

# IBM MID~DERANGED USER GROUP

FOR ABUSERS OF THE IBM AS/400 COMPUTER SYSTEM

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## Steve Walker Resigns

We are sad to inform you that Steve Walker has resigned his position as president of the User Group. Steve has served us so well for many years. In a written statement sent to the remaining officers of the User Group, Steve stated he is leaving because he can no longer support a group that promotes the use of so many diverse leading-edge technologies. He longs for the days when things were simple and stable, where one machine and one programming language could do it all. Steve's therapist informed us that just mentioning the words *Client/Server*, *Internet*, *C++*, *Object-Oriented*, or *Java* caused Steve to break out in a cold sweat.

Steve has also decided to leave his current employer and form his own consulting company specializing in **RPG II** programming. He mentioned he is thinking about starting another user group, possibly naming it **The IBM System/34 User Group**.

In Steve's letter of resignation he named David Carpenter as the interim president until the next User Group elections can be held. Dave immediately called an emergency presidency meeting. Despite the objections of the other officers, Dave raised the yearly membership dues from \$35.00 to \$500.00, changed our meeting place from the Murray City Offices to the La Caille Restaurant and canceled the May officer elections.

## April Meeting

Our meeting topic for the month of April will be *Integrating TCP/IP and Java into a Multiplatform Network Over an ATM Backbone Using Client/Server Object-Oriented Methodologies with GUI Interfaces Programmed in Visual Basic and Delphi on a Windows NT Workstation Connected to the Internet Using an AS/400 Advanced Server.* **Charles Craig**, Senior Systems Therapist at **Abbott Critical Laboratories**, will help us understand this important new concept that has become an industry standard last week. Charles brings a broad base of knowledge and experience on multiple platforms. He will discuss how TCP/IP is used with FTP on a WAN using SMTP, FRS, LEC, MCI, SPRINT, IRC, WWW, GOPHERS, RARP, DHCP, ISDN linked with APPC protocol routers, via MPTN and ODBC programmed in JavaScript.

We hope to see you there. Our meeting this month will be held on **Wednesday, April 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the La Caille Restaurant located at 9565 Wasatch Blvd. Tuxedos and evening gowns are required for entrance to this restaurant.**

## User Group Elections

Elections for new officers are normally held in May. However, our new president, Dave Carpenter has canceled all elections and has assumed supreme power over the User Group. Don't even think about nominating anyone as that is now grounds for terminating your membership in the User Group.

## March Meeting Highlights

Our featured speaker was **Gill Bates** of **SicroMoft Corporation**. Gill is the owner of a large software company and spoke on the topic of *Software Quality through Perception Not Reality*. His company of course produces a number of software products and is very experienced in the above topic. Some of the concepts covered were:

- Marketing your software before its completed (or even started for that matter).
- Convincing users a software bug is a feature.
- Crushing the competition and still being able to sleep at night.
- Putting a pretty face on old out-dated code and reselling it as a new product.
- How to sell a software fix as an upgrade.

We appreciate Gill for taking time out from running his multi-billion dollar company and building his 40 acre home to come and speak at our meeting last month. We will all be *perceived* as better information systems managers because of it.

## User Group Entrance Exam

Our new president, King Dave, has expressed concern at the increasingly low quality of people joining our User Group. He has decided to implement a new entrance exam required for all new applicants for membership into our group in hopes to weed out the undesirable. The exam questions are as follows:

1. What is twice the half of 1 3/7?
2. How many cubic feet of earth are there in a hole measuring 3' wide by 4' long by 5' deep?
3. Do you know how long cows should be milked?
4. Where was Queen Cleopatra's temple?
5. In what month do Americans eat the least?
6. How many marbles can you put in an empty bag?
7. The produce manager at Smiths stands 6' tall, has a 46" chest and wears size 13 shoes. What do you think he weighs?
8. If a duck came paddling down the Nile, where would it have come from?
9. How long will a seven-day grandfather clock run without winding?

### Answers:

1. 1 3/7
2. There is no earth in a hole.
3. The same way that short cows are milked.
4. On the side of her forehead.
5. February; it has fewer days
6. One; after that it is not empty.
7. Apples, pears, potatoes, bananas, etc.
8. An egg.
9. Without winding it will run for no time at all.

## IBM Corner

As you know, IBM is a politically correct and an environmentally conscious company. Because of the success of the new AS/400 Advanced Series there has been a growing surplus of the old rack-mounted AS/400s. With the concerns of overburdened landfills and in this age of recycling and protecting our environment, IBM has announced a new program for recycling old rack-mounted AS/400s. The program is called RECYCLE/400. For a minimal fee IBM will take your old AS/400 and convert it to a useful product. You can choose from the following list:

1. Boat anchor
2. Coffin
3. Stereo component system rack
4. Gun cabinet
5. Security vault
6. Carnival fund raiser (10 wacks with a sledge hammer for \$1)
7. Aquarium
8. Gym locker
9. Refrigerator
10. Shipping container for foreign aid
11. Slot machine
12. Rabbit cage
13. Planter box
14. Commercial oven (for bakery or pizza joint)
15. Hot dog vendor cart
16. Home shop work bench
17. Military practice target
18. Desk for your AS/400 Model P03
19. Phone booth
20. Billiard table
21. Utility trailer
22. Retaining wall
23. Sauna
24. Wood burning stove
25. Tanning booth
26. Portable toilet
27. Garbage dumpster
28. Outdoor barbecue grill
29. Highway crash barrier
30. Softdrink vending machine

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Thanks, Robin Van Wagenen, AS/400 Specialist, 328-6817

## Calendar of Events

**April 1**

### April Fools Day!

**April 10**

**IBM Mid-Dranged User Group** monthly meeting held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the La Caille Restaurant at 11:00 a.m.

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**Utah Computer Society** (Blue Chips) monthly meeting held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the U of U Engineering classroom building, room 104. For more information call 521-7830.

**April 17**

Monthly meeting of the **Midrange Programmers Association (MPA)** held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the CompHealth third floor conference room, 4021 South 700 East, Salt Lake City. For more information call Ken Duke at 284-6555.

## AS/400 Tips and Techniques

**Q: The percent of used disk space on my AS/400 keeps creeping higher and higher. Is there a simple way I can clean up my DASD to reduce this percent?**

**A:** Yes, the system has a very simple command that will significantly reduce the amount of disk storage used. An example of the command is:

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CLRLIB LIB(*ALL)
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This command may take a while to process but gives you real bang for the buck. It will give you all kinds of room on your DASD.

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