

# The Newsbyte

THE TRI-COUNTY COMPUTER CLUB

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Happy Holidays! By now we've already had Thanksgiving, and Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's Day are fast approaching. Just one more year until the Y2K (Year 2000) bug.

Speaking of the Y2K bug... How much of a problem do you think it will pose? I don't think it will cause nearly as much trouble as many people think. We may have some minor disruptions in the power grid, but those should only be temporary. I think those people they show on shows like *20/20* building homes in the desert have gone a little overboard.

Plan on attending this meeting. We're having a presentation by the Custom Computer Group. It's called "Computers and Processors: What Should I Buy?". It will cover the different types of processors available today to either power a new system or upgrade your old one. Also, you'll learn what type of system will meet your needs, from serious gamer to power Web surfer to word processing.

Be sure to come and exercise your right to vote for officers! The proposed slate is to retain our current officers, but nominations from the floor are also taken.

Also, remember to renew your dues at the meeting so you can continue to receive *The Newsbyte*. Dues for joining at the December meeting are \$15 for 1999.

## NEXT MEETING

December 8, 1998 – 7:30pm  
OSU-ATI Skou Hall Room 101

### Program

Computers & Processors:  
What Should I Buy?  
by Custom Computer Group

TCC Officer's Election  
Pay Your 1999 Dues!

Membership Raffle: \$5

Visit  
**TCC ONLINE**  
for the latest club  
information!

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View Election Results!  
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<http://www.tricountycc.org>

## CLUB OFFICERS

Terms Expire December 31, 1998

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Pat Johnston

Balance as of 11/10/98 –	\$342.16
Income –	\$28.00
Expenditures –	\$10.00
<b>Balance as of 12/8/98 –</b>	<b>\$360.16</b>

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership → **44**  
Members Joining in November  
None  
Members Renewing in November  
Amy Besancon (for 1999)

All dues expire on December 31, 1998 except for those renewed for 1999. For more information see Page 5.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 10, 1998 Meeting Minutes  
Submitted by Pat Johnston

The November 8, 1998 meeting of the TCC was called to order by Pres. Willis Troyer. There were 12 members present and no guests.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. The treasury currently has a balance of \$342.16. After the one membership renewal and the 50/50 raffle, was have a total of \$360.16.

Bernie Fairbourn was the winner of the Membership Raffle. He was present and received \$10. The prize for next month is \$5. Bob Gray won the 50/50 raffle and received \$13.00.

The Association of PC Users Group has not yet sent us their membership application. Secretary-Treasurer Pat Johnston will send another e-mail.

We are looking for a member to review a program called English Tracker Pro. We will follow up on this at the December meeting.

The program for the evening was a Question and Answer session.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Johnston  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Microsoft Windows Software Lines Merging

Microsoft's announcement of the Windows NT's new name spells the end of the traditional Windows line. Last month, Microsoft announced that Windows NT 5.0 Workstation, due out in 1999, will be called Windows 2000 Professional Edition. It will also be available in server flavors. The current Windows 98 line will be ended.

In its replacement will be a "Consumer Edition" of Windows. The professional editions, targeted at business, and the consumer editions will now come out at the same time after Windows 2000.

Gained in the merger will be some of Windows 98's best features, such as Plug-and-Play, will be coupled with NT's stability. There is one trade-off though: DOS support. Windows NT doesn't support DOS programs nearly as well as Windows 98, and the new versions will be built around NT's core. One more reason to upgrade to Windows software.

This will put an end to one of Windows 95/98's biggest criticisms: a 16-bit core. Windows NT is completely 32-bit, so the new versions of Windows will also be.

If you are interested, you can read more at Microsoft's web site at <http://www.microsoft.com>. Windows 2000 Professional Edition is currently in beta and is due in stores between May and September of 1999.

## Web Site of the Month

### NewsNet 5 [www.newsnet5.com](http://www.newsnet5.com)

NewsNet 5 is the web site of WEWS Newschannel 5 (ABC, Cleveland). NewsNet5 features local and national news, sports, and weather. An excellent site to keep informed.

### More Area ISPs

3 other area ISPs are featured in the November edition of *The Newsbyte*.

#### Raex Internet

(formerly Imperium Internet)

Call 1-888-604-4638 for information.

\$17.95/month for unlimited access.

Wooster dial-up number supports 56k speeds.

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RIGHT!

VOTE IN THE  
OFFICERS  
ELECTION!

## Reverse Telephone Look-Up

This service allows you to enter a phone number and get the owner's name and address. This seems to work on most phone numbers in the Wayne County and northeast Ohio areas. You can also look up e-mail addresses and web sites.

This article appears courtesy of "Internet on a Disk" by Richard Seltzer.

**Anywho (from AT&T Labs)**  
**<http://www.anywho.com>**

This directory service includes white and yellow page telephone listings (including toll-free numbers), as well as email addresses and URLs. Purportedly, they have over 90 million consumer and over 10 million business listings. If you are searching for a business, you get all relevant info about them in a single listing. You also can click to get a map generated on the fly, with driving directions (from Map-sOnUs).

But the feature I find most useful is the reverse telephone lookup. I tried my own home phone number, then clicked on the address and got a list of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of everyone on my street. I've lived here for 21 years and there are neighbors I've bumped into off and on for years, without knowing their names (when you've said "hello" to someone for years, it's a bit embarrassing to ask them what their name is...) Now I can finally put names to those faces (and can even phone them if I like).

## Windows 98 CD Multimedia Goodies

Microsoft has buried lots of multimedia goodies, like graphics and sounds, onto your Windows 98 CD. Digitized theme songs from "Winnie the Pooh", "Looney Tunes", "Batman", "Animaniacs", and "E.R." can be found.

Here's how to get them. If you want to browse, insert your Win98 CD. Go to D:\win98\content\ in Windows Explorer. You will need to change the drive letter if your CD-ROM isn't drive D. The best items are in the Disney and Wbros folders. Here you can find clips and items from Disney and Warner Brothers productions. You may have to navigate down a couple of directories, but they are there.

The other option is to insert your CD, and go to the *Start* menu and choose *Find*. Click on *Files or Folders*. In the "Look In" field, choose your CD-ROM. Enter \*.\_\_\_\_ in the search field. Replace the blank with the extension of the items you are searching for. MIDI digitized sounds end in \*.mid. Wave files are \*.wav. Graphics are \*.bmp, \*.gif, and \*.jpg.

Now that you've find the files, you can copy them to their hard drive and make them your start-up sound, if you'd like.

## TCC Officers

The proposed slate for 1999 Club Officers is the same as this year's. The only difference is Tom Zimmerman is running for Program Chairperson instead of V.P. See Page 2 for chart.

## Renew Your TCC Membership for 1999!

Now is the time to renew your TCC membership for 1999! Because of our new Constitution and membership dues, all memberships expire on December 31, 1998.

We've created many new benefits to help serve you better. New benefits are highlighted in **bold** to show you even more reasons why you should renew:

- Subscription to our newsletter, *The Newsbyte*
- **TCC Online, our web site, keeps you up to date on club happenings.**
- Meeting and other club notices.
- **Members-only discounts.**
- **Membership Raffle: Win money just for coming to meetings!**
- **Members-only events through Cleveland Computer Society and Association of PC Users Groups.**
- Voting privileges.
- Listing on club web site roster.
- Q&A sessions at meetings.
- **Monthly presentations, some by companies such as Microsoft.**
- **Beginner's Corner, teaching you basics and new features for software.**
- Many other benefits.

Cleveland Computer Society Member

You can either pay at the next meeting or send it to:

Pat Johnston  
709 Quinby Avenue  
Wooster OH 44691

Checks should be payable to:  
Tri-County Computer Club

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### ~~TRI-COUNTY COMPUTER CLUB~~ 1999 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: http:// \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Membership Begins: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/9\_\_

Membership Expires: 12/31/1999

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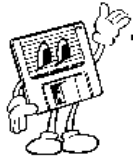
Authorized Club Signature      **MEMBERSHIP**  
**DUES SCHEDULE**  
Joining During Month of:

Jan. – \$15.00    Feb. – \$13.75    Mar. – \$12.50

Apr. – \$11.25    May – \$10.00    June – \$8.75

July – \$7.50    Aug. – \$6.25    Sept. – \$5.00

Oct. – \$3.75    Nov. – \$2.50    Dec. – \$1.25



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Happy  
Holidays!

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 8  
At 7:30pm

OSU-ATI Skou Hall  
Room 101

Renew Your  
Membership!