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**This Wednesday, September 29, 1993 at 7:30pm**  
**Varian Building 7 - Palo Alto (See map on back)**

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**S I D E W A L K F A I R E**  
**THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT!**

PrintScreen



**SPAUG would like to thank:**

**PRACTICAL PERIPHERALS, INC.**

**of Westlake Village, CA**

**for their most generous help with a V32/42 modem for our BBS**

**OCTAVE SYSTEMS of Campbell for helping us with the hard drive for our BBS**

## Ranting & Raving from a High Place

If the Club was still at Stanford we would probably put a plaque on a row of chairs. Maybe dedicate an outdoor bench to him. But at Varian we're more fun and less formal. So we created and named a new part of our General Meeting, after Dr. Larry Turpen, self-confessed software connoisseur. In his ascent to higher versions, Larry has bestowed on the Club two full boxes of software.

Henceforth, "Larry's Garage" will be the time to advertise to the members that you have software/hardware/books for donation/sale/exchange/trade. If you're ambitious, then put together a flyer listing your goods, transfer conditions, your name and phone number. Pass it out to the eager bargain hunters, who tired of their familiar software titles want to exchange for yours. Check out those application/utility programs in the bottom drawer or stacked in a closet. If you are like Larry, then they're packed in the garage, waiting for discovery. And discover you can, at the September meeting when the door on "Larry's Garage" opens to reveal the goods of a very generous donation. Thank you Larry.

As we move into the fall season, Beverly Altman has organized the annual September sidewalk fair. Held before the General Meeting, it starts at

5:30pm and runs until 7:30pm. Displays of computer related items by multiple vendors has proven to be a fun and enlightening repast in our busy schedules. Space is available for your table. Bev can be reached at (415) 329-8252.

And to prove that attending the Planning Meeting can manifest your ideas, Jim Bailey proposed a good one regarding the General Meeting break. He suggested moving the break to mid-vendor presentation to ease the information absorption. Since our programs are moving toward multi-title/subject shows, then this makes for a more relaxed evening. We liked it. It's on for September.

The main focus of the Planning Meeting was the enhancement of member to member communication and the empowerment of members to be the meeting as opposed to just attending. We also discussed the raffle of a CD-ROM drive. Anyone knowledgeable in the California laws regarding this matter please contact myself or Cookie. The September program features Electronic Arts. From all I've seen and heard about them, I sense that we have a unique, high energy treat in store for us. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Brian

## SPAUG Member Info

**Individual Member: (\$35)**

An Individual Member can vote in elections, is eligible for all club privileges, and if 18 years of age can hold elective office. Dues are based on one full year of membership.

Please see Beverly Altman or call her at to become a member of the club!

## Newsletter Info

To Submit Articles, Editorials, Cartoons or other "news-worthy" items for the PRinTScreen, call, write, fax, or send a file via disk or BBS to:

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Please contact me at home first, whenever possible. Also include a "hard copy" of anything submitted on disk.

For Circulation Questions, please contact Jim Bailey at (415) 494-0631.

## Your Membership Status

Your address label contains your renewal date. If it also says, "Your last issue", your membership is about to expire and can be renewed by calling Beverly Altman at (415) 329-8252.

## WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

John McPherrin  
Jack Rowe

Richard Keller

## AND THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBERS

James Perry  
Ed and Barbara Doherty  
Glen Roberts

Laurence Findley  
Floyd Kessler  
Morris Williams

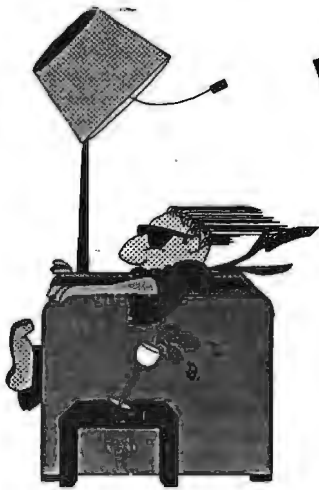
## PLANNING MEETING

**September 1st (1st Wednesday) at 7:30pm**  
*The location*  
**1670 Oak Avenue, Menlo Park**

Help us to make decisions about the club. All members are welcome. You don't have to be a club officer to get your views heard.



SPAUG PRESENTS



# The Sidewalk Faire

(It'll blow you away!)

**Stanford Palo Alto P.C. Users Group**  
**Wednesday, September 29, 1993**  
**Varian - Building 7 Courtyard**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**

- Hardware & Software Demonstrations
- Local Companies and Private Vendors
- Books, Hardware, Software, etc...
- Refreshments by Tea & Spice  
(Muffins, Scones, Tea, Coffee and More!)
- Technical Assistance
- Early Bird Drawing at 6:30

***We welcome the many Vendors and Members who will setting up booths at the Faire:***

*Setup time is from 4:30-5:30pm. The number of electric hookups available is undetermined at press time; if possible, bring a laptop/notebook computer to demonstrate your wares. Please bring a table or other display space for your goods and label the price of each item or provide a price sheet for all items. Change (coins, ones, fives & tens) will also be helpful.*



## General Meeting

Following the Faire,

### Electronic Arts

**will demonstrate their wide array of educational software and games!**

The General Meeting will begin at 7:30pm following the faire. Don't miss our yearly tradition of Faire Fun and Games!

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# ProComm for Windows

Review by Brian Christopher

As I watched this program install itself on my hard drive, I marvelled at the detail to which DataStorm had designed into the program. The screens are drawn with pure craftsmanship. The concern, the care, "The HELP" screens available at the click of my bus mouse. As if a fast sports car, I quickly slipped in behind the wheel. On the test track, this telecommunications beauty easily handles my USR Sportster at over 14400 baud. Downloading a GIF file, ProComm displays the file as it receives it. The status interface actually rated my transfer at 1620 BPS when linked to a USR Dual Standard modem. Smiles and cheers, I'm running it in the 800 x 600 VGA mode to get the extra four icons on the "Action Bar". Want to automate your log-on to a BBS for easy sign-on? Then click on the "Cassette" icon and record your log-in sequence for later playback. I laughed when the running jogger icon showed that a recorded session (script file) was executing. Cute idea! Capture a log-on session?? No problem with the "Capture Net" icon opening the "default.cap" file. To playback the contents of a capture file select the "Phonograph Record" icon and the contents are sent directly to the Terminal window. The Scrollback/Pause button, a scroll with an up arrow on it, pauses the playback and allows the data in the terminal window to be manipulated. I shot a BBS menn over to my printer through the "Screen to" command in the edit menu. Then selected the Scroll Button again to continue viewing the file. As file windows popped up, three of them I copied to the "File Clipboard" for later transmission to the host computer. This effectively ends writing file names on a scratch pad and then typing each one at the host prompt. This is really a convenient feature. With the file names now saved, I selected the "Phonograph" again to end the playback session. Selecting the "Wiper on a Monitor" cleared the terminal screen of all data. A TrueType Courier New at 10 points is the default font. I found that a little small to read. Moving over to the "Advanced Terminal Features", I increased the font to 14 points. The screen resized to a larger terminal window and using the left/right scrollbar showed the entire line in the larger font. With 256 screen/text color combinations, I bailed out of the default blue & gray. After some experimentation in the color window, a pale green background with yellow text was chosen. The bright red of the ScrollBar was also dumped for a pale purple. When the cursor appeared as a big red block, I snapped it back to a thin red line. Now the screen looked friendly and comfortable. After taking a break to use my fax, a quick trip to the "Communication Menu" to "Initialize Modem" was necessary. My fax had reset the COM port and this selection returns it to the definition found in the Modem Setup dialog. Other features are a printer icon which sends all incoming data to your default system printer as they're displayed in the terminal window. Select the icon a second time to disable the printing of received data. To send or receive a file, directional arrows on the manila folders tell you which buttons to select. A simple selection of the off-hook telephone icon hangs up the line when you are finished. ProComm for Windows is a powerful, friendly telecommunication program. Incredibly versatile in features and it's own demonstration program to give you that quick, warm familiar feel to your favorite BBS. Highly recommended.

# ViSio

A PRODUCT REVIEW  
BY BILL GOLDMACKER

ViSio is a program for creating common graphics such as organization charts, maps, symbols, flow charts, schematic diagrams, and even your own shapes to use in your creations. It takes full advantage of MS Windows 3.1 and a large hard disk. Installation was automatic, as should be in Windows. I did the full install. It did not bother my AUTOEXEC.BAT or CONFIG.SYS files. It used about nine megs of hard disk space. But it worked fine.

I like to read manuals before doing anything. Neither do I draw very well nor understand manuals about drawing. But I can learn to swim by jumping off the dock! ViSio comes with water wings for people like me. GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH VISIO is a 44 page booklet that comes with the program. The first chapter holds your hand and walks you through drawing an organization chart. The second chapter addresses creating a symbol for use in drawings. The booklet was wonderful, full of excellent illustrations and examples. I followed it like a textbook. Not only did I create the sample org chart, but also figured out how it all worked and created a genealogy chart for the neighborhood cat. (kittens anyone?) I could even understand the manual after this session.

ViSio takes full advantage of Windows. To use it, one clicks on the icon for the type of drawing wanted to invoke the proper template (like a style sheet in WinWord) and open the appropriate stencil (file of shapes). Dragging shapes from the stencil window onto the work area, sizing, copying, and moving the shapes is accomplished by performing normal Windows actions. A tool bar permits one to define a text area and apply text to the drawing, complete with word-wrap in the text area.

SNAP and GLUE worked well too. SNAP facilitates alignment. GLUE keeps lines connected when one moves a shape; an alignment feature in one of the menus allows choice of alignment of shapes by top, bottom, left, right, or center.

The Windows interface has its price. So much of the screen was lost to tools and menus that I wished my 16" monitor were bigger. ViSio has a ZOOM feature to solve that problem. I was able to fill the screen with the work area, open a stencil window when needed, drag to the work area, and fill the screen again by using ZOOM and Windows features. ZOOM even affords a full screen macroscopic view of a portion of the work area.

Learning to use the program was almost painless. I was proud of not having to call for tech help. Just when I thought that I was getting good at using ViSio, my spouse sat down and started improving the cat genealogy chart. ViSio lets some people create excellent graphics by working at it, and others, by just sitting down and spending a few minutes with it.



# Editor's Piece

Hi everybody! It's me, your local newsletter editor with a plea for more articles!

While I normally have trouble fitting everything into this monthly newsletter, this month I had to cut pages. I know that summer was busy, with vacations and all, but now your PC Users Club needs you! Please put your nose to the grindstone and your fingers to the keyboard and send me some good stuff for next month. The deadline for articles will be Wednesday, October 13th.

I already have one respondent, Floyd Kessler, who will be sending in an article to be included in the October issue. Any more volunteers?

I know what you're thinking, "Me? Write an article? Not me - too intimidating! No way." Well, believe me, anyone can do it. Our best articles are from users who don't consider themselves "writers". Just put your ideas down on paper and send them my way!

In the meantime, many thanks to Brian Christopher and Bill Goldmacker for their Product Reviews and to Bev Altman for her updates on the Sidewalk Faire.

I'll expect to hear from YOU next month!

## THE SIDEWALK FAIRE

**Wednesday, September 29, 1993**

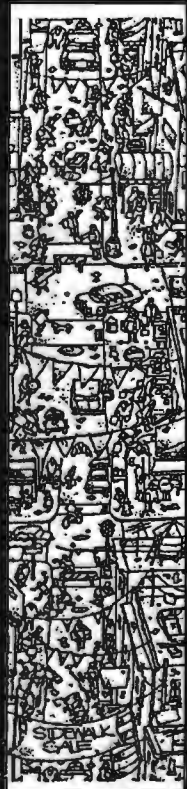
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**Varian, Building 7, Palo Alto**

- Hardware and Software Demos
- Books and other Merchandise
- Technical Assistance by Vendors & Friends
- Great Refreshments by Tea and Spice
- Early Bird Drawing at 6:30 pm

**General Meeting at 7:30**

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**W**e have several great new items this month and more reductions on the old ones.

If anything interests you, call Beverly at (415) 329-8252 and it will be brought to the next regular SPAUG meeting.

ITEM		STORE PRICE	SPAUG PRICE
AMAZON MS-DOS Version	An new interactive cinema adventure game with full sound track.	49.99	40.00
BUDGET EXPRESS For Lotus	Goal tracking, instant summary		20.00
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FileF/X	Enhanced File Management Utilities for Windows		10.00
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LAPLINK V	To transfer files between PC's	109.95	70.00
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QUICKBOOKS	Small Business Bookkeeping	<del>89.99</del>	65.00
QUICKMENU III	A Program Manager	25.00	5.00
QUATTRO PRO 1.0	For Windows	<del>99.99</del>	80.00
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STAR TREK Font Pack TrueType for Windows	Star Trek typefaces, symbols and insignias - including Klingon	19.99	15.00

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Business card	\$10
Quarter page	\$60
Half page	\$100
Full page	\$170

For further details contact:  
Beverly Altman [415] 329-8252  
or Jennifer Wildman (408)335-7892

Resume

## Referral Service

Dick Harding  
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This service is free to SPAUG members. Dick shares your resume with local companies who are looking for employees. For more info, call Dick at the number above.

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*SPAUG members are encouraged to make themselves available to other members to answer questions about hardware or software. Your area may be general or specialized. If you are willing to have your name added to this list, please contact the Resource Center Manager, Rich Madden at [408] 253-2075.*

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## Club Events in OCTOBER

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September 29 Last Wednesday - **GENERAL MEETING**

7:30pm Building 7 at Varian, 3075 Hansen Way, Palo Alto

*See the adjacent map for directions*

**TOPIC: SIDEWALK FAIRE and Electronic Arts**

October 6 First Wednesday - **PLANNING MEETING**

7:30pm At Beverly Altman's house in Menlo Park

October 12 Second Tuesday - **WORD FOR WINDOWS SIG**

7:30pm We meet at Oakridge Apartments Rec. Room, 3655 Pruneridge Ave. Santa Clara: just west of Lawrence. The group is led by Jan Altman, a Certified Trainer in Word for Windows. For more information, please call Jan at [408] 243-5955.

October 19 Third Tuesday- **PARADOX SIG**

7:30pm This SIG has become a "joint" SIG with the Silicon Valley Users Group. The group meets at 10100 N. Tantau in Cupertino. Please contact Scott Jackson at (408)738-0424 for more information.  
**TOPIC:** Rob Shioldager, Winner of the PdoxWin Shootout - "What you do and don't want to do while creating an application."

October 20 Third Wednesday- **MAILING PARTY**

*Call Jim at (415) 494-0631 for more information to verify the time and date. Show up at Wednesday's party and help mail the PrintScreen!*

October 27 Last Wednesday — **GENERAL MEETING**

7:30pm Building 7 at Varian, 3075 Hansen Way, Palo Alto.

## NOTICE

Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30

Come and join other users at  
**MCDONALDS**

Located between Hansen Way and Page Mill on El Camino in Palo Alto. Hear tech tips and tell hard luck stories.

For more information, call Jim Bailey  
[415] 494-0631





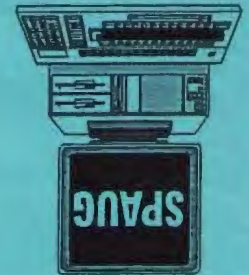
## CLUB INFORMATION

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The Stanford/Palo Alto  
PC User Group

## SPAUG MEETING INFORMATION

SPAUG meets the last  
Wednesday of each month at  
Varian in Palo Alto. Meetings  
begin at 7:30. The address is  
3075 Hansen Way, Building 7.

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER: Electronic Arts  
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