The increasing interest in microcomputers for home and fun and games as well as practical work has led to a number of information centers - the clubs and newsletters organized by readers of BYTE to help promote communications among practitioners of this art. For this first issue of BYTE, I've collected together a "dump" (in English character text, not hexadecimal) of my files on the subject to date.

People's Computer Company
PO Box 310
Menlo Park CA 94025
Editor: Bob Albrecht

This organization puts out a newspaper style publication of information, fantasy, technical designs, etc. It is a "non profit" operation about recreational and educational uses of computers. Publication is on an irregular schedule with subscriptions to 5 issues at $5 to all comers, $3 to those who present some evidence of status as students. The magazine is typeset and assembled with plenty of graphics in what might be called a "neo-Whole Earth Catalog" style. The same organization also runs the PCC bookstore at the same address.

The Computer Hobbyist
Box 295
Cary NC 27511
1-919-467-3145 or 1-919-851-7223 evenings or weekends

The Computer Hobbyist people put out an excellent photo offset newsletter prepared with the help of a microcomputer text editing system. A sample of their product - in the form of an article by Hal Chamberlin comparing three micros - is reprinted by permission in this issue of BYTE. Of particular interest for the coming arguments and controversies over cassette interface methods is their unique method of recording which Hal Chamberlin described to me in phone conversation. The goals of the design are reliability and speed independence, which are achieved by a pulse recording technique. Another design published by TCH is a fairly sophisticated visual graphics system (it might be called a "Cadillac" among such systems) which uses a highly modified TV and can produce very detailed high resolution pictures. TCH also is planning to supply a series of kits with PCs and parts for their designs. TCH also is very close to having available a BASIC package for the 8008 computer.
Amateur Computer Society of New Jersey Is Up and Running

The ACSNJ was first assembled on Friday, June 13, 1975.

The feasibility study was performed by Sal Libes who has become its Operating Manager. The system will run monthly on the second or third Friday of the month.

Input is in the form of 40 + enthusiastic hobbyists. Over 50% of the amateurs are hardware and/or software oriented. There are 10 home computers running in the group, 5 of which are Altairs.

Output will be a local newsletter. The first issue will contain information compiled from a questionnaire given out at the meeting.

Information was processed randomly. There were some minor bugs which had to be worked out; however, those assembled were pleased with the results.

A parts supplier was on hand and welcomed as a local source.

The second running of the ACSNJ was scheduled for Friday, July 18, at the Union County Technical Institute, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

It's good news.

The Amateur Computer Society of New Jersey Is Assembled and Running.

George Fischer
72 So. Railroad Ave.
Staten Island NY 10305

The Amateur Computer Society
Stephen B. Gray
260 Noroton Ave.
Darien CT 06820

Mr. Gray puts out a newsletter. No further information is available about The Amateur Computer Society.

Homebrew Computer Club
Fred Moore, Editor
558 Santa Cruz Ave.
Menlo Park CA 94025

The Homebrew Computer Club is an organization located in Northern California around Menlo Park. The club was founded by Fred Moore with a hand from Gordon French. A newsletter is published photo offset on a monthly schedule—although no price is quoted, a donation of 50-75¢ per issue would be a fair recompense for costs listed in the club treasury report in issue No. 4. The newsletter has included some excellent design notes by Terry Lee, covering SART chips, power supplies, heat sinking, etc.

Issue No. 4 reports the start of a San Francisco-Berkeley chapter, and refers to another California club: Sonoma County Minicomputer Club Mark Robinson, President 1-707-544-2865 (work) 1-707-525-1659 (home)
DIGITAL VOLTMETER

This is a 3 1/2 digit, 83 with Digital Voltmeter, with a 3 1/2 digit scale. It is based around the Philips LX119, LX111 DVM chip set. The unit comes with a M/M (LX119) with a 3 1/2 digit reading, 1 1/2 digit scale, and a 1 1/2 digit scale. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. The unit comes with a complete set of instructions. 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