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March Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 1997 7:30

Last month, TRUMCUG joined the WRIPCA team at the Kent State University, Trumbull Branch for their meeting. WRIPCA, which is an acronym for the Western Reserve IBM (and compatible) Personal Computer Organization, held various interesting demonstrations at their Tuesday meeting. One gentleman taught the audience the procedures concerning ink jet cartridge refills, and another displayed the software *Quicken*. They also held a raffle, with many software programs to win. WRIPCA is a user's group very similar to TRUMCUG, however, we discuss virtually any operating system, not strictly IBM.

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Upcoming April 16th Meeting:

Hi everybody! For April, Bob Boyts is going to demo a family tree program on his new *Stargate* PC which he purchased from Digital Dimensions in Hermitage, PA. Our group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Cortland Banks on Elm Rd. I'll bring some coffee and dessert. Hope to see everyone there. I know I'm excited about the demo, because Jay and I are looking to put our family trees together. Thanks Bob, we are looking forward to your April demo.

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Recycle!



Earth Day
April 22

Gateway 2000 Offer To Buy AMIGA Accepted

Yahoo News Reuters - tech, March 31

Article submitted by John Calderwood III

NORTH SIOUX CITY, S.D. - Gateway 2000 says its offer to acquire the assets of AMIGA Technologies has been accepted by a bankruptcy court in Germany. The value of the offer was not disclosed.

AMIGA is a subsidiary of ESCOM, a German-based computer company that filed for bankruptcy in July 1996. AMIGA's technology combines computer graphics, animation, and film sequences with stereo sound. Gateway 2000's purchase includes patents, trademarks and trade names. The agreement is subject to regulatory approval. AMIGA "will strengthen our intellectual property position and invigorate a company that has been a pioneer in multimedia solutions and operating systems technology," said Rick Snyder, Gateway 2000 president, in a statement. AMIGA will be renamed AMIGA International. The company will operate as a separate business unit and will retain its current president, Petro Tyschtschenko, who will work to develop new products for the AMIGA market. "Gateway 2000 will give us new life and energy for the future," said Tyschtschenko, in a statement.

Gateway 2000 is a direct marketer of personal computers. It shipped 1.9 million systems in 1996 and reported revenues of \$5 billion.



Disney Online Launches Subscriber Service

Yahoo News Reuters - tech, March 31

Article submitted by Kristina Lampson

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. - The Walt Disney's Internet division, Disney Online, today unveiled a long-awaited subscriber based Internet service aimed at what it calls the "Internet Generation" of children aged three to 12.

As part of the launch, Microsoft Network holds the exclusive right to provide the service, called Disney's Daily Blast, to its subscribers for 10 months.

Disney's newest online site, which features comics, games and youth-oriented news, will cost subscribers \$4.95 a month and be widely available at the end of April. MSN subscribers will receive it at no extra charge with their subscription.

"The package is designed to be part of the family's daily ritual," Jake Winebaum, president Disney Online, told Reuters.

The service will target what he called a vast amount of families who own computers but don't use the Internet because they are concerned about the lack of content for kids, he said.

The service will freshen pages every day with new information in order to keep children involved. During download times, the service has built in gimmicks with animated characters to keep eyes glued to the screen. Some of the pages, such as the daily jokes, allow children to offer feedback so Disney Online's writers and designers can change them easily and fast.

"The kids are going to shape this medium," said Winebaum.

A bowling game will post scores so that children can compare their scores to others, and the top scores will be updated daily on an ESPN page. Sports pages will include scores of college and professional games, and profiles of star athletes.

Disney's ABC News division will contribute top news stories oriented toward children and designed in such a way to explain complicated issues of the stories.



Prose and Poetry Corner...

How to Install Software—A 12 Step Program

1. Examine the software packaging until you find a little printed box that explains what kind of computer system you need to run the software. It should look something like this:

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:
2386 PROCESSOR OR HIGHER
628.8 MEGAHERTZ MODEM
719.7 MB FREE DISK SPACE
3546 MB RAM
432323 MB ROM
05948737 MB RPM
ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM
2 TURTLE DOVES

NOTE: This software will not work on your computer.

2. Open the software packaging and remove the manual. This will contain detailed instructions on installing, operating, and troubleshooting the software. Throw it away.
3. Find the actual software, which should be in the form of either a 3.5-inch floppy diskette or a CD-ROM, located inside a sealed envelope that says:

LICENSING AGREEMENT:

By breaking this seal, the user shall hereinafter agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions of the following agreement that nobody ever reads, as well as the Geneva Convention and the U.N. Charter and the Secret Membership Oath of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks and such other terms and conditions, real and imaginary, as the Software Company shall deem necessary and appropriate, including the right to come to the user's home and examine the user's hard drive, as well as the user's underwear drawer if we feel like it, take it or leave it, until death do us part, one nation indivisible, by the dawn's early light,...finders keepers, losers weepers, thanks you've been a great crowd, and don't forget to tip your servers.

4. Hand the software to a child aged 3 through 12 and say, "(name of child), please install this on my computer."
5. If you have no child age 3 through 12, insert the software in the appropriate drive, type "SETUP" and press the Enter key.
6. Turn the computer on, you idiot.

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7. Once again, type "SETUP" and press the Enter key.
8. You will hear grinding and whirring noises for a while, after which the following message should appear on your screen:

The Installation Program will now examine your system to see what would be the best way to render it inoperable. Is it Ok with you? Choose one, and be honest:

YES

SURE

9. After you make your selection, you will hear grinding and whirring for a very long time while the installation program does God knows what in there. Some installation programs can actually alter molecular structures, so that when they're done, your computer has been transformed into an entirely new device, such as a food processor. At the very least, the installation program will create many new directories, sub-directories, sub-sub-directories, on your hard drive and fill them with thousands of mysterious files with names like "puree.exe," "fester.dat," and "doo.wha."
10. When the installation program is finished, your screen should display the following message:

CONGRATULATIONS

The installation program cannot think of anything else to do with your computer and has grown bored. You may now attempt to run your software. If you experience any problems, electrical shocks, insomnia, shortness of breath, nasal discharge, or intestinal parasites, you should immediately

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11. At this point your computer system should become less functional than the federal government, refusing to respond even when struck with furniture.
12. Call the toll-free Technical Support Hotline number listed on the package and wait on the line for a representative, who will explain to you, in a clear, step-by-step manner, how to adopt a child aged 3 through 12.



Letters to the Editor...

TCI Cable Advertisement

Many thanks go out to Chris Shonk for placing an advertisement in the TCI Community Bulletin Board. Hopefully people of our area will notice the ad and the club will grow.

Membership Directory

As mentioned in last month's *Guru*, we are hoping to create a directory of all current members and alumni. The forms that could be obtained from Chris are now on page 6. Please take a few moments to fill this out. It could be very useful when needing to consult other members for any reason at all (i.e. meeting changes, a "hotline" for computer help, gatherings, etc...). Any information you do not feel is necessary to be in publication will not be. Return this form to the next meeting or e-mail Chris at hontee@aol.com. This is just a handy reference guide and will be sent out just before the Library Directory.

Looking for a response on beginner's classes...

As a user's group, some members have felt that it might be helpful to hold a few beginner's classes, an introduction to computers. These classes would benefit those who want to learn more about how to perform basic functions using a computer. Please send your responses and suggestions to either hontee@aol.com or citadel@cyberdude.com.

Any Items Needed or For Sale

Selling an old computer? Need parts? Place your ads in *The Guru Classifieds* (free of charge) and watch the number of responses increase!

RE: Typos

In last month's newsletter, Doc Sindelar's name was temporarily changed to "Sindlear"...Sorry about that Doc!

Meeting Times Changed...

Due to another organization's usage of the Community Room at the Bank, our time has been changed to 7:30 instead of the familiar 7:00. (This is only for a few months)

Library Update!

If you have **any** programs (regardless of computer type!) for sale, trade, etc..., please contact Kristina at citadel@cyberdude.com or Nathan at nitro@grapevinenet.com and bring the software and/or manual(s) along with a brief description to the next meeting. It will be kept in the TRUMCUG Library, and a later publication of a Library Directory will be in circulation.

Thanx! :-)

Classifieds

For Sale:

Commodore 64, monitor, printer, 2 hard drives, original programs (still in packaging!). Also have 128 (needs work).

Call P. Hoover (330) 924-2624

Wanted:

Software for TRUMCUG Library.
Any type of computer (Commodore, Amiga, IBM, Mac, etc)

Call Nathan (330) 856-3885

WRITERS NEEDED!

Have any good ideas you think could help inform our readers? Become a writer for *The Guru*! No experience needed.

Submit your article to
citadel@cyberdude.com
before the second Friday following every meeting.

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City, State, Zip: _____

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Hobbies & Interests: _____

Years in TRUMCUG: _____

Positions Held: _____

Employment Field: _____

Operating System Used: _____

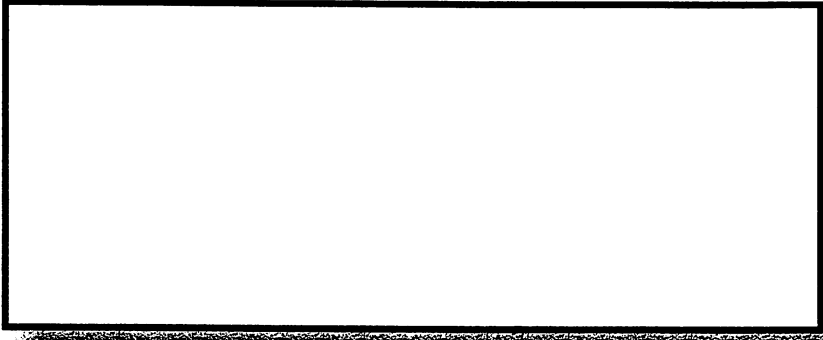
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Meeting Notice: Third Wednesday of each month (except for July and August) at 7:30 PM. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at the Cortland Banks, Warren branch on Elm Road, North of McDonald's, across from Sims Buick, and next to Anthony Cocoa's Videoland.



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In This Issue...

Disney's online interaction—AMIGA turns to Compaq to learn how to install software like a pro!

Upcoming Events!

April 16, 7:30-9pm:
TRUMCUG meeting-
Cortland Banks,
Warren, Ohio

April 25:
Deadline to submit arti-
cles for the May *Guru*

April 26 :
Peter Trapp Computer
Show- Cuyahoga
County Fairgrounds,
Berea, Ohio

April 27:
Peter Trapp Computer
Show- Tadmor Shrine
Temple, 300 Krebs Dr.
Akron, Ohio

