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The Newsletter of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG) - September 1996

ORACLE 7 ON OS/2 WARP FEATURED AT SEPTEMBER 11TH MEETING

The next meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group will be held Wednesday evening, September 11th at IBM's LakePointe offices in Tampa.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (5:45 - 6:45)

Three committee meetings will be held in parallel prior to our main meeting:

END USER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

For the September meeting, Tim Bryce will demo the **InterCom Internet telephone from Revolutionary Software**. This session is being conducted in preparation for the *"Connect the World with Merlin"* event scheduled for Saturday, October 26th. TBOUG volunteers participating in the event are encouraged to attend. Tim will explain installation considerations and provide a demonstration by talking to someone over the Internet. - Joe May - Chairman

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

The September 11th meeting of the Production Committee will feature a **guided tour of IBM's National Help Center which is located in Tampa**. This center provides IBM customers with a single source for desktop help desk services including answers to questions concerning product installation, usage and problems, also hardware, software, operating system and networking expertise. The center provides:

- Hardware support for over 2,200 products.
- Software application support for over 700 major products.
- Operating system support for DOS, Windows, UNIX, OS/2 and System 7.
- Network operating system support for Novell Netware, Microsoft LAN Manager and IBM LAN Server.

The tour will start at 5:45 pm on September 11th. As this is a secure site we need to know in advance the names of all members who wish to take the tour. Latecomers will not be able to join up with the tour once it has started. **If you wish to attend please advise me at 786-4567. - Paul Wylie**

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AGENDA

Committee Meetings (5:45 - 6:45)
(Parallel Sessions)

- Production Committee
- OS/2 Support Committee
- End User Education Committee

Dinner (6:45 - 7:30)

Main Meeting (7:30 - 9:00)

- Announcements
- IBM Updates
- Featured Speaker: Mary Ann Fuller of Oracle

The registration fee for the meeting is $13 for members who pre-register; $15 for pre-registered guests. **Please make your reservations early (no later than September 6th).** The registration fee for those who do not pre-register is $15 for members and $17 for guests. **NOTE:** If you have a ***"standing"*** reservation for monthly meetings it is not necessary to confirm reservations (except to cancel). For cancellations, please call no later than two days prior to the meeting. See the meeting registration form to make reservations.

LOCATION

IBM Tampa Services Center
4th Floor, LakePointe One Building
3109 West Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tampa
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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
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OS/2 SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Brian Lowe will be on hand to discuss technical support issues related to OS/2.

MAIN MEETING (7:30 - 9:00)

Our featured speaker will be **Mary Ann Fuller of Oracle Corporation** who will present Oracle7 on OS/2 Warp, a powerful relational data base management system (DBMS).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dr. Scott L. Drizen, D.C. - Largo

CONNECT THE WORLD WITH MERLIN

The "Connect the World with Merlin" event scheduled for Saturday, October 26th is on a roll. To date there have been over 700 people from 44 countries volunteer for this event to help launch OS/2 Warp 4.0, the next release of OS/2 (code-named "Merlin").

Our initial web page describes the event in more detail and provides a list of sites from around the globe where the demonstration will occur, be sure to check out:

http://www.tbos2cla.com/ctwwm/demosite.html

Many thanks to our own John Meroth of Mersoft in Tampa for the Web site, running OS/2 Warp Server (what else?).

TBOUG will be sponsoring a Help Desk at a local Cyber Cafe for 35 hours during the event, equipped with an Internet telephone to talk to OS/2 users from around the world.

Our first press announcement is scheduled for the first week of September. Our own Al Stephan has put together an outstanding store poster which will be included in the Demonstration Kit sent to volunteers.

To learn more about the event, either check out our web page or contact me directly (Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com).

- Tim Bryce

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Any OS/2 licensee within the Tampa Bay area of Florida is eligible to become a member of TBOUG. Annual Corporate membership is $200; individual membership is $20; membership fees are prorated on a quarterly basis. TBOUG was founded in December 1993 and its Federal Tax Id is 59-3212323.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

October 2 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

October 13-18 - ColoradOS/2 Conference; Keystone, Colorado; Tel: 800/481-3389 or 719/481-3389; E-Mail: wkovsky@colos2.com; CompuServe: 76711,1221; WWW: http://www.colos2.com

October 26 - "Connect the World with Merlin" event; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

November 6 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

November 17-21 - GUIDE Fall '95; San Antonio, TX; Tel: 312-245-1599

November 18-22 - COMDEX/Fall; Las Vegas, NV; Tel: 617/449-6600

December 4 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; featuring **David Barnes**; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

GAMMA VERSION OF MERLIN LOOKS GREAT

On Saturday, August 24th, TBOUG volunteers for the "Connect the World with Merlin" event conducted a lab session on the recently released "gamma" version of Merlin. We could see substantial improvements in the installation program since the "beta" version was released. Further, the new graphical user interface is extremely easy to learn and use. There were many more features too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say, the group was extremely pleased with what we saw. We are eagerly awaiting the final product.

The launch date for OS/2 Warp 4.0 (the official name for "Merlin") is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th (the location of the launch has not yet been released). Although IBM hasn't announced pricing for OS/2 Warp 4.0 yet, spokesmen have claimed that "it will be competitively priced against Windows 95."

- Tim Bryce (TimB1557@aol.com)

NEW ON THE TBOUG BBS: 813/786-4864

CON0996.ZIP - OS/2 CONNECT Newsletter for September 1996 in INF format suitable for use with the standard OS/2 "View" utility (VIEW.EXE).

MEMS0896.ZIP - TBOUG membership log as of August 8, 1996.

FILER.ZIP - Filer is a simple data base application

CPWARP11.ZIP - Conversion Pro: has over 1800 number conversions--needs VROBJ.zip

VOMOD102.ZIP - Teaching program to assist expansion of your vocabulary--impress friends ;)

VROBJ.ZIP - Compressed VROBJ.DLL needed for several new applications (rev. 9/95)

HWIFS.ZIP - FTP Spy is a 32-bit PM tool for easy internet file transfers.

NPM.ZIP - Newton PM: freeware app that simulates planetary interactions--a lot of fun :>

HO.ZIP - HO for OS/2 does "x" to all files with a specification of "y"--clever app

FWMOD.ZIP - FaxWorks Modify: changes behaviour of FaxWorks Lite (e.g., start in auto mode)

WEBXORG.ZIP - V.1.02.02 of this app organizes the WebExplorer Quicklist

WEQUICKL.ZIP - Creates WebExplorerer objects from Quicklist URLs--handy. Creating URL objects allows you to have a graphically organized list(s) by grouping the icons (objects) you can then take advantage of OS/2 to drag and drop the object onto WebExplorer--this then makes the connection!

SDATE10.ZIP - Stardate puts the stardate on your desktop--freeware with a FAQ and options.

Plus many other freeware and shareware products.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE TBOUG MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS!

MEETING REGISTRATION - SEPTEMBER 11TH MEETING

Please make reservations for the following individuals to attend the September 11th meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/ Users' Group. ***Please make reservations no later than September 6th!***

Person ____________________ Title ____________________ Telephone ____________

Company ____

Address ____

City ____________________ State ______ Zip ____________

Fax: ____________________ E-mail: ____________________

Either Phone or Mail your registration to:

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Crystal Investment Enterprises
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St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7444
Tel: 813/341-1444 (answering machine)
813/384-3900 (voice)
E-Mail: AFoster704@aol.com

Please indicate the committee meeting you plan to attend:

_____ End User Education
_____ Production
_____ OS/2 Support

Subjects to be discussed at OS/2 Support:
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Check here if you will not have dinner _____

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