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TUESDAY SEPT 3

Main Meeting.

7:30PM

Sandra Carless from National Bank of Detroit (NBD) will present their on-line banking, called NBD Express.

Recruit a new club member and get 3 additional months of membership for free.

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From the President's "Square Office"

by Rick Schummer

This month I want to ask two questions, "Are we starting to take computers for granted?" and "Are we taking online services and the Internet for granted?"

A recent situation with America Online (AOL) made me ask myself these very questions. For those who have not heard, America Online was America "Off-line" for three-quarters of a day, more than 18 hours, a couple weeks back in August. There sat millions of users with modems dialing and no computer on the other end to pick up the phone. AOL was upgrading the server software at the time of the outage. Allegedly, the upgrade was not the cause of the problem, it was something else. This does not matter to most users, they just want access to AOL at a moments notice.

This was a little irritating for some users, but was like cutting off oxygen for many others. Many businesses literally depend on AOL as the lifeline of their business. These companies house web pages on AOL, converse with clients via an email address on AOL through

the Internet, and take orders for their products and services via AOL. This outage had the same

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After Meeting Get Together

Several members have asked about going for a burger after the regular meeting ends. We have several regular members that like to stay after the meeting and discuss various computer topics and think it would be nice to get something to eat. The officers have talked this over and think it is a great idea as well. We are thinking of hitting Big Boy at 18 Mile and Van Dyke since it is close to Carpathia and most likely central for members. If you are interested we will decide at the meeting which place to stop at and head out after the meeting is adjourned.

The June get together was not well attended. We will try again this month and see how it works out.



About SHCC:

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 residents of Sterling Heights. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, except for July and August. There is a monthly drawing for door prizes at the end of the meeting.

Special Interest Groups:

MS-DOS (Main)	IBM compatibles
Communications	Computers communicating with other computers
Power user	Advance users discuss various topics
Novice	Those starting out

Resource People:

DOS	Jerry Carson	548-0331
Excel	Mike Greenen	979-8717
Family Tree	Rick Schummer	997-1451
FoxPro	Rick Schummer	997-1451
Hardware	Jerry Carson	548-0331
Lotus 123	Mike Greenen	979-8717
MS Publisher	Rick Kucejko	870-6180
PCFile	Don VanSyckel	731-9232
Professional Write	Mike Greenen	979-8717
Spreadsheets	Rick Schummer	997-1451
Word for Windows	Rick Schummer	997-1451
WordPerfect	Jim McNeil	978-3953

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BBS info	Jerry Carson	548-0331
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Joke	?	
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DUES: \$25/YEAR

Four Month Meeting Schedule:

SEPTEMBER 1996

- 3 - SHCC - NBD Express:
online banking by
Sandra Carless of NBD
- 8 - SEMCO meeting
- 9 - APPLE P.I.E.. meeting
- 9 - Communications SIG
- 9 - CUE 80 meeting
- 10 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 11 - DMUG meeting
- 16 - MCUG meeting
- 17 - Novice SIG
- 24 - Power Users' SIG
- 25 - SCUG meeting

3 - SHCC - TBD

- 4 - APPLE P.I.E.. meeting
- 10 - SEMCO meeting
- 11 - Communications SIG
- 11 - CUE 80 meeting
- 12 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 13 - DMUG meeting
- 18 - MCUG meeting
- 19 - Novice SIG
- 26 - Power Users' SIG
- 27 - SCUG meeting

OCTOBER 1996

- 4 - SHCC - Member Mike
Greenen will present
Personal Information
Manager
- 6 - SEMCO meeting
- 7 - APPLE P.I.E.. meeting
- 8 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 9 - DMUG meeting
- 14 - Communications SIG
- 14 - CUE 80 meeting
- 15 - Novice SIG
- 21 - MCUG meeting
- 22 - Power Users' SIG
- 30 - SCUG meeting

DECEMBER 1996

- 2 - APPLE P.I.E.. meeting
- 3 - SHCC - TBD
- 8 - SEMCO meeting
- 9 - Communications SIG
- 9 - CUE 80 meeting
- 10 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 11 - DMUG meeting
- 16 - MCUG meeting
- 17 - Novice SIG
- 31 - Power Users' SIG

NOVEMBER 1996

For more information on other area computer clubs, see page 11.

Newsletter submissions are due 10 days before the club meeting, but the earlier the better. They should be sent to :

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OR at the e-mail addresses: rick@vesuvian.com

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Sig Meetings

Novice Sig



The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 1996. There will be more Q&A

time, chaired by Mike Greenen, member of the SHCC. The meeting will start with operating systems discussions (Dos, Win3.1, Win3.11, Win95)

The Novice group is looking for a few good members to chair open Q&A sessions for future meetings. Please see Ellen Geering if you are willing to help out.

For more information about the SIG, please call Ellen Geering (her number is on page 2).

The Novice SIG meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM 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 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 ends in Oakbrook's parking lot.

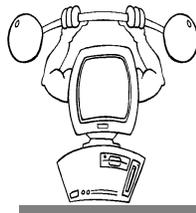
From Metro Parkway East, go north on Dodge Park Road and follow the instructions above.

From 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



Power User Sig



The next meeting of the Power User SIG is September 24, 1996.

Each month the members of the Power User SIG help each other out with some tough questions and topics. For more information about the SIG, please call Ed LeBioda (his number is on page 2).

Meetings are held in the Meeting Rooms at Mt. Clemens General Hospital. These meetings are the fourth Tuesday at 7:30PM.

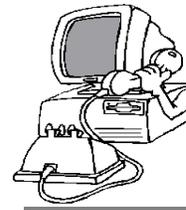
Mt. Clemens General Hospital is at 1000 Harrington Blvd., Mount Clemens, MI. Go on 16 Mile Road to Grosebeck Road. Then:

- Turn North on Grosebeck 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 west of hospital



Communications Sig



The next planned meeting of the Communications SIG is September 9, 1996.

The next meeting will be a comparison and discussions about the various internet providers.

The Communication SIG meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at Lamphere High School. It is located on 13 Mile Road between John R and Rochester Roads. Room B5 is the planned room.

The basic purpose of the SIG is to help educate members about how they can make use of their computer's ability to communicate with other computers.

If you have any questions call or e-mail Craig Hibbard. (His address is



SHCC Emergency Shutdown

The Sterling Heights Computer Club will utilize radio station WWJ - 950 on the AM dial to notify members that a meeting is canceled because of bad weather or for other reasons. The announcement will happen along with the school closings and other events. Please remember to listen to the radio when there is bad weather.

SHCC Business

Flyer Distribution

By Rick Schummer

The officers have decided to do a flyer drop directly to homes in the area to see if we can inform some local Sterling Heights citizens about the existence of the SHCC. We will be distributing a flyer to a couple of subdivisions on a Saturday morning at the end of September. Please let one of the officers know if you are interested in helping out. This will only take a couple of hours if we have enough members



Presenters Wanted

The officers are always looking for a person to come forward and make a presentation at one of our upcoming meetings. We will give you plenty of time to prepare.

If there is some software you have been using and think others may be interested as well, or there is a computer topic you would like to present to other members, please call or email Rick Schummer. Making presentations is not that difficult. The hour goes by before you know it and there is always enough material to cover in a software package that the hour is easy to fill.

As always, if there is a topic you are interested in or a package you would like demonstrated, please see any of the officers. They are always interested in what the

members would like to see. Keeping the members excited and interested in the presentations is probably the most difficult part running this group. And don't worry about being volunteered to make the presentation (Rick might try, but never forces anyone to make presentations, although he



Software Reviews Due

Several members have software reviews that are past due (and you know who you are). Please completed the requested review of software package that was given to the club or return it to Rick Schummer so some other member can complete the review. It is important to complete the reviews so that software companies continue to provide the SHCC with complementary copies. If you are interested in doing a review, the membership is regularly offered software to be reviewed at the club meetings. For your hard work you are granted the software license of



Door Prizes

The SHCC offers door prizes at regularly scheduled club meetings.

June's door prizes winners circle included:

MS DOS 6 Upgrade Book, donated by Egghead Software, won by **Gerald Hallman**.

Entertainment Sampler CD, donated by Egghead Software, won by **Greg Mazur**.

Optimize Multimedia PC, won by **Michael Fra**.

Lyben Shirt, donated by Lyben Computers, won by **Jane Minnick**

Cartoon Posters, won by **Paul Anderson, Hans Liebetau, and Don Simlar**.

Mac Software, won by **Bruce Honeck**.



Technical Bits

Windows Tips

by *Rick Schummer*

Microsoft has an information packed electronic newsletter called WinNews. This newsletter is filled with information on Windows 95 and related news releases. It is available to those with email capabilities and is a "free" subscription (depending on on-line connect charges for Internet access). See the February newsletter for instructions to subscribe to WinNews:

WinNews is published twice a month, on the first and third Monday of each month. Special editions of WinNews may also be sent out occasionally. If you are unhappy with this or have another reason not to receive it after sampling it there are ways to unsubscribe to this service listed in WinNews.

Here are some Q&As and a few tips and from the summer issues of WinNews:

TRANSFORM MY COMPUTER INTO EXPLORER

Your users may prefer the friendly face of My Computer to the more powerful Windows Explorer. But when it's time to move files around, Explorer's the tool to use. In fact, Explorer and My Computer are just two faces of the same program. You can show your users how to open My Computer as the more functional dual-windowed Explorer by holding down the [Shift] key as they double-click the My Computer

icon.

OPEN FIND

When you want to locate files quickly, you first have to find Find. One way to open Find is to click Start, highlight Find and, when the next menu appears, click Files or Folders.... A quicker way to get there is to click anywhere on the desktop (or on a blank bit of the Taskbar, if you can't see the desktop) and then press [F3].

QUICKLY BOOTING INTO SAFE MODE

You probably know you can boot into Safe mode by pressing [F8] as Windows is starting and then choosing option 3 from the menu. But there's a quicker way—just hold down [Shift] when the Starting

Windows 95... message appears.

MORE RAPID RENAME WITH [F2]

Are you tired of using the slow double-click method to name a file? This procedure involves highlighting the file with one click, waiting long enough for Windows to know you're not double-clicking, and then clicking the file's name to open the rename box in which you type the new name. A quicker way to open the rename box in Windows Explorer is to press [F2] as soon as you've highlighted the file.

These tips originally appeared in the Windows 95 Professional, a monthly publication from the Cobb Group. To get a free issue of



Upgrading To Windows 95

The following article is part of the AOL exchange program, of which the SHCC is a part. The article is being used with permission, as a part of this program.

The article is from the "Blue Chip News", a publication of the Saginaw Valley Computer Association, Saginaw, MI

I Upgraded to Windows 95.

by *Tom Fischer*

That may not sound too exciting. Yet it's probably the most memorable thing

I will have done this decade.

I don't know why I did it. Maybe it was the Rolling Stones commercial. Maybe I got caught in the hype. Or maybe I just felt that I needed to keep up with my neighbors, the Jones's, and, like them, I needed to have my own 32-bit super-charged "start" button. So I paid the \$89.95 plus tax so that I would not miss out on "The Revolution." It seemed like a good thing to do. I had the so-called system requirements met, or so I thought.

Of course, I knew I needed a larger hard drive. My 320 MB hard drive was just getting too full. No problem. Windows 95 was a great

excuse to get a new one. So I bought a new 1.2 GB drive-that should do it-for just \$350!

Wrong! I discovered my 486's mother board's CMOS could not be configured to allow full use of the hard drive. Solution? Buy a new mother board with expanded CMOS capabilities. Since I was changing motherboards, why not also get a faster chip C486DX4/120. It's only \$150 on top of the motherboard!

Having moved my 8 MB of RAM to the new board, I realized that WIN 95 really needs at least 12 MB to run effectively. At \$40 per MB, what's another \$160? And besides, it would make a great Christmas present!

Then I finally got to push the "Start" Button. It wasn't quite like a ribbon cutting ceremony. Somehow, the Win95 hype seemed a little shallow. Even humming the Rolling Stones commercial cut didn't seem to help much as I watched my computer lumber along at not-so-impressive speeds. But, after purchasing a new, faster controller, things in Win95 are now-\$800 later-flying.

Was the upgrade worth it? Frankly, I was used to the Windows 3.1 program manager. I was very comfortable and familiar with all the features and bugs but had no real need to change.

But now, having used my new and improved Win95 for several weeks, I honestly have to say I find it quite superior to Win 3.1. It manages system memory more efficiently, it

uses true multi-tasking (I really can do two things at once!), lets me resort to DOS (even though I don't have to) and, best of all, I can play a game and watch my daughter's "Rolling Stones Unstripped" CD while my Access 7.0 sorts data, my printer prints a Word 7.0 document, and I finish another game of Solitaire.

That's really cool. It's neat. It's revolutionary. . . Just like Bill Gates said.

But Windows 95 may not be for everyone. Now that the initial hype and euphoria is over, consider the following before you upgrade.

- * How powerful is my computer?
- * What hardware will I have to purchase to make Win95 run optimally on my machine?
- * What applications do I currently use that will have a noticeable improvement on Win95?
- * Do my personal and/or business needs really warrant the expense at this time?

- * Do I use my computer enough to justify the additional cost?
- * What will my spouse say when she sees the bill?
- * What will I say when I see the bill?

Windows 95 is a fine operating system with many fine features. But before getting addicted to the "Start", first start analyzing your real needs. And, don't forget! What you don't upgrade today you can still upgrade tomorrow, and we know there will always be more upgrades in the future!! Knowing what I know now, would I do it again? You bet! I just gotta have my own "Start" Button to be fully satisfied in this life.

P.S. Bill Gates, in his new book, says he believes there should be a new operating system developed every three years! I can't wait to upgrade all over again in 1998.



"Ask The Experts"

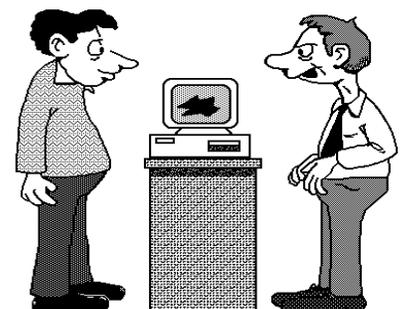
There were no questions sent to "Ask the Experts" this month. Please send them in to the club's PO Box so they can be distributed to the "experts" to be worked on for future issues of the WYSIWYG.



Looking for New "Ask the Expert"

Unfortunately John Herberg is following his heart back to the west

coast and can no longer serve as the editor of "Ask the Expert". If you are interested in filling this roll, please contact Rick Schummer.



I don't know what happened. It used to work. Maybe we should

Your Hard Drive

The following information was downloaded from AOL, as part of the AMBASSADOR program, of which the SHCC is a part. It is reprinted with permission.

Physical Fitness for your Hard Drive

by Alan C. Proctor, Jr.

Yes, there is one more thing you have to keep physically fit. Granted, in comparison with the rabbit food, vitamins, weights, and aerobic routines we all endure, keeping a computer's hard drive in shape will be easy. Similar to our own problems with cholesterol levels, bulging waist lines and other deleterious effects from smoking and too much red meat, a hard drive has its problems with *.tmp files, lost allocation units, and disk space.

Windows programs produce many temporary files (*.tmp) with all the swapping they do between programs and providing the GUI (graphical user interface). If left unchecked, these *.tmp files can quickly overrun free hard drive space. To prevent this unwanted invasion from occurring, there are several lines that can be added to your autoexec.bat file, after making the directory C:\windows\temp. The first lines to add (not necessarily at the beginning) are SET TEMP=C:\windows\temp and SET TMP=C:\windows\temp. These two lines will tell Windows applications to place all their temporary files (there are two

delineations due to different programs requiring different parameters) in these directories, rather than loose on the hard drive.

The next lines to add are:

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cd\windows\temp
del *.tmp
cd\
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These lines will delete the *.tmp files from the C:\windows\temp directory each time your computer is rebooted, thus saving your hard drive's valuable space.

Space, free space that is, is very important for Windows to function properly. If Windows has no room to make its temporary files, cross linked files can occur (which have the potential to destroy/corrupt data). The suggested amount of free space to maintain on a hard drive is 20 MB. This amount will allow Windows ample room to create *.tmp files to its heart's content (which are then deleted every time you boot up with the previously mentioned modifications).

Regarding booting up, let me clarify. Almost every time a PC is rebooted (cold or hot) while still in Windows, the *.tmp files that are floating in RAM memory that have not yet been written to disk get "lost." Because they weren't properly written to disk, these files are loose cannons called lost allocations units. These units can also take up valuable disk space and, when coupled with insufficient disk space to begin

with, can cause data corruption such as cross linked files. Among the best ways to prevent this unseen problem from occurring is to run DOS 6.2's SCANDISK from within the autoexec.bat. The additional line should be one of the last lines in the autoexec.bat file and should simply read SCANDISK.

The last preventive measure that we will discuss for a hard drive's health is DOS 6.2's DEFRAG (DEFRAG first showed up in DOS 6.0). DOS is dumb when it comes to writing information to the disk. With a brand new hard drive, each sector is filled up sequentially as data is written to the disk. However, as information is deleted and added rather than writing to the next available free sector, DOS finds the first free sector at the beginning of the disk. Thus, bits and pieces of files can be saved all over the hard drive (which can lead to delayed response time reading and writing). DEFRAG corrects this problem by rewriting the data so that all the files are in consecutive sectors together. I suggest running DEFRAG about once a month; the program is menu driven and will walk you through step by step.

By now, you should be asking "OK fine, now that I know what to do in the future, how do I find out if I have any of these problems?" If weird errors have been occurring regularly regarding memory problems, errors reading drives, or general protection faults (GPF), there might be a problem on the hard drive.

The first thing to do is run SCANDISK. Do not run SCANDISK (or DEFRAG) inside Windows as an incorrect reading will occur. If errors are found, let SCANDISK fix them, and always make an undo disk. Next, perform a CHKDSK in DOS to determine how much disk space is free. If there is less than 20 MB free, start deciding which games, err... I mean, what valuable data you're going to delete or move to floppies. While you're at it, do a search in File Manager (also the best place to delete large amounts of data because directory/file structures can be easily seen) for all *.tmp files. File Manager will then list all

*.tmp files regardless what directory they're in, which makes for easy deletion.

Granted, this all seems like extra work, and it is. However, if your data is truly valuable and worth protecting, much less to avoid the cost of a new hard drive, these are small measures by comparison. So please, implement the preventive measures discussed earlier because, like our own health: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Alan C. Proctor, Jr. is a HAL-PC



recipient's Prodigy id. Example to Wendy Fisher: GPKV69A@prodigy.com

Between two services which don't offer direct connect:

If two services offer internet mail service, then mail can be sent between the 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 OnLine, Delphi, or Prodigy and would like your email address listed here, please send an e-mail to Rick Kucejko at rick@vesuvian.com.

To e-mail information for the WYSIWYG over the Internet, use address:



Member Classified Ads

None this month. Send any classifieds to the WYSIWYG Publisher at the snail-mail or e-mail address posted on page 2.



SHCC by E-mail

CompuServe:

Adams, Tony	70550,560
Brown, Martin	71554,1344
Houle, Jerry	74750,1245
Schummer, Rick	70254,1643

America Online:

Click, Bob	robertc204
Morawski, Dick	RMorawski

Internet:

Carson, Jerry	jcarson@mcgh.org
Hibbard, Craig	chibbard2@rust.net
Kucejko, Rick	rick@vesuvian.com
VanSyckel, Don	vansycke@gdls.com

Prodigy

Click, Bob	XJKM02A
Fisher, Wendy	GPKV69A

CompuServe to internet:

use address:
internet:<internet_address>

Where <internet_address> is replaced by the recipient's internet address. Example to Don VanSyckel: 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 Prodigy:

use address:
<PRODIGY_ID>@prodigy.com
Where <PRODIGY_ID> is the

From the President

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affect as a

nasty mid-winter snowstorm that makes it impossible to get to work. These companies were shut down for nearly a day.

What if the outage lasted two days, or three days, or a week? What if AOL went out of business tomorrow? I know this is a stretch, but I am trying to make a point here. How dependent have our lives become on this technology?

Then I asked myself, "What if this
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CompuServe?" I do not own a business or work at a company that depends on CompuServe to make a profit, take orders, provide feedback on a customer problem, help collect specifications for a project, or help out teammates with coding problems. We have an internal mail system that supports these functions. It is very reliable and I have become very dependent on it being available to function in my job. As far as CompuServe is concerned, I do keep in contact with several associates and friends each day via the email and file transfer capabilities. I go online 5 to 7 days a week, sometimes several times a day. Much of the day-to-day operations for the SHCC and

other organizations I belong to are handled via CompuServe and the Internet as well.

I forget the actual number, but each day thousands and thousands of people are coming online to the Internet via an Internet Service Provider (ISP) or one of the big three online services (AOL, CompuServe, and Prodigy). The rate is far outpacing the growth of the hardware infrastructure. How soon before the Internet collapses under its own weight? I don't want to sound like chicken little here and honestly believe the government and private industry will not let this happen since so many individuals and corporations depend heavily on the Internet.

For those of us that are new to the online world and know no better, the Internet is crawling. Even surfing with a speedy 28.8 modem can be very taxing on one's patients. Ever tried to view one of the archive Dilbert comic strips (<http://www.unitedmedia.com>)? This can take forever, and almost makes me want to walk to the corner store for a paper.

This summer I have been exposed to some very powerful computer based equipment in the medical field. Without this equipment my wife and I would have been making life-threatening decisions blindly. This equipment took pictures of an unborn child. These pictures were transferred via the Internet (and snail mail) to experts for further examination. The results were faxed for further review by a panel of doctors who were able to review the results of the tests to come up with a prognosis. These doctors

also presented us with research they obtained on the Internet. With the conclusions the doctors presented I was able to hit some web sites via a search using <http://www.yahoo.com> to get even more information on the rare condition my new son has. I was able to hit some medical databases I never knew existed to gather critical information we needed to come up to speed on his condition.

At the same time all this was hitting the fan I was able to keep in touch with my office via the email system, voice mail, and my laptop. I was able to keep working when I could without going into the office. Nearly all my communications with my office was handled electronically. I was even able to keep some of my friends and non-immediate family posted on my son's condition via Internet mail. This would not have happened six or seven years ago. Again, a major dependency on computers and the Internet.

The Internet is a very powerful tool and I am not sure what I would do without it today. I certainly hope the AOL incident was just a freak of computer nature, otherwise the world could be in serious trouble if something major goes wrong.

Talk about depending on computers, come check out online banking this month as NBD presents NBD Express. This presentation has a lot of potential to be very interesting. This is a glimpse of the future and is available today.



Vendor Press Releases

by Jim Waldrop

This monthly column lists new vendor announcements and specials available to club members. If you are a club member, this feature alone can save you much more than the cost of your club dues.



NOTE: When contacting any of the companies listed in these press release summaries, always mention that you are a member of the *Sterling Heights Computer Club* and that the telephone number etc. was printed in our newsletter.

Access Software Inc.
1-800-800-4880

<http://www.accesssoftware.com>

Links LS Tour 1997 edition is a golf simulation on 5 CDs. New modes of play. In addition to Stroke Play, you can now choose from Match Play, Best Ball, and Skins. All Links Super VGA courses are completely compatible with the new Links LS. Up to eight players can compete over modem or network (2 stations only). Multiple views includes top view, side view, green view. New control panel at the bottom of the screen with an easier interface.

Price \$79.95 SRP.

Adobe Systems Inc.

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User Group Relations
1-800-833-6687
Fax 1-415-969-7987
rlivings@adobe.com
AOL/eWorld: Adobe Rye
<http://www.adobe.com>

View Adobe Magazine on-line at
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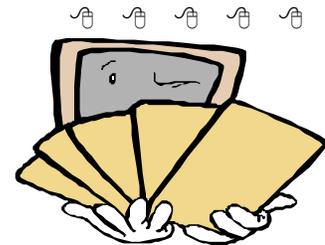
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Apple P.I.E.

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

Time: 3rd Monday, 7:00PM
Place: Lutheran HS East, 20100 Kelly Road, Harper Woods; (South of 8 Mi Rd., east side of Kelly); 585-2050
Reciprocating: No

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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

Sarnia Computer Users Group

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

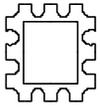
Detroit Computer Users Group

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

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO)

Time: 2nd Sunday 1:00PM
Place: Dodge Hall; Oakland University; 810/398-7560
Reciprocating: Yes

MI Computer Users Group



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Main Meeting.

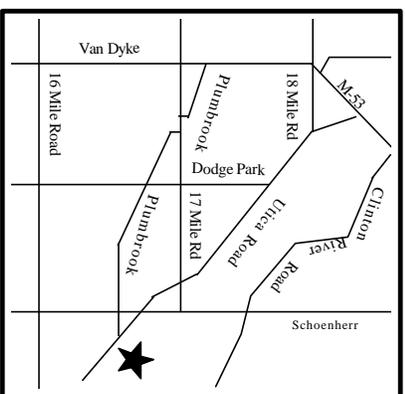
7:30PM at

Carpattia Club.

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Sandra Carless from
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(NBD) will present their on-
line banking called NBD



SIGS

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Communications SIG. 7:30PM at Lampere High School.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Novice SIG. 7:30PM at Oakbrook Elementary School.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

FUTURE MEETINGS:

OCTOBER :

Member Mike Greenen will present Personal Information
Manager

NOVEMBER:

TBD