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President's Message

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire NOPCC membership for their vote of confidence in me for the upcoming year. I am really looking forward to taking our club forward into the new millennium with the help of our officers and generous volunteers. We have a lot to look forward to with our emergence into Y2K, I am sure many of our members will be affected someway in its passing. I will do my best to stay attuned to any problem as well as cure so to bring it to you, our membership, as soon as possible. I have not stored any weapons, food, water or cash in an attempt to comfort myself regarding the approach of 1/1/00 "oops" 01/01/2000.

Our January meeting will be geared towards what effects the passing of January one had on our computers, or lifestyles. It ought to be very interesting!! Please plan on attending and participating.

Lastly I would like to wish all of you a very joyous and safe holiday season. May Santa bless your holiday season with a plethora "*That is one of those Presidential* words, I mean a bunch" of computer peripherals and gadgets to aid and entertain you in the upcoming year.

> Thanks and May God Bless, Charley "Zeke" Zimmerman

A Gist of the Minutes from the December BoD Meeting

Flea Market: Don Herrmann reported that the total intake in dollars was \$477. The total expense was \$456. There were four memberships sold and four tables of merchandise for a net total of \$181. Special thanks to member Carl Henderson for helping out at the entrance.

The financial reports indicate a drop in memberships. We currently have \$4155 total cash on hand year ending. Don has indicated that the motherboard expenses have gone down significantly compared to previous years.

Ashton Mouton has started a new Suites 2000 Sig for the 2000 versions of the Microsoft, Corel, and Lotus suites. The meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at McCann's starting in Nov '99.

Newsletter report: There were no problems uploading and distributing the PDF file for this month (thanks to Manny for additional help). Ed always welcomes new articles and saves everything for possible printing. We are having trouble obtaining the email addresses of the general membership. We need this information to facilitate electronic distribution of the newsletter and further reduce operating costs. Election Report:

President: Zeke Zimmermann Vice President: Don Herrmann Secretary: Ray Paternostro, Jr. Treasurer: Tom Ford BOD at large: Bob Gordon, Ed Jatho, Ashton C. Mouton, Jr.

Oschner will also be accepting blood donations at the December Meeting.

Christmas Party: We currently have \$361 to spend. Volunteers welcome. Make a special effort to attend. Dinner will be Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Pearled Onions, Salad and Dessert. Clean Up Crew needed to help setup and breakdown after.

E. W. Jatho, Jr.

Beta Review of Windows 2000

This email was meant to be an informational e-mail notifying PC users, techs, and developers about the maillist for Windows 2000. This will be the first and last sent to a select group of people who may be interested in the topic of Windows 2000. If you are further interested, please sign up for the maillist mentioned at the bottom of this letter. The maillist is where future topics will be covered.

Thanks, Manuel Dennis III Windows 2000 Maillist Moderator w2000-m@nopc.org

Dear OS User,

The following review is of a beta product Windows 2000 Advanced Server (Terminal Server); and therefore, I'm sure all problems will be fixed by the time anyone from Microsoft reads this. This in no way is a bash on Microsoft. I can only praise the software engineers who have created the next generation of the worlds favorite OS "Windows." Windows 2000 Advanced Server (Terminal Server tests) I did it. I finished my tests. The results are in. Maybe my 486 PC's NIC is slow? Maybe not.

Test Terminal Server			
CPU	K6-200		
OS	Windows 2000 Advanced Server		
RAM	64MB		
NIC	100MB		
HD	6.4GB		
CD	44x		
FD	3.5, 5.25		
Video	4MB		

Documentation suggests more RAM. More clients need more RAM, just like the old days.

	Test Terminal Server clients				
CPU	386-40	486-66	P166	P200	
OS	Win 95	W 3.11	Win 98	Win 2000 Pro	
RAM	8MB	8MB	32MB	64MB	
NIC	10MB	10MB	100MB	100MB	
HD	200MB	40MB	1.6GB	6.4GB	
CD	None	None	44x	44x	
FD	5.25	5.25	3.5	3.5	
Video	1MB	512K	2MB	4MB	
Additional Software none					
TCP/IP			none		
NIC			none		

I won't bother mentioning the Pentium. It ran a bit slower than if the applications were on it. Enough said. If

you have the power, don't bother with the Terminal.

I ran Word 2000 and Access 2000 on the 386 and Word on the 486. The 386 actually out performed the 486 configuration in Word and Access. I attribute this to one of the following: OS, Free HD space, NIC, or Video RAM? I should care to find out, but it really didn't bother me much. It works! That's all I was concerned with. Now to see if Forsaken runs? Just kidding! If Word and Access, the pigs of Office, run fine; I'm sure most other applications will too. I am set, ready to go for broke.

Lookout thin clients we 386/486 PCs are already in the closets, attics, and garages of the world. Can we (386s) survive the Y2K? If so, maybe we can be re-tasked as speedily terminal clients. So much for the typing pool and other such CPU un-intensive work horses on data entry clerk desks. Why worry about client server, the data would already be on the server.

The 386 connects quicker and it actually keeps up with my typing, where as the WFW machine seemed to lag behind a bit.

We also tested out the openGL flowerbox screen saver, that was located on the Server, over the connection. It was pitiful on both the 486 and 386, but we only did it because Johnny wanted to see a screen saver run over the network I guess. It worked, but it was miserably slow. What did we expect. It also looked pretty bad on the lower end video cards.

To conclude my test, I also printed some documents. Besides a driver problem for my Panasonic Laser printer, everything printed fantastic.

The 95/98 client disks took only one 3.5" floppy to install or we could attach to a shared client folder. At first I had trouble building the disks, because my Advanced Server remapped my floppies to E: and F:. The Terminal Server client disk creator was only looking for A: or B:. What a paradox. Well, I fixed it. I created a client share. My floppy drive letters are still screwed up though.

One additional aside. Windows 2000 seems to keep old cards, like NICs, installed as hidden devices. Hidden? I removed it from my machine and put it in the garage. The PC (Continued on page 4)

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THE OLD RAMBLER

The Old Rambler rambled over to Meisler Middle School on Saturday, Noember 6, for a tasty bite of happy plate at Charley's and Rick's Eatery and several rounds of the vendors' tables at our annual flea market, a howling success as far as the OR is concerned. Some of thevendors were actually GIVING him items leading him to fully expect that at least one or two of them might actually PAY him to take the stuff away.

His prize haul was a Pentium 90 machine; but thereby hangs a tale. You are dying to hear it, you say? Well, then, I'll tell you. The OR is hung up on living in both past and future as the present and HIS present includes a determination to have ONE machine dedicated to old MS-DOS in as much purity as possible. He DOES make a concession to Windows for Work Groups.

He rushed home with the machine and a varied collection of what to other computerists would be junk, including a little electronic pet puppy which must be fed and watered and even paper-trained. This was a peace offering to Mrs. Rambler to soften the evidence of his weak resistance to sale offerings. As soon as he could silently slip away to his study, he proceeded, innocently to commit mayhem on his new computer. Rashly, he Fdisked the poor Connor Peripheral, 540 Hard Disk with DOS 6.22. Fdisk and then eventually had to seek out the doctor at the Computer Emergency Room to make the disk well again!! Again, he hurried home with a machine that would finally boot on C:, only to load all of his favored programs and blandly decide to try QEMM and Deskview again for nostalgia. Big mistake!!! Now the booting on C: stopped cold in it's tracks.

Ed Jatho's standing wisdom is: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The OR has a different kind of wisdom: "When things seem bleakest and darkest and the dawn seems to be impossibly far away, do something that makes absolutely no sense at all!" So after Fdisking and formatting THIS time, instead of simply copying his DOS programs to the disk, he did a straight, standard, Express SETUP of 6.22. Voila!! That old disk (that NEW disk) booted, giving the OR that bored look as if to say, "why are you looking so anxious?"

So, the OR now turns around from his Windows 98 roadster to the other table with his "DOS box" on it where he can imagine at times that he's controlling the machine instead of the other way around. Please, friends, keep fingers crossed or whatever other spiritual exercise you engage in normally to support a fellow club members with a hangup on DOS. Somebody's going to tell me, I have faith, WHY, running formal SETUP caused not only the removal of reluctance to boot but actually acted like a stimulus to do so!!

We enjoyed last month's meeting when Charley Zimmerman and Ed Jatho got right down where so many of us live now; They detailed the operations at their favorite sites, OnSale and eBay, respectively. Their tips were designed to be realistic, reassuring and helpful to any who might have been reluctant to interact on the Internet in this fashion. The OR can testify that he's had no difficulty at all in making book purchases on the Internet or even signing up for a change in phone service there.

So that the OR's Windows box wouldn't become jealous of the Pentium 90, we acquired a fluicy keyboard with Windows keys on it. Speaking of keyboards, does ANY-BODY know WHY it is imperative to make keyboard connectors so proprietary that various riggings of adapters are often necessary in order to use them? I know. The word "fluicy" isn't in my dictionary but we like it and our families used it so there!

The faint sound of jingling bells are in the air as Thanksgiving approaches for the 80th year of the OR's life ("Cry, you little devil, you, cry," screamed that little country doctor with a flair for the dramatic as he midwived the "Young Rambler" into incipient consciousness on that autumnal Wednesday in 1920). We extend best wishes to all of you for a satisfying holiday season. We hope to eyeball you at the Christmas dinner festivities.

Congratulations to Charley Zimmerman and the rest of those elected to offices in the club for the Y2K. Charley will apply his well-tested skills to serving us as President. Thanks to those who made the "trains run on time" this year.

In order of the OR's exclusive priority, here are the most important inventions of the century:

1. The little pinchers that permit one to retrieve just ONE coffee filter from the box.

- 3. The Model T.
- 4. The Old Rambler [note the becomming modesty]
- 5. NOPCC
- 6. Pantyhose
- 7. Early retirement
- 8. One-Day Surgery
- 9. Penicillin

10. The Salk vaccine.

Disagree? No problem. Make your own list.

The Old Rambler will cease, with this piece, to be a monthly feature but will probably submit "filler" for the editor to use from time to time if he needs or wishes it. He will always remember the kindness of those who told him they enjoyed it. It has been a genuine pleasure.

Now let's see.... Where's that old QEMM disk I bought from Mike Christian back when Mike was a young-ster! Don't see why it wouldn't work - do you? Crash!!

Frank Masingill

^{2.} Computers.

E-Net Shopping Tips

Sites to See by Bellsouth.Net

Bellsouth has introduced a new service for it's users of its own Internet Services. Bellsouth is a viable candidate for consideration if you are a user who likes to surf for bargains.

http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving

A fun Thanksgiving site full of recipes, kids' activities, stories, etc.

http://www.hotcoupons.com Try this link to coupons for businesses in your zip code.

http://www.pcflowers.com

Order your holiday flowers online or send someone a free Internet flower.

http://www.ama-assn.org General health and medical information.

http://www.espn.com If you love sports, you'll love this site. Kids, check out *http://www.sikids.com*.

http://ubid.com Participate in a live online auction.

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Passed along by Ed Jatho



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http://www.microsoft.com/Seminar/1033/19991021WIN2KCERTBD1/Seminar.htm

OFFICE 2000/V.BASIC FOR APPLICATIONS EXAM AVAILABLE Exam 70-091: Designing and Implementing Solutions with Microsoft(r) Office 2000 and Microsoft(r) Visual Basic(r) for Applications will be released in its live version November 9, 1999. Registration begins November 8.

http://www.microsoft.com/mcp/exam/stat/SP70-091.htm

Beta Review Continued

better not be able to access it. I wondered if it could see it if I put it in another machine and claim it was its own? Anyway, I removed a NIC and replaced it with another NIC of a different type. I could no longer bind my IP address to the new NIC. It kept telling me there was a device using it? I finally found it, and it was not in Device Manager. Device Manager only seems to see non-hidden devices? Go figure. Well, anyway once I removed the two hidden NICs, the new NIC installed and ran perfectly.

For our next trick, we want to get the Advanced Server on the web and then see how good the Terminal Clients work? If anyone is interested let me know. If anyone would like to know the results of any other configuration or test software, let me know.

Passed along by Manuel Dennis III

You Know You are from New Orleans if...

* You don't think it inappropriate to refer to a large adult male as "Li'l Bubba."

* You know how to mispronounce street names correctly. (Melpomene, Terpsichore, Chartres, etc.)

* You think sunglasses are supposed to fog up when you step outside.

* Your accent sounds nothing like Harry Connick Jr's.

* Your baby's first words are "long beads."

* You ask, "How they running?" and "Are dey fat?" but you're inquiring about seafood quality and not the Cresent City Classic.

* Your town is low on the education chart, high on the obesity chart and you don't care because you're No. 1 on the party chart.

* Nothing shocks you. Period. Ever - not politics, hurricanes, red lights, parking tickets, the Saints, Mardi Gras...

* Your one-martini lunch becomes a five bloody-Mary afternoon...and you keep your job.

* Being in a jam at Tulane and Broad isn't the same as being stuck in traffic.

* You're walking in the French Quarter with a plastic cup of beer When it starts to rain, you cover your beer instead of your head.

* Your idea of health food is a baked potato instead of fries with your seafood platter.

* You believe Ronnie Virgits should be archbishop.

* You have to take your coffee and favorite coffeemaker with you on a three-day trip.

* You exhibit the "doubloon reflex" by stomping runaway coins with your foot.

* You have sno-ball stains on your shoes.

* You call tomato sauce "red gravy".

* Your middle name is your mother's maiden name or your father's mother's maiden name or your mother's mother's maiden name or your grandmother's mother's maiden name or your grandfather's mother's maiden name.

* You know you recycled too much newspaper when there isn't enough for the crawfish table.

* No matter where else you go in the world, you are always disappointed in the food.

* You are going through customs and the agent asks you where you're from and you answer, "Gentilly."

* On certain spring days, Crawfish Monica is your break-fast.

* Your house payment is less than your utility bill.

* You've done your laundry in a bar.

* You push little old ladies out of the way to catch Mardi Gras throws.

* You look forward to being smashed by a hurricane.

* You don't show your "pretties" during Mardi Gras.

- * Catching "crabs" makes you smile.
- * You write "crookedpolitician" as all one word.
- * You know it's "ask" but you purposely say "ax".

* You understand it when someone describes their favorite color as K&B purple.

* You know that Tchoupitoulas is a street and not a disease.

- * You can "boo" the mayor on national television.
- * Beignets are the major cause of your gallstones.
- * You wear sweaters in October because it ought to be cold.
- * Someone asks you "Where you at?" and you tell them how you are.

* You are left behind at an out-of-town bar searching for a "go cup".

* You think of potholes as naturally occurring speed bumps.

* Your grandparents are called "Maw Maw" and "Paw Paw".

- * Your Santa Claus rides an alligator
- * Your favorite saint is a football player.

* You suck heads, sing the blues and you actually know where you got them shoes.

* You're afraid to move away because you won't be able to make groceries.

* You know that "super doppler" does not refer to a generously endowed woman's chest.

* When a hurricane is imminent, you have a lot more faith in Nash Roberts than Super Doppler 6000.

* You eat sno-balls instead of throwing them.

* You know why you should never, ever swim by the Lake Pontchartrain steps (for more than one reason).

* You cringe every time you hear an actor with a Southern or Cajun accent in a "New Orleans-based" movie or TV show.

* You have to reset your clocks after every thunderstorm.

* You waste more time navigating back streets than you would if you just sat in traffic.

- * You still call the Fairmont Hotel the Roosevelt.
- * You shake out your shoes before putting them on.

* You ignore cockroaches because you know the only ones you could kill are the weak or infirmed, and it would only serve to strengthen the breed.

* You can sing these jingles by heart: "Rosenberg's,

Rosenberg's, 1825 Tulane" "At the beach, at the beach, the Pontchartrain Beach..."

* You were a high school graduate before you realized that Catholic and Public were not two major religions.

* You consider garbage cans a legal step to protecting your parking space on a public street.

* You fall asleep to the soothing sounds of four box fans. *Your loved one dies and you book a jazz band before you call the coroner.

Passed On by Jackie Elliott



Men According to Rita Rudner

Men like to barbecue. Men will cook if danger is involved.
Men who have pierced ears are better prepared for mar-

riage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry.

3. If you buy your husband or boyfriend a video camera, for the first few weeks he has it, lock the door when you go to the bathroom. Most of my husband's early films end with a scream and a flush.

4. Be careful of men who are bald and rich; the arrogance of "rich" usually cancels out the nice of "bald."

5. Marrying a divorced man is ecologically responsible. In a world where there are more women than men, it pays to recycle.

6. Men are very confident people. My husband is so confident that when he watches sports on television, he thinks that if he concentrates he can help his team. If the team is in trouble, he coaches the players from our living room, and if they're really in trouble, I have to get off the phone in case they call him.

7. If it's attention you want, don't get involved with a man during play-off season.

8. Men like phones with lots of buttons. It makes them feel important.

9. Men love to be the first to read the newspaper in the morning. Not being the first is upsetting to their psyches.

10. All men look nerdy in black socks and sandals.

11. The way a man looks at himself in a mirror will tell you if he can ever care about anyone else.

12. Don't try to teach men how to do anything in public. They can learn in private; in public they have to know.

13. Men who are going bald often wear baseball caps.

14. All men are afraid of eyelash curlers. I sleep with one under my pillow, instead of a gun.

15. A good place to meet a man is at the dry cleaner. These men usually have jobs and bathe.

16. Men love watches with multiple functions. My husband has one that is a combination address book, telescope and piano.

17. All men hate to hear "We need to talk about our relationship." These seven words strike fear in the heart of even General Schwarzkopf.

18. Men are sensitive in strange ways. If a man has built a fire and the last log does not burn, he will take it personally.

19. Men are brave enough to go to war, but they are not brave enough to get a bikini wax.

20. All men think that they're nice guys. Some of them are not. Contact me for a list of names.

21. Men don't get cellulite. God might just be a man.

22. Men have an easier time buying bathing suits. Women have two types: depressing and more depressing. Men have two types: nerdy and not nerdy.

23. Men have higher body temperatures than women. If your heating goes out in winter, I recommend sleeping next to a man. Men are like portable heaters that snore.

24. Women take clothing much more seriously than men. I've never seen a man walk into a party and say "Oh, my God, I'm

so embarrassed; get me out of here. There's another man wearing a black tuxedo."

25. Most men hate to shop. That's why the men's department is usually on the first floor of a department store, two inches from the door.

26. If a man prepares dinner for you and the salad contains three or more types of lettuce, he is serious.

27. If you're dating a man who you think might be "Mr. Right," if he a) got older, b) got a new job, or c) visited a psychiatrist, you are in for a nasty surprise. The cocoon-to-butterfly theory only workson cocoons and butterflies.

28. Men own basketball teams. Every year cheerleaders' outfits get tighter and briefer, and players' shorts get baggier and longer.

29. No man is charming all of the time. Even Cary Grant is on record saying he wished he could be Cary Grant.

30. When four or more men get together, they talk about sports. 31. When four or more women get together, they talk about men.

32. Not one man in a beer commercial has a beer belly.

33. Men are less sentimental than women. No man has ever seen the movie THE WAY WE WERE twice, voluntarily.

34. Most women are introspective: "Am I in love? Am I emotionally and creatively fulfilled?" Most men are outrospective: "Did my team win? How's my car?"

35. If a man says, "I'll call you," and he doesn't, he didn't forget...he didn't lose your number... he didn't die. He just didn't want to call you.

36. Men hate to lose. I once beat my husband at tennis. I asked him, "Are we going to have sex again?" He said, "Yes, but not with each other."

37. Men who can eat anything they want and not gain weight should do it out of sight of women.

38. Getting rid of a man without hurting his masculinity is a problem. "Get out" and "I never want to see you again" might sound like a challenge. If you want to get rid of a man, I suggest saying, "Ilove you... I want to marry you... I want to have your children." Sometimes they leave skid marks.

39. Men accept compliments much better than women do. Example: "Mitch, you look great." Mitch:"Thanks." On the other side: "Ruth, you look great." Ruth: "I do? Must be the lighting."

40. Impulse buying is not macho. Men rarely call the Home Shopping Network.

41. Men who listen to classical music tend not to spit.

42. Only men who have worn a ski suit understand how complicated it is for a woman to go to the bathroom when she's wearing a jumpsuit.

43. Men don't feel the urge to get married as quickly as women do because their clothes all button and zip in the front. Women's dresses usually button and zip in the back. We need men emotionally and sexually, but we also need men to help us get dressed.

44. Men are self-confident because they grow up identifying with superheroes. Women have bad self-images because they

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Men According to Rita Rudner, cont.

grow up identifying with Barbie.

45. When a woman tries on clothing from her closet that feels tight, she will assume she has gained weight. When a man tries something from his closet that feels tight, he will assume the clothing has shrunk.

46. Male menopause is a lot more fun than female menopause. With female menopause you gain weight and get hot flashes. Male menopause - you get to date young girls and drive motorcycles.

47. Men forget everything; women remember everything.

48. That's why men need instant replays in sports. They've already forgotten what happened.

49. Men would like monogamy better if it sounded less like monotony.

50. All men would still really like to own a train set.

Passed Along by Lane Holt

Editor's Note: Women are fair game now that this has been published. Watch the MotherBoard in Y2000.

December 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Meeting & Christmas Party J.D.Meisler 6:30	2	3	4
5	6 VLBG 6:30 WADSI G 8:30 McCann's	7 Geneology SIG McCann's 6:30	8 NOPCC BoD Meeting @ 6:30 cCann's	9 ACT! SIG McCann's 6:30	10	11
12	13 VLBG 6:30 WADSI G 8:30 McCann's	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 VLBG 6:30 WADSI G 8:30 McCann's	21 Deadline Jan Newsletter LINUX Sig 6:30 McCann's	22 Comm Sig Visual Fox Pro Sig Usual Places/Times	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27 VLBG 6:30 WADSIG 8:30 McCann's	28	29	30 Lick & Stick, 6:30 At McCann's	31 New Year's Eve	2000

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