The First West Coast Computer Faire

Another big convention and technical meeting ground for the personal computing field is being organized for the West Coast for April 1977 by the people in the Bay Area. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Warren, editor of Dr Dobb's Journal of Computer Calisthenics and Orthodontia, and Bob Reiling, editor of the Homebrew Computer Club Newsletter, it looks as if the event will be the star attraction for personal computing folk in the western US. The show was organized by Jim and Bob in planning sessions begun late in August of this year. Tentative dates for the FWCCF are April 15, 16 and 17. Jim and Bob have lined up the following sponsoring organizations to help make the show a big success:

- The Homebrew Computer Club, second largest computer club in the US.
- The Southern California Computer Society, largest computer club in the US.
- San Francisco Peninsula and Golden Gate Chapters of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).
- Stanford University Electrical Engineering Department.
- Community Computer Center and People's Computer Company (nonprofit educational institutions).
- Amateur Research Center, affiliated with the Foothill College Space Science Center.
- Professional and Technical Consultants Association.

Call for Papers

The Faire will of course include conference sessions designed to communicate and expound the theoretical and practical knowledge which makes personal computing work. The following sessions have been tentatively planned:

- Personal Computers for Education, inluding a university credit short course arranged through the University of California.
- Computer Graphics for Personal Computers.
- Personal Computers for the Physically Handicapped.
- Speech Synthesis Using Home Computers.
- Computers for Use in Very Small Businesses.
- Microprogrammable Processors for Hobbyists.
- Panel Discussion of Digital Tape Standards.
- Peripherals Interface Standards for Personal Computers.
- Bus Standards for Personal Computers.
- Software Modularization for Program Portability.
- Floppy Disk Systems for Home Computers.
- Computer Games, Alphanumeric and Graphic.
- Electronic Music and Home Computers.
- · Public forums and panel discussions.

This list is by no means final, and if you perceive a topic which is not covered, be

sure to write or call the organizers of the convention. If you want to present a technical talk or tutorial at the conference, write outlining your area of knowledge and topic. The pointers are:

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Trade Show Booths Available

According to Jim Warren, there has been considerable manufacturer interest in the first West Coast Computer Faire. He has verbal commitments to date from an impressive list of organizations and manufacturers, including:

Zilog
AMI (American Microsystems Inc)
Dr Dobb's Journal of Computer
Calisthenics & Orthodontia
Northern California Electronic News
MITS
Processor Technology
Cromemco
OSI (Ohio Scientific Instruments)
Technical Design Labs
Polymorphic Systems
Southwest Texas Products Corp
Quay Corp

Apple Computers STM Systems Project Support Engineering AEC (Associated Electronics Co) DTC (Data Terminals & Comm) Monolithic Systems Hueristics Inc Byte Shop of Palo Alto National Semiconductor MOS Technology ARRL (American Radio Relay League) PerSci Inc Shugart Associates Percom Personal Computing Microcomputer Associates Minicomputer News BYTE Inc Call Computer Solid State Music National Multiplex Computer Converser Triple I - The Economy Company Votrax CompuMart Inc. Action Audio Electronics Computer Store of San Francisco Osborne & Associates People's Computer Company Microcomputer Digest

BYTE will of course be present at the show in force, and we expect to see a large number of our west coast readers. The show will be coordinated by a professional organization and is expected to be held in San Francisco's municipal convention facilities.

