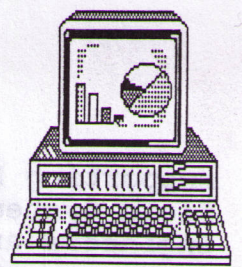


IBM Mid-Range Computer Users Group



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FEB. MEETING

Pres. Max Thomas opened our February meeting by reminding everyone that one of the goals of this years Board has been to foster greater communication and sharing of ideas and questions within the group. Max indicated that we have a user who is looking for time on an AS/400. If anyone has time available please contact Max.

Marvin Booth suggested using the CKSAVTAP command from the QUSRTOOL Library to be sure that your update tapes are in good condition before trying to install a new release.

Ed Romney from the LDS Church indicated that they have some 5251/5251-12 Decision Data Terminals. If anyone is interested, contact Ed at: 240-4929.

Also, Steve Glines from C R England is looking for someone doing client/server development and processing on the

AS/400.

Following the questions, Max introduced Bill Bennett from IBM. Bill opened with a presentation on what is going right for IBM.

The Value Point line of PCs has helped IBM regain market share lost to Apple Computer. The RS/6000 continues to beat its competition. IBM shipped its 200,000th AS/400 in the fourth quarter of 1992. IBM is building an AS/400 every twelve minutes.

Too often, we only hear about the things that are going badly. Large systems are declining and IBM will be cutting in that area. The rest of the Company is very healthy. Locally, IBM is doing very very well.

When ask if he foresaw cuts in the IBM midrange, Bill indicated that he foresees the AS/400 continuing to grow at the rate of 30 to 70 percent per year.

Robin Van Wagenen then went on to discuss the progressive architecture of the AS/400, which includes its object orientation. IBM is making every effort to protect the customers investment in application programs while providing new functions and features. New technology is being delivered as soon as it is available instead of being held back by marketing. The AS/400 will stay on the leading edge of technology.

MAR. MEETING

Our March speaker will be Bryan R Clark, a Corporate Systems Engineer with Novell, Inc. Bryan joined Novell in 1986 as a Software Engineer developing and maintaining NetWare 2.X and 3.X products. He was also instrumental in adding Macintosh and OS/2 extended file support to NetWare.

The last two years Bryan has been

supporting Novell's field Systems Engineers and major customers by designing and implementing networks and consulting on downsizing projects. Bryan is a frequent speaker at Executive Briefings and Trade Shows.

At our March meeting, Bryan will be talking about connecting Novell networks and the IBM AS/400 using NetWare for SAA. Our meeting will be held at 11:00am., on Wednesday, March 10th.

Please note, that this months meeting will be held at the West Valley City offices.

If you are coming from the south, take I-215 west to 3500 South. Then turn west to the second signal light which should be Constitution Blvd. (2700 West). Turn left (South) on Constitution Blvd. to 3600 South, then turn right on 3600 South. Parking is in the rear of the red brick building with the mirrored windows West of the Valley Fair Mall.

If you are coming from the North, take

I-15 south to 3300 South. Turn West on 3300 South and go to Constitution Blvd. (2700 West). Then follow the above directions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March MPA meeting will be held Wed. the 17th, at 6:00pm. sharp, at COMPHEALTH, Woodlands Plaza, Suite 300, 4021 South 700 East, Salt Lake City.

HELP WANTED

American Investment Bank, a new member of the IBM Mid-Range Users Group, is looking for another AS/400 user who would be interested in a reciprocal back up agreement. The Bank currently has an AS/400 Model E35, running Version 2 Release 2, with 72 megabytes of main memory, 2 9336 DASD units totalling 5.565 GB, and 1 9348 Mag Tape drive.

Interested parties should contact Terry L Fowler, Manager of Data Processing, American Investment Bank, N.A., 200 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-1241. Phone: 801-297-1055. Fax: 801-297-1212.