

BYTE BANDITS
OF AMERICA

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NEW MEMBERS:

The Club extends a great BIG HELLO to the following New Members:

Vernon BREMER
Patrick CUMMINS
C. GROOT

William HO
Stephen PRAY
William TALLMAN

IN RETROSPECT:

While I was sitting here reminiscing about this year's accomplishments, I wonder about what we didn't do that could have made our Club better this past year. Ya know, we did real good! I'm at a loss; we served the Club membership effectively, I couldn't think of a single thing that was overlooked in 1986. Thanks! You all made it a real great Club year again.

We moved the 4th Wed. meeting night back to the house so that we would have access to the books, bench area, software, tools, etc., and to have easier access to the machines too. We had to sacrifice those young women and the noise, but we can communicate better without the distractions, so I think that we're better off at the house.

With the B.B.S. running on the MS-DOS computers, we have gained good experience for helping others that own Tandy MS-DOS computers. We got the technology, we have the tools, and now we need a better way to share our talents. We need to find a better way to spread the word:

1. a mass mailing to the local Radio Shack stores.
2. drop off flyers at the Swap Meets, etc.
3. promote the Club over the Modem networks.

SWAP MEET:

We were invited to a booth at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on Nov. 1. We had about 12 hours advance notice to prepare for it. We were there but we didn't see any Club members. We did have some Club inquiries (about time). I think we shall try to have a lot more opportunities to man a booth, and we hope to take advantage of them, especially if they are free. Al LANGONE assisted us in manning the booth. The Swap Meet was packed with people. This one day Swap is always full of good used equipment and parts. As appears to be normal, very few Tandy machines were for sale; must be a good product!

P.C. WATCH (P/N 6276603):

This Program is for the Tandy MS-DOS world, especially those who must modify programs to fit the Tandy machines. With this Program you can trace external interrupts, BIOS system functions, DOS services, and User Defined functions built around the interrupt instructions. This is really a Programmer's Tool. It cost \$50.00 and you order it from I.B.M. The "DIRECTORY" Phone # 1-800-IBM-PCSW

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MODEL 100 TECHBOOK:

"Inside the Model 100" This Technical Book tells everything about the Portable Model 100 Computer. It has a ROM Map, listings of the 8080/8085 and Z-80 OpCodes and Memory Index. This is ideal for understanding the LCD - RS232-Modem - Printer Interface - Bar Code Reader - Clock and Cassette Hardwares. It cost \$20.00. Ph: 216/729-2858. The book doesn't have info on Disk Systems or the D/VI.

TWO DRIVE M 1000:

Do you now want the second Disk Drive in your Model 1000? Well, just put it in at home yourself, or, better yet, bring it to the Club Meeting (2nd Sat.). We have the article from P.C.M. Magazine (Nov.'86) to guide you thru this installation. It looks easy and would save you a lot of money. We do have the personnel with repair capability expertise, should you need a professional job done.

MULTIPLY (P/N 6276601):

Another MS-DOS Program, this one teaches Grade School children (Grades 1-6) their "Multiplication Tables". It costs \$25.00. Ph: 1-800/IBM-PCSW.

80386 MACHINES:

What is a "386"? It is a micro-chip that allows large "AT" style machines to run faster and hold more information. The Computer World expects I.B.M. to feature this type of equipment. Tandy uses the 80386 for its newest machines. This micro-chip is the latest fad. You will read about it for a long time to come. Still, if you don't require this type of equipment, don't waste your time, or money, for one.

SOLITAIRE (P/N 6276565):

Now you can play your favorite card game without ever having to buy the cards. This MS-DOS game is for Tandy's 1000-2000 etc. computers. It costs \$20.00 (and you can't cheat anymore). Ph: 1-800/IBM-PCSW. This version of solitaire is the "Klondike" game.

RADIO SHACK EDUCATIONAL CATALOG:

The 1987 Educational Software Catalog is available. It covers all of the Tandy Machines and includes Business Training to Pre-School Teaching Skills. The Book will be at the Club Meetings.

MODEL II:

We now have a Model II Business Computer at the house. Since we have some Model II members, as well as some Model II Programs, we needed a Machine at the Club house so those heavy monsters wouldn't have to be lugged around. Al LANGONE volunteered one of his spare machines. We reworked our collection of 8 inch software and have it up and running. We also visited Radio Shack Computer Center (Bascom Ave.) and they gave us the remains of their collection of Model II software. We were not so lucky at the Mountain View R/S Computer Center. They said that they had a lot of Software for sale at

\$30.00 a package. They will toss it away later but, if we are lucky, maybe they will remember the Club at that time. If not, we won't forget their store! Either way; we have a real good selection between all the Model II members.

MODEL 4 OPERATING LANGUAGES:

Have you ever wondered just how flexible your Model 4 really is? Here is a listing of the Languages useable on the Model 4 Computer:

- Fortran - 4
- Pascal
- Alcor Pascal
- Turbo Pascal
- Modulo - 2
- C Language
- Forth
- CP/M
- TRSDOS

These should keep you Programming for a long time.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING:

Should you decide to spend some money for a Christmas Gift for someone in the Computer World, or, if you plan to buy a new Computer at this time, call us at the Club house (408/379-2774). We can assist you in saving time and money. Beware !!! There is a lot more to purchasing than just putting your CASH down on the counter. Oh, yes, the FCC approved the selling of their Model 1000 Series Computers. Come to the meetings and look thru the many books we get.

SUPER FAST "XLR8ER":

This is an upgrade PC Board for the Model 4-4D and 4P machines. For \$270.00 you can plug in a PC Board and increase your memory size to 256 K and increase your speed by 500%. Ph: 800/362-2421 Ext 202. See the advertisement in "80 Micro" Dec. '86.

DECEMBER 4th WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING:

We will CANCEL the meeting held on the 4th Wednesday in December. The Christmas Season corners us this year. Should you need assistance, just come over to the house (please call first). If you obtain new Computer goodies for Christmas, let us help you "turn it on". Especially if you're not familiar with the equipment. If your neighbor friend, or relative, needs help, we can assist too. Bring them over with their equipment.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS, AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

Bob BROWN
DIRECTOR

- JAN. PROGRAM " OPERATING SYSTEMS" FOR YOUR COMPUTERS
 - FEB. BASIC PROGRAMMING
 - MARCH PROGRAMS " INSTALLATION" IN YOUR COMPUTER
 - APRIL CARE AND CLEANING OF COMPUTER ACCESSORIES
 - MAY COMPUTER BOOKS AND MAGAZINES
 - JUNE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND YOU
 - JULY COMPUTER SCHOOLS
 - AUG. -COURSES-CLASSES
 - SEPT. COMPUTER UTILITY PROGRAMS
 - OCT. COPY PROTECTION-COPYING PROGRAMS
 - NOV. PROGRAMMING ERRORS AND REPAIRS
 - DEC. COMPUTER CLUB REVIEW
- PRINTERS-PATCHES-PROTOCOLS

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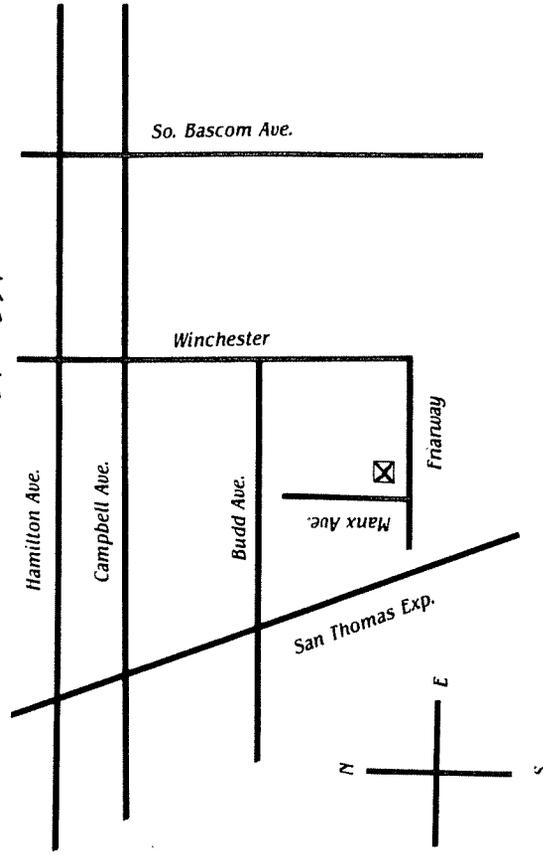
- 2ND SAT.....1PM WORKSHOP
- 4TH WED.....7PM LECTURE

NOTES:

1. MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
2. GUESTS..BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

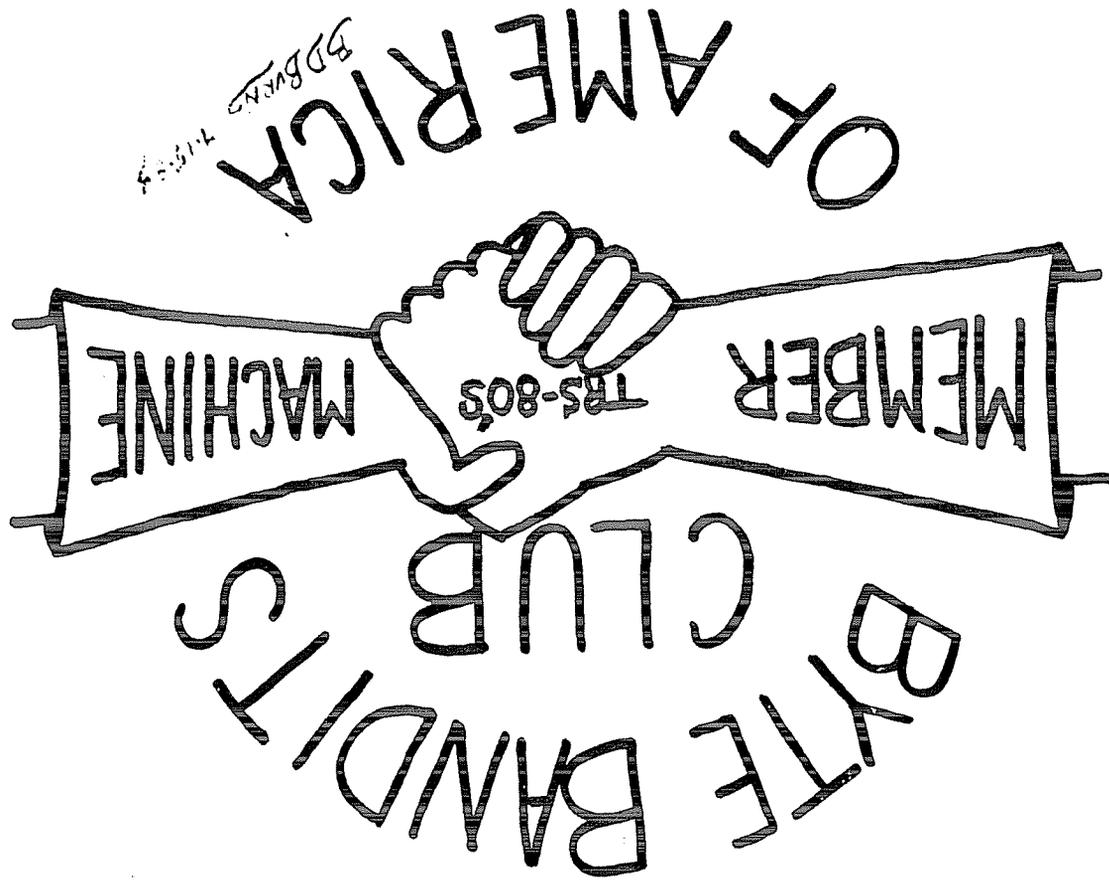
INFORMATION...CALL 408-379-2774

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This club has been established to provide its members total computer knowledge using "hands-on" application during the meetings. For better understanding of existing hardware and software in an informal—social club atmosphere.

We hope to provide members close contact between novice and amateur home computer enthusiasts; young and old, male and female, school, home, business and hobbyist.



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