Oracle of Zeus

Newsletter of the Zorba Equipment Users Society

Background Information Sheet

Who's ZEUS?

A group of Zorba computer users, we exchange information and news in order to make better use of our portable companions. ZEUS publishes a newsletter six times a year, and distributes a library of public-domain software.

The ORACLE?

Paul O'Nolan and Tom Hodges began publication in the fall of 1983 (Athens, Ohio). The first issue was printed on paper but ever since the Oracle has come out on disk (Zorba DS/DD). The only complaints with this idea were of printers over-heating (each issue commonly runs to 100+ pages). The disk distribution method has been very popular.

Zorba-related articles comprise half the newsletter. General reviews, news, and how-to information apply to all CP/M computer systems. Letters from members give the feeling of a community forum. Word processing, data-base systems, basic beginners-getting-started info, programming languages, system utilities (file copying, backups, repair and care), hardware tips -- the range of material we publish covers most anyone's interests.

ZEUS LIBrary?

ZEUS also distributes disks of public domain software. The Oracle carries a regular section 'In The Pub' which describes each Zeuslib disk as they get released. Many members pick and choose only which disks appeal to their interests. Others just order everything. If you are already part of a local users group, you may have most of the Zeuslib software. If you are an isolated user, then access to documented, tested public-domain software can make all the difference in your computing experience.

ZORBA?

Designed and first built by Telcon Industries (1982), the Zorba has become known as a dependable, fast, multi-featured CP/M computer. Though 8-bit machines have been bypassed by 16- and 32-bit computers, anyone who uses a Kaypro, Osborne, Zorba (and many others) will defend their trusty workhorses in an instant. User groups have played an important role in the continued popularity of CP/M computers. Currently produced by Gemini Electronics in Longwood, Florida (800-327-7182), the Zorba has a built-in 9" screen, keyboard, and drives (DS/DD, DS/QD, or 10M).

Subscription Information

The Oracle is published on disk (Zorba DS/DD) 6 times a year.

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