GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY April 7th 1998 8:00PM

New Location!!

St. Leander School
Davis Street - San Leandro
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Minutes & Things

President Robbie Bridges called the meeting to order at exactly 8:00 PM. The Vice President must have forgot to leave the bar on time and was listed as a no-show. Robbie announced that our 8 Bit software chairman Bob Scholar and his wife are having some serious medical problems and would not be at meetings for a while. Jim King the "T-shirt" man was also reported as under the weather.

In the absence of Bob Scholar, Robbie took it upon himself to demo the February DOM. All that can be said here is I sure hope Bob is able to come back soon.

Don Safer brought us up to date on the happenings in the 64 Bit world. He said there was a new game for the Jaguar but he hasn't bought one to report on yet. Another game company, TeleGames is having problems. Seems like the bloom is off the game machines.

Bob Woolley demonstrated and explained his latest 8 Bit hardware hack, a 512-K ram disk mounted in a 1200 XL. The interesting part of this is the ram disk is on a single chip. The board is only about 2" by 3" and fits nicely inside the 1200 XL case with room to spare. A very slick upgrade.

The crooked raffle was held and if possible it was even more tainted than usual with the head crook calling his buddies ticket twice. With the raffle over the meeting died a lingering death. Actually we talked it to the bitter end.

Jim Moran - Secty.

Things

Nothing much new happening in computers lately except Steve Job's announced the Mac would go to 400 MHz next year. Maybe that's because Intel is going to 400 MHz this next month. (You don't suppose he's playing games with this announcement do you? Nah he wouldn't do that. Not much.)

A few of you will remember my son James who was the club disk librarian about ten years ago, well James had a motherboard go bad on his PC a couple of weeks ago. When it went bad it wrote garbage to the beginning of both the hard drives, one a 3 and one a 5 gigabyte drive. Each about 3/4 full. Nothing new about that, it happens, right? Well the interesting thing here is James hadn't backed up the drives. He had two Quicken files on them, his own checking account and his business account which he hadn't backed up for several months.

After enlisting Bob Woolley's assistance many hours of work were spent trying to get into the drives. This proved hopeless and even Bob had to give it up. James looked into having the information recovered by one of the recovery company's and gave that up in a hurry. Therefore, what's the moral to all this? If you are going to count your money on a computer you had better learn to back it up every time you make an entry. IF you don't, call James he will explain how to rebuild your files. He has had a couple of weeks now to practice.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

The SLCC has been meeting in the San Leandro Library for the last 14 years or so. Sadly, the Library is closing for seismic re-construction and we must find a new location to hold our meetings (this should not be big news to you all....) To our good fortune, Millie Lepley has offered the St. Leander School facility as an alternative for the club meeting.

St. Leander is just three blocks west (towards 1880) of the Library, on the south side of Davis street. Park in the playground at the rear of the school and use the entrance located there.

See ya there!!