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1998 Election Results

All the past officers were reelected for another term. Tom Burke for president, Steve Short for vice-president, John Membrino for secretary and Lee Le'Mon for treasurer. Congratulations to all.

Computer Solutions

Saturday

March 21, 1998

On Saturday, March 21, we will begin a new style workshop for our members in addition to the ones currently being conducted. These workshops will be a "hands-on" style where members can bring their computers to seek help in resolving any problems they may be having with their hardware or software. Members may also attend to render assistance to those in need. This concept has been done in other clubs with much success. We will have tables and electric available where required. A more detailed explanation is elsewhere in this issue in the Secretary's Report by J. Membrino.

We ask that if you are interested in attending to please contact John Membrino, Steve Short or Tom Burke (see page 2) to reserve your space, it is limited.

Starts at 10:00 AM

7th Police District Community Room

1701 Bowler St (Bustleton & Bowler)

N.E. Philadelphia

Enter through the Bowler St door

President's Report February '98

by Tom Burke

Thank you to all the members who attended last month's meeting to vote for the club officers. I want to personally thank all those who put their support behind me and reelected me as CESOP's president for another year.

My initial goals for our club were accomplished:

- Incorporation
- Non-profit status
- New name for the club

In the coming year I will be striving to increase our membership, get more of our members involved and expand the club's educational activities. The most important thing I need to accomplish this is ***YOUR HELP!***

E-Mail Addresses

To keep our members quickly informed of upcoming events and schedule changes; I am requesting anyone with an e-mail account to please send me their e-mail address. Send it directly to me at tjburke@voicenet.com

While you're at it, check out our official CESOP web site at www.cesop.org

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Here it comes again, the Trenton Computer Festival, April 18 & 19, 1998. As in the past, CESOP will be one of the sponsors and in charge of the outdoor flea market. This is our

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free for all CESOP members.**

**Notary service is available after a meeting or call
728-7751 to make other arrangements.**

The Computer Education Society of Philadelphia, Inc. holds its monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall of St Asaph's Episcopal Church of Bala Cynwood, PA. The meeting is called to order at 7:30 p.m. The church is located one block north of City Avenue (US 1) at the corner of Conshohocken State Road (PA route 23) & St Asaph's Rd.

CESOP is formed exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and particularly to: engage in the exchange of ideas, techniques and information for the broader and more effective use of computer hardware and software; promote the general pursuit of knowledge and education in computer hardware and software generally; sponsor meetings, seminars, lectures, and workshops to share knowledge, experiences, and discussion of computer topics of interest to members and the general public; publish and distribute a periodic newsletter containing computer information and news...

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Windows 95 Tip ©

STOP STARTING ALREADY!

Can't figure out how to get a program to stop loading every time you start Windows 95? (Software developers have a whole lotta nerve to assume this is a convenience. They should ask first.)

There are three places where you can try to stop this annoyance:

- *The Startup folder.*

This is the most obvious location for a program reference. Right-mouse click on *Start*, select *Open*, double-click on *Programs*, then double-click on *Startup*. If you see a shortcut to the annoying program inside, delete it.

- *Your WIN.INI file.*

Select *Start, Run*, type *sysedit* and click on *OK*. Inside the System Configuration Editor, make the WIN.INI window active and look for a "*run=*" or "*load=*" line under the [windows] section. Programs referred to on these lines load at startup.

If you feel comfortable doing so, remove the reference to the annoying program, and save your change. (If not, have your local computer guru help you. ***WIN.INI is a very important file and should not be messed with unless you know what you're doing.***)

- *The Registry.*

Select *Start, Run*, type *regedit* and click on *OK* to open the Registry Editor. Navigate your way to *HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RUN*

In the right pane, you'll find programs that load when Windows 95 starts. Right-mouse click on the one giving you grief, select *Delete*, and close the Registry Editor. (As always, before editing the Registry, ***back it up***. One way is to zip your System.dat and User.dat files and store them on a floppy disk.)

Whichever method you used, restart Windows 95 and (in most cases) breathe a deep sigh of satisfaction!



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Ask Ravi

by Ravi Moonsammy
February 1998

This month's tips are about speeding up Windows 95 on older computers. Of course you would see a big difference in performance running Windows 95 on a Pentium PC. That is, if it's feasible to upgrade to a Pentium based PC. Personally, I wouldn't recommend running Windows 95 on a 486 even though you can. (Yes, I did say, "you can".) Well, lets just say that you better have plenty of time on your hands if you want to try and actually get anything done. OK, I'm just going a couple of simple things you can try this month.

Remove Third-Party Screen Savers and Icon Animators:

Everyone loves flying toasters and animated icons, but if you're short on memory or resources, removing

these programs can free up a lot memory real estate. If you need a screen saver use the built in Windows screen savers. They use much less memory.

Remove DOS Mouse Drivers

Save memory by not loading a pointing device driver in CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEXEC.BAT. Windows has built in mouse drivers and does not need a driver loaded from DOS. Load a DOS mouse driver only if you need to use a mouse DOS window in DOS Mode.

Remove Unnecessary Windows Utilities and Files

If you want to free up as much disk space as you can, consider removing Windows files that you don't use. These might include accessories, games, screen savers, wallpaper (.BMP files) and sound files (.WAV files).

See you next issue.....

SECRETARY'S SUMMARY

14 January '97 Meeting
John Membrino (610) 644-0252

Well, the elections are over and the members have spoken. As it turned out, Bob Ross withdrew his nomination so the remaining, incumbent officers were elected for another year.

Beyond that bit of necessary work, the meeting turned to the matter of the club BBS. Having been in operation for a month, but not utilized for anything more than a couple of test messages, it was felt that maintaining it was not worth the cost of operation. Further, the consensus was that the Internet obviates the need for a BBS. After all, it represents a substantial toll call for the majority of the club members while the Internet is essentially, incrementally free. As a result, a motion was carried to eliminate it. The equipment will now be available for workshops and presentations.

Next, the subject of monthly meeting content came up for discussion. Several members have expressed dissatisfaction that our meetings were mainly taken up with just club business and not enough emphasis on sharing computer knowledge and the like.

Unfortunately, now that we are (of necessity) a corporation with a "not for profit" status, the amount of administrative stuff that has to be handled in a formal manner is a fact of life. As a result, a motion was carried to designate the regular club meeting as a "Business" meeting so that members who attend do so with the intent of helping the club conduct its business. It doesn't preclude the possibility that a computer oriented program of some sort might be presented however. It is expected that the club newsletter will announce the anticipated agenda for the meeting so that members interested in the topics can be sure to attend.

In light of the business orientation of the regular meetings, we plan a series of monthly, hands-on "gatherings" at which

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members will meet to learn and share their computer knowledge with other members. We'll have tables and electrical outlets available for working on and with computers or software. It will be a place to solve problems and/or help others with theirs. We'll have plenty of hours available in which to do it and it should be a great place to learn. See the details on the "Computer Solutions" sessions elsewhere in this newsletter. By the way, it should go without saying, but we will say it anyway: Those offering help, the club (CESOP, Inc), and of course the city of Philadelphia (in whose building we'll meet), bear absolutely no responsibility for the results of any help offered.

I don't mean to overblow this thing, but now that our club is incorporated, we have to make it clear that none of the parties mentioned above can be held liable for the

results of any help offered. This is a "Member helping Member" type thing. The operative word here is "help" and it's limited by the experience of the giver(s). The responsibility to take it or not is that of the recipient just as any other help you receive from a friend.

So, this should be a fun thing and exemplify the essence of what our club is all about. Plan now to come starting on March 21st – if you can wait that long. In the mean time, take a look at the meeting agenda for February and come put your two cents worth into the discussion. And be sure to come to Bob Ross' workshop presentation on "Using the Internet" the following Saturday, February 14th. That's gotta be a "don't miss" session. See you there.

John Membrino,
Secretary

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major fund-raiser for the year and we will need volunteers to assist with some of the many chores involved in running this event.

Volunteers who work a minimum of four hours will receive a reimbursement of their travel expenses up to \$12.00 or you can apply this towards your annual membership dues. Volunteers also receive admission to the

show, refreshments and parking.

We are need of someone to solicit and coordinate the CESOP volunteers for TCF '98. If you are interested in taking this assignment, contact Steve Short, Lee Le'Mon or me. The phone numbers are on page 2.

Newsletter

All you would-be authors take note, the club approved the awarding of a US Savings Bond the best original article submitted by a member. This is awarded once a year. Submit your articles to the newsletter and it could possibly be profitable for you.

**The next CESOP Workshop
will be held**

**Saturday
February 14, 1998
11:00 AM**

**7th Police District
Bustleton & Bowler
(Entrance on Bowler Street)
the topic will be...**

Starting with the Internet

ICQ

Submitted by Wally Jurkiewicz

I gotta question for you.... Ever hear of ICQ?
If not, here is a quote from its help file:

"ICQ ("I Seek You") is a revolutionary, user-friendly Internet program that notifies you who's online at all times and enables you to
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initiate contact with those people at any time. No longer will you search in vain for friends or associates on the Internet. ICQ does the searching for you, alerting you in real time when they sign on.

With ICQ, you can chat, send messages and files, play games or just hang out with your fellow surfers while still surfing the Internet. The program runs in the background, taking up a minimum of memory and Internet resources. While you work on other applications, ICQ alerts you when friends and associates sign on, allowing you to work efficiently while having a whole range of Internet functions at your fingertips. Among the functions available are chat, message, e-mail, URL and file transfer. ICQ also supports a variety of popular external Internet applications. With ICQ, launching an Internet phone or video call is a breeze. With a click of a button, you and your friend (or friends) are instantly connected. You can also execute these events among multiple users, so you can conduct a conference or just hang out together online."

It is a great utility that works very well and stretches across the entire internet. It is easy to setup and just as easy to operate.

COMPUTER TIPS & TRICKS

from various sources on the internet

WORD UP

The Quick View Plus plug-in from Inso is one of the more useful Navigator extenders around. It allows you to view any Microsoft Word 6.0 or Word 7.0 document directly from Navigator. Now if you come across a document with the .DOC extension, you don't need to download it to a local file and open it in Word. It's all available from within the browser. Quick View Plus is available as a free trial download, and you can find out more at

<http://www.inso.com/frames/consumer/qvp/plug.htm>

Keyboard Shortcuts

There are a number of quick ways to navigate Windows 95 using only the keyboard. Unless otherwise stated, the plus (+) symbol indicates that the named keys are entered together in order to perform the specific function. The plus key is not used as a keystroke to perform the function. Here is a list of some:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Keystrokes</i>
Switch between applications	alt + tab
Switch backwards between applications	alt + shift + tab
Bring up the 'Start' menu	ctrl + esc
Switch open windows	alt + esc
Rename selected item	F2
Start 'Find'	F3
Drop the "folder selection menu" in Explorer	F4
Refresh	F5
Close current (or selected) application, or exit Windows 95 if no applications are selected or maximized	alt + F4
Open properties dialog	alt + enter
Cut selection or item	ctrl + x or shift + delete
Copy selection or item	ctrl + c
Paste	ctrl + v or shift + insert
Go to beginning of a document	ctrl + home
Go to end of a document	ctrl + end
Opening Folders While Closing Previous Ones:	Hold down the control key (Ctrl) as you double-click to open the new folder.
Closing All Windows Under "My Computer"	Holding the shift key down while clicking the close box will close all the windows.

Submitting Articles to Philadelphia Bytes

Articles may be submitted in any of the following ways:

1. to the CESOP BBS at 215-342-6026. Attach your file to a message to Tom Burke
2. internet e-mail sent to tjburke@voicenet.com
3. on 3.5" diskette mailed to Philadelphia Bytes Editor
1312 Brighton Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

The required format is electronic, IBM compatible in either plain ASCII text or MS Word 6.0 or better. Do not use any justification or margins. Single space between lines and double space between paragraphs. Paragraphs should not be indented. Lists or table entries should be separated by indenting or tabs... do not use spaces. Drawings or artwork not in digital form should be in black ink suitable for scanning.

Please include the article name, your name and phone number, (with area code).

Deadlines

All articles submitted for

publication in Philadelphia Bytes must be in our hands by the third Wednesday of the month preceding the issue month you request. Example: articles for the June issue must be submitted by the third Wednesday in May.

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Full Page	6" x 9"
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CESOP members may submit a non-commercial or personal

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All non-commercial or personal ads must follow the same format and submitted as outlined previously for submitting articles. Feel free to contact the editor for further information.

Deadlines

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The next CESOP business meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, 1998.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM sharp!

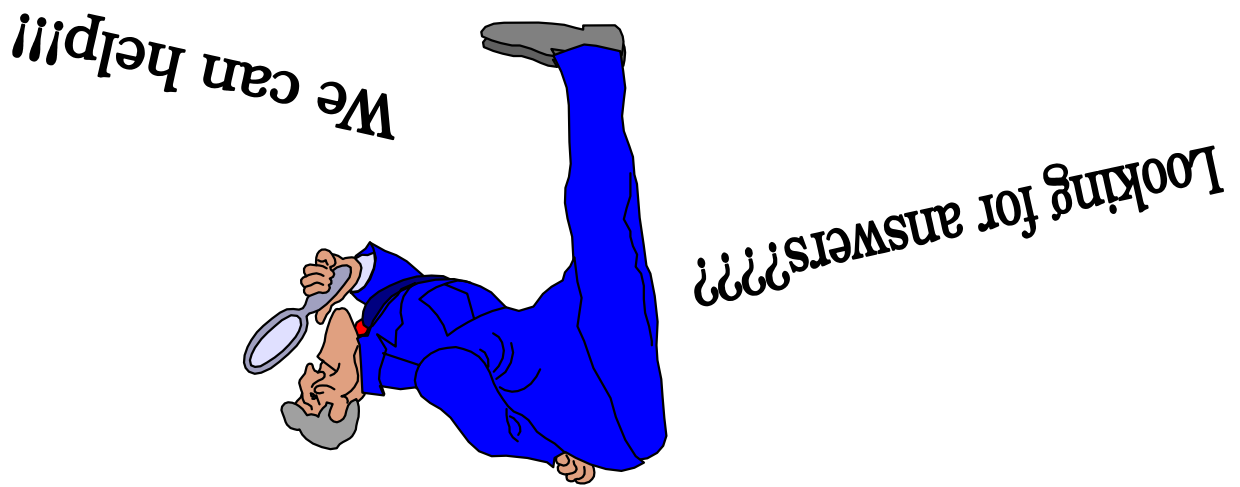
Coffee is always available



Some of the anticipated items to be discussed are:

- TCF (getting ready and looking for help)
- Computer Solutions Workshop (ideas & finishing touches)
- Future Workshops
- Newsletter name change
- Meeting Schedule (this is your chance to tell your preference as to when we should conduct meetings & workshops)
- Whatever you think is important

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