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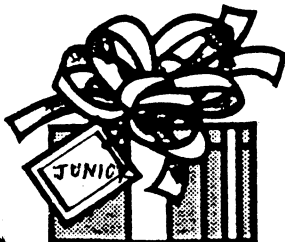
AGENDA

The December meeting of the Eugene PCjr Club is the Annual Christmas Pot Luck. It will be held at the Church of Christ, 2424 Norkenzie Road, on Thursday, Dec. 12th. Setup will begin at 6:30 and we will eat at 7pm.

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Charley's Corner

by Charles Coury

And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

LUKE'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 2 VERSE 9-11.

With not quite the spine tingling effect of Gabrielle's announcement, but with a great deal of excitement I would like to announce the birth of my son, Luke. He was born on election day, November 5. 8 lb. 8 oz. I can't say that we have had quite the kind of angelic visitation as was manifested at the Messiah's birth, but we sure have had a multitude of heavenly-like hosts cooking us meals and ministering to our needs! Mother and son continue to grow stronger and healthier each day. I am now the proud father of four sons.

Never one to forget the PCjr even in the midst of these heady days (and sleepy nights), I proudly broadcast the news over the Internet hither and yon and across the globe. Riding on the adrenaline of the first day, I wrote an account of the birth and all the pertinent birth details (after four I feel I can hold my own with any of the ladies--though admittedly from a strictly observer point of view!). I attached this account to a quick e-mail note to each of my friends and family and sent it off over the dizzying digital delivery-line. Who needs snail mail birth announcements when you have the Internet (or angels, which is still faster, of course).

This is our Christmas issue and we have received some special Christmas presents. Tom Crider, the editor of the old Jr. Newsletter, has donated their entire disk library to our Club. This is a tremendous addition to our own library. Please read more about it in this issue on page four. And don't forget that a new software program can make a great present for someone and their Junior at Christmas! We also have the expectation of wonderful treats at our Club's annual Christmas Potluck. Helen Fry tells us all about it on page three. Plus lots of other exciting news you can read about in this issue. And I'm hoping to bring our newest member, baby Luke, with attending crew and show him off as well.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Charley

A Letter to Phil Janz and all the Members of the Club

We want to thank Phil for sharing this letter he received from Sue and Virgil Jacobs. The Jacobs' founded Legacy Technologies and are now operating Rally Electronics, 4420 North 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521.

Dear Phil and all the PCjr Club Members:

Thank you for your letter of October 12th. Sue and I enjoy hearing from any of your members and thoroughly enjoy your newsletter. I am still very much amazed that the PCjr is still alive and so active in your club. I too still have and use a single and dual drive Junior that I really enjoy; it is to me a great relaxing tool!

I am finally and completely retired "after the third time," 21-1/2 years in the Air Force, 10 years in a wholesale business and about seven years in the computer business. Sue is also mostly retired, but does work part time in the Lincoln public school system as clerical or in their computer labs. Really, she is in great demand but does put limits on working. I play golf everyday the weather allows and Sue and I have done some vacation traveling! Finally!! Maui is wonderful in February (winter time here).

Enough about us, and being in business for a long time. It's still easy to get down to "it." Yes, we finally had to give up Legacy after many years, the fast changing computer business got just too fast for us, I guess, and it just got too expensive to run a small business in such a fast moving and fast changing field. Also, fast changing employees were tough to find and keep. It finally got down to a sort of Mom and Pop operation with the PCjr which we had done so much with. Sue handled the software and I the hardware. I wish we had kept track of the Juniors we bought, sold, traded, worked on or upgraded; it must have been many, many thousands!

Anyway, when we moved out of our large office, warehouse and lab at the Legacy location, I just could not throw out or get rid of all the "Good" PCjr parts and pieces we collected over the years. I am a typical pack rat when it comes to all the good Junior stuff we had. (Ask Sue.) She will agree on the pack rat bit. So now our once nice family room in our basement is jam packed with what's left of Legacy, mostly Junior stuff, except for Sue's 486 with 20 meg ram and a 1.6 gig hard drive with all the printers and paraphernalia that goes with it all. Sue does our church bulletin and newsletter every week along with another organization's newsletter for which she just got a national award. She does real well at it! I hardly ever touch the big machine; I'm happy and content to play with the Junior! Much easier and lots less to remember.

So, besides a loaded and messy basement (Sue won't let me take hardly any company down there), we also have a fairly large rental unit that's about full and I've built a storage barn in the back yard to help clear out the garage, but it is also half full of electronic and/or Junior "stuff." Believe it or not, we still get a few calls and have sold some Junior parts. I just sent out a memory expansion to a gentleman that was real happy to get it. We did put in another telephone line just to keep it going under "Rally Electronics." It has an answering machine to take messages because we are gone a lot so feel free to call; we will get back to you. Please mention that you are a Eugene PCjr Club member as we do get some calls from sales people that we don't return. Rally Electronics is a hobby to us now, mostly to supply parts of the excess inventory that I accumulated over the years and hopefully to get a few cents back off the dollars we had in it, enough to pay storage rent and telephone bills, etc. Also UPS shipping. We used to enjoy daily pick up and delivery at Legacy, but now we live several miles from UPS thru the most busy and congested part of town and it's a chore to get there and back.

So, with that, we are enclosing a revised price list (sending several for you to hand out if you like). We have drastically lowered prices and if you need a part that is not listed, please let us know, because we have a lot of parts that we just didn't have room to list.

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Well, I better close before this has to be published instead of mailed. We do appreciate your continued support of the PCjr and hope that we can be of further help for you and your members. Please let us hear from you. We will be away from November 5-11, but feel free to leave a message and we will get back to you.

Sincerely,
Virgil and Sue Jacob



Important Notice

From: Helen Fry
To: ALL HANDS:

1. Well, the flu bug has finally left me. Sorry to have missed everyone at the last meeting, but I had no choice and you are probably all better off. I may have brought you something you really didn't want!
2. I do want to thank those who filled in for me on such short notice and especially Phil and Rosie who took over the refreshments at the last minute.
3. Now, the important notice:

The Annual Christmas Potluck!

The December meeting is our annual Christmas potluck! I hope you didn't forget about this and that you still have time to mark your calendar. We will be meeting in the Church Social Hall around 6:30 and will begin eating about 7.

A gift exchange will take place after we finish our feast, so bring an inexpensive gift for each member of your family so they can take part. Also, be sure to bring either a hot dish or dessert to share with everyone, and a place setting for each member of your family.

The Club got an email message from jolly ole' Saint Nick just yesterday and he promises us that he'll be there unless all the clouds make it so he can't get his sled in the air. There is going to be fun for the whole family, so bring all of them with you! Lots of fun for young and old, food for everyone and some suprizes. . . I mean, prizes, too; a couple of really **BIG** prizes!

Hope to see you and all the members who can attend. Bring your family, bring your friends and be sure to bring any potential members!

Wishing EVERYONE a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Helen Fry and all her Elves

Counting Our Blessings

Louie Levy

At our Thanksgiving dinner the other day, we got to talking of all the blessings that have come our way. Of course, the PCjr Club was close to the top. Later, Phil Janz and I started talking about all the good things that have happened to the PCjr Club over the years. The first thing we talked about was how fortunate we were when Bill Roy and Dick Page got together and decided that the PCjr needed more than just a "Special Interest Group" status with the Eugene IBM PC Club and formed a new club that would focus just on Junior. We both agreed that if these two guys had not started the club, the two of us would still be on the dark side of cyberspace.

These two "saints" enlisted an "angel," Ginny Dobson, to become the club's first president and the club has been going ever since. We have never had a meeting canceled and have never missed a newsletter deadline since. Well, the January 1993 meeting was called due to ice.



We've had a few moments when we've wondered just what we were going to do next, but for some reason, there has always been someone to come forward and lead us back to the straight and narrow focus of our little Juniors.

Over the years, there have been far too many people who have "blessed" the Eugene PCjr Club for us to list. We could thank many of the "old timers," like Paddy Dawson whose newsletter editing earned the "Newsletter of the Year" award for the club and who also made the first donation of a complete Junior for us to use at meetings, eliminating the need for a member to break-down their home machine and bring it in. An "angel" if there ever was one!



I'm not even going to mention Dick Page again, who donated his complete Junior periodical collection to the club's documents library and who still keeps us supplied with door prizes from time to time. What I want to do is tell you about our latest Club benefactor!



If you have owned your Junior for over five years, you MUST remember that national publication, the *jr Newsletter*. Many years ago, back in 1986 when Tom Crider was a young man and Junior was a younger computer on the cutting edge of technology, Tom saw the need for a national forum for PCjr users. A place where those who didn't live in a city that had a PCjr club could get information on how to use their Juniors to their maximum potential.

The *jr Newsletter*, with Tom and his able staff of technical writers, served the nation until 1994. Junior owners wrote to the *jr Newsletter* asking questions and Tom published them along with the answers so all of us could benefit. He also published articles from many nationally known big-time PCjr gurus, like John King of the San Francisco Users Group, Dave Wilson from the Atlanta PCjr Club, Bob Gauthier and Carl Haub from the Central CT PC (PCjr) Club, and our own Dick Page, to name just a few.

Tom realized that Junior owners were having trouble finding good software; professional quality software that would run well on their Juniors. The library of software that the *jr Newsletter* collected and sold soon was synonymous with QUALITY for Junior.

When the *jr Newsletter* finally began to lose it's subscriber base due to folks moving on away from Junior (those trying to keep on that never ending technological edge), it was no longer possible to keep the national publication going. Printing and postage alone will eat you up without devoting a large percentage of your publication to advertising. All of us were

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saddened when the last issue of *jr Newsletter* finally reached our homes. Many of us felt that the beacon lights on the hill went out.

Well, you will never believe what happened last month! The **WHOLE** *jr Newsletter* disk library showed up at the Eugene PCjr Club's doorstep! What a wonderful thing for Tom Crider to do for (what's left of) the Junior community! Our Club not only has a complete set of every issue of the *jr Newsletter*, we now have the most complete and active Junior disk and reference library **IN THE WORLD!**

This gift is only the latest of many from those "angels" who want very much to see Junior survive as a working computer and not become an antique collectable. The Eugene PCjr Club is truly blessed!

Missionary Modem Machine



One more angel is Darlene Gotzman. Darlene is the person responsible for us having a meeting place! But, let me tell you just one more reason Darlene has achieved angel status.

When the Gotzman's purchased their PCjr "clone" computer awhile back, their little PCjr began to feel like it had been delegated to become a second class citizen. All of us know that Juniors like to be active, so Darlene started thinking of ways to keep her Junior doing productive work.

With the last several club meetings on email and being "on line," Darlene's active mind began working on how to combine this new activity with her church and its missionary outreach program. Well, it didn't take her long to put a 300 baud modem into her Junior and haul it into the church!

Now, the Church of Christ has its own dedicated *Missionary Message Machine* sitting

in the church office! Members of the church can send email and also get email from friends and family members who are out of the country doing missionary work.

At this Christmas season, we all could learn from Darlene's gift to her church and to her friends. She is truly one of those angels!

An article from 1986:

Happy Anniversay, IBM

by Dick Page

IBM's advertisements recently have included heralding the fact that IBM has been in the Personal Computer business for five years now. That fact struck me square in the face. Five years in personal computing. Imagine that! We purchased our PCjr in November, 1984. It seems like just yesterday and yet it also seems like forever!

We PCjr owners really are in the forefront of an industry in its infancy. Maybe that perspective can help when struggling to get a program to function, or wrestling with DOS commands. No wonder software and hardware aren't "user friendly." The industry still has a long, long way to go before it "grows up." More time will have to pass before the computer companies will begin to live up to their advertising hypes which claim that personal computers are simple, easy-to-learn extensions of good old typewriters.

At the same time, our PCjr is now an integral part of our daily life. I don't know how I would get along without it. Every time I have to use my office IBM Selectric II typewriter rather than our PCjr, I am reminded of how dependent I am on my IBM *Writing Assistant* word processing program. Writing with the PCjr is so much more fluid and flexible.

And what exciting times face us all! Where will computer technology be five years from now? How about ten or twenty years! It

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gives me that "I wonder what is over the next hill?" feeling of excitement just thinking about it all. And I can't help but believe that being a part of this relatively early stage of computer development will prove useful as we all face the unknown of the coming years.

An additional rumination: Peering into our monitors, let's remember to work for peace. Then, hopefully, we all can be around to enjoy what lies ahead in this fascinating world of computer technology. With all its warts, enjoy your PCjr! And, Happy Anniversary to the IBM PC.

(Editor's note: There have been a zillion gigabytes of data pass through our Juniors since Dick wrote this article ten years ago. IBM is still cranking out computers and many software companies, including Microsoft, are still making upgrades to their programs to fix the bugs in the old versions. And, our Juniors are still going on and on. I think I can speak for all of us and say that we join Dick in saying "happy anniversary, IBM!")

Does It Ever End?

A friend who purchased a "newer" computer was telling me about his efforts to upgrade it so that he could connect to the Internet "graphically." He added more memory to his computer to begin with, then a larger hard drive. Next came a newer video card and a faster modem. His comments were, "I never realized that the information highway was going to be a toll road."

NamePal Workshop Report

Louie Levy

This should actually be two reports, as Phil Janz presented this workshop on two different nights to two different groups of Club members. So, a combo report.

As an "outsider" sitting in on these two workshops, I can call them a success. Those

attending learned some of the jargon used to describe database construction. Then, they were told to forget all that lingo as Name Pal was so user friendly they could just about use it without instruction and especially without all the specialized terminology.

The instruction they then



received from Phil took them through each item in NamePal's main menu. Participants found their own name in

the listing on the disks that Phil had made especially for the workshop. They corrected Phil's poor data entry so their names and/or addresses were correct. I liked this personal approach to learning!

Those taking the workshop also learned to delete names and to categorize their database into groups such as a Christmas card list, a listing of the Chili-Pepper basketball team, TOPS members and even PCjr Club members. Printing out these special listings onto mailing labels, address books or just making phone lists were all made easy by NamePal's instructions and the handouts that Phil provided.

But, everything didn't cooperate with these workshops. As most of our *Newsletter* readers experienced, or at least heard on the news, creeks and rivers began to overflow their banks here in Lane County. Several members living out Highway 126 couldn't get into town due to flooding on the night of the second workshop, so they had to miss some good information.

I thought one of the workshop participants gave a great observation when they said that Phil would have made a great teacher! (Actually, there are thousands of people who have said the same thing even before he retired from being a professional educator!)

FOR SALE: 128K Original PCjr with Color Display. Complete. \$50 or best offer.
Janet Grantham, (541) 461-0168

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY - MAY 1997

Phil Janz
Workshop Facilitator

JANUARY WORKSHOP

TITLE: GETTING STARTED ON THE INTERNET

INSTRUCTOR: Louie Levy

PARTICIPANTS: Therese Hartman, Martha and George Rypinski and Judy Young

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE: 2

DESCRIPTION: This individual instruction will take place in the participants' homes at their own computers. To be successful, participants need to have a working modem and appropriate software. The instructor will talk with you ahead of time to find out individual needs and to schedule appropriate dates. Hopefully all participants will have attended the October and November Club meetings that will focus on using the modem.

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

TITLE: HOW TO GET YOUR CLUB LIBRARY DISKS GOING

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Ruiz

PARTICIPANTS: Therese Hartman, Martha and George Rypinski

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE: 1

DESCRIPTION: If you have trouble using Club Disks when you get them home, this is the workshop for you!

MARCH WORKSHOP

TITLE: PRINT SHOP FOR KIDS

INSTRUCTOR: Pauline Bacod

PARTICIPANTS: Jeremiah, Jessica, Terry and Kim

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE: 0

DESCRIPTION: One workshop session. A fun activity that will prepare you for enhancing parties, club meetings, classroom projects, etc. Challenging for all ages!

APRIL WORKSHOP

TITLE: HOW TO USE LOCAL LIBRARIES BY MODEM

INSTRUCTOR: Louie Levy

PARTICIPANTS: Therese Hartman, Martha and George Rypinski

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE: 2

DESCRIPTION: How to dial-up and log onto the Eugene and Springfield Public Libraries and the University of Oregon's Knight Library. Search methods, services provided and "tips and tricks" will be covered.

MAY WORKSHOP

TITLE: GETTING STARTED IN *WRITING ASSISTANT*

INSTRUCTOR: Phil Janz

PARTICIPANTS: Therese Hartman, George and Martha Rypinski

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE: 1

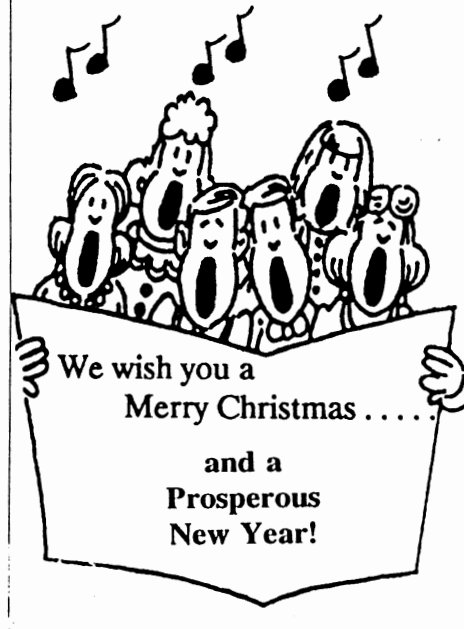
DESCRIPTION: Learning how to use *Writing Assistant* as a word processor.

* Workshop participants must be Club members in good standing. All Club memberships are "family" memberships, and everyone in the family is eligible to participate. Each participant is assured of a "hands on" experience with a PCjr.

IF YOU NEED HELP BEFORE
THE NEXT MEETING...
Give These Club
Members a Call:

- BASIC... Paul Bonney - 344-1501
- WordStar... Paul Bonney - 344-1501
- PC-File III... Louie Levy - 3437692
- PC-File +, 5 or 6:
 - Dick Page - 342-3193
- WordPerfect... Louie Levy - 343-7592
 - Mike Ruiz - 687-8361
- Writing Assistant. Phil Janz - 343-1059
- Name Pal... Phil Janz - 343-1059
- Communications:
 - Gordon LeManquais - 746-1594
 - Mike Ruiz - 687-8361
- Hardware Problems:
 - Dick Page - 342-3193
 - Louie Levy - 343-7592
- Spreadsheets... Mike Ruiz - 687-8361
- Workshop Sign-up, Parts and supplies:
 - The Company Store-Phil Janz: 343-1059

Seasons Greetings
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