

# VAST NEWS

for the VAST Computer User Group

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## *All FEST WEST 1992 Issue*

For those of you who will be attending our upcoming *FEST WEST '92*, I wish to WELCOME you and THANK you in advance for coming. I am looking forward to an EXCELLENT event that will be enjoyed by all.

Please note that elsewhere in this issue of our newsletter you will find a layout of the booths and a listing of the speakers we have to date. We will supply an updated "boothmap" and speaker times at the fair, as the booth assignments have not been completed at this time.

As time grows nearer for the event, I wish to address my fellow TI'ers that have not made a decision to attend and say SPOIL YOURSELF and COME! About the only thing we TI'ers don't have that the "other" computer users do is off the shelf purchasing, So by attending our *Fest*, you'll have that advantage AND possibly get to talk to the person that wrote or built your purchase! It don't get no better than that!

I think you will find that our hotel site is a GREAT one, as there is access to the convention room from the street and through the hotel. Our main block of rooms will be on the 2nd floor just above the convention room. The hotel location is pretty well centralized for visits to MetroCenter, Christown, Zoos, museums, etc. And don't forget the moderate climate we have here. Unless the Good Lord decides otherwise, it should be short-sleeve weather.

So if you haven't done it yet, dial up the hotel and make your room reservation now before it's too late. Come February you'll be glad you did.

Ralph E. Rees - Co-Chairperson

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# SECRETARY'S SLATE

## MINUTES

### VAST COMPUTER USER GROUP

December 14, 1991

The December meeting of the VAST Computer User Group was held at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center in Tempe on Saturday, December 14th. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Grogan at 10 a.m. All officers and 12 members were present.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Mike Marfisi read the Treasury report which was approved as read.

Mike Grogan announced that Walt Brown's wife, Betty, was in the hospital. We decided to send her a card as a plant or flowers would not be acceptable in her condition.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### NEWSLETTER:

The index of past articles was published in the December issue. Jim pointed out that back issues are available to anyone interested. Also back issues of other clubs newsletters are available for reading.

#### BBS:

BBS is up and running fairly good at this time. We have been having problems with the clock resetting to the proper date. It was pointed out that we have had trouble with some of the memory chips. We have shifted some chips around to temporarily fix the

problem. It is now getting to be time to replace some of those chips. Jim will investigate the cost involved and report back next month.

#### PUBLICITY:

Tom Pfeffer has written a publicity release to be distributed to the media in advance of the FEST. Ideas were presented as to where the release could best be sent to get the maximum result.

#### LIBRARY:

No special report.

#### FEST WEST:

Messages about the FEST have been posted to BBS's in Southern California and have been passed up the coast by the folks of the San Diego UG. San Diego also have agreed to staff a game/hospitality room for kids during the weekend. The hospitality room seems to be the best place for this.

The speaker schedule is almost full. We now have commitments for all but one speaker slot.

It was suggested that the January edition of the newsletter contain all info on the FEST as this will be our last opportunity to get our information out. Ralph will gather the information and get it to Jim for publication.

Bud asked if anyone had heard from ES as to progress on the hard drive controller.

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No one has heard any official word from them. Bud will give them a call.

Hazel reported that we have sold 10 booths so far. Bud suggested that we all approach the places where we do business and hit them up for door prize donations. Mike suggested that we contact FastMicro about taking a booth.

Ray Frantz reported that he had contacted several tee-shirt dealers about taking a booth to sell FEST tee-shirts. He stated that he could not find anyone who would be interested in working with us on a "make them as needed" basis. Ray also showed us the graphics he had produced for the buttons that he will be selling.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The only old business was a confirmation of the results of the election held last month. The results were declared official.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PROGRAM**

The program originally scheduled for this month was canceled do to the fact that the speaker had to work.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11 a.m.

Respectfully,  
Mike Marfisi  
Secretary, VAST Computer User Group

# From the Editor's Desk

Here it is! The all *FEST WEST '92* issue of VAST News.

In this issue you will find all of the up-to-date information we have on the *FEST*. On page 4 is a listing of vendors/persons who have purchased booth space for their wares. Page 5 has the listing of the speakers and their topics of discussion. A promotional letter that was sent out to various agencies and organizations is on page 6 and page 7 is a copy of the *FEST WEST '92* information flyer that was also sent to TI user groups and individuals.

Sprinkled throughout this issue are some little tidbits of information about various places of interest near the *FEST* sight. We have called them *FasT<sub>I</sub>FesT<sub>I</sub>FacT<sub>I</sub>s*. We hope you find them interesting and informative.

On another note, I would like to make a comment on vendor response to the *FEST*. There has been very little! What happened? All TI vendors have been contacted, but looking at the vendor's list, few have responded. It is not too late to get a booth to promote your wares. But the time to act is NOW!

**MEETING NOTE:** We will be meeting in the **BLUE ROOM** at Pyle this month. Next month's meeting will be on February 8th.

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**PHOENIX ZOO** In Papago Park, houses over 1200 animals. Featured attractions include Safari train rides, the Arizona Exhibit, and the Children's Zoo.

# Table Reservations for FEST WEST 1992

As of January 8, 1992 the following companies/individuals have reserved booths at Fest West '92.

Ken Gilliland representing Notung Software.

Mike Grogan of VAST (2 tables) for himself.

BJ Mathis (2 tables) representing SouthWest Ninety-Niners.

Bill Nelson representing Asgard Software.

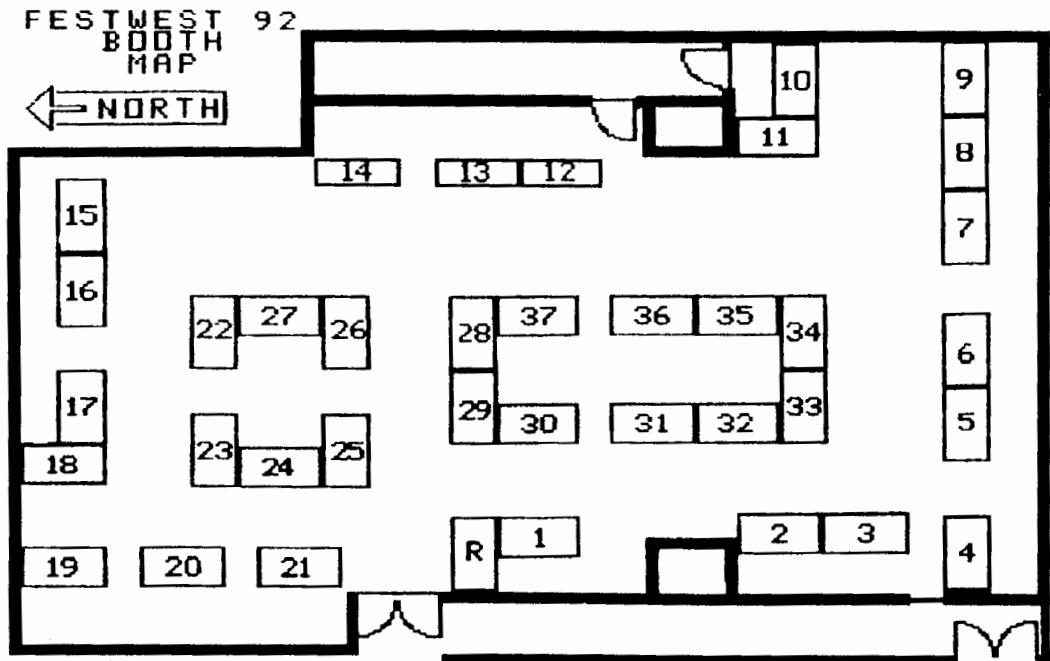
Beery Miller (2 tables) representing 9640 News.

Michael Sealy representing MS Express Software.

Don Shorock for himself.

VAST will man a consignment table.

Assignments to specific booths will be made as soon as several other vendors either confirm or deny their presence at the FEST. Below is a tentative layout of the convention area which is subject to change.



# TI FEST WEST '92 SPEAKERS

The TI/Myarc community is blessed with many individuals who are knowledgeable about a variety of aspects on the 4/A and the Geneve. Vendors have presented new products and explanations of current topics, etc. in special conference rooms. This tradition is proudly continued at FEST WEST '92.

## SATURDAY Feb. 15, 1992

| <i>TIME</i> | <i>SPEAKER</i>           | <i>TOPIC</i>                    |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10:00 a.m.  | Jerry Rash               | Quickstart - Geneve Menu System |
| 11:15 a.m.  | Bill Nelson              | The PAGEPRO Experience          |
| 1:00 p.m.   | REGENA<br>Cheryl Whitlaw | Reviewing BASIC                 |
| 2:15 p.m.   | Don O'neal               | Accelerator Card                |
| 3:30 p.m.   | Beery Miller             | 9640 Discussion                 |

## SUNDAY Feb. 16, 1992

|            |               |  |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 9:30 a.m.  | OPEN          | OPEN   |
| 10:45 a.m. | Jerry Rash    | Quickstart Geneve Menu System                              |
| 12:00 p.m. | Chris Taylor  | New Software Release?                                      |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Ken Gilliland | TPA New Products, Disk of the Old West Fonts and Borders V |

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### HALL OF FLAME FIRE MUSEUM

Features the world's largest, most complete collection of fire-fighting equipment and memorabilia.

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### DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

Displays nearly 10,000 desert plants. The facility offers horticulture classes, workshops, tours, exhibits, and field trips.

Here is a publicity letter sent out by VAST to various agencies that might have some interest in covering or participating in FEST WEST '92...

VAST User Group  
C/O Tom Pfeffer  
116 S. Stellar Parkway  
Chandler, Arizona 85226

December 30, 1991

Dear Sir:

The Valley of the Sun TI Users Group (VAST) will be hosting its first "Fest-West" on February 15 and 16, 1992. VAST is a support group for users of Texas Instruments' 99/4a and Myarcs' Geneve 9640 computers.

The convention is to be held at the DAYS INN-Phoenix/Camelback, 502 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona, 85013. The doors will open at 9:00 am both days and are to close at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 3:00 pm on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 (for both days) and anyone under 15 is admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Both days will consist of seminars by guest speakers, and demonstrations of both old and new products (software and hardware). There will also be plenty of vendors present and a game room will be set up for kids. There will be drawings for door prizes both days too.

An attendance in excess of 250 people is anticipated. There are special room rates available for out of town guests and visitors are expected from all over the Southwestern United States, and from as far as Canada, Holland and Germany.

For further information, please feel free to contact me at home in the evening. My phone number is 940-0974. Or even better yet, you can call our 24-hour BBS at 233-0790. It will contain all of the latest information, among other things.

Thank you very much for your time and interest and I hope to hear from you soon. Any publicity resulting from this correspondence would be greatly appreciated!

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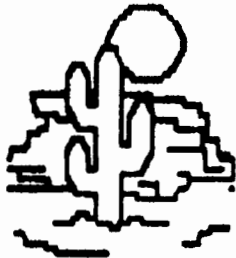
**HEARD MUSEUM** Maintains a collection of exhibits and primitive art with a focus on the history and prehistory of the Southwest and contemporary Native American cultures

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**ARIZONA MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** Offers hands-on exhibits in a variety of science fields such as energy, health, and life sciences.

Sincerely,

Tom Pfeffer, Publicity Committee Chairman



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# MYARC GENEVE 9640

LOCATION: Days Inn-Phoenix/Comelback  
502 W. Comelback, Phoenix, AZ 85013  
(602)264-9290 or 1-800-688-2021

DATE/TIME: Sat Feb 15, 1992-9am to 5pm  
Sun Feb 16, 1992-9am to 3pm

PRIZES  
COLOR PRINTER

Other prizes to be Announced  
there will be some door prizes, Too!

Fest tickets are on sale now (\$5.00  
for both days). Any one under 15, is free  
if with an Adult.

Why not plan your THREE DAY weekend now!  
FESTWEST RATES \$54.00 (1 TO 4 PEOPLE per  
Room per Day).

TI FEST WEST '92  
THE BEST YOU CAN GET

Presented by: THE VALLEY OF THE SUN TI  
USER GROUP (VAST)

For more information: Call BBS 233-0790 or  
H. KNIGHT (602)-938-5446 or  
R. REES (602)-869-8145

VENDOR'S MEETING WILL BE HELD.  
TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

# VAST User Group Information

The VAST Computer User Group is a support group for the TI-99/4A Home Computer and compatibles.

## CURRENT OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Jim Ely . . . . . 275-8018

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Jim Ely . . . . . 275-8018

### **BBS SYSOP**

Mike Grogan . . . . . 272-4315

Send any correspondence to the address below.

The VAST Computer User Group operates a BBS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number is (602) 233-0790.

## ADVERTISING RATES

There is **NO CHARGE** to **MEMBERS** for **PERSONAL** advertising. Non-members will be charged \$1.50 per ad.

Please contact the Secretary/Treasurer for **COMMERCIAL** advertising rates.

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