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. This is 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. This show is organized 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 FWCC 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 (non-profit 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, including a university credit short course arranged through the University of California.
- Personal Computers for the Physically Handicapped.
- 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.
- 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:

Jim Warren, Dr. Dobb's, PCC, POB 310, Menlo Park CA 94025. Phone: (415) 851-7075.
Bob Reiling, Homebrew Computer Club Newsletter, POB 626, Mountain View CA 94042. Phone: (415) 967-6754.

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:

- Zion
- AMF (American Microsystems Inc)
- Dr. Dobb's Journal of Computer Calisthenics and Orthodontia
- Northern California Electronic News
- MITS
- Processor Technology
- Cromemco
- OSI (Ohio Scientific Instruments)
- Technical Design Labs
- Polyomorphic Systems
- Southwest Texas Products Corp
- Quay Corp

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.

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