New Brochure from HP-65 Users Club

The HP-65 Users Club is a non-profit volunteer group of enthusiastic programmable calculator users, designed to provide a source of information for the owners of such machines. The club has just printed a new brochure describing its objectives and activities. So far the club has centered on the HP-65; but programs and techniques concerning the HP-55, HP-25 and other programmable calculators have appeared in the newsletter 65 Notes which is published monthly. To write for the brochure (or subscribe to 65 Notes at $12 per annum) write:

HP-65 Users Club
Richard Nelson
2541 W Camden Pl
Santa Ana CA 92704

Project SOLO

An experiment in applications of computers to education, Project SOLO is located at the University of Pittsburgh. The curious should write to Soloworks, Thomas A Dwyer, Professor of Computer Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA 15260.

Hudson Regional Computer Fair

Computer Fairs? It just had to happen—the beginning of computer fairs for high school students, analogous to science fairs. BYTE received an announcement of the Hudson Regional Computer Fair, March 27 1976 at the White Plains Public Library, White Plains NY. Computer fairs are intended to promote and encourage the imaginative use of computers by elementary, middle and high school students. The White Plains event is sponsored by the Library, Comput-O-Mat Systems and Wang Laboratories. Entry blanks and guidelines can be obtained at the Reference Desk of the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Av, White Plains NY.

A Club In Michigan?

C J Lamesfield (Box 271, Davison MI 48423) would like to contact individuals interested in forming a computer club in his locale.

New Jersey’s Amateur Computer Group

The ACNJ NEWS is the information organ of the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey. The December issue reports that the November meeting of the group included demonstration of a small 6800 system by Jim Loy of Motorola. A geographical breakdown of members by county and state was also published. A summary of member systems showed that of the 129 members, 52 have microprocessor systems at home. Other activities of the Garden State organization include a software library run by Tom Kirk and amateur computer courses arranged through the Union County Technical Institute. Group purchases are also being arranged with Carl Reisinger coordinating the activity. For information on future happenings, contact Sol Libes at (201) 889-2000 (x-248, x-247 or x-282) days, and (201) 277-2063 evenings. Meetings are held the third Friday of every month—even months at Union County Technical Institute, odd months at the Middlesex County College.

Seattle Club Activity

Bob Wallace, PO Box 5415, Seattle WA 98105, reports that a club is forming in the Seattle area. For information, call (206) 524-6359 11 AM to 5 PM.
British Amateur Electronics Club

One organization which has been going strong on electronics themes for some time is the British Amateur Electronics Club. The BAEC Newsletter will be of local interest to those who live in the British Isles, and to the English speaking people in Continental Europe. (The fact that the newsletter is oriented to the English language will make it of interest to Americans in BYTE's audience, people whose second language is more apt to be Fortran, Basic, Cobol or PL/1 than a people to people language.) According to the flier sent to BYTE, the BAEC Newsletter has published news of electronics and ideas for projects since 1966. A yearly exhibition is held by the organization, and local chapters are found throughout Britain. Recently, major projects have been made a part of the quarterly newsletter. The first such project was the BAC Naughts and Crosses Computer. The BAEC Computer is the current major project; the goal is to have a general purpose computer design at the conclusion. Fees for yearly BAEC membership depend upon where you live:

- £2.00 Sterling for one year, UK only.
- £3.00 Sterling for one year, foreign, surface mail.
- £4.00 Sterling for one year, foreign, air mail.

Write to:
The Hon Secretary, BAEC
Mr J G Margetts
11 Hazelbury Dr
Warmly, Nr Bristol
ENGLAND

San Diego's Newsletter

Personal Systems is the newsletter of the San Diego Computing Society. Issue 4 of volume 1 was received at BYTE recently and includes information on the San Diego society's group purchases, an essay on the history of the field to date by Lance A Leventhal, a book review and other information. The address for inquiries is:

Personal Systems
10137 Caminito Jovial
San Diego CA 92126

Milwaukee Hobbyists?

Will Piette, W266 North 7060 White Oak, Sussex WI 53089, is looking for compatriots in the Milwaukee area. Anyone interested in starting a Milwaukee area club should contact Will.

The UCLA Computer Club

Michael S Maiten, 3135 Barry Av, Los Angeles CA 90066, sent in a note about the UCLA computer club. This is a campus-only club, which allows students and staff at UCLA to get time on the Campus Computing Network. According to Michael, the club is mostly software oriented (IBM 360/91, DEC machines). The club owns its own DEC classic LINC computer and may get more hardware in the future. The club offers free classes in the evening; however, membership is limited to UCLA students, faculty and staff only. Michael is the current secretary of the club. The club also has its own IBM card form for use with traditional computer center input output techniques.

Want a Computers-Only Classified Advertising Publication?

D H Beetle, 24695 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos CA 95030 is in the process of initiating a classified advertising specialty publication called ON LINE. The idea is to attract individuals' advertisements of personal surplus equipment with low cost printing and an inexpensive subscription rate of $1 for four issues. (18 issues, 1 year cost $3.75). The result should be much like one of the neighborhood classified advertising publications which occur in many regions of the country. The only difference is that the "neighborhood" in this case is technological, not geographical.

Association for Educational Data Systems

The Association for Educational Data Systems is an organization concerned with computer uses in education. The AEDS publishes a journal called AEDS Monitor on a quarterly schedule; the orientation is towards secondary school and college educators who utilize computers in their courses. AEDS is located at 1201 16th St NW, Washington DC 20036.
New England Computer Society

The second meeting of the New England Computer Society was held December 3, 1975 at 8 PM in the cafeteria of the Mitre Corporation, Bedford MA. The steering committee readied on activities concerned with formal organization. A constitution based upon an American Radio Relay League radio club model was presented for discussion.

As at the first meeting, the club auctioned off copies of Intel documentation supplied by Gary Carol of Intel in order to fund printing and mailing a newsletter to the 200 or so persons on the local mailing list.

The technical presentation was provided by Don Resenthal and Chris Ryland in a short talk describing prospects for the “HARPA” network: Ham's ASCII Radio Protocol Agreement. The idea is to begin development of an amateur radio version of the ARPA network so that microcomputers across the country could be linked by radio into an automated packet switching network. One purpose of the talk was to solicit interest from active hams in the society. A show of hands revealed that roughly 50% of those present had ham tickets, and several were recruited into the project. One input to the project came from several amateurs who were experienced in the field of automated two-meter repeaters, which could be used as a starting point for the design of the microcomputer radio networking technology.

The next meeting of the NECS was scheduled for January 7 at the same time and place. Until a permanent mailing address is established for NECS, inquiries should be directed to Carl Helmers at BYTE Magazine, Peterborough NH 03458.

PCC’s Special Games Issue

Word from Peoples Computer Company is that the January 1976 PCC is a special issue devoted to games. It includes BASIC versions of three classics on a theme of space exploration and adventure:

- Star Trek for an HP2000, with a complete listing on four pages, plus descriptions and sample runs.
- MOTI — A “save the empire from the alien MOTI invasion” game.
- RESCUE — A game of suspense in which the player guides the rescue of stranded astronauts.

Find out the latest on Tiny BASIC and other PCC projects by latching onto this special 40 page issue. Single copies are $1. PCC publishes a newspaper style publication several times a year, and is located at Box 310, Menlo Park CA 94025.

North Texas Hobbyists

The Computer Hobbyist Group of North Texas puts out a newsletter edited by Bill Fuller and Neil Ferguson. The club meets regularly and has had some interesting speakers. Contact Bill Fuller, 2377 Dalworth No. 157, Grand Prairie TX 75050.