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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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Door prize	Jerry Houle	656-4913
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PCFile	Don VanSyckel	939-4154
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WordStar	Don VanSyckel	939-4154

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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.
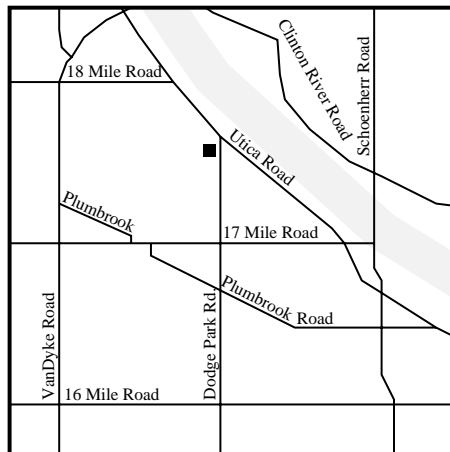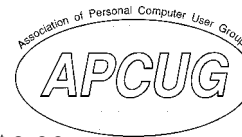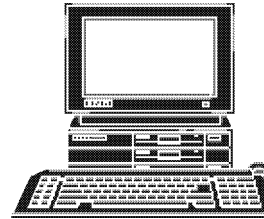
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SHCC at Sterling Heights Library

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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 SHCC will hold its second annual computer stuff swap shop. Then SHCC member Bruce Honeck will present antique computers and their history.

FoxPro SIG will be looking for a new meeting location.

As of this writing I am trying to pin down a new location. I am trying to find a room that is close to the Sterling Heights Civic Center Area and large enough for 100 people. If a new location is not found before this newsletter goes to press, I hope to be able to announce the new location at the April meeting.

Like a family leaving a house, I have mixed emotions about this change. We have a lot of memories associated with the Library. Starting with the "constitutional congress", the SHCC has grown to the current 96 members. But as a family moves to a new house and starts new memories, I feel this is a great opportunity to move to new quarters which will allow the SHCC to grow to new heights and make new memories.

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This Month's Meeting

This month SHCC will hold its second annual computer stuff swap shop. Then SHCC member Bruce Honeck will present antique computers, operating systems, and their history.

The swap shop will begin at 6:45PM. All SHCC members are invited to bring any computer related hardware and/or software and try to dump, er, ah, sell it. The meeting will start at 7:45PM instead of 7:30PM.

Why not begin now setting aside those unused computer items to bring in April. You know it's really true that *what is one person's trash is another person's treasure*. See you there!!

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Last Meeting Highlights

Last month Catherine Hill of Microsoft presented their Home Series software packages. Microsoft has a very nice set of packages for the home user.

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Constitutional Vote In March

The constitutional amendment to alter the membership from a January to December timeframe to an annual basis was passed by a vote of 52 to 0. The changes will be reflected in the next printing of the constitution. It has been decided since another amend-

The President's Bits And Bytes

Rick Schummer

With interest rates low and the housing market prices lower than last year, there has never been a better opportunity in recent years to move to a new home. I thought this would be with my family, but sad to say it is the Sterling Heights Computer Club that will be moving to a new home.

About an hour before the officers gathered for monthly officer meeting, the Library's Director Carol Lingeman, called me at home to inform me that half of the meeting room will be used to house books and other library materials. This will reduce the capacity of the meeting room from over 100 people to less than 50. Our club meetings average between 60 and 70 people and last month our meeting drew over 80 people. This simple math calculation made me come to the quick conclusion that we had to find a new room to meet. **We will still meet in the Library meeting room for our April meeting. By the May meeting we will hopefully have a new location to gather at.**

Carol Lingeman and Judy Savela from the Library started the ball rolling to what today is the SHCC. They organized a meeting on computer viruses. Names were taken at that presentation from interested individuals in forming a computer club. As they say, the rest is history. The library has been very good to the SHCC over the years. They have been generous, providing the meeting room and hot fresh coffee for free. The Library staff provided news releases to the local papers. The janitorial staff has always set up the room and cleaned up after we went home (no matter how late we left). The staff was kind to supply the power strips when we forgot them and always had an overhead projector when we needed it. I extend my sincerest thanks to the entire Library staff for all they have done for the SHCC. In turn, the members of the SHCC have helped the Library and the patrons on several computer projects and have donated software and books to the Library.

I sympathize with the Library's space problem, but I am sorry that the meeting room had to be sacrificed. The SHCC will not be the only organization that will be affected by this problem. Also, the SHCC

April 21, 1994 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Microsoft will be presenting all their operating systems including DOS, Windows 3.1 and the "Chicago" product (Windows 4.0). This presentation will be geared toward user groups. Microsoft will be doing a mass mailing to registered users of Windows. There will be plenty of give-a-ways and tons of product information available.

This is a great opportunity to promote the SHCC to attendees of this event. The organizers are expecting a huge turnout. We will have flyers and copies of the newsletter available for attendees to take that promote our club.

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Power Users' SIG

The April meeting will be the 26th. The topic is still undecided.

The March meeting was held the 22th. The newsletter preparation date made it impossible to include an account of the meeting.

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 forth 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

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Welcome New Members!

There are three new member this month at SHCC. Please welcome Rev. Helme Kelley, Gail Minnick, and William Reith.

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

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ment is scheduled to be voted on in April, that the revised constitution will not be distributed until all changes are voted on.

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Constitutional Vote In April

A vote to amend the constitution's Article V. OFFICERS will take place during the business portion of the April meeting. All members present at the meeting will be able to vote. The vote is by majority of the members present at this meeting. The proposed amendment was submitted in writing at the February meeting, was read and discussed. The amendment is as follows:

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 5. Only members in good standing are eligible to run for office.

Section 6. When officers commence their term, their membership shall be extended by the term of a renewing current member. If an officer leaves office for any reason before the end of their term, the extension to their membership shall be revoked.

The constitution of the SHCC states that "The Constitution may be amended by a majority of the total membership at a regular meeting. Proposal for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting".

The floor will be opened for discussion on the proposed amendment prior to the vote.

Last month during the discussion of the proposed amendment, a second version of the amendment was suggested. The suggested change extends the membership of officers by the number of months that they serve in office. Since the changed proposed amendment was not submitted in writing, it will not be voted on in April. If the proposed amendment currently on the floor fail to be pasted, this second amendment will be submitted in writing.

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Microsoft System Software User Group Tour

The SHCC and five other user groups from the south east Michigan area are co-sponsoring a presentation of Microsoft's System Software. The presentation will be at the Southfield Civic Center on

Incoming Press Release Coordinator Needed

The officers are looking for a member to serve as the Press Release Coordinator.

The job required that the member process all the press releases received by the SHCC and file them into a three ring binder. A short write-up will be included in the *WYSIWYG Gazette* each month to inform the members of the new releases received. This job will not require a lot of time, only timely input to the newsletter publisher with the new releases.

If you are interested in taking on this job, please see Rick at the next meeting, call, or send e-mail. Phone number and e-mail id can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

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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.

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WANT ADS

February 1994:
Wanted: monitor for PC-Junior, hard drive for PS/2, and ESDI hard drive. Contact Jo Woodman 468-2475.

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SHCC by EMAIL

CompuServe:
Adams, Tony	70550,560
Brown, Martin	71554,1344
Houle, Jerry	74750,1245
Pingel, Wayne	71011,2213
Schummer, Rick	70254,1643
VanSyckel, Don	70414,1176

America Online:
Click, Bob	robertc204

Internet:
Carson, Jerry
           jcarson@mcgh.com
VanSyckel, Don
           vansycke@gdls.com

Prodigy
Click, Bob	XJKM02A
Fisher, Wendy	GPKV69A

Delphi
Fisher, Wendy	WENDYF

CompuServe to internet:
use address:
internet:<internet_address>
Where <internet_address> is replaced by the recipient's internet address. Example to

FoxPro SIG

The last meeting of the SHCC FoxPro SIG met on March 14th. The meeting started at 7:30.

The March meeting was attended by three members who discussed "How to navigate the menus and use FoxPro from an end-user point of view".

In April the FoxPro SIG will not meet since the meeting room is no longer available at the Library. The SIG coordinator is looking for a new meeting location for this group. Check this article next month for more details.

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.

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

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Door Prizes

SHCC offers a door prize(s) at regularly scheduled club meetings. The door prize coordinator resigned last month, see article about volunteering for this position.

Last month the door prize was Microsoft Money donated by Microsoft. Other door prizes were WordStar 6.0 won by Barb Demeniuk, CA Simply Money won by Ruth Dickerson, and WordStar for Windows won by Terry Fisher.

This month's door prize was not yet available at time of newsletter publication.

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 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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1781 CMOS-RAM / CHEKCMOS

PC-SIG version: S1
Program: CMOS-RAM / CHEKCMOS
Author version: 08/21

Eventually the batteries in your AT will run out! What happens then, you ask? Well, your computer just won't boot up. CMOS_RAM is the closest thing to having AT insurance. It stores all battery maintained information on a disk file then allows you to easily restore it once you've replaced your battery.

Not only does the date and time depend on charged batteries, vital system configuration information is also held in CMOS RAM by battery power. Your computer is lost without it. This program keeps a record of all that information. It should be run, then stored away on floppy disk until the inevitable day comes when you need it. On that day you won't have to panic or hire a technician. You'll just slip this diskette in your A drive, boot your computer from floppy, type CMOS_RAM, press return, and after a short but delightful introductory screen the program will let you restore your CMOS RAM information from a disk file.

This program also comes with a lookout utility that keeps an eye on your configuration file. If you ever change your configuration, it will prompt you to update your CMOS RAM backup. This lookout utility, called CHEKMOS, is also smart enough to watch your battery voltage and alert you if it starts to fade.

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SHCC in PC World Magazine

The tips and tricks created by SHCC members and sent in to PC World Magazine are going to be published in a future edition. The SHCC is going to be profiled as a User Group of the Month in the July edition of PC World.

Thanks for the hard work of Dennis Beauregard, John Monge, Rick Schummer and Don VanSyckel for creating the tips that were sent in. The representative from PC World was impressed by the write up, number of tips, and quality of tips sent in. Copies of PC World that our organization is profiled in will be available to all members when it published.

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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

Internet to Delphi:
use address:
<DELPHI_ID>@delphi.com
Where <DELPHI_ID> is the recipient's Delphi id. Example to Wendy Fisher:
WENDYF@delphi.com

Internet to Prodigy:
use address:
<PRODIGY_ID>@prodigy.com
Where <PRODIGY_ID> is the recipient's Prodigy id. Example to Wendy Fisher:
GPKV69A@prodigy.com

Between two services which don't offer direct connect:
If two services each offer internet mail service, then mail can be sent between these two services using internet as a go between. For example, 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 the internet, CompuServe, America On-Line, Delphi, or Prodigy and would like your email address listed here, please send email to Don VanSyckel.

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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.

"Ask The Expert"

The "Ask The Expert" column appears in the *WYSIWYG* every month. This column is here to answer any questions that we can get answers to. Please remember, there is never a stupid question! If you feel funny asking a question, send it in anonymously. We will tell the people when their question is answered ahead of time if you include your name. All questions can be mailed to the SHCC PO Box or given to any officer during a meeting. If you want to be an expert just give an officer a holler!

We need more questions, please send some in!!!!!

Dear Experts,

I like MS-Windows font capabilities, but cannot stand the font used on the Windows icons. How can I change the font size and the actual font of the icon descriptions in Program Manager?

Again, the Unknown Member

Dear Unknown,

Please be careful with the following solution, make a backup of your WIN.INI file that resides in your Windows directory. The default font is MS SanSeriff at 8 point. To change the font, open up the WIN.INI file with your favorite editor or SYSEDIT. Search for the [Desktop] section. Add the following lines to this section if they don't exist:

IconTitleSize=x
IconTitleFaceName=y

where 'x' is the font point size between 4 and 72, and 'y' is the font name. Please note the following dangers. The font name needs to match a font that is loaded and available in Windows (see the Control Panel Fonts for list of installed fonts). The point size number should not be greater than 10 point if you want to keep your icons close together without overlapping the titles.

Have fun experimenting, and remember, if you really mess things up, copy that backup of WIN.INI to the actual WIN.INI and all will revert to normal!

Rick Schummer

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My computer's down; call back later.

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from Craig. It seems the old hard disk controller wasn't fast enough for the new motherboard. I somewhat expected this, so after Craig made a very attractive offer on a new one, I had him replace it. Craig also pointed out that 1 Meg isn't really enough for most applications, he offers memory upgrades for $70 / Meg. Since I knew I could get memory cheaper elsewhere, I didn't have him install any extra memory. He didn't charge any extra labor, even through to install the new controller he had to back off the data, re-format the drive and re-install.

My new system was delivered Sunday, a day early. First I tested to make sure it worked and ran a little benchmark program. Over 17 times faster than my old XT! Next, I opened the case and did the memory upgrade. I replaced the 4 256K SIMMs with 4Meg SIMMs. Here's where I ran into a little trouble. With 16 Meg. installed the machine would only power-up 1 out of 4 times. When it did power up it would work fine, except the clock was reset. I called Craig and he agreed that it seemed to be a motherboard problem and would replace it. He came and picked it up on Thursday.

Unfortunately, he had a spurt of business about that time and wasn't able to get my machine back until the next Wednesday. I can now report that I have a 486SX-33Mz for $199 and an old XT motherboard. The downside is I still have the old 10 Meg hard disk, the 360K floppy (full height), and a CGA monitor. Still, it is a lot better than what I had before.

Overall, I recommend this to anyone who has an older computer. In fact, I'm having an old AT upgraded now. There were a few problems and I still have my old components so my system isn't as good as a whole new system. I still think it is worthwhile.

Disclaimers: I am not affiliated with Craig or Craig Computers (other than a customer). I don't get a commission. I only know what happened with my upgrade, your mileage may vary.

Craig has extended this offer through the end of April for SHCC members. He can be reached @ 642-2230. You can mention my name, I doubt it will make any difference. Let me (and the other members) know how it turns out.

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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

MI Computer Users Group
　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: O'Dowd Hall; Oakland University; 398-7560
　Reciprocating: Yes

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Upgrade to a 486

Jerry Carson

Recently, I came across a motherboard upgrade offer that seemed too good to resist. Craig Computers, located in Troy, is offering to pick-up your computer, replace the motherboard with an IBM SLC 486SX-33Mz motherboard with 1 Meg of RAM, and return your computer the next day. All this for $199 (plus tax). It doesn't matter how old your original computer is as long as it is IBM compatible.

Since the motherboard and RAM alone would cost around $190, I decided to try this offer and let them do the work. I had Craig pick-up the computer on Friday with the promise of its return on Monday. Sunday, I get a call

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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.

April 1994
4 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
5 - SHCC - Swap shop and SHCC member Bruce Honeck will present antique computers and their history
10 - SEMCO meeting
11 - CUE 80 meeting
12 - SHCC officers' meeting
13 - DMUG meeting
15 - MCUG meeting
18 - FoxPro SIG - canceled
19 - SHCC Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
21 - Microsoft System Software User Group Tour
26 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
27 - SCUG meeting

May 1994
2 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
3 - SHCC - Computer Associates will present Simply Money and Simply Tax
8 - SEMCO 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 - Inter-PC communications (Lap-Link, Carbon Copy or Interlnk) by Jerry, Rick, and Don
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

September 1994
5 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
6 - SHCC - TBD
11 - SEMCO meeting
12 - CUE 80 meeting
13 - SHCC officers' meeting
14 - DMUG meeting
16 - MCUG meeting
19 - FoxPro SIG - TBD
20 - Novice SIG @ 7:30 at Oakbrook Elementary
27 - Power Users' SIG - TBD
28 - SCUG meeting

October 1994
3 - APPLE P.I.E. meeting
4 - SHCC - TBD
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
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