Tom Pittman and friend selling copies of his moderately famous Tiny BASIC for 6800 or 6502 at $5 per copy.

A representative of itty bitty machines expounding on the ins and outs of tiny computers.

Some Candid Shots from Personal Computing 76

Marj Kirk was circulating around the Personal Computing 76 show in Atlantic City August 27–29, taking candid photos. As noted previously in BYTE, the show was quite a success, and is but a taste of things to come in the area of people and manufacturers gathering for enjoyment, relaxation and exchange of ideas. Future gatherings which we know about at this time include the First West Coast Computer Faire in the San Francisco Convention Center April 15–17, 1977, and the National Computer Conference's special section for personal computing June 13–16. (If your club or regional computer association is planning a big event, be sure to coordinate with us in advance.) These photos, wherever possible, have the people identified.

The Door Prize Drawing. John Dilks introducing the door prize event, with Dave Jones looking on (left). Numerous door prizes, large and small, were awarded, ranging from complete computers to books and other sundries.

A convention is a lot of work to organize. So much strain and so many sleepless nights caught up with John Dilks, Marj’s camera catching him asleep on his feet.

An interesting and human oriented application of computers was demonstrated by Digital Equipment Corp, which set up its LSI-11 model railroad demonstration. Here’s a theme dear to the hearts of many home computer people: applying the processor to a hobby.
Robert Suding, designer of the Digital Group Systems and author of several recent BYTE articles, showing off his product. (Note that these photos were taken before the Digital Group’s excellent new cabinetwork had been completed. A later appearance of the Digital Group at the WESCON show provided the first public appearance of the unique and professional styling now advertised by the company.)

Jan Nilsson, who probably travelled furthest to get to the show, with Steve Kay of Motorola at the cocktail party preceding the banquet. Jan heard about the show when his July BYTE finally got to Sweden one week before it occurred ... and hopped a jet to the States to see what he could see. A dealer in IMSAI products, he’s started what is probably the first retail computer store in Sweden.

The IBM hospitality suite drew numerous people, who were able to see and use the IBM 5100 personal computer in the form of three demonstration systems.

Presentation of the “Outstanding Computer Hobbyist of the Year” award to Sol Libes. Carl Helmers made the presentation as master of ceremonies for the banquet, with David Ahl of Creative Computing (left) and James Main, one of the co-chairmen of the PC 76 event, watching.