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SOUTH BAY TRS-80 USERS GROUP

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LOOK--PAY ATTENTION--the next SBUG meetings will be held at the Cupertino Library.

Time: 7:15 - 9:30 PM

The next 3 meetings will be held on January 21, February 18th and March 18th.

NOTE THIS NOTE

For those of you lacking the proper number of fingers and toes, meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

The editor will resume his conferencing for his peers, the semi-educated. No other high level speakers are scheduled.

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MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to become a member of SBUG and start receiving our newsletter "DYNAMIC MEMORIES", then send $18 (check or money order) to the following address:

> South Bay TRS-80 Users Group
> P.O. Box 60116
> Sunnyvale, Ca.94088

or come to one of our meetings. If you also wish to communicate with our bulletin board system (SBUG-80) then include an additional $25 (a one time fee) for an account on the system. You must be a member of SBUG to have an account on the system. Please include your address and phone number.

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THE EDITOR'S BYTES AND BITES

REVELATION!! At our last meeting it became nakedly apparent that a flat majority of our members own MSDOS systems. Even that sturdy rebel Pete Fratus has been caught in the vortex and will (unwillingly) leave the TRSDOS world. I have not worked with MSDOS at all, but I know that it was modeled on CP/M; that it is clumsy and slow, en fin, a klutz.

Going from TRSDOS 6.2 to MSDOS is something like going to English measurements from the metric system. IBM had the power to make any system they chose the standard. What bit of faint heartedness drove them to adopt PCDOS, now MSDOS? Whoever it was condemned generations of computer users to a clumsy, bungling system, essentially conceived at the dawn of the microcomputer.

In any case it is a MSDOS world. I hope that the club can afford to install an MSDOS computer for the bulletin board. (See my report on the December meeting on page 4). I love my Model 4, but know it will not survive the 80s.

SBUG Financial Statement
December 24, 1985

Receipts:	Nov/Dec	Y-T-Date	% Used	Budget
Members dues	54.00	1539.00	85.50%	1800.00
SBUG BBS Dues	0.00	150.00	25.00%	600.00
Disk Library	28.00	133.00	110.83%	120.00
Load80	120.00	256.00		
Documentation	0.00	0.00	0.00%	40.00
Interest	3.54	36.54	13.84%	264.00
Insurance check	900.00	900.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	1105.54	3014.54	106.75%	2824.00

Disbursements				
Phone	0.00	58.19	29.10%	200.00
Utilities	0.00	80.00	33.33%	240.00
Printing	97.37	1085.93	108.59%	1000.00
Postage	0.00	184.00	36.80%	500.00
P O Box	0.00	26.00	52.00%	50.00
Bank charges	0.00	20.00	66.67%	30.00
Disk Library	0.00	214.97	71.66%	300.00
Documentation	0.00	26.85	33.56%	80.00
SBUG BBS	0.00	0.00	0.00%	200.00
Total Disbursements	97.37	1695.94	65.23%	2600.00

Begin Cash Balance	539.70	229.27	100.00%	229.27
Net Receipts	1008.17	1318.60	588.66%	224.00
Ending Balance	1547.87	1547.87	341.49%	453.27

Notes: 1) The following expenses have not yet been paid:

Electric...........40.00
Phone.............40.00
Postage 10.00

ELECTIONS AND OTHER MINUTIAE FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

by Editor

December was the month for the all important elections. After stormy but brilliant debate, the slate you see on page 2 was elected. We trust that these chosen people will hold on high the gonfalon of SBUG, riding gallantly forward through the swirling, tempestuous penumbra that surrounds us, never flinching before the snarling IBMs, ATARISs and COMMODOREs. (Somehow, I couldn't imagine a snarling APPLE).

The meeting was one of our better ones. There was interest, discussion, a better attendance. Currently we have Gerry McKee and Don Rhodes looking into the possibility of getting an MSDOS setup for the bulletin board. If it can be done, certainly it would be best for the club. If we were to get a Model 4, we would once again be committing ourselves to rapidly outdated technology. An MSDOS system will be around longer, and can be more easily modernized.

Gerry and Don make the ideal committee for this chore. Gerry is the hardware specialist, and Don has experience in putting together a MSDOS system without disturbing Fort Knox. If we could somehow collect on the insurance from that long ago burglary, we would have it made.

WHITHER SBUG?

by Editor

It is quite clear that while we still have a (mainly) TANDY club, we do not have a TRSDOS club. That is, that while most of our members own a Tandy built machine (plus a few homebrews) MSDOS has passed by TRSDOS, NEWDOS, & etc. We are eclectic, we are diversified. Fortunately, our name, SBUG, is not self limiting. South Bay Users Group. Using what? Whatever we feel like, that's what.

Our membership shows signs of growing. The next step in our forward progress is the revitalization of the bulletin board. The interest is there. The people who can handle it are there. (Gerry Mckee and Don Rhodes helped by various others). If we get a good bulletin board going, as I'm sure we will, the club will once again become robust.

At this point, may I crow a little? (I'm entitled, I eat enough crow). Two years ago I said that a machine specific club would have to be abandoned. The models I, III and 4 are versions of the same machine, and many of the owners of those machines were opposed to amplifying the membership to include 'foreign' machines. Events have changed that. I didn't cause it of course, but I did forsee it.

What is the difference between the present club and the old club. What should be the difference? In the old club you owned a machine based on the Tandy I, III or 4. In the new club we should ask: Are you interested in microcompputers? If you are, you're in. We will not see Commodores and Ataris, as they continue to be machine specific. We could see Sanyo's, Kaypros and etc. I don't anticipate that we will

upstage the Boston Computer Club. I would like to see diversification. If the rest of the members accept my postulate, we should have a fascinating and vital club.

EXPANDED HORIZONS
by Gerald F. McKee
Deputy Editor

Have I got news for you? If you run a Model I,III,4 eternal memory is within your grasp.

Thanks to ALPHA PRODUCTS INC., my Model 4 now has 512K of memory! If you are as attached to the Model 4 as I am, you cannot afford to overlook this. The multiplicity of functions of the Model 4, it's sturdiness and reliability make it a machine that earns affection and esteem. Now with 512K it can sneer at IBMs. Well, some IBMS, and a lot of other Johnny-come-latelys as well.

Most of our best magazines carry advertisements of the Alpha Products Inc. line. As with most of you Tandy devotees, following "what's new" is my favorite pastime. Occasionally I succumb to that special ad for hardware which promises to change my computer into what it never was (but I wish it was). Supermen delivers! Those of you who know me, know that I won't speak well of the dead (products), nor will I keep quiet about being ripped off just so I can get some company. I have given caveats for many products in the past-- such as Omikron, Holmes, Remex, Priority-One and even Radio Shack when they deserved it. This product and this company are genuine. Not only does it work, but the firm sent along a new adapter when the original arrived damaged BY NEXT DAY AIR.

The modification requires that each memory I.C. location be fitted with the 41256 (256K RAM I.C., 16 total), and that a capacitor at each such location be removed. The adaptor board is plugged into the CPU socket on the computer's main PC board. Ground, +5 volt and control wire leads (from the adapter board) are tack-soldered to ICs also located on the main board. A plug attached by flat lead to the adapter board plugs into the U72 socket, replacing the PAL IC. This completes the physical modification. Yours truly is available to accomplish this modification for the non-hardware type computerist.

The sweetest part of the operation was initializing the system using the familiar NEWDOS80 system and the SUPERDISK software. The disk programs are transferred to your own system disk, and tailoring takes care of the balance of the customizing. A BASIC program (Sample/Bas) actually initializes the system to accommodate the memory (except the lowest 64K of RAM) to perform as a RAMDISK. Upon running "Sample/Bas" the screen asks "Drive number to be assigned to RAMDISK?". I use "2", and the configuration continues. Next a prompt suggests entering 'DO RAMDISK1 for original configuration or 'DO RAMDISK2 for reconfiguration'. When one enters "DO RAMDISK1" the RAM memory is formatted as a disk, is verified and Systems are initialized. Finally the RAMDISK is assigned as drive 0 and the original zero drive is reassigned (in this case) as drive 2. Now if one copies programs to the RAMDISK

area, the normal copy command from drive 2 to zero will send programs into the RAMDISK area of your 512K memory. The original drive 0 is available for things other than DOS because DOS is in RAMDISK now.

You can even do a reset (as long as you do not hold the reset key down more than an instant) and the RAMDISK area will remain intact! To reinitialize enter 'DO RAMDISK2'1 and you are back in business. It is impressive, even startling, to do a DIR and have a disk catalog appear without a drive starting up!

I will be commenting further on SUPERMEM as it is put to greater use, and when it has been expanded to its full 1.024 megabyte capacity.

Should the craving for more memory (just so you'll know, it's similar to the craving for chocolate) wake you in the early morning hours, just call me. I will be compassionate (as long as you don't call me in the early morning hours).

HAPPY NEW YEAR
by Gerald F. Mc Kee
Deputy Editor & SYSOP2

Our OWN Recession behind us, the SOUTH BAY USERS GROUP is regrouping with a view to serving you, and lots of NEW members we expect to be joining us soon! The entire SBUG membership will be served, under the existing operating arrangements! It will be open to all SBUG members who have made the required $25.00 contribution to the hardware fund. We expect this Bulletin Board to be totally self sustaining, as in the past. You are a paid up member, aren't you? It's still only $18.00 a year dues!

This club has had a rough year. The whole computing field has been in reverse, but it seems to be shifting gears, and turning around! Our retrenchment seems Do have been directly related to:

1. The unfortunate burglary loss of our original SBUG-80 prime Bulletin Board System.
2. The departure of our SYSOP Bob Byrd for an AirForce career assignment.
3. The benign neglect of the 'PWORD' project by our software wiz.
4. The belated access of our Hardware Practitioners to the replacement system.
5. The painful loss of the DYSAN auditorium as a meeting place.

The SBUG-80 Bulletin Board itself is not DEAD. It just took a siesta. This assistant (SYSOP2) is determined to revive it, as a supplement to the shiny new Bulletin Board system. This is especially for those of us who really enjoyed the simplicity, and the user-friendliness of 'PWORD'. To revive this terminal case, the services of ERIC BREWER must be obtained! If any of you ever SEE Mr Brewer, please have him contact SYSOP1 & SYSOP2 to help us master 'PWORD' and to revive SBUG-80! Phone calls to him go unanswered, messages left at his work are ignored. Please, ERIC, Call HOME!

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS
NEW (COMPUTING) YEAR with SBUG!
GMCKEE SBUG-80

TO MSDOS THE BULLETIN BOARD
BY
Gerald F. Mc Kee & Don Rhodes

We have $900.00 to replace the stolen BBS hardware. We also have $300.00 in the SBUG-80 repairs account.

The assets in the original system which could be reused are:

1. Disk Drive case and Power Supply.
2. Old worn cables.

The assets NOW in use for the system, other than the above, belong to Eric Brewer, and Gerald F. Mc Kee, and should be returned (or purchased from owners).

We are still in the process of analysing to see what system will suit us best, financially and technically. Could a Model I system still do? Would a Model 4 be better? Would it serve us to get an MSDOS based clone?

The MSDOS alternatives are listed---sketchily---below.

1. The R/S Model 1000, augmented with full memory (640 K), 80 TK DS drives, RS-232, Printer, and a new 1200 baud modem.----discarded as design does not permit expansion because the only cards available do not fit within the case, as designed! (Would have cost approx $1850.00)

2. The R/S Model 1200 HD, augmented with full memory (640 K), RS-232, Printer and a new 1200 baud modem.-----discarded for same reason as above! (Would have cost approx $2300.00).

3. The R/S Model 2000 augmented to full memory (760 K), 80 TK DS drives, Printer and new 1200 baud modem.----discarded because it is not compatable with MS/DOS used by 1000/1200 or IBM PC! (Would have cost approx $2500.00)

4. A clone kit, with full memory (512 K), RS-232, 80 TK DS drives and HD, Printer, and a new 1200 baud modem. ----selected as the only fully compatable MS/DOS fully supported system other than an IBM PC. Further it is the least expensive of the MSDOW options. (Should cost approx $2150.00)

The parts breakdown was figured on the following price estimates:

RS-232 $80.00
80 TK DS drive $80.00 ea
Hard Disk (10MB) and controller complete $500.00

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Memory augmentation, 256 K $55.00 ea
Printer $250.00
1200 baud modem $275.00
Complete PC clone $600.00
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Main PC stuffed, 135 Watt PS, B & W Monitor, Parallel Board, Floppy disk controller board, keyboard, case, DS 80 TK drive, cables included. The minimum system initially procured is to include a drive, stuffed clone (128 K), printer, RS-232, modem, monitor and BBS Software. Procurement of additional memory, Hard disk Drive, and more floppy drives would be deferred until funds become available for their addition.

It is assumed that Commercial Bulletin Board Software is available and will be running in MS/DOS, in such a manner as to be fully compatible with any SBUG Members Tandy/RS/MSDOS system. It is further understood that should any total package purchase require additional financing, then the excess cost must first be approved by a vote of the membership.

We are looking for, and believe that we can encounter means to avoid any costs beyond the cash in hand.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the past, SBUG80, (the bulletin board), and SBUG were separate entities that functioned side by side. The current idea is to make them one. This should also be discussed at a general meeting.

CUT THOSE HIGH TELEPHONE BILLS

From "NORTHERN BYTES"

by Jack Decker

This almost sounds like one of those "Good News-Bad News" jokes. The good news is that you can limit your monthly bill for computer-to-computer calls to $25.00 a month, no matter how many calls you make. The bad news is that at present, you can only do this if you live in one of twelve major U.S. cities! Hopefully, this service will expand to cover more areas of the country in the not too distant future. (With my luck it will probably get into Sault Ste. Marie in about the year 2025.....) Don't go away if you don't live in one of the twelve major cities, because I'm going to reveal a little-known way that you can make use of this service to cut your long distance phone bills even if you don't live in one of those major cities. It will only be cost effective if you do a lot of telecommunicating, but for some of you it could be an interim solution to those high bills (particularly if you live fairly close to one of the twelve major cities).

But first, more about the service itself. It is called PC PURSUIT and is being offered by GTE Telenet, and they have established a free-access bulletin board that you can dial up for more information. The BBS number is (800) 835-3001. The following information was downloaded from that BBS, and should give you a little better idea of what is being

offered. Thanks to George Matyaszek, SYSOP of the Chicago Green Machine BBS (this BBS phone number is (312) 622-4442) for tipping me off to this service.

IN PURSUIT OF ALMOST ANYTHING!

For just $25 a month, you can establish an unlimited number of connections to free telephone-accesible databases, bulletin boards and other communicating PCs in 12 major metropolitan areas. The PC PURSUIT service can save you up to 75% over long distance telephone charges for your home PC. It's the first cost effective alternative for home PC users who have been using standard public telephone services to make long distance connectioons.

With PC PURSUIT, you can explore a wealth of free resources, and even discover more uses for your PC. In any of the locations accessible to PC PURSUIT, you have the ability to:

§ Call and send real-time information to other communicating PCs.
§ Access public bulletin boards to exchange messages. (GTE Telenet is not associated with these bulletin boards or their services).
§ Access free databases for information that can be entertaining and educational.
§ Download/upload public domain software
§ Shop and advertise in electronic catalogs.

SERVICE HOURS AND BILLING

The PC PURSUIT service is provided from 6 PM to 7 AM Monday through Friday and on weekends from 6 PM Friday to 7 AM Monday (local time).

The more you use the service, the more cost efficient it becomes!

A PC PURSUIT subscription includes a one-time registration fee of just $25. Then you pay a flat monthly fee of $25 for virtuallly unlimited use of the service. Each connection can last 60 minutes. You are billed monthly through your VISA or MASTERCARD account. Payment by check is also offered--if you would like to pay by check call (800) 368-4215.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To use PC PURSUIT all you need are --:

--a telephone line.
--an auto answer modem (300 or 1200 bps)
--a terminal or PC with asynchronous communications software.

DNAMIC MEMORIES EDITOR'S note: NORTHERN BYTES is a TANDY I, III, 4, newsletter associated with THE ALTERNATE SOURCE. It is always informative and worth reading. Jack Decker is a hacker of the old school. (That means he's over thirty). I can hear the tumblers falling into place in the vault of the collective SBUG mind. PC PURSUIT could really offer

us something if we are inventive and aggresive. If there is a club
interest, I will pursue PC PURSUIT to see what's in it for us.

Open Board
11/0From: DO RHODES
To: ALL
Subj: THANKS!
HELP! I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF AN INEXPENSIVE WAY TO MAKE, BUY
A RE-INKER FOR MY EPSON-80 RIBBONS. HAVE ABOUT 6 THAT NEED
INK! LEAVE EMAIL OR CALL JIM 241-9347. THANX.
12/12/85 19:37:19 (Read 10 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: ALL
Subj: UP AGAIN!
The Sbug BBS is up and running on the Model I again! This
time we have double-sided, double density drives. Bernie
Thompson fixed the Model I and brought it over at 7:00pm
12/12/85....... Thanks for the work, Bernie!
12/13/85 09:07:49 (Read 9 Times)
From: IAN WEBB
To: ALL
Subj: MESSAGES
As stated on this system before trashing of files this time,
why don't we ignore the different boards and put ALL MESSAGES
on the OPEN BOARD so everyone can see them?
12/13/85 09:11:17 (Read 9 Times)
From: IAN WEBB
To: ALL
Subj: BBS
As said before, but now missing on this system: I think the
members of SBUG are due an accounting of the following:

1. What happened to the $$$ that we were told would be
forthcoming by an insurance company to replace the stolen BBS?
2. Who/What now owns the BBS? You may recall that there was a hassle
at one time about who owned what and the BBS personalities and club
personalities had some major/minor arguments with the BBS personalities
claiming what I interpreted as personal ownership of any items bought by
member money.
3. If this is/is not the case, I think we should have a full accounting.
4. If someone(s) has the insurance money that was to replace the
hardware
then it is not fair that the club should be buying another system through
all the members money.

Msg#:   8 *Open Board*
12/13/85 09:27:45 (Read 9 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: IAN WEBB (Rcvd)
Subj: REPLY TO MSG# 6 (BBS)
The Sbug's treasurer is responsible for issuing a statement
of financial status. The Financial Statement includes a
Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet includes Assets,
Liabilities, and Net worth (or Capital). Amoung the assets is

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*any property belonging to the organization. Since the
Steering Committee or the Membership at large has never
requested, insisted on, or even mentioned wanting a full
accounting or even an accounting of assets, we can assume
that there are no assets to account for. It is my
understanding that there is two separate entities: SBUG and
SBUG-80. SBUG-80 is the BBS and is owned and operated by a
entirely separate group of people, i.e., Robert Byrd and Eric
Brewer and NOT by SBUG. All assets of SBUG-80 belong to
SBUG-80 and are NOT part of SBUG. If any member of SBUG
wants an accounting of SBUG-80, they should address a request
to SBUG-80, not SBUG. If SBUG-80 has gone defunct and their
no longer is anyone responsible for SBUG-80, then I would
assume that All Sbug-80 Assets, if any, would become the
property of the Sbug-80 investors: Eric and Rob. Now, if SBUG
wants a BBS and SBUG-80 is no longer, then Sbug should make
arrangements to provide the necessary funds, equipment, and
resources to make this possible. Also, there is a question of
those who paid a $25.00 life time fee for the use of
Sbug-80's BBS. To them, I suggest that they have lost their
fee (if Sbug-80 is defunct). It would be nice if Sbug would
allow a credit to these persons if Sbug puts their own BBS on line.*
12/13/85 09:47:29 (Read 7 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: ALL
Subj: SBUG ASSETS
*Should Sbug's Steering Committee be charged with the
responsibility to produce a financial statement that includes
an inventory of all assets? Should Sbug's Steering Committee
take over SBUG-80 since SBUG-80 has not performed nor
provided a BBS for the past 10 months? Is Sbug-80 defunct?
Should Sbug provide a BBS? How would/should Sbug cover the
cost of equipment? Should the Sbug membership vote on these questions?*
12/13/85 19:01:15 (Read 11 Times)
From: IAN WEBB
To: ALL
Subj: BBS
*There seems to be a lack of understanding on the part of the
membership of SBUG concerning the BBS. When the SBUG-80 BBS
was formed, properly or not, the club seemed to lend
credibility to it as a sanctioned club activity. If this was
not the case, the club and steering committee never clearly
defined the separation between those two entities. The
'club', even if it has no legal requirement, has what I
believe to be a moral obligation to account to its members
who paid 'up front money' to participate in a system which at
the time seemed to have the blessing of the club. Those
parties who operated SBUG-80 with the apparent blessing of
SBUG would seem to have an ethical obligation to account for
the equipment which was bought with monies paid by SBUG
members for a BBS which was to provide a service to them and
be an arm of the club.*

My position of a linkage between SBUG and SBUG-80 might be

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reinforced by the fact that membership in SBUG was a
requirement for continued participation in SBUG-80. The $25
initial fee was to help continue to support the costs of
hardware improvement!!!
12/17/85 22:15:37 (Read 6 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: ALL
Subj: NEXT SBUG MEETING
The next Sbug general membership meeting will be January 14,
1986 at the Cupertino City Library at 7:15pm to 9:30pm. All
visitors are welcome. We support users of all Tandy Radio
Shack products. Our resources include a Disk Software
Library, Documentation Library, and a Tape Library. We
publish a month newsletter DYNAMIC MEMORIES our annual
membership dues are $18.00 if you decide do join.
12/17/85 22:20:52 (Read 8 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: ALL
Subj: NEW STEERING COMMITTEE
Elections were held December 17th for the next year's
Officers of Sbug. Chairman......... Chris Oman
Secretary........ Jim Gonsolves Treasurer........ Don Rhodes
Disk Librarian... Bernie Thompson Tape & Documentat Gary
Dixon Sysop 1......... Gerry McKee Sysop 2 .... Don
Rhodes (408) 996-10008 Editor......... Joel Lee Co
Editor...... Gerry McKee

Msg#: 35 *Open Board*
12/17/85 22:26:06 (Read 8 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: ALL
Subj: LAST MEETING NOTES

The last Sbug meeting was Dec 17th at the Round Table Pizza
The San Jose Mercury listed the meeting as being held at the
Cupertino Library. This was an error. There were about 23
members in attendance. The discussions included Modifying
the model 4 for 512k Ram memory. Gerry McKee has the upgrade
kits for sale. The membership agreed that the club should
buy the disk analyzer software for checking Model 4 drives--
both single and double sided. The cost will be about
$199.00.
... Name and phone number lists were distributed to all.
Extra copies are available-- request a copy from Don Rhodes
at this BBS or call (408) 996-10008.
... Joel Lee discussed using a special software package on
his model 4 for combining word processing and data entry in
memory and beiong able to switch freom one to the other
without having to go to dos. What was the name of that
package Joel?
Msg#: 38 *Open Board*
12/18/85 16:53:33 (Read 15 Times)
From: JIM GONSALVES
To: EVERYONE

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Subj: DIABLO 3000
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION ON THE
DIABLO 3000 DAISYWHEEL PRINTER? I AT LEAST NEED HOW THE SETUP
PROCEDURE WORKS!! ANY HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE
CALL JIM GONSALVES.....241-9347....AFTER 5....THANX.

Msg#:   39 *Open Board*
12/18/85 16:56:30 (Read 16 Times)
From: JIM GONSALVES
To: EVERYONE
Subj: 8 TO 5
I NEED SOME ASSISTANCE ON TRANSFERRING AN 8" DISK TO A 5 1/4"
DISK. I HAVE A FORTH CP/M PROGRAM WHICH NEEDS TO BE
TRANSFERRED. ANYONE OUT THERE CAPABLE OF HELPIN' AN OLD MAN
OUT? CALL JIM GONSALVES....241-9347...AFTER 5....THANX.

Msg has replies, read now(Y/N)? Y

Msg#:   47 *Open Board*
12/20/85 18:19:42 (Read 12 Times)
From: SAM BROWN
To: JIM GONSALVES (Rcvd)
Subj: REPLY TO MSG# 39 (8 TO 5)
This bbs has 8" capabilities.. maybe someone can upload
hypercross and then you can transfer the software to trs format
8".... maybe then you could download...(1200 baud hopefully)..
p.s. users.... if you dont want word wrap to occur
.put a period as the first character of the line
.   SAm
Brown

Msg#:   51 *Open Board*
Private

Msg#:   52 *Open Board*
12/22/85 17:16:16 (Read 10 Times)
From: GERALD MCKEE
To: EVERYONE
Subj: STEERING COMMITTEE MET TODAY
STEERING COMMITTEE MET TODAY, GRINDING OUT SOME TIMELY
DECISIONS ABOUT SBUG AND IT'S NEW DIRECTION!! WE ARE GOING
AHEAD WITH PLANS TO ASSEMBLE AN MS/DOS BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM
FOR SBUG, HOPING TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEXT
GENERAL MEETING. DEMONSTRATING IT AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING!
THIS BBS IS TO SERVE BOTH THE TANDYITES AND THOSE CLONES COMING
ON BOARD. WATCH FOR AN INTERESTING JANUARY DYNAMIC MEMORIES.
IT WILL BE A COLLECTORS ITEM! GMCKEE DEPUTY EDITOR & SYSOP2.

Msg#:   56 *Open Board*

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12/22/85 21:43:15 (Read 9 Times)
From: IAN WEBB
To: ALL
Subj: MODEMS
I had the opportunity to work with an ADC 1200 Baud modem
today. Chet Kemp (member in Redwood City) has it and it seems
like a real nice modem at $169. It is available with 30 day
free money back trial from DAK Industries in Canoga Park.
800-325-0800. Seems to be completely Hayes compatible plus has
extended codes possible. DIP switches accessible from
underneath it and it works great with QMODEM. Even has a
built-in clock!!! Has redial built in if you wish plus menu,
etc. although with QMODEM you don't need or want the built-in
features. I also notice near the end of the most recent BYTE
magazine there are some modems advertised for $100-$139
starting with a kit then a partial kit and an assembled one.
All are 300/1200 and supposedly Hayes compatible. If Santa
isn't committed, here's a good source of a nice Christmas gift
for those still plodding away at 300 baud!

Msg#:   59 "Open Board"
12/22/85 22:15:57 (Read 10 Times)
From: SYSOP
To: ALL
Subj: SBUG BBS
The Sbug BBS may get replaced with a new MsDos computer. We
(Sysop & Steering Committee) are currently pricing out a XT
clone (parts) to see if it is feasible. There are some text
files on this subject on this BBS drivve :2. The one file:
RHODES/TXT was uploaded from Ian Webb and provvides some
attractive prices. Down load and read it!
Msg#:   81 "Open Board"
12/25/85 12:32:23 (Read 5 Times)
From: GERALD MCKEE
To: EVERYONE
Subj: XMAS
Twas the Byte before Sbug.

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.The 24th of December in the year 85,
.bits were not stirring, aren't they alive?
.The SBUG is active, or so it would seem,
.however, it may not (or yet may) be a dream.
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.The members are sleeping, all terminals down,
.the SYSOP's brow furrowed, in dissident frown.
.We want to go MS, the DOS of the future,
.but how can we purchase without any suture?
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.Will SBUG put up with our new way-out stand,
.or collectively give us the back-o-the-hand?
.We chose to move this way, the better to serve,
.those members of old, and the new ones with nerve!

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FIRST CLASS MAIL