

## MARCH 1989 MINUTES

I am guilty of missing the March meeting, so I don't have the minutes (and our secretary hasn't contacted me). However, I did prepare a treasury/membership report, so here it is.

Our current balance is \$1276.42

We are spending about \$45.00 per month on newsletter printing and mailing, plus a few dollars for miscellaneous mailing costs (information requests, etc.). The \$45.00 includes printing extra newsletters for samples, and we could support another 25 members without additional printing costs (due to quantity discounts).

We currently have 45 paid-up members, which is down slightly from last year. If we had 50 members, the membership dues would amount to about \$40 per month income, plus we make about \$5 per month interest, which would keep us barely in the black, income-wise. (Most of the treasury money came from donations to the club by doing demos.) At present, the balance is being eaten away slowly, but slightly increased membership would put us in the black. Due to the treasury size, I'm not concerned, so we'll continue with the current dues amount.

*Stan Spielbusch*

## FEBRUARY 1989 MINUTES

Brian Vaceluke gave a demo of his video digitizer interface for the HERO 2000, and we discussed possible enhancements and uses.

Brian also gave a demo of his home navigation program, which operates from a database-type description of the environment.

General club activities were discussed. I was late, so I missed most of the meeting

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## JANUARY 1989 MINUTES

We showed the video that Walter Glod made of his experiments. Good video, Walter! It has given Walter Bryant the incentive to do the same kind of video for our club, so we should be seeing an official club video real soon now. Walter also took some videos of the Infomart, as well as the meeting itself, so our out-of-town members can see where we meet. I suggest we videotape all meetings for the library!

Stan demonstrated his SHOWBOT program, which is a simple slave-type program, allowing an operator (or host program) to command the robot with simple mnemonics. See the library column in the February 1989 issue of the Robot Companion for more details.

We had a general discussion of projects to do this year (but let's not take all year to do them!). Ideas included:

- Checkers program (to be worked on at user's labs).
- Turbo C robot routine library.
- Multi-tasking environment, with navigation and scheduling at the core.
- Demo programs for the lobby and club demos

Ed Rivers suggested that we participate in KERA (Channel 13, public television) pledge drives. We could get some good exposure, while performing a public service. Maybe even give our robots a chance at show business! I think it's a great idea, but we need some commitment and organization within the club. Well, Ed is president now, so...

Bob Winingham has offered to let us use his BBS again! He has a section for robotics, just log on and leave him a note that you're with the DPRG. I don't know yet if we will have a library area, but at least we can leave E-mail, like articles for the newsletter (hint, hint)! The number is (214) 739-xxxx. More details later.

A lot more happened at the meeting than was planned! You never know what you might miss, so don't forget to come to the meetings!

*Stan Spielbusch*