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

DOCUMENT IMAGING WITH OS/2 FEATURED AT AUGUST 7TH MEETING

The next meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group will be held Wednesday evening, August 7th 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/SUPPORT COMMITTEES

This will be a joint session of the two committees and will feature a lab session and follow-up discussion on **"Merlin,"** codename for the next release of OS/2 Warp.

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

John Meroth of Mersoft in Tampa will give a talk on how OS/2 helps him in his daily activities as a Sysop, WebMaster, and Consultant. In particular, he will discuss how he uses OS/2 to manage his web site. John is a software developer specializing in DOS based small business Point of Sale Systems. He has used OS/2 since 2.0 as his primary development platform. He now runs a three workstation network that maintains a BBS, and mail hubbing for Tampa (FIDO) and all of Florida for IBMNet & OS2Net. His server was upgraded to OS/2 Warp Server and his network is now used to provide complete ISP services. John is a member of both TBOUG and Team OS/2, and can be reached at: jmeroth@tbos2cla.com

MAIN MEETING (7:30 - 9:00)

Imaging is the conversion of documents from a physical medium, paper for example, to a digital form where they can be manipulated by computers for easier access and retrieval. Most image management systems include workstations for viewing and manipulating images; storage devices; and servers to manage the image database, run applications software, control peripherals and connect to host devices.

Imaging is a rapidly growing area and as costs have been

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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: Steve Pyles of Xerographics

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 August 2nd).** 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
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MAIN MEETING (continued from page 1)

lowered for computers and storage, networks have increased in reliability display technology, scanners, and OCR have improved, more and more organizations are implementing the technology.

Our featured speaker for August will be Mr. Steve Pyles, an Imaging Specialist from Xerographics. Xerographics is a leading document imaging vendor located in St. Petersburg, Florida. (Pinellas: 813-570-8868, Tampa: 813-855-6625, Fax: 813-578-0009). Of particular relevance to TBOUG is the fact that Xerograhics uses OS/2 Servers for their document management systems. Mr. Pyles will be discussing imaging and document management, addressing the use of OS/2 for their servers and demonstrating the Genesis Information Image Extender which allows extension of imaging to any application.

Document imaging is the future. If you want to learn more about this technology, how it is used, and where it is going, this is the presentation for you.

EVENING MEAL

REMINDER: Do not forget to call in your meal reservations. We need to know how many meals will be required as soon as possible. We encourage you to take advantage of these catered meals, as the user group has to guarantee a minimum number of meals in order to provide this important service. Failure to meet the minimum results in an increased cost for our group. In addition to providing an excellent meal at an affordable price, these meals offer the opportunity to network with other members and share ideas about OS/2.

SOME COOL WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

Sites describing "Connect the World with Merlin" :

http://warp.eecs.berkeley.edu/os2/connect/review.html (Volunteer Registration)

http://web2.spydernet.com/merlin (Canada)

http://cip.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/~arwagner/merlind.html (Germany)

http://www.os2ug.techpta.ac.za/OS2User/merlin_connect.html (South Africa)

http://www.caiw.nl/~rmschouw/ctwwm/ (Netherlands)

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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

August 7 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

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; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

January 8, 1997 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

May 12-16, 1997 - IBM Technical Interchange, St. Louis, MO; Tel: 800-872-7109 or 508-443-4990

ALSO LOOK FOR TBOUG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, AMERICA ONLINE, IBM LINK, COMPUSERVE, AND THE TBOUG BBS.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Timothy S. Chanda - Tampa
Damon Didier - Tampa
William "Chad" Nelson - Tampa

CONNECT THE WORLD WITH MERLIN

The "Connect the World with Merlin" event scheduled for **Saturday, October 26th** is still snowballing in popularity. We now have volunteers from: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Macao, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan (ROC), Thailand, the Ukraine, the United Kingdom (locations in Scotland and England), the United States, and Venezuela.

Simply put, the "Connect" promo idea is concerned with helping in the launch of "Merlin" (the next major release of OS/2) by having OS/2 user groups and Team OS/2 members conduct demos of the new product at computer stores throughout the world. Further, the demos would all be connected through the Internet where we would build a map showing where OS/2 is used throughout the world. The demos would also highlight the power of OS/2, including multimedia, multitasking, multithreading, and true 32-bit processing. The benefits of this approach would be considerable:

- It would invigorate computer stores who have historically taken a ho-hum approach to selling OS/2.
- It would dispel the belief that OS/2 isn't widely used.
- It would promote sales by showcasing the features of the product.
- The press would find it an interesting media event in that one computer product was able to easily link the world together.
- It would galvanize OS/2 customers (e.g., user groups and Team OS/2) through a common promotional program.
- It would be incredibly simple to do.

Since TBOUG is the host for the event, we are calling on all OS/2 enthusiasts from around the Tampa Bay area (whether or not you are a TBOUG member) to join us in this international event. Your participation in any capacity would be greatly appreciated.

To sign-up, please send uour name, address, telephone, and e-mail address to the Project Manager, Tim Bryce at TimB1557@aol.com, or call him at 813/786-4567.

MEETING REGISTRATION - AUGUST 7TH MEETING

Please make reservations for the following individuals to attend the August 7th meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group. ***Please make reservations no later than August 2nd!***

Person	Title	Telephone
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Company ____

Address ____

City ______________________ State ______ Zip ____________

Fax: ______________________ E-mail: ____________________

Either Phone or Mail your registration to:

Albert F. (Fritz) Foster
Crystal Investment Enterprises
P.O. Box 47444
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7444
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813/384-3900 (voice)
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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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