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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

MS-DOS IBM compatibles
FoxPro FoxPro users on the DOS
and Windows platforms
Power user Advance users discuss
various topics

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at the club's PO box

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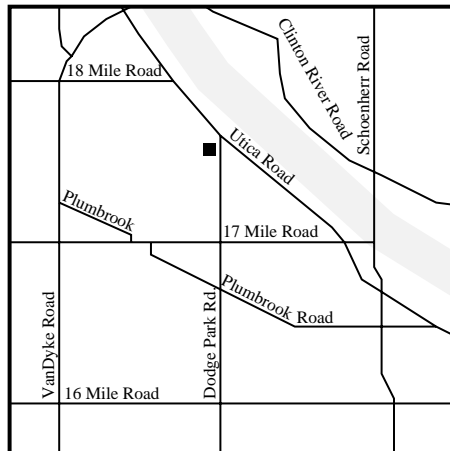
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Guests and visitors are welcome. People can attend any of three consecutive club meetings before deciding to become a member or not. Membership includes admission to all SHCC functions and the newsletter. Membership is open to anyone, it is not limited to residence of Sterling Heights.

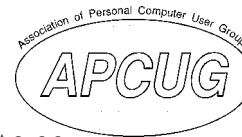
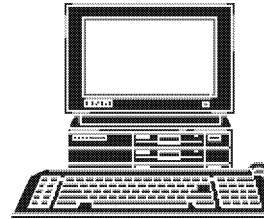
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SHCC at Sterling Heights Library

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SIGS

MS-DOS: 7:30 PM - First Tuesday (except July & August no meeting) at the Sterling Heights Public Library (40255 Dodge Park Road)

FoxPro: 7:30 PM - Monday before the third Tuesday (except July & August no meeting) at the Sterling Heights Public Library

Novice: 7:30 PM - Third Tuesday (except July & August no meeting) at Oakbrook Elementary School

Power User: 7:30 PM - Forth Tuesday (except July & August no meeting) at the Mount Clemens general Hospital

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(For questions, call an officer or send mail to SHCC PO Box)

This month IBM will present **OS/2 v2.1** and **PC-DOS v6.1**. OS/2 is an innovative operating system runs DOS, Windows, and OS/2 programs concurrently.

since then. I'll know more of the specifics as we approach the March meeting.

The June meeting has SHCC members Jerry Carson, Don VanSyckel, and myself showing the members how PCs can be connected and pass files back and forth.

We are still looking for members to present several other meetings this year. Be a sport. It is not that hard, trust me, the hour flies by and you are usually scrambling to fit in everything you wanted to show. I can help you get started, just pick a software program or computer topic to discuss and we'll "make it happen". Several more vendors are already in discussion for May and September.

I also want to thank all the members who have pitched in to make the SHCC hum right along. I want to thank my fellow officers who made many personal sacrifices to get the job done when it looked impossible. I want to welcome Jerry Carson, the newest addition to the team. Jerry has already had a positive impact at the officer meetings. Jerry has been a super addition to a great team of officers. Don and Dick already know how

much I appreciate a strong team and all the contributions they have made to the SHCC. To all the resource people, SIG coordinators, newsletter editor and contributors, meeting presenters, and other helpers, I thank you and applaud your service to the SHCC.

Just a quick reminder, the membership dues are past due for 1994. If you did not renew in November or December you must pay the 20 bucks to be a member in good standing. Otherwise this is the last newsletter you will receive as well as the other membership privileges. No more chances for the door prizes!

Speaking of door prizes, can you believe the "Lucky Row" at the December meeting. It wasn't bad enough that Tom "Mr. Lucky" Wojcik won one of the door prizes for the umpteenth month in a row, but the entire second row on the west side of the room won a prize. What are the odds of that happening. Lets get a Pentium to calculate this out!

By the time you read this it might be to late to influence Mr. Phil Dunkelberger into budgeting more money for user group presentations. I hope several people took the

The President's Bits And Bytes

Rick Schummer

The month of January usually has me discussing the "State of the SHCC". I will spare all members attending the January meeting a long and boring discussion about how well the SHCC is doing. The club is doing very well, so I will concentrate more on the future than I will on the past. The last five years have been extremely enjoyable, I feel this year will be the best!

This is the start of the sixth year for the SHCC. We set new records last year in membership and meeting attendance. We started the Novice SIG last year (October) and it rapidly became the most attended SIG to date. The Power User SIG grows with every meeting and the topics are more interesting all the time. The FoxPro SIG is still small but has a lot of potential.

I feel 1994 will bring some of the coolest demonstrations to date. We are already scheduled with two of the biggest players in the computer industry today and SHCC member presenters.

IBM is presenting its latest version of OS/2 and PC-DOS this month. Although the popularity of OS/2 did not start out very well, it has come a long way and is gaining momentum as IBM improves both the performance and refines its ability to run the older DOS and current Window applications. IBM claims that OS/2 is a better DOS than DOS and a better Windows than Windows; come and see if it lives up to its reputation.

We have SHCC member Sara Scholl presenting *Instant Artist* in February. Sara feels that this graphic product is much better than the new *Print Shop Deluxe*.

Microsoft is scheduled for March. The products presented will be from the Home Series which is some of the more inexpensive multi-media and cool home use products around. I personally have seen a demo that included Microsoft *Dinosaurs* and *Cinemaniam* and it was really something. I'm not sure what I would use it for today, but I'm sure kids would enjoy it and it might help on those research papers! Some of the members know how neat *Flight Simulator* was when it came out, I hear it is improved

SHCC BBS

Several members and non-members of the SHCC have expressed an interest in a club bulletin board system (BBS). The officers have debated some of the pros and cons of running a BBS as well as some of the expenses and resources needed to sustain the existence of one. As we began to do some research into the feasibility of starting a BBS the following question was asked: "What would the SHCC membership want from a BBS and what would they use a club sponsored BBS for?"

As the officers do so often, we decided to ask for your input. Please remember that we are not committing to starting a BBS at this time, we are just starting to look at the possibility. It is very important that the cost, time, and resources needed to run the BBS be justified with some good benefits to the membership.

Please submit your comments to any officer by January 11th (officers' meeting). Either hand them in at the January meeting, e-mail them, or US mail them. It only takes a few minutes to write it down or type it up. The officers are very busy at meetings and

most likely will forget your ideas if you just speak your mind to them.

As always, your input is vital to the way this organization functions, please participate. If you feel that a BBS is a waste of good resources, time, energy, and money, please let us know this as well.

Novice SIG Information

The idea for this special interest group is to help the members learn the basic and intermediate functions of DOS, Microsoft Windows, and other software that runs on the PC.

The December meeting was canceled. The last meeting of the Novice SIG took place on November 16, 1993. *First Things First*, the first chapter of *Quick Course in DOS* was completed. Thanks to Tom Grish who is doing a fine job as the SIG's first instructor.

The next meeting will be January 18, 1993 and the meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Covering the material is moving slower than planned, but everyone is satisfied that the pace is good. The topics get side-tracked by excellent

time to help Mark Tallman. It is people like Mark and Phil that make vendor presentations happen. Like I wrote in my letter to Phil, user group presentations give the members a "test drive" of the products they read about in the different magazines. For some members it is the only chance they get to be exposed to the different products available. It is a great place for the vendors to "showcase" their product lines to the "software consumers". More and more companies are starting to understand the importance of user groups and the service they provide the membership and the local community. If you get a chance and did not have the time during the busy month of December to send Phil a note, please send him one this month. It may not affect this year's budget, but it might help reinforce what Mark has been telling him all along.

Please take a moment to read the article later in this newsletter on the possibility of starting a SHCC member BBS. We are looking for ideas on how a BBS can serve members.

I am looking forward to serving as the President of this fine organization for the next year. As always, please feel free to

call me, send me a note on CompuServe, or talk to me at a meeting. I am always looking for ways to better the SHCC and fulfilling the goals we set more than five years ago. This year is going to be great.

I wish everyone the finest and healthiest of New Years.

Membership Packets

Packets will be distributed to renewed and new members.

Last Meeting Highlights

Last month Mr. Mark Tallman of Symantics presented **Q & A for Windows** which is Symantics's upgrade to their Windows platform for their database/word processor.

This Month's Meeting

This month IBM will present **OS/2 v2.1** and PC-DOS v6.1. OS/2 is an innovative operating system runs DOS, Windows, and OS/2 programs concurrently. This should be very interesting to most people.

SHCC Dues

Dues for 1994 are past due. All members expired at the end of the year. 1993 members who do not renew will receive the January newsletter as a courtesy. Beyond that the newsletter will be stopped.

Please renew at the January meeting to keep the good things from SHCC coming.

Power Users' SIG

There was no December meeting due to the holidays. The January meeting will be the 25th.

Other topics which may be covered in the future include:

- DRIVERS.SYS
- MIDI interface
- OS/2
- SCSI & multi-media
- Windows 3.1 OLE/DDE
- X windows

Meetings are held in the Board Room at Mount Clemens General Hospital for meetings. Thanks go to Jo Woodman for arranging this meeting place. These meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30PM.

Mount Clemens General Hosp.
1000 Harrington Blvd.
Mount Clemens, MI

- Go on 16 Mile Rd to Groesbeck Rd
- Turn North on Groesbeck Road
- Go about one mile to Harrington Blvd. (this is at a traffic light)
- Turn right (East) on Harrington
- Go East about two city blocks
- You should see the hospital
- Park in lot before (west) hospital
- Go in the main entrance
- Take the elevator to the 6th floor
- Follow the signs to Board Room

Press Release Section

The SHCC is sent many "press releases" by software and hardware vendors. The officers have decided that the best way to pass this information to the members is to borrow a method from some of the major magazines. A short description will appear in the "Press Release Section" of the *WYSIWYG*. The full press release will be available at the meeting in a notebook. The notebook will be organized by month that the press release was sent to the club.

Herb Kentta has volunteered to handle this for the club. Look for short write ups that Herb will be writing in the *WYSIWYG* and for the binder he will have available at the meetings.

questions from the members. *Quick Course in DOS* can be ordered from: Online Press at 800-854-3344

This book costs \$15.00 (including shipping) and is the basis of this SIG. The past orders were sent in and the books will be at the next regular club meeting. The club is no longer processing orders for the book.

There is no formal sign-up for the SIG anymore, please feel free to join the group at the meeting. The only requirement is that you are a member of the SHCC.

The meeting schedule for the SIG is as follows:

First Things First
Completed
Managing Your Files
Tom Grish (starting in January)
Setting Up Your System for Optimum Performance
Jerry Carson
When Things Go Wrong
Mike Greenen
Enhancing Your Productivity
TBD
The DOS Tools at a Glance
Rick Schummer

Once the materials in the book

are covered, the group will decide on topics for the meetings. There is so much that can be learned and so many resources within our club to teach these members. Please pass any ideas to Olga Firchau, the Novice SIG coordinator.

The SIG meets at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Oakbrook Elementary in the Resource Room. Oakbrook is located on the northeast corner of Metro Parkway and Dodge Park Road. Heritage Junior High is on the corner and Oakbrook is immediately behind it.

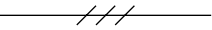
From **Dodge Park Road**, turn onto Danforth (east). Turn right onto Greenway. Greenway takes a bend to the left. Turn right onto Ashby. Ashby dead ends in Oakbrook's parking lot.

Metro Parkway East, go north on Dodge Park Road and follow the instruction above.

Metro Parkway West, go north on Barrington, just after you pass the Edison Corridor between Schoenherr and Dodge Park Roads. Turn left onto Greenway. Turn left onto Ashby. Ashby dead-ends into Oakbrook's parking lot.

Public Domain Library

Please contact Tom Grish with disk orders and remember to use the disk order form. He can bring the disks to the next meeting. The prices are: \$2 - 5.25" and \$3 - 3.5" disks. An additional charge of \$1 per disk for non-SHCC members.



Door Prizes

SHCC offers a door prize(s) at regularly scheduled club meetings. Bill Soborowski is the door prize coordinator.

This month **IBM** donated the door prize.

The IBM representative has promised to provide the door prizes for this month's meeting.

Thanks to:

IBM User Group Relations

CompUSA donated the door prize in December.

SHCC member Bruce Honeck won *Lotus Organizer* by Lotus Development. Some of the features include a calendar, planner, a to-do list, a note pad, anniversary date tracker, and many more. This package allows you to customize the management of your schedule,

client contacts, and prioritize your tasks. Smart Icons give intuitive point-and-click, drop-and-drag simplicity. This software will work on both desktop and portable PCs as long as it can run *MS Windows*.

Thanks to:

CompUSA
31601 John R Road
Madison Heights, MI

Tom "Mr. Lucky" Wojcik and Gerald Hallman won the copies of *Q&A for Windows*, Ralph Osinski and Bruce Rittenhouse won copies of *Norton Desktop 3.0*, Jerry Carson and Chet Frelick won copies of *Q&A Write for Windows*, and Jack Knirk won a copy of *Norton SpeedDrive*. All these prizes were donated by Mark Tallman of Symantec. Mark also handed out many more copies of the above products during the meeting to the members who had "good questions".

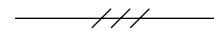
SHCC members, please remember to show our appreciation whenever shopping for computer products by frequenting our participating local merchants.

If you have software you are not using, consider donating to

Welcome New Members!

There are three new member this month at SHCC. Please welcome Dann Lambrix, Rich Rysiewski, and Sandra Taylor.

We hope you enjoy SHCC and will gain computer knowledge and understanding from our meetings and other members.



FoxPro SIG

The last meeting of the SHCC FoxPro SIG met on November 15, 1993. The meeting started at 7:30. The discussion topic was opening databases with the view window and helpful hints with the Report Writer.

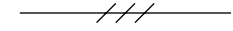
There was no December meeting due to the holidays.

The January meeting will discuss the Relational Query By Example (RQBE) power tool. This is a very fast way of getting specific data reported from your databases.

All SHCC members are welcome! The discussions and topics will benefit everyone from beginners to the expert developers. The meetings are held at the library meeting room on the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month.

The FoxPro SIG starts at 7:30 and ends approximately 9:30. The next meeting is on Monday January 17, 1993, mark your calendars.

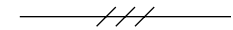
Any inquires about this SIG can be addressed to Rick Schummer, the FoxPro SIG Coordinator (phone number on page 2 of this newsletter).



POSSIBLE MEETING TOPICS

The officers are considering the items in the following list as meeting topics. If you have any other topics or if you would like some topic done sooner, please contact any officer.

Auto scheduler
 Communications
 DESQview (386)
 Disk caching
 FAX boards
 File managers
 New Wave
 Paradox 3.5
 Printers, color
 RAM disk usage
 Software ethics
 SpinRite



WANT ADS**October 1993:**

Quattro Pro 4.0 for DOS for sale. Full software and documentation with legal license and upgrade path. Can get latest version for only \$40 instead of \$99; \$15 or best offer. Call Rick Schummer at 939-6346.

Wanted MFM hard drive. My old hard drive gave out on old PC and want to replace it with inexpensive but reliable MFM drive. Call Rick Schummer at 939-6346.

January 1994:

CD-ROM reader/player. Exciting new multimedia technology as featured in the November meeting and Power User's SIG discussions. New internal TRS (Mitsumi made) 350-msec caddyless drive with interface card, cables, manual, & software. Reads CD-ROM data tracks and plays audio tracks, of 5" and 3" music CDs through your headphones, stereo system, or VCR audio. Fits 1/2-ht drive bay & short slot. Installation available, but easy to install yourself. Includes your first CD-ROM and a CD-single music disc - free. \$150 (or trade?) Call Ralph Osinski @ 469-3472 after 5:30 PM.

Panasonic printer KX-P1124, 24 pin, large buffer, cords, excellent condition. \$150 or best offer. Bill Soborowski 247-0884.

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Computer Clubs

SHCC has contacted six known computer clubs in the area with an offer of reciprocating admission to meetings. Three clubs have responded positively, one is considering the offer, and the other two have not answered so far. The results are listed below:

Apple P.I.E.

Time: 1st working Monday
7:00PM
Place: Jefferson Middle School,
29700 Rockwood Street, St.
Clair Shores
Reciprocating: Yes

Cue 80

Time: 2nd Monday, 7:30PM
Place: Intermediate School District
Admin. Bldg; Range Road;
Marysville (I-94 East to Exit
#266; keep to right on exit
ramp to Gratiot Avenue; 1/8
mile to stop light, Range
Road; turn left; 1/2 mile to
I.S.D.; left into complex,
first building on right)
Reciprocating: Yes

Detroit Computer Users Group

Time: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM
Place: The church on Mound Road
1/4 mile south of St. Annes
Reciprocating: No response

the club as a door prize. It's a great way to make space in your storage area and help a fellow SHCC club member.

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SHCC by EMAIL

CompuServe:

Adams, Tony	70550,560
Brown, Martin	71554,1344
Pingel, Wayne	71011,2213
Schummer, Rick	70254,1643
VanSyckel, Don	70414,1176

America Online:

Click, Bob robertc204

Internet:

Carson, Jerry
jcarson%pizpot@
wsu-cs.cs.wayne.edu
VanSyckel, Don
vansycke@gdls.com

CompuServe to internet:

use address:
internet:<internet_address>
Where <internet_address> is replaced by the recipient's internet address. Example to Don VanSyckel:
internet:vansycke@gdls.com

Internet to America Online:

use address:
<AOL_ID>@aol.com
Where <AOL_ID> is the recipient's America Online id. Example to Bob Click:
robertc204@aol.com

Internet to CompuServe:

use address:
<CIS_ID>@compuserve.com
Where <CIS_ID> is the recipient's id with the "," (comma) replaced with a "." (period). Example to Don VanSyckel:
70414.1176@compuserve.com

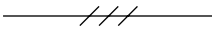
Between CompuServe and America Online:

Since each of these two services offer internet access their members can email to members on the other service. A CompuServe member can mail to an America Online member by using the internet address of the recipient. Example to Bob Click on America Online from Don VanSyckel on CompuServe:
internet:robertc204@aol.com

To mail in the opposite direction the America Online member would simply use the internet access method to mail to the CompuServe member's internet address.

If you are on internet or you are a CompuServe or America OnLine member and would like your email address listed here, please send email to Don VanSyckel.

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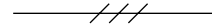
Time: 3rd Friday, 7:00PM
Place: Eastpointe Community Center; 19200 Stephens Road; Eastpointe; (just east of Kelly Road); 751-3971
Reciprocating: No

Sarnia Computer Users Group

Time: Last Wednesday, 7:30PM
Place: St. Bartholomew Anglican Church; 718 Cathcart Blvd.; Sarnia; 519/542-3227
Reciprocating: Yes

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO)

Time: 2nd Sunday 1:00PM
Place: Dodge Hall; Oakland University; 398-7560
Reciprocating: Yes



Featured Diskette

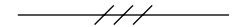
The Disk Librarian will have five copies of this disk available for sale at the club meeting and will take orders for any additional.

Software Labs
7260 NON-MEDICAL PAIN RELIEF & FIRST AID TUTORIAL
9727 ADDING A PROGRAM TO THE WINDOWS PROGRAM MANAGER

Running applications from the Windows environment is great, but how do you get them in there in the first place? This

excellent tutorial shows you the steps required to add a program to any program group in the Windows program manager. Each step is demonstrated in real-time with an accompanying explanation. All instructions are clear and concise and can be printed. This program introduces a new concept in Windows tutorials - **YOU CAN ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND IT!**

Requires 640K, DOS 3.3 or above, Super VGA, and a hard disk.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Use of the library meeting room has been arranged through the end of 1994. SHCC has the first Tuesday of the month.

January 1994

- 3 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
- 4 - SHCC - IBM will present OS/2 v2.1**
- 9 - SEMCO meeting
- 10 - CUE 80 meeting
- 11 - SHCC officers' meeting
- 12 - DMUG meeting
- 17 - FoxPro SIG - TBD
- 18 - Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
- 21 - MCUG meeting
- 25 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
- 26 - SCUG meeting

February 1994

- 1 - SHCC - SHCC member Sara Scholl will present *Instant Artist***
- 7 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
- 8 - SHCC officers' meeting
- 9 - DMUG meeting
- 13 - SEMCO meeting
- 14 - FoxPro SIG - TBD
- 14 - CUE 80 meeting
- 15 - Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
- 18 - MCUG meeting
- 22 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
- 23 - SCUG meeting

March 1994

- 1 - SHCC - MicroSoft will present one or more of their Home Series packages**
- 7 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
- 8 - SHCC officers' meeting
- 9 - DMUG meeting
- 13 - SEMCO meeting
- 14 - FoxPro SIG - TBD

- 14 - CUE 80 meeting
- 15 - Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
- 18 - MCUG meeting
- 22 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
- 30 - SCUG meeting

April 1994

- 4 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
- 5 - SHCC - TBD**
- 10 - SEMCO meeting
- 11 - CUE 80 meeting
- 12 - SHCC officers' meeting
- 13 - DMUG meeting
- 15 - MCUG meeting
- 18 - FoxPro SIG - TBD
- 19 - SHCC Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
- 26 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
- 27 - SCUG meeting

May 1994

- 3 - SHCC - TBD**
- 8 - SEMCO meeting
- 9 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
- 9 - CUE 80 meeting
- 10 - SHCC officers' meeting
- 11 - DMUG meeting
- 16 - FoxPro SIG - TBD
- 17 - Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
- 20 - MCUG meeting
- 24 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
- 25 - SCUG meeting

June 1994

- 6 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
- 7 - SHCC - TBD**
- 8 - DMUG meeting
- 12 - SEMCO meeting
- 13 - CUE 80 meeting
- 14 - SHCC officers' meeting
- 17 - MCUG meeting
- 20 - FoxPro SIG - TBD
- 21 - Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
- 28 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
- 29 - SCUG meeting

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