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Background

Mabry Software was founded by James Shields in 1992. We specialize in Windows programming tools and components. Mabry Software focuses on custom controls (VBXes and OLE controls).

Our software is available in Microsoft's Visual Basic (MSBASIC) forum on CompuServe, in our section on CompuServe (GO MABRY), on BBSes, and on various Internet sites (including ftp.cica.indiana.edu).



Alarm Custom Control

Alarm is a Visual Basic custom control that lets you set multiple alarms to go off (i.e., fire events) at various times during the day. This control makes it easy to schedule events to happen at various times. Just set the properties and wait for Alarm to notify you.

You can specify times such as 9:12am, 10:45pm, every hour on the hour, every ten minutes, once per minute, etc. Alarm even tells you when the date has changed. You can use this to remove all of the current alarms and set new ones for the day. A must if you're writing a PIM.

Registration:	\$10
Source and Registration:	\$25
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	1475 (1476 for source)

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BarCod Custom Control

BarCod makes bar code display and printing really easy. Just pick the orientation, set the size, and pick the bar code style. Then, set the caption to whatever you want the bars to be.

BarCod uses the Caption property to determine what to display. ForeColor is used for the color of the Bars. BackColor is used for the color of the background. If BarCod cannot fit the entire bar code in the control window, it will fill the entire control with the background color.

Printing is straight forward, too. Just tell the BarCod control what to print and where, and it paints barcodes into the Printer Object.

Under VB 3.0 and VB 4.0, BarCod will bind to a data control. It uses the DataField, DataSource, and DataChanged properties.

This control is good for inventory applications, identification systems, and any other programs that require printed computer-readable data. Samples included show how to print barcodes using the Printer Object and how to copy a bitmap of the barcode to the clipboard.

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$45
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	1314 (1315 for source)

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BmpLst Custom Control

BmpLst is a Visual Basic custom control that displays a list box that has text and bitmaps in it. The bitmaps can be placed on any side of the text (top, bottom, right, left). BmpLst is not hampered by the normal 64k limit that normal list boxes suffer. Users have loaded 10,000 items into BmpLst with great success.

BmpLst supports multi-column lists. In this case, all of the list elements must be the same size. The bitmaps may be of varying size (shorter bitmaps will result in gaps between it and the item below).

BmpLst also supports 3-D effects (much like the THREEED.VBX). The control's border supports raised, lowered, and inset 3-D effects (plus the normal solid border).

BmpLst can easily be set up to handle a check-box list. All it takes is a few lines of code. A working sample with all of the bitmaps required to produce this style of list box is included with the BmpLst package.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$45
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	1059 (1060 for source)

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DFInfo Custom Control

This control gives you disk and file information that VB doesn't provide. It also allows you to change some aspects of a file (attributes, size, date, time, etc.).

The disk side of this control allows you to find out how much disk space you have, and how much of it is free. You can also read volume names.

The file side of this control allows you to find out all of the important information about a file (size, attribute flags, date and time of last modification). It also allows you to change most of the attribute flags and change the size of the file as well.

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$35
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	1069 (1070 for source)

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Internet Finger Custom Control

The Finger custom control allows you to query a host about a user's address or read information about a user's account (e.g., last time logged on, etc.).

Registration: \$20
Source and Registration: \$50
CompuServe SWREG: 6392 (9059 for source)

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FLabel Custom Control

FLabel is a label control that lets you format the text within it. You can have different fonts, different colors, multiple paragraphs, paragraph formatting, etc. All this and it's bound, too.

Registration: \$20
Source and Registration: \$50
CompuServe SWREG: 4352 (4353 for source)



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FMDrop Custom Control

This custom control notifies you when a file has been dragged and dropped from the Windows File Manager (FILEMAN).

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$35
CompuServe SWREG:	1378 (1379 for source)



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Internet FTP Custom Control

The FTP custom control allows you to incorporate FTP functionality into your 32bit container/development environment. FTP allows you to transfer files between nodes on the Internet.

Registration:	\$35
Source and Registration:	\$90
CompuServe SWREG:	6393 (9060 for source)



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Internet GetHost Custom Control

This control translates host names into IP address, and IP addresses into host names. Since all of the other Internet controls use IP addresses and most people prefer to use host names, this control is almost mandatory when using other Internet controls.

Registration: \$10
Source and Registration: \$30
CompuServe SWREG: 6390 (9057 for source)



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Internet Gopher Custom Control

The Gopher custom control encapsulates the Gopher Protocol used to provide access to the morass of documents, files, and search databases available on the Internet. The Gopher custom control allows you to incorporate Gopher functionality right into your 32-bit container/development environment, thus providing connectivity to the vast resources of information available on the Internet.

Registration: \$35
Source and Registration: \$90
CompuServe SWREG: 6394 (9061 for source)



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HiTime Custom Control

HiTime is a high resolution timer. You use this control just like the default Timer control that comes with Visual Basic. Visual Basic's Timer control can only fire an event every 55 milliseconds (18.2 times per second). HiTime can fire events at a much higher rate.

How high depends on the speed of your machine. 486DX2/66's can handle more than 500 ticks per second. 66MHz Pentiums can handle 1000 ticks per second.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$45
CompuServe SWREG:	3382 (3383 for source)



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Knob Custom Control

This control is a knob. You can change the size, have tick marks around it, have text near the tick marks, change some of the colors, etc. You can use Knob to control volume, pitch, tempo, or anything else you might control with a scroll bar or slider.

Registration: \$20

Source and Registration: \$45



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Indicator Custom Control

The Indicator control shows a gauge that looks like those found on the front of stereos (tri-color, multiple lights). This control includes horizontal and vertical versions of the indicator.

Registration: \$15

Source and Registration: \$40



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IniCon Custom Control

This VB custom control makes INI file access simple. WIN.INI and private INI file access are both supported. No API calls required.

Registration: \$10
Source and Registration: \$25
CompuServe SWREG: 833 (1003 for Source)



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Internet Pack

This package contains fourteen controls for giving your applications access to the Internet. All of them are 32-bit OLE controls (OCXes) ready to run under Windows 95 or Windows NT. The controls support Archie, Finger, FTP, GetHost, Gopher, IRC, Mail (SMTP/POP), News (NNTP), Talk, Telnet, Time, and Whols. There's even a control that gives you direct access to Windows sockets.

Registration:	\$129
Source and Registration:	\$359
<u>CompuServe SWREG</u> :	9065 (9066 for source)

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JoyStk Custom Control

JoyStk gives your program information and events about the joystick's movement and buttons. One or two normal joysticks, one 4-button joystick, or one 3-D joystick are supported.

JoyStk comes with a joystick driver for Windows (required). This driver supports 4-button joysticks (such as the Gravis PC GamePad).

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$35
CompuServe SWREG:	1340 (1341 for source)



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LED Custom Control

This is a custom control for Visual Basic that behaves like an LED. 3-D effects and colors are all user-definable. This control is useful whenever you need a passive on/off indicator (modem lights, working lights, etc.).

Registration: \$15
Source and Registration: \$35
CompuServe SWREG: 3380 (3381 for source)



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Internet Mail Custom Control

The Mail custom control encapsulates the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) and the Post Office Protocol (POP) for managing e-mail on the Internet. By Incorporating the control into your 32-bit development environments, you can send e-mail using SMTP and receive e-mail using POP. The control also supports UUENCODE/UUDECODE for attachments.

Registration:	\$35
Source and Registration:	\$90
CompuServe SWREG:	6395 (9062 for source)



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MenuEv Custom Control

MenuEv provides menu selection notification. In other words, it tells you when the user has selected a menu item and when the user has exited the menu. This is really useful for status bar style help.

MenuEv is really easy to use. All you need to do is place it on your form. There's nothing to set. Events start coming in automatically. The events give you the text of the menu item selected.

Also, MenuEv will automatically update another control for you. You can easily make status bar style help merely by setting a couple of properties. No code required.

Registration:	\$10
Source and Registration:	\$25
CompuServe SWREG:	1270 (1271 for source)



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MSStat Custom Control

Status bar control for Visual Basic. This control displays a multi-element status bar on the bottom of your form. It automatically handles the NumLock, CapsLock, ScrollLock, and Insert key indicators. It also displays times/dates in International and programmer defined formats.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$45
CompuServe SWREG:	4462 (4463 for source)



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MIDI Pack

The MIDI Pack is made up of five controls. Two controls give you MIDI device and file access (MIDI I/O and MIDIFile). The other three controls are interface widgets that give feedback (Indicator), and user input (Knob and Slider).

Registration: \$99
Source and Registration: \$299

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MIDIFile Custom Control

The MIDIFILE control provides the Visual Basic programmer with an easy way to read and write MIDI files, both formats 0 (single track) and 1 (multiple-tracks) are supported. Using the MIDIFILE control you can modify existing MIDI files or create entirely new ones from scratch. You have complete control over and access to every type of MIDI message, and you can insert, delete and modify tracks and messages at anytime.

Registration: \$40

Source and Registration: \$120



This control is available separately or as part of the [MIDI Pack](#).

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MIDI I/O Custom Control

The MIDI I/O control is really two controls in one. The MIDIIN control handles MIDI input and the MIDIOUT control handles MIDI output.

The MIDIIN control is used to receive MIDI messages from external MIDI devices. Messages can be retrieved using Events or polling, and are time-stamped with millisecond accuracy. The MIDIIN control has an internal queuing mechanism so, if messages arrive faster than your application can handle them, they will not be lost.

The MIDIOUT control gives you complete control over the contents and timing of MIDI messages sent to either internal or external MIDI devices. You can queue as many messages as you like (within the constraints of available memory) before starting output, or you can queue one or more messages prior to starting output and then add more as the output proceeds. Messages are scheduled for transmission at a time you specify relative to the time that output is started. As with the MIDIIN control, timing has millisecond resolution, giving you the ability to precisely control the timing of sent MIDI messages.

Registration: \$40
Source and Registration: \$120



This control is available separately or as part of the [MIDI Pack](#).

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MSlot Custom Control

The Mailslot control provides simple interprocess communication between programs running on the same or different computers running Windows for Workgroups.

This control enables you to create and use Windows for Workgroups mailslots. A mailslot is an application-defined buffer that receives and holds messages. Applications create mailslots so that they can receive text or data from other applications on one or more computers in a network.

No Windows API calls required. Requires Windows for Workgroups. Includes network chat sample program.

Registration:	\$30
Source and Registration:	\$50
CompuServe SWREG:	1848 (1849 for source)



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Mega Pack 2 of Custom Controls

The Mega Pack 2 contains twenty-two of our controls ([Alarm](#), [BarCod](#), [BmpLst](#), [DFInfo](#), [FLabel](#), [FMDrop](#), [HiTime](#), [IniCon](#), [JoyStk](#), [LED](#), [MenuEv](#), [MSlot](#), [MSStat](#), [PerCnt](#), [PicBtn](#), [Probe](#), [RoText](#), [SoundX](#), [Tips](#), [Ver](#), [Wave](#), and [ZipInf](#)).

Registration: \$179

Source and Registration: \$399

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Mega Pack of Custom Controls

The Mega Pack contains twelve of our most popular controls ([Alarm](#), [BarCod](#), [BmpLst](#), [DFInfo](#), [FMDrop](#), [IniCon](#), [JoyStk](#), [MenuEv](#), [PerCnt](#), [RoText](#), [SoundX](#), and [ZipInf](#)). Why buy them one-by-one? Get all of these controls at once.

Even if you already own control packages from Sheridan, Crescent, or MicroHelp, you should get this package. The controls here cover areas that the major packages miss.

Registration:	\$90
Source and Registration:	\$190
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	2909 (2910 for source)

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Internet News Custom Control

The News custom control allows you to retrieve and post USENET articles from supporting hosts on the Internet.

Registration:	\$35
Source and Registration:	\$90
CompuServe SWREG:	6964 (9064 for source)



This control is available separately or as part of the [Internet Pack](#).

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PerCnt Custom Control

PerCnt displays a percentage bar on your form. This makes status reporting very easy. 3-D effects, fonts, and colors are all at your control.

Registration:	\$10
Source and Registration:	\$25
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	966 (1004 for source)



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PicBtn Custom Control

This custom control for Visual Basic is a command button that has both text and a picture on it. The picture can be scaled and placed above, below, to the right, or to the left of the text. The text may be multi-line.

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$50
CompuServe SWREG:	3434 (3435 for source)



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Probe Custom Control

This control lets you examine and modify other controls' properties at run-time. After telling Probe the name of another control, Probe will give you a list of the properties in that control.

Probe can also display a dialog box that will let you modify other controls' properties (at run-time). Probe's dialog box makes it possible to fiddle with the properties of other controls at run-time. Common dialog boxes are used for fonts and colors to make selection easier.

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$40
CompuServe SWREG:	2449 (2450 for source)



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RoText Custom Control

This control lets you place a label on your forms at any angle or degree of rotation. This control can be bound to a data control.

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$35
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	1338 (1339 for source)



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Slider Custom Control

This control provides horizontal and vertical sliders. You can select from different slider styles, track styles, colors, ticks, etc.

Registration: \$20

Source and Registration: \$45



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SoundX Custom Control

This control provides Soundex and Metaphone algorithms. Soundex and Metaphone convert words or names to codes that represent how they "sound". This can be really useful in a database application where users need to find names they may not know how to spell exactly.

Use this control to make it easier for them. Just put in the word or name you want converted, and the appropriate codes come out.

About the Soundex Algorithm

Soundex is an algorithm developed and patented by Margaret Odell and Robert Russell in the early part of this century [U.S. Patent 1,261,167 (1918) and 1,435,663 (1922)]. Don't worry about the patents, they've long since expired.

Many articles have been written about it, but the best description I've seen so far is by Donald Knuth in *The Art of Computer Programming, Vol. 3*.

Soundex converts a word or name to a code comprised of a letter followed by three digits. Some redundancy is taken out of the word (such as stripping vowels, consonant doubles, etc.). The first letter is preserved and the code is generated from what remains.

About the Extended Soundex Algorithm

This is a minor change to the basic Soundex algorithm. In this algorithm, the first letter is treated like all the rest of the letters (i.e., if it's a vowel, it's stripped, if it's part of a consonant double, the second is stripped (as in LLAMA), etc.).

This code is purely numeric. This can result in faster database scans to pick out like-sounding words or names.

About the Metaphone Algorithm

Quite frankly, I don't know where Metaphone came from. I got some source code from a friend a few years ago in my e-mail with the comment attached to it: "Try this, it's cool!"

Well, I thought so, that's why it has been included in SoundX. Metaphone does a better job than Soundex and Extended Soundex when it comes to representing like-sounding names. Its drawback is that Metaphone is comprised purely of letters. In other words, it takes up more storage and, in a large database, this can be costly.

This implementation only returns the first four (4) characters of the Metaphone string generated. The code will generate more than that, but after some experimentation, this seemed like an ideal compromise between accuracy and storage space.

Registration:	\$10
Source and Registration:	\$25
CompuServe SWREG:	1272 (1273 for source)



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Internet Time Custom Control

The Time custom control encapsulates the Network Time Protocol (NTP) to allow you to retrieve the Greenwich Mean Time from supporting hosts on the Internet. The Time control allows you to develop time synchronization applications for your system (among other things). Incorporating this control into your application allows you to request the Greenwich Mean Time from any time-server that you select.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$50
CompuServe SWREG:	6524 (9063 for source)



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Tips Custom Control

Tips provides Microsoft style tool tips. Small windows pop-up with bits of info when the user pauses the mouse over your controls. No code required, just set the Tag properties.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$50
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	3482 (3483 for source)



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Validate Custom Control

The Validate control lets you easily validate data entered by the user. It fires an event when the input control (edit box, combo box, check button, any control) is about to lose focus. In the event, you can place all of the data validation logic. In fact, if you choose, you can have the Validate control cancel the change of focus.

This control is great for data entry forms and any other place where you need to conveniently check user input.

Registration:	\$25
Source and Registration:	\$60

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Ver Custom Control

Ver lets you use the functionality of VER.DLL through properties. It makes getting version information from a file (EXE, DLL, VBX, etc.) very easy.

Ver also gives you file installation functionality. Included with the control is a sample installation/setup utility. This makes it easier for you to write your own installation utilities without the bulk of the Setup Wizard.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$50
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	2529 (2530 for source)



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Wave Custom Control

This control makes it easy for you to play and get information about WAV files. Play WAV files in the background as your program performs other tasks; add recorded speech to your applications; put beeps, whistles, and laser sounds into your games. The Wave control makes all of this very straight forward. Set the Filename property and tell it to go. That's it. Looping, volume and pitch control, etc. take a little bit more.

Registration:	\$15
Source and Registration:	\$40
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	4034 (4035 for source)



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Internet Whols Custom Control

The Whols custom controls provides access to the Whols servers on the Internet. By incorporating the control into your applications you may query for information about hosts, users, and businesses who have accounts on the Internet.

Registration:	\$20
Source and Registration:	\$50
CompuServe SWREG:	6391 (9058 for source)



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Internet WinSock Custom Control

The Socket custom control encapsulates much of the functionality of the Windows Sockets API to provide a simple, yet robust, means of accessing and communicating across the Internet from any 32-bit container / development environment.

Registration:	\$35
Source and Registration:	\$90
<u>CompuServe SWREG:</u>	6964 (9064 for source)



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ZipInf Custom Control

This control gives you information about the content (directory) of a ZIP file. Many, many useful uses (File Manager replacement, drive searching, etc.).

Registration: \$10
Source and Registration: \$35
CompuServe SWREG: 1595 (1596 for source)



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Support Information

Our Support Philosophy

We want to be as helpful as possible. We always want you to come away happy. We realize that we can't make everyone happy (for some reason, our families like to see us and we sometimes need sleep) ... but we still try.

Help With Our Controls

If you're having trouble with one of our controls, here are a few general suggestions. First, take a look at the sample programs. Usually, there is a sample program which shows how to use every feature of our controls. These can be quite helpful.

Second, if you haven't already, take a look at the help file and/or manual. They spell out what each of the properties, events, and methods does.

If you are still having trouble with one of our controls, please feel free to [contact us](#) to get help. When you do, make sure that you have as much information about your problem ready as possible. The more you tell us, the better we can help you.

Help With General Programming

Many people come to us with questions about general programming issues. We would love to help everyone learn to become great programmers, but we simply don't have the time. All is not lost. There are a few places to go to get general help and a few good books that we recommend.

Probably the best on-line place to go is the Microsoft Basic forum (GO MSBASIC) on CompuServe. This place is designed for user-to-user help. Most questions asked here get answered pretty quickly. Another really good place is the VBPJ forum on CompuServe (GO VBPJFO). There are a lot of experts here.

Books, books, books. There are dozens of books out now. The best way to buy a book is to take a look at it at the bookstore. If you like it and it suits your needs, buy it. If it's shrink-wrapped, don't buy it (usually it means they don't want you to know how much the book stinks).

Here are four books we recommend:

Visual Basic 4 How-To

by Zane Thomas, James Shields, et al
\$39.95, ISBN 1-57169-001-8

Waite Group Press
200 Tamal Plaza
Corte Madera, CA 94925

Teach Yourself Visual Basic in 21 Days

by Nathan Gurewich and Ori Gurewich
\$35.00, ISBN 0-672-30715-4

Sams Publishing
201 W 103rd St
Indianapolis, IN 46290

PC Magazine Visual Basic Programmer's Guide to the Win32 API

by Daniel Appleman
\$49.95, ISBN 1-56276-287-7

Ziff-Davis Press (A Division of Que New Technologies)

PC Magazine Visual Basic Programmer's Guide to the Windows API

By Daniel Appleman
\$34.95, ISBN 1-56276-073-4

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Lastly, some of the best sources of material come from Microsoft. The Microsoft Developer's Network is a great deal. Every serious developer we know belongs. The CD-ROM and its search engine are truly fabulous (from a time savings stand-point alone).

Update Information

Updates

Minor updates for all of our controls are free. You can download them from our BBS. When you register, we'll send you a sheet that lists all of the controls you've registered and how to download them from our BBS. Be sure to keep this sheet!

You should check our BBS periodically for update. Or, you can download the history of changes from our BBS or our CompuServe forum (GO MABRY). The history file is named MSHIST.TXT.

Even if you don't care about getting the latest versions of the controls, you should visit our CompuServe section from time-to-time anyway. All of the newest controls will be there. Just GO MABRY.

