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PO Box 385

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TUESDAY MAY 6

**Main Meeting.
7:30PM**

Member Jennifer O'Brien will be presenting Peachtree's Electronic Commerce products.

From the President's "Square" Office

by Rick Schummer

We discussed action the officers are taking to reduce expenditures at our regular meeting in April. At that time I asked for feedback about our decision and, well, I received quite a bit. The officers compiled the list and made a few decisions. I appreciate the ingenuity our members showed in their ideas, and the frankness people displayed in their comments.

as necessary and room is available.

The only real affect on members was the loss of the cookies at the meeting. Therefore, we are not reducing benefits of membership. This was the goal. Here are some ideas offered by the officers and other members.

Ideas that "made the cut":

First I want to review the ideas already implemented by the officers

- Samplers will be limited to 2 months instead of 3 months.
- Have all advertising flyers printed by volunteers, instead of costs associated with getting them printed.
- Reduce newsletters mailed to other organizations, especially the stores that no longer respond to the requests for door prizes.
- Eliminate cookies at the regular meeting.
- Compress size of newsletter by reducing font and eliminate most of the repetitive material each month, rotating some each month

- We are going to continue the coffee, but will require a \$1.00 donation for a bottomless cup for the evening for those that like to drink the coffee. This will be tried for our May meeting to see how it goes. If the costs are not covered enough the officers will resort to the original decision to remove the coffee all together until our budget allows for the expense.
- Cookies will not be provided by the club, but members that want to donate cookies can do so. Several members have done so in the recent past (thanks to those who have).
- Try to get an article published in the local newspaper about the SHCC. We had one of these a

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Guests and visitors are welcome. People may attend any of two 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.

DUES: \$25/YEAR

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
Microsoft products	Mike Greenen	979-8717
MS Publisher	Rick Kucejko	879-6180
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

SHCC Coordinators:

Ask the Expert	Jerry Carson	548-0331
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Com. SIG	Betty MacKenzie	254-0677
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Joke	?	
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Newsletter publ.	Rick Kucejko ricktim@rust.net	879-6180
Novice SIG	Ellen Geering	468-3528
Power Users SIG	Ed LeBioda	264-1632
Resource person	?	
Vendor Press Rel.	Jim Waldrop	731-6481

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CLUB WEB PAGE: <http://members.aol.com/rmorawski/shcc.html>

Four Month Meeting Schedule:

MAY 1997

6 - SHCC - Member

Jennifer O'Brien will present Peach-Tree's electronic commerce.

- 11 - SEMCO meeting
- 12 - Communications SIG
- 13 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 20 - Novice SIG
- 22 - MCUG meeting
- 27 - Power Users' SIG

JUNE 1997

3 - SHCC - Michael

Maniscalco of Internet Basietools will talk about the Internet.

- 8 - SEMCO meeting
- 9 - Communications SIG
- 10 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 17 - Novice SIG
- 19 - MCUG meeting
- 24 - Power Users' SIG

JULY AND AUGUST

THERE ARE NO SHCC MEETINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST.



SEPTEMBER 1997

2 - SHCC - Presentation by Symantec. Topic to be determined.

- 7 - SEMCO meeting
- 8 - Communications SIG
- 9 - SHCC officer's meeting
- 16 - Novice SIG
- 18 - MCUG meeting
- 23 - Power Users' SIG

Other Computer Clubs:

As a member of SHCC, you can attend the meetings of other area clubs where we have reciprocating membership agreements, at no charge.

MI Computer Users Group

Time: 3rd Thursday, 7:00PM
Place: South Lake HS, 21900 E. 9 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, 585-2050
Reciprocating: No

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO)

Time: 2nd Sunday at 1:30PM
Place: Dodge Hall; Oakland University; 810/398-7560
Web page: [HTTP://www.semco.org](http://www.semco.org)
Reciprocating: Yes

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

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5069 Fedora

Troy, MI 48098

OR at the e-mail addresses: ricktim@rust.net

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Sig Meetings

Novice Sig



The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 1997, at 7:30PM, at the Oakbrook Elementary School.

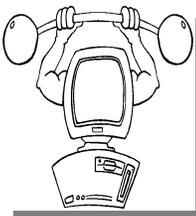
There will be a question and answer time, chaired by a member of the SHCC.

The Novice group is looking for a few good members to chair the Q&A session 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). For directions, please see a previous WYSIWYG, or get a direction sheet from the sign in



Power User Sig



The next meeting for the Power Users SIG is May 27, 1997, at 7:30PM, at Mt. Clemens General Hospital.

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). For directions, please see a previous WYSIWYG, or get a direction sheet from the sign in table at the main meeting.



Communications Sig



The next meeting of the Communications SIG is May 12, 1997, at 7:30PM, at the meeting place is

the Macomb County Library. There is a full Internet connection and presentation based PC equipment available. ***[Only the computer used by the presenter in the front of the room is to be used. Please leave all other computers in the room alone. The Prez]***

The speaker at the next Comm. SIG will be Mark Bray, President of iNcity Systems, Inc. He designs & creates web sites. Among his clients

are Tubby's Submarines, Spunky's Gym, Porta-John of America, Excel Electronics, Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce & various schools.

The Communication SIG meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Each month the SIG members visit the Internet to help members of the SHCC learn more about this powerful communications media.

For more information about the SIG, call Betty MacKenzie (her number is on page 2), or e-mail her at bmackenz@tir.com. For directions, please see a previous WYSIWYG, or



Novice SIG Meeting - April 15

by Ellen Geering

Sixteen people were present. Jerry Carson, the "Answer Man" was there.

Topics discussed included deleting files, and what happens to them after that. They do eventually disappear, which Jerry described in detail. "Umlats" for foreign languages were discussed, and how to get them into a program. Tips for using "Digest Mode" were discussed for deleting unwanted e-mail. Virus checking software was discussed, with Cliff Miller recommending F-Prot, and Jerry recommending that or Dr. Solomon.

Mice, track balls, and Glide Point (a finger touch type cursor) were discussed.

Magazines Jerry likes are PC Magazine, Byte, and PC World. We qualify for free samples of PC Weekly. Some SIG

members like PC Novice, renamed PC Smart Novice.

Discussions occurred about upgrading 486 computers. This is difficult with a VL buss, which is becoming obsolete. A PCI buss is needed to upgrade.

Next month, Mike Greenen will be the "Answer Man". Possible topics will be setting up a simple data base, or differences between Lotus and Excel spreadsheets, or another topic of interest to novices.

Some members were interested in a June meeting, but the school will be closed then. We will try to get another location. The date will also need to be changed. Jerry Carson volunteered to come to the June meeting.

We really appreciate the help we get from our club people who have given us many tips and information that is helpful to the less experienced computer user.



SHCC Business / Technical Bits

"Ask The Experts"
by Jerry Carson

Please send questions to "Ask the Experts" at the club's PO address, or e-mail your question directly to Jerry Carson at: jcarson@ic.net

Q: From Anonymous:
What are all these "="s and "=20"s speckled throughout my e-mail?

A: When your e-mail program encounters a character that it doesn't know what to do with, it places the code for that character after an '=' sign. I'm not sure, but I believe the number is the octal value of the character.

The =20 usually indicates a hard line break. Other values usually represent characters that are not in your character set.

A good way to get rid of these characters is to upgrade your e-mail program to one that is MIME compatible. MIME stands for Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions. It can be used to send formatted documents, sound, or even video across the internet. MIME is quickly emerging as THE standard for e-mail.



Advertising Sign Hangers Wanted

The SHCC has been aggressively advertising to make people in the area aware of the club and what we are all about in hopes of building club membership. One of the new ideas to get people to find out about us is to hang a flyer with tear-off phone numbers at the local retail

stores like Meijers, Farmer Jacks and anywhere where a bulletin board is available.

We are also going to be dropping off flyers in the Sterling Heights Public Library and need someone who can periodically stock the library's flyer shelf near the front door.

If you are interested in helping out in this very important service please contact any of the officers.



Local Internet Service Providers

A list of Internet Service Providers serving the 313 and 810 area codes was published in the March 24 1997 Detroit Free Press. Eighty are listed. If you do not have a copy, it is available at the library. Some are listed below. The name, location, phone number, domain name, and published monthly rates are listed below from the article.

EagleQuest, Rochester, 1-810-650-4770, eaglequest.com, \$19.95 unlim.

Internet Ramp, Flint, ^-800-846-7267, tir.com, \$9.95 for 30 hrs, \$.50 ea. add.

MSEN Inc., Troy, 1-810-740-3400, msen.com, call for prices

Netex, Southfield, 1-810-352-9643, netrex.com, rates vary with needs

RustNet, Bloomfield Hills, 1-810-642-2276, rust.net, \$29.95 Unlim, pre-payment discounts

ShutterNet, Madison Heights, 1-810-544-2930, shutter.net, rates vary with needs

Voyager Info Networks, Lansing, 1-888-747-4638, voyager.net, \$19.95

CCC.NetAccess, Clinton Township, 1-810-783-0886, c3net.net, \$19.95unl.



Door Prizes

The SHCC offers door prizes at regularly scheduled club meetings. At the last meeting the main door prize was Microsoft Encarta 97 Deluxe, donated by Microsoft.

At this meeting the door prizes will be Sidekick 95 donated by Starfish Software, and TechNet CD donated by



Software Review : Lifeform

by Paul Anderson

LIFEFORM, a total personal health management system by Fitnesoft Inc. of Orem, Utah is a very basic system of organizing and tracking your efforts toward better health. It installed very easily on my 486-33 w/ 8mb ram. It also requires Windows 3.1 or higher with 8mb hard drive space. However, it does appear to be a space hog since my basic install with one user personal data entered for one day used about 14 mb.

At any rate, the number of users you can track is only limited by your hard drive space. You can just as easily store your data on a floppy. And, each user can be password encrypted. Data entered can be as detailed or simple as you want it to be, by day/week/month or whatever.

It consists of eight pages per user:

FOOD: By detailing up to three meals per day, it tracks calories and saturated fats, carbohydrates, fiber, sugars, and proteins by meal and/or day, giving both weight and % of total, in either numerical and /or graphical format.

EXERCISE: Detailed as finite as you wish, it maintains 30 preset activities, and you can also add your own. It calculated consumption of energy (fat?) by type of activity and length of time spent.

MEASUREMENTS: Detailed with 20 of the standard bodily measurements (height, weight, neck, chest/bust, waist, hips), in addition to blood pressure, heart rate, temperature, and weight, to name a few.

CHEMISTRY: You can add your own to the 30 preset detail chemical attributes.

RATINGS: You can add your own

to the 62 detail physical and emotional predetermined statuses.

HISTORY: Basically a notes device, you can record anything you like.

GRAPHS: Printable in either graphical and or report format, you can chart your progress either by the raw data, daily, weekly, or monthly.

Although I anticipated it would be more comprehensive regarding the medical histories, it very definitely can be extremely advantageous to any individual who has the objective to track the progress made toward achieving a goal of weight control,

muscle tone/development, etc. It is also an excellent tool for reporting to your physician the results and/or any side effects of any medications, or any other programs prescribed..

As I alluded to above, it would be a terrific program if it had the ability to track any medication by name, type, function or purpose, costs, insurance coverage, side effects, etc. Similarly if it could track the physician history, it would be a very fine piece of software, especially at tax time. For the price of \$29.95 it is a very nice, easy to use, and handy program.



New Horizons Class

by Rick Kucejko

For my New Horizons free class for club members, I took the Beginning PowerPoint 4.0 class. I have the program as part of MS Office, but I have not used it previously. I always intended to learn it, but never seemed to have the time to do it.

This New Horizons course was an all day course, on a Saturday. I enjoyed the class, and learned a lot about PowerPoint. The documentation provided with the class was complete, and thoroughly covered the topics taught in the class, and was very easy to understand. The booklet provided is a step by step procedure on how to do the things demonstrated in the class.

At times I thought the class went too slow, and at times I got lost and had to ask for help on some things. Overall, this was about the right speed and depth for me to learn the program.

I think I could have read the manual at

home, tried the program and learned it that way. By learning the program like this, I think my understanding of it would not have been as thorough as taking the course. The way I tackle a new program is to read the documentation, and then try it. Being shown how to do things, with a complete explanation, while trying it on a computer, worked well for me. Since there are similarities between Microsoft programs, I learned new ways to do things that will work on other programs I run.

Overall, I thought the day at this training class was a worthwhile activity,



City of Sterling Heights Web Page

The city of Sterling Heights has a web page at: <http://www.ci.sterling-heights.mi.us>



From the President

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few years ago in *The Source*.

- Make news releases to the press. We currently send in meeting announcements to a dozen or so publications. The press releases will be different by announcing featured presenters or topics being presented at our meetings as a public service to the community.
- Get on cable channel news program. Channel 5 in Sterling Heights has a news program which could do a piece on the SHCC.
- Look into getting publicity on PC Talk on Sundays on WXYT Radio.
- Eliminate the offer to extend membership to members that get someone new to join the SHCC. This is something members should be willing to do without the incentive. Each additional month membership is extended costs the club a significant amount of the budget. I cannot stress this enough, most members are members because they heard from someone else how good the SHCC is. Please bring a friend to a meeting.

Ideas that were dropped in the "Future Bin" (to be looked at in detail at a later date):

- E-mail the newsletter to members that want to subscribe to this type of mailing. This way members that want the electronic version can do so, and those that prefer the paper copy can continue to do so.
- Sponsor an essay contest through the local school systems. This will require a bit of coordination and

research with the local school systems. The idea is to get a flyer into the students hands, have them discuss this with their parents who see it is sponsored by a local computer club. The students benefit by doing some creative writing and winning a prize, the club gets some publicity.

Ideas rejected:

- Workshop for members. The idea was to charge members to come to a workshop put on by several of our more knowledgeable members. This defeats the purpose of the club and would require a vote by the members since membership gets you entry into each sponsored meeting. This is stated in the constitution. There is also plenty of costs to put a workshop on like room rent, material duplication, and some miscellaneous costs. We get the school and library rooms for free because we don't charge for access. This also defeats the purpose of the group which is to get an education on computers for the cost of dues.

- The "Branch Office" idea defeats the purpose of the expense reduction since we would have the overhead of renting a second room location. Room rent is our number one expense.
- Hold a 50/50 drawing requires a license. Several members suggested that they rather the dues be raised \$5.00 a year than be nicked and dimed each month with a drawing.
- Raffle off a computer system. This is high risk and high admin costs. Besides most of our members already have a PC or would rather pick out their own system.
- Place a trailer/ad on the cable system. This idea was looked into some time ago and was not cost effective.

The officers are always reviewing ideas to reduce costs, increase membership, and make presentations interesting for



Reasons To Join The SHCC

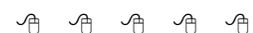
- Monthly meetings with demonstrations of new computer hardware and software
- Newsletter mailed to home
- Access to regular meeting
- Access to SIG meetings
- Access to club resource people, to answer questions over the phone during the month
- Can meet and talk to other computer enthusiasts
- Monthly door prizes at meetings

- Get feedback on hardware or software without vendor bias
- Access to other user group meeting through reciprocation agreements



Member Classified Ads

None this month. Send any classifieds to the WYSIWYG Publisher at the club's PO Box, or to the address on page 2 of the newsletter.



Vendor Press Releases

by Jim Waldrop



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his
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.

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1-408-536-3286, rlivings@adobe.com

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<http://www.adobe.com>

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ForeFront

Phone: 1-800-475-5831 ext.1229

(code UGM) : Tim Blair

Fax 1-813-726-6922

<http://www.ffg.com/usergroup.html>

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Mike Murach & Associates,

Phone: 1-800-221-5528,

Fax 1-209-275-9035,

e-mail 73370.2513@compuserve.com

A Crash Course in Windows 95 is a 40-page book that teaches the skills that you need to get around in Windows 95 in just an hour or two. **Special User Group price is \$5.00 including shipping. Mention the Sterling Heights Computer Club to get the Special User Group price.**

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1-773-486-9234 for a free catalog

browse the catalog on the internet at

<http://www.scitechint.com>.

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Phone: 1-914-234-3299

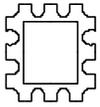
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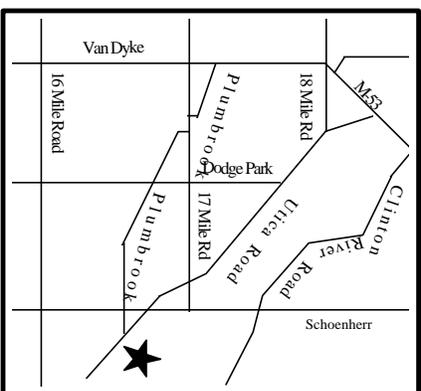
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TUESDAY MAY 6

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7:30PM at
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38000 Utica Road,
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**Member Jennifer
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SIGS

MONDAY MAY 12

Communications SIG. 7:30PM at the Macomb County Library

TUESDAY MAY 20

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

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

JUNE:

Michael Maniscalco of Internet Basictools will talk about
Internet basics.

JULY AND AUGUST

No club meetings during these 2 months