speed networks are more difficult to install and require special wiring.

Though EasyLAN does not share applications very well, it excels in file sharing. It can transfer a 10 page document between two PCs, as a background operation, in less than one minute.

Up to 20 PCs can be hooked together with EasyLAN. The cables come in 10 to 300 foot lengths.

The network software uses DOS-like commands for all its operations. For example, to get a directory listing of drive C: on the PC designated PC2, you would type EZDIR PC2:C:.

For further information, call Server Technology at 408-738-8377.



NEXT NOVICE SIG GROUP MEETING -
TUESDAY 4/2/87, 3785 Farm Hill Blvd.
Redwood City. Watch for blue light.
Call Don Baird 415 365-6822 for
information. Meetings are at 7PM on the
1st Tuesday of the month. People can
arrive early & stay until 11PM for extra
business, like copying (public domain).
Current attendees will be notified in
case of late changes.

Contributions to refreshments are
optional, but if contemplated please call
to avoid duplications.

This writer's computer with its 4
real drives obstructed a demo on UNIFORM
(CPM to DOS) which requires D drive not
to be real. We will try to re-schedule
this on my wife's computer & will include
a comparison to MEDIAMASTER.

RAM drives will be presented (yours
truly); how to size your own from
VDISK.ASM (IBM's freebie); demo of
SUPERDRV (AST corp) & SOFTDISK (Sigma
Designs) and some from the club library;
use of CONFIG.SYS, AUTOEXEC.BAT, other
BAT files, & ASSIGN, as needed by some
RAM drives will be shown.

Ron Gable brought nine disks full of
files from other clubs, etc. The
directories will be given to Turley Angle
(per his good suggestion) to determine
which files the library lacks. These
directories will be available at the next
novice meeting to help those attending to
decide which ones they want copies of.

Handling the plethora of available
software, operating hints, hardware,
accessories, etc. requires super
organization. Broaching this issue meets
with low enthusiasm. The pain of
"feeling swamped" will drive this quest
onward.

WANTED :
AD SALESPEOPLE

Please contact Becky Bridges if you
would be interested in selling ads for
PRINT SScreen. The job would entail
contacting local computer stores, repair
shops, etc. to see if they would be
interested in advertising on a regular,
periodic, or one-time basis. Call Becky
at 326-8605 if you are interested.

FREE ADS

Don't forget that as a member you are
entitled to free classified ads in PRinT
SScreen. If you have old/unused hardware
or software, place an ad here. Members
have reported good responses to their
ads.

CLONE BUYER'S GUIDE

If you are thinking about buying an
IBM clone, consider buying the IBM XT
Clone Buyer's Guide by Edwin Rutsch. It
tell you everything you need to know
about piecing together your own clone or
what to look for when buying an assembled
clone.

The book can be purchased from
Modular Information Systems, 431 Ashbury
Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 for
\$12.60 (includes sales tax and postage).

Flyers will be available at the next
meeting.

INSTANT RECALL

Instant Recall, a memory resident free-form note database, will be demonstrated at the March meeting. Copies of this nifty little public domain program will be available for the mere price of a disk (\$1). Remember, if you have a Goodie Coupon, you can turn it in for a free disk.

Let a club officer know if you have a favorite public domain software program that would make an interesting Disk of the Month.

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EVERY WRITER
SHOULD HAVE ONE

How many times have you wondered about proper grammar or style while composing on your word processor? Soon, you will not need to grab for your writer's handbook because a memory resident reference program that works with any word processor will be available.

The KeyNotes Writer's Handbook offers a wide array of commonly used English grammar and style guidelines to writers in any profession. It includes a language style guide, a dictionary reference section, and a letter-writing manual.

The language style guide provides basic rules with chapters in spelling, editing, footnoting, and punctuation. In the dictionary section, the user can access lists of abbreviations, foreign expressions, common misspellings, and signs and symbols.

The letter-writing section provides the guidelines of letter construction with a sampling of styles and formats. Standards for other types of business-oriented literature are presented.

Available in April 1987, the KeyNotes Writer's Handbook will sell for \$29.95. Digital Learning Systems, 4 Century Dr., Parsippany, NJ 07054. (201) 538-6640.

COMPUTER LITERACY
BOOKSHOP

Some of you may not know about the bookstore devoted solely to computer related topics. It's called Computer Literacy Bookstore and is located at 520 Lawrence Expressway in Sunnyvale. They have just opened a second store at the Techmart Technology Center, 5201 Great America Parkway, next to the Santa Clara Convention Center. The new location contains thousands of computer and electronic titles, and features expanded Business and Management sections.

Some time this month, they will be opening another store in San Jose which will be twice as large as the Sunnyvale store.

In Computer Literacy Bookshop's latest New Book Bulletin, several books looked interesting.

Supercharging MS-DOS (Wolverton, Microsoft, \$18.95). This book is for experienced users and provides information on file handling, printer tricks, CONFIG.SYS, ANSI.SYS, use of DEBUG, batch files, interactive menu routines, RAM disks, etc.

Managing Your Hard Disk (Berliner, Que, \$19.95). Besides covering the basic (DOS, file organization, batch files, and backups), this book features a plethora of problem-solving tips. For example, it covers how to recover directories, restructure libraries, and isolate damaged sectors.

Douglas Cobb's 1-2-3 Handbook (Cobb, Bantam, \$22.95). Though this book covers the same information as Cobb and LeBlond's popular book Using 1-2-3, the explanations are in a more crisp, detailed, reference-oriented format.

dBase3 Plus Power Tools (Krumm, MIS, \$21.95). This book covers practical dBase topics: form letters, data sharing with spreadsheets and graphing programs, telecommunicating dBase data, debuggers, and dBase compilers.

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Public Domain Software	Les Weil	321-5541
Soft Copy	Jim Caldwell	692-7181
	Ralph Muraca	365-1659
	Turley Angle	369-1981

RESOURCE PEOPLE**Application Packages:**

MicroSoft Word	Jeanie Treichel	851-0100
KEDIT	Arthur Naman	408-374-1700
Lotus 1-2-3	Bruce Coddling	367-8642
	Arthur Naman	408-374-1700
Symphony	Sally See	941-1378
Framework	Jim Caldwell	692-7181
Financial Software	John Van Deman	854-1167
Perfect Series	Stefan Unger	321-7319
Q&A	Elaine Meyer	325-8057
Rbase System V	Jack Kahoun	349-4696

Languages/Operating Systems:

BASIC	Ralph Muraca	365-1659
Pascal, DOS 2.0	Jeff	321-5930
	John Watson	325-7632
"C"	Corwin Nichols	494-8640
	John Watson	325-7632
	Mel Cruts	408-263-6099
Fortran	John Watson	325-7632
APL	Paul	968-8283
	Stefan Unger	321-7319
	Paul Berry	494-2043
PC-LAN	Paul Berry	494-2043
MSDOS, CP/M	Mel Cruts	408-263-6099

Hardware:

Expansion Boards	Curt Carlson	941-5680
Columbia computer	Stefan Unger	321-7319
Hard disks	Jim Caldwell	692-7181
Epson printers	Jim Caldwell	692-7181
Toshiba printer	Paul Berry	494-2043

CLUB INFORMATION

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3738
Stanford, CA 94305

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Greer Bolitho 322-3850
\$25/year fee (\$10 for students)

NEWSLETTER: Becky Bridges 326-8605
P.O. Box 982
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Deadline for submissions: 15th of each month

ADVERTISING

If you are interested in advertising in PRinT SScreen, send camera ready copy to P.O. Box 3738, Stanford, CA 94305 before the 8th of the month. All ads are payable by check in advance. Rates per issue are:

Full Page (8.5 X 11) \$25.
Half Page (7.5 X 4.5) \$15.
Qtr. Page (4.5 X 3.5) \$10.

Classified ads are free to paying members.



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