


# CPUUG NEWSLETTER



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## MINI-MINUTES

September 1990

Tony opened officially at 7:40pm with 25 of the 45 members present.

Barry gave the Treasurers Report that showed we were still in the black. Approved by the membership.

Barry then gave the Secretaries' Report showing that we had 45 members. He also indicated that we had only had 3 replies to our mailing about the EXPO. The minutes from last month were accepted and the report was approved.

Gary Harmon is in the process of restructuring the Library and hopes to have it finished by the next meeting in October. The library will be color-coded as to topic/type.

Tony then opened the floor for discussion on the up-coming EXPO. After several minutes of discussion and deliberation, it was decided to cancel the EXPO, due to the lack of response within the TI community and the Computer community in general. This was put forth in a motion, seconded and voted on. Tony will send out letters to the three vendors/Users Groups who had taken the time to send in their reservations. Barry will refund the money to to one Group who had sent in a deposit several month's ago.

Tony then read the letter of resignation from long-time member Bob Miller. Bob expressed regrets, but with his failing health, he felt he could no longer continue to be active. Sorry to see you go Bob, but good luck.

The next letter of resignation was from the Secretary/Treasurer, Barry Long. Barry cited increased demands on his work and personal time and felt he could no longer be effective within the Group. Since Barry was an elected officer, the Executive Board and the general membership had to vote on accepting his resignation. The vote was taken, and with regrets and comments from several members was passed and accepted. His resignation was effective immediately.

Next, the Executive Board appointed Chet Argast as the new Treasurer and Dottie Swartz as the new Secretary. They will fill the remaining term of Barry's office. Welcome and congratulations Dot and Chet! I know the Group is in good hands.(Barry)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 and the Library was open for those members to copy from.

Till next Time,

Barry Long, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1990

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By Tony De Donatis Sr.  
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I am on my soap box again !

SUBJECT: 4th ANNUAL COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS SHOW

As you know by now the show has been CANCELLED because of the lack of interest on the part of the COMMERCIAL VENDORS and the USER GROUPS.

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANKS to EVERYONE who helped in this endeavor and next year we will be successful because we can learn from what went wrong with this one. Also like to say thanks to Gary Taylor of the Pittsburg group for his help.

Again THANKS! to ALL.

Now that I said thanks, I am getting on my soap box and say a few choice words to the TI community (vendors and user groups).

I am appalled as to the response to our show from you the VENDOR and USER GROUPS. We sent out in excess of 100 advertisements and reservation forms by mail around March and numerous fliers at hamfests and other shows and by September 10th. All we received were three, yes only three (3) reservations of which there were 2 vendors and only one user group. If this is interest in the TI community, then we better start looking for the UNDERTAKER because the community is fast going to DIE.

I thought vendors would take every opportunity to show their wares and meet people in the TI community, but it seems to me that they (vendors) do not need the business or the TI community does not exist.

There are a lot of us out there that need new software and hardware to update their equipment, vendors, all you have to do is take advantage of the shows that we groups put on by reserving space at our shows in advance, and be there to sell us what we need and deliver the product in a timely manor and not make promises that you cannot keep. Support us the TI COMMUNITY and we will support you.

Well it is time to step down off of my soap box.

SEE YA ALL AT THE MEETINGS !

Tony De Donatis Sr., President

Letter from the Editor or  
In the dumper, again...  
by Richard Lindway.

This isn't going to be much of an article this month, because I'm still recovering from my sugrery.

I just want to thank everyone for their kind words of support while recovering. The cards and the banner from August was a big boost to my spirits. It really helped knowing where my friends are. Later...Rich.

Return of Executive Washroom  
or  
Still Looking For A Better Name

Dave Ratcliffe, C.P.U.G.  
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It's a sad month. We had to cancel the 4th annual Computer Expo. Reason? A nearly complete lack of support. There were many promises made, probably most with good intentions, but very few commitments. So few that it was pointless to continue. Going ahead with the show would have just been courting financial disaster for the UG. Will we try again next year? Who knows.

Word on the nets is that Jack Reilly is no longer working full time for Myarc. Can't even confirm that Lou is any more. Calls STILL go unanswered, the same goes with mail. Even REGISTERED mail just gets signed for and disappears into the great void. To say people are now getting very close to doing something about Myarc is an understatement. Many of us have invested many \$\$\$ in Myarc equipment (myself included) that shows great promise. If anyone but Myarc was running the show, it might even get better. Lets face it, the only way it could get worse if Myarc was to close up shop. There are some who say that to all intents and purposes, they already have. Maybe. Lou continues to dodge any real-time conferences on Delphi, although the offer has been made repeatedly and in several different forms. Questions are still being answered through a 3rd party but the answers are as fulfilling as an empty glass. I'd almost be happy to start hearing the traditional '2 or 3 weeks' excuses we were used to hearing before. At least it's SOMETHING! WAKE UP LOU! You made a lot of people happy when you finally came out with the Geneve and the HFDC. People spent \$\$\$ on your product and now you ignore them. If you are having trouble, TELL US! Stop hiding behind phones that are left off hook and unanswered mail. Whatever loyal user base you once had has just about evaporated. Those that are left, are beginning to look for other systems with companies that are willing to stand behind their product. You're losing touch with the people who care about the computer YOU developed. Get with it!

Speaking about Myarc, actually the Geneve 9640, There is a move afoot to see about porting Minix over to the Geneve. Minix, for the uninformed, is a version of Unix for small architecture computers. The resident language is C and it is a multi-user system. Might just be an interesting OS for the Geneve. Just think what Clint Pulley could do with C under Minix!

That's enough from me.

We now return you to your regularly scheduled Newsletter.

\*>> Dave <<\*

TIPS and TECHNIQUES or  
How did you do that?

This isn't really a tip, this is to point out the nice job Gary Harman did of cataloging and indexing our library. The next four pages is a list of all of the disks in our library. So now everyone will have a copy and know what we have. Later...Rich.

WE'LL LOOK FOR  
YOU  
AT THESE MEETINGS

Circle your Calendar with these meeting dates

JANUARY	8	JULY	9
FEBRUARY	5	AUGUST	6
MARCH	5	SEPTEMBER	10 (Second Monday)
APRIL	2	OCTOBER	1
MAY	7	NOVEMBER	5
JUNE	4	DECEMBER	3

All meetings begin at 7PM but the Group equipment will be up and ready for use at approximately 6PM.  
All meetings are held at the CAMP HILL SHOPPING MALL COMMUNITY ROOM.

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NEXT MEETING: NOV 5TH 1990 at 7pm.

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