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PEANUT PICNIC, JULY 11th, @5:00PM

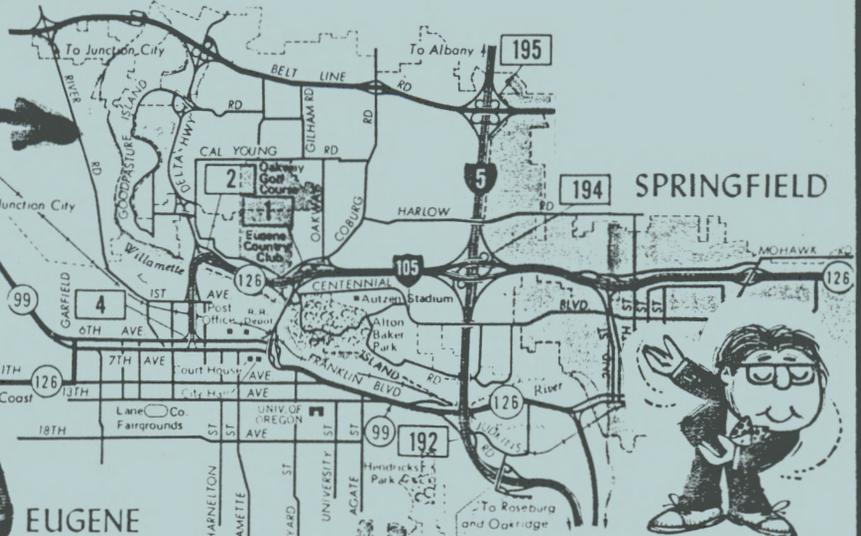
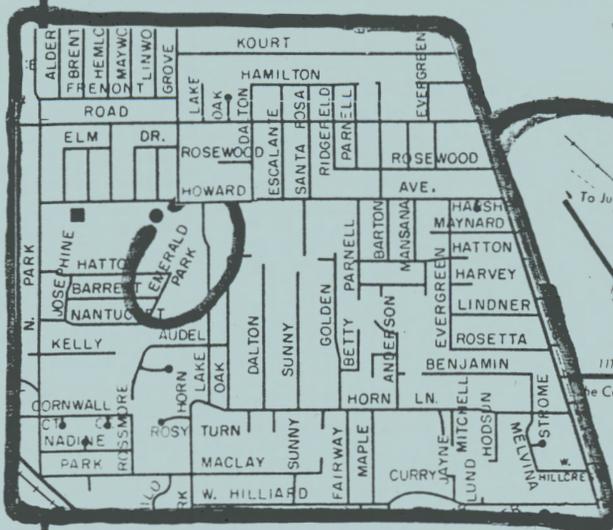
COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR FIRST PCjr FAMILY PICNIC AND SWAP MEET! a.k.a: The PEANUT PICNIC



Our next meeting is this coming Thursday, July 11th at "Emerald Park" (the River Road District Park, 1400 Lake Drive) starting at around 5 pm. Please bring your entire family as it is a beautiful park with a big slide and climbing structure, play area and lots of game/sports equipment. Also bring either a salad, main dish, or dessert to share along with your own dishes and cups. We will provide the lemonade, play equipment, and atmosphere. You can have the fun!

What has a swap meet got to do with our Peanut Picnic? Are you tired of the same old game? Has one of your programs been collecting dust on your computer shelf? Thought you would find a use for that special attachment but haven't? Why not bring all that stuff along to the picnic and see if someone else would like to borrow it for a while and let you borrow something of theirs! If you have an item you would like to sell bring it along, too. It might be just the thing another PCjr owner has been longing for.

YOU CAN BRING YOUR SWIMSUITS, The indoor pool is available, \$1 for children, \$1.50 for adults!



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COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**MINUTES, JUNE MEETING**

Thirty-two people showed up for the June meeting, which coincided with the last day of school, on the 13th. It was a good turn out, but might have been better had the weather been bad - or if people knew how good those vine-ripe strawberries were going to taste!

Gini Dobson started things off with announcements and then Lou Jones demonstrated PC-Calc - a Public Domain software program (that will be available in our disk library). Some discussion followed about the definition of "Public Domain", for some who were unclear on it, and how the PC-Write/Calc/File series can be up-dated, registered and full documentation may be obtained.

The DISK door prizes from SOFTWARE EXPRESS were distributed with a drawing, and much appreciated. (Remember to say a word of thanks to our door prize donors! (Yes, Mother!)) Incidentally, the September door prize will be a JOYSTICK from the BYTE SHOP! BE THERE!!!

Dick Page talked some more about DOS comands after the break and the wonderful "spread" of good eats courtesy of Rhonda Schafer and Juanita Hampton (especially those strawberries, fresh fruit, cookies, uh, hmm...).

Gini Dobson then demonstrated the new (for the Jr.) "PRINTWORKS" from Unison World, loaned to us by SOFTWARE EXPRESS. It's a neat printshop program with lots of features. SOFTWARE EXPRESS has it for \$47.00 (reg. list price, \$60.00). The half dozen children present were more engrosed in this than the chocolate chip cookies! Wow! Three PCjrs were brought in and set up by Mark Moss, Lew Jones and Gini Dobson for the various demonstrations. It was a good meeting, and many thanks are extended to all those who helped out, THANKS AGAIN!

NO FORMAL MEETING IN AUGUST

There will not be a regular club group meeting in August due to the summer vacation. The Steering Committee and committee volunteers will use the time to get further organized for the Fall (ie: set up meeting schedules and content, further develop the Disk Library, formulate a Club Constitution, etc.). Read the net NEWSLETTER for the date, place, and time of the September meeting. Don't forget to be there to be in on the drawing for the CH Products MACH II PCjr joystick to be given away as the door prize, courtesy of the BYTE SHOP! Somebody is going to win it, and it COULD BE YOU!

NEXT FORMAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER

The club still needs someone with a modem, who is willing to tie us in with the various bulletin boards around, and to retrieve some of the public domain material available to us. At least one member has a modem, but has been experiencing difficulty at downloading. If anyone cares to help him, let us know and we'll put you in touch! Modem's do not seem to be major items with PCjr owners, but maybe that will come with time as (we) find out more about our machines!

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In order to serve you well, we need your dues! Please send your check in now so that you can still keep receiving the newsletter and enjoying the benefits of the club.

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TID-BYTES

Jr Redux,

"According to a technical writer we know who possesses impeccable connections with IBM, PCjr production will resume eventually, although the machine will probably be sold under a different guise. This information meshes nicely with a report that layoffs at Teledyne - actual manufacturer of the late, lamented Jr - were not as extensive in the Jr division as was first reported.

It seems that a number of companies that had ordered the Jr in bulk were particularly irked by the machine's abrupt cancellation; they promptly recieved assurances from IBM that the Jr would rise again."

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Memory - Where is it all ?

When you boot up your PCjr remember that some of the memory will be eaten up by the Disc Operating System. When you use the PCjr cartridge (written by MICROSOFT) it is unable to access more than 64K of memory and this is a problem with Microsoft BASIC.

Something to keep in mind - is that if you buy a PC and you want color graphics capability (standard on your PCjr) you must add a printed circuit board in one of the expansion slots. Since YOU have this function standard in your jr - it consumes memory. Hence, what we are telling you is that 128k in a PCjr is NOT equal to 128k in a color PC. Keep this in mind!

from TECHNO-TIPS, Legacy Technologies, Ltd., May 1985

Here is a musical **ONE LINER**.

Can you guess what it is?

10 PLAY "t100o3L4ccL6cL16dL4eL6eL16dL6eL
16fL2go4L12ccco3gggeecccl8gfedL2c"

DOS 2.? Yes there is a BUG in DOS 2.1

If you have problems with using DOS 2.1 from IBM on your PCjr, there may be a reason why. Any Non Maskable Interrupt (NMI) may cause problems in using this version of DOS. The Fix is outlined in a one page description in the November 1984 issue of PC Tech Journal on page #71. It requires that you unhide the files in a copied version of your DOS disk and make some changes using DEBUG. There is a software fix available in the form of three Public Domain Programs that we will try to get for our library from Legacy Technologies. Librarian?

BASIC Helps & Hints

Want a list of the filenames without having to leave BASIC to find them using D.O.S.'s DIR Command? At the "OK prompt" type "FILES" (without the quotes) and a simplified list will be displayed (resembles DIR/W).

Similarly, want to change to an 80 column display without having to go to MODE 80 in D.O.S.? Just type "WIDTH 80" (without the quotes).

Want to clear the screen without having to enter "CLS" after the OK prompt? Just press "Control", "Home", and "Fn" keys at the same time (a little bit tricky).

Some BASIC programs only work with capital letters. So if you are having trouble with getting a BASIC program to run (especially one from public domain software sources) activate the Caps Lock key and type all your entries in capital letters.

Another problem in getting some public domain BASIC programs to run is that they are designed to function only with the computer in the 80 column display. Type WIDTH 80 (as mentioned before), then LOAD"filename, RUN and see if the program will execute.

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KING'S QUEST Hints:**SLOW DRAW for KING'S QUEST**

If you've enjoyed the graphics in the KING'S QUEST game, and many have, the designer, Charles Tingley, has included a mode to slow the drawing down, although this feature is not mentioned in the documentation. To make the images look like an invisible artist is painting the image, "Ctrl-v" toggles this Slow-Draw mode on/off, and "q" will finish the picture at regular speed. This feature was actually a debugging tool Charles used to stop the program at every instruction to run checks writes Mr. Tingley in a letter to COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT, July, '85.

Stuck on King's Quest I? Here are some hints from Sierra On-Line.

GOAT: The goat can help Sir Graham but you first need to have something for him to eat. Get it from the garden. Go up to goat after closing gate and type "SHOW THE _____" (insert name of food). The goat will now follow you most anywhere.

GNOME: On a piece of paper write the alphabet from A to Z. Then directly below it write the alphabet backwards from Z to A. In order, find each letter of the name RUMPLESTILTSKIN on the top line and write down the letter you find directly below it. Use this code name.

EAGLE: Go to the scene by the cave where the Eagle flies back and forth. When you see it, position Sir Graham so that you can jump up to the Eagle as it flies by.

SWIMMING: There is one place with water down below. Use a plain rope to get there. As soon as Sir Graham starts to swim type "DIVE" and he can swim under water and into a cave. Do to the dragon that is there what Dorothy did to kill the Wicked Witch of the West. Then look for the Magic Mirror.

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Communication - The Lost Carrier

What options do you have with the IBM PCjr? You do have a built-in modem slot - why not use that? You also have a serial port built in the PCjr. Things to consider - do you want to use your serial port for a plotter or other non-modem device? If you do, then I would

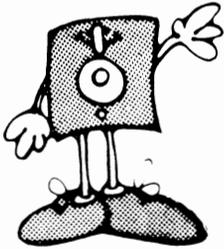
say you ought to look at using your internal modem slot. If you have no reason to use the serial expansion port for a mouse or other serial device, then you may want to look at buying a HAYES type of external 1200 baud modem.* There are plenty of them out there. If the one serial port the PCjr has, is important to you, then I would say you should look at the internal slot. There are two choices that we know about - the IBM (Novation) 300 baud only modem for the PCjr, and there is a 300/1200 baud modem made by MICROCOM, Inc. - for the PCjr. Prices vary \$299-499.

Your external serial expansion slot is addressed as serial COM port #2 - remember that if you are configuring your mouse or your external modem. The internal modem slot is addressed as COM port #1. It is difficult for the jr to carry on serial communication and disk access at the same time, there are also different internal modem commands for doing such things as dialing and detecting line carriers - so you will in most cases require a special communication package for communicating on the jr. The packages we know to work are the PCjr version of PCTalk III and CROSSTALK 16. Both will address the proper locations and command your modem properly.

from TECHNO-TIPS, Legacy Technologies, Ltd. May, 1985

NEWSROOM PROGRAM AVAILABLE: The Springboard software program, "Newsroom", built to help you design and print your own newsletters, is now available for the IBM PC and PCjr. It has the ability to make a newsletter header, display two columns of text side-by-side, provide over 500 pieces of clip art and several font styles, print banners, and much, much more. Comes with a 75 page Illustrated Idea/Instruction book and a 30 day money-back guarantee. It retails for \$49.95, but we can get it for 10% to 25% less if several copies of it are purchased at one time through our PCjr S.I.G. If interested, please write to our club P.O. Box right away as we would like to order a copy to use for our future newsletters.

*ask Lew Jones about 'Ma Bell', the phone lines, and the 1200baud modems.



AROUND TOWN:

SALE ON BASIC BOOK FOR KIDS: Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Store in Valley River Center has the book "Kids & the IBM PC/PCjr" by Edward H. Carlson on sale for \$3.99. It lists for \$19.95. (The book rights recently were bought by COMPLETE! Publications. They sell it for \$12.55 plus \$2.00 for shipping.) This is the publisher's summary of the book's contents:

"If you are acquainted with BASIC, you can easily write your own games and applications. 33 sections are included, with instructor notes, lessons, assignments, and lively illustrations to entertain and amuse you. This is a gentle introduction to programming your PC or PCjr that won't leave you bewildered the way the technical manuals can."

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In case you didn't know it, SOFTWARE EXPRESS has a discount card and a good newsletter. When you have bought 10 software items you get \$15.00 off your 11th item. Ask them for a discount card. They will be glad to put you on their mailing list.

VALCOM (Eugene) Computer Center, 2190 West 11, has a yellow sheet listing a number of special items, monitors, printers (4 IBM Compact Graphics at \$125), software (including some Assistant Series, and PCjr items like COLOR PAINT), and PCjr joysticks and carrying cases (the later at \$45, but still better at SEARS BUSINESS CENTERS, at \$19 for the \$60 item)! These prices were to expire at the end of June but ask and see. (503) 485-6002

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SEARS BUSINESS SYSTEMS CENTER, Beaverton Town Square has an in-house special on the PCjr system, WITH the color monitor, 128k, new keyboard, and \$100 worth of free software... for \$899. If you have some friends who are interested in YOUR Jr and its super abilities, this may be the ticket! What percentage of a Mac will \$899 buy? Their phone is (503) 644-3525.

Copies of the DOS handouts are still available - just send a large S.A.S.E.

SOFTWARE LIBRARY

We are getting the club SOFTWARE LIBRARY set up, and should have some disks of a "public domain" nature available at this month's picnic. You can also help by letting us know what you want, what you may have that is legally copyable, and what you might have that you'd care to donate to the cause. The public domain software will be available at a nominal cost to cover copying, and some proprietary programs will be available to be checked out for one month periods. We hope to accumulate some "tutorial" disks (such as TRAINING on the PCjr, and PC-DOS) and a variety of Samplers, too. If you have any of the later and don't need them any longer, "WE'D LIKE 'EM"!!!

The Management

COMPUTERLAND (Eugene) DISCOUNTS

In a mid-June weekend ad in the Eugene REGISTER-GUARD, the software and hardware for the IBM-PCjr was advertised for sale at "40-50 % OFF". Before the weekend was out, four RACORE 2nd disk drives and a bunch of other materials were gone. A (diminishing) quantity of stuff is still available, such as keyboard cables, power booster units, a speech synthesizer, printer interface, and an assortment of software. I managed to bag a KEY TRONIC Numeric key pad for accounting purposes at half price, but missed the bigger "heavy duty" stuff! For anyone with a touch of Willie Mosconi in their blood, the "PC Pool Challenges" at \$19.00 has amazingly sophisticated graphics, with great pool ball action, "English" and slowdown on the rolls. For a low-profile "video-game", this shows how far things have come from the days of "PONG".

Bill Roy

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FOR SALE: BASIC Book - "PCjr The Affordable IBM - A Guide to BASIC Programming" by Robert W. Stat. Book is unused, retails for \$29.95, selling for \$15.00. Call Dick Page at 342-3193.

FOR SALE: "Snooper Troops, Case #2. The Disappearing Dolphin" by Spinnaker. For IBM PC compatibles only. Not for PCjr. Unused. My cost was \$28.00. Your cost is \$18.00. Call Dick Page at 342-3193.

COMPUTERLAND SALE STILL ON: There are still some really good bargains left over from a recent sale at the Computerland store in downtown Eugene. Hardware accessories are 50% off list price (for example: speech attachment, keyboard cables, power supply attachment). Software is 40% off list price (includes the PCjr Technical Manual, games [Rocky Boots, Trivia, Zyll, etc.], BASIC books, PC Colorpaint, Electric Desk, and more).



FOR SALE: RACORE Drive Two Enhancement Packages, other RACORE equipment. Best Prices in town! Contact Rick Ubell, 4510 Camellia Springfield, OR 97478 (746-4382) or at the meetings...

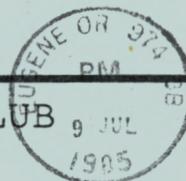
Want to know what a "Data Base" is, what kind of programs are available, which program might be right for you? The July 1985 issue of COMPUTE! magazine is devoted to this topic. The overview is very understandable, very complete, and very helpful. Check it out.

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