

# THE GURU

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**Meeting Notice: Third Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 8:00 PM.** Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 20, 1996 at the Warren branch of the Cortland Bank, on Elm road, North of McDonald's and across from Sims Buick.

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### Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays  
April 17, May 15, and June 19.

**Note: Due to the bank using the meeting room--January, February, and March 1996 meetings will be delayed one hour until 8:00 PM.**

## March Meeting

Due to more conflicts in the ongoing saga of upgrading Ray's computer, I had my computer locking up when it was running any program. Therefore, we had no demo for the month of February. Every time Chris Shonk tried to run my cd player and show her "History of Art" disc, I had a massive lockup. I believe this problem was caused by my video card driver, which I now have straightened out. The March demo is going to be a tour of GSI test Center where Jay Shonk works. Jay will show us a Novell network of 60 nodes (computers) interconnected. There are also 20 separate computers. Also, Chris Shonk will use the modem to show dial Kent State University main campus and show us how to do some research at libraries, particularly at college libraries. We will also see her cd disk on "art history" which was delayed from February's demo.

VisionTech Electronics has a new address and new phone numbers:

3995 Greenmont SE

Warren OH 44484

Voice: 856-6732

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Readers should consider letting VisionTech quote on their PC computer needs.

Chris Shonk suggests going out for wings after the meeting. If anybody is interested...

## M2 Delayed Until Spring '97

To the great surprise of absolutely no-one Matsushita has admitted that an M2 machine will not be available in the US for at least another year. Many in the industry had expressed serious doubts that Matsushita could make the promised fall '96 deadline which was made when the company bought the technology from The 3DO Company in November. But now, for the first time, it has revealed a new schedule. Speaking from Matsushita's Tokyo headquarters, spokesperson Ayako Shotoku told Next Generation Online: "It's taken so long to negotiate the details that software development is behind schedule. It's important for us to have the software ready and to make sure it covers a broad cross-section of genres". She added: "We expect M2 to be ready for the US at E3 next spring with Europe following perhaps six months later." Meanwhile, details have emerged of the styling for M2's controller which is broadly similar in design to the Nintendo 64's 3D model.

{Ed: NOOOooooo!!!! M3 will probably beat M2 to market. It's ready, It could have gone out last November. Everybody will be coming out with M2 specification type machines by Spring 97. :( }

As if that wasn't bad news enough...

## Sega M2 Talks Break Down

Sources inside Sega have told Next Generation Online that 'secret' talks between Sega and Matsushita regarding M2 technology have come to an end. Although both companies have repeatedly denied that discussions were underway, our sources inside Sega of Japan say that Sega's technicians had been inspecting M2 with an eye to using the platform as the basis for its next generation console machine. As reported earlier on Next Generation Online, Sega had taken delivery of an M2 box and had been undertaking "feasibility studies". Executives at Sega and Matsushita had also been brainstorming ways in which Sega and Matsushita could work together. Both had recognized each other's strengths. However, both teams have drawn a blank. We understand that

Sega had wished to be the exclusive M2 brand, while Matsushita is hoping to court more than one hardware name to join the M2 family. And Sega's technicians, while impressed with M2, were evidently not blown away. Thus, the long-drawn out rumor concerning Sega's interest in M2 has finally come to an end. Sega was rumored to be interested in M2 even before Matsushita stepped in and paid The 3DO Company \$100 million for the rights to the technology.

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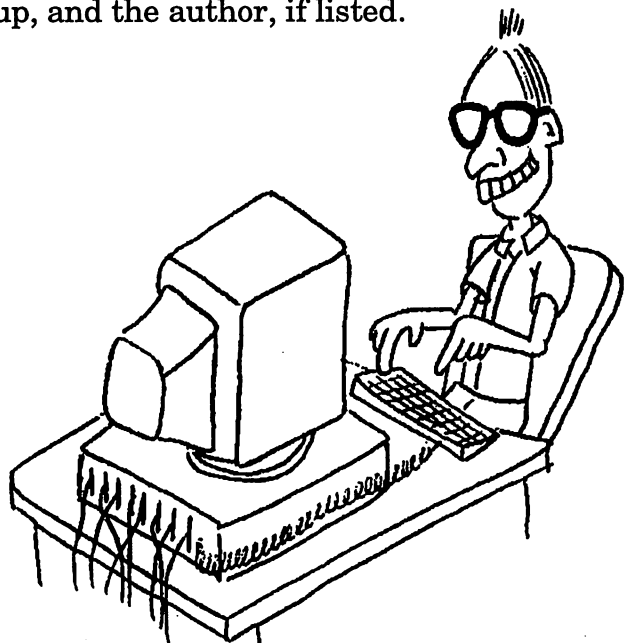
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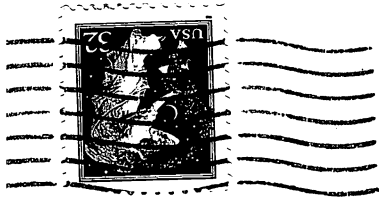
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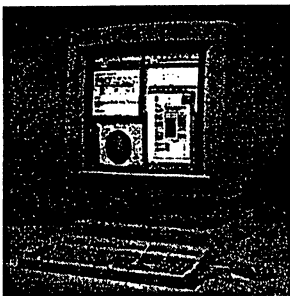
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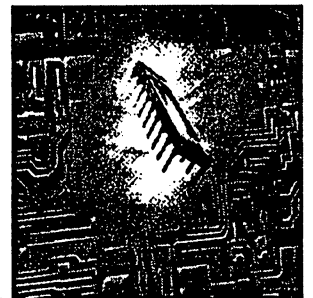


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