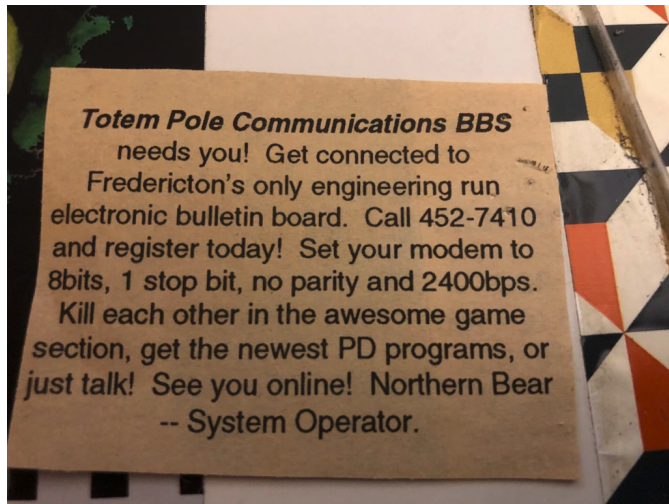


Totem Pole Communications BBS

Overview

Back in the mid 90's, I ran a bulletin board system (BBS) called Totem Pole Communications.

I have since, tried to bring this back from the dead. More to come on this.



Original BBS Screen Shots



Totem Pole Communications		SysOps: Northern Bear + Kindered Spirit
The Main Menu - Validated User Access		
(C)hat with SysOp	(B)BS List	(F)ile Area
(I)ntro on BBS	(S)ystem Bulletins	(M)essage Area
(N)ote to SysOp	(&)Time Bank	(O)nline Games
(L)og of Callers	(1)FEES	(P)ersonal Data
(V)oting Booth	(G)oodbye	
	(/G)oodbye	

Totem Pole Communications		SysOps: Northern Bear + Kindered Spirit
The Main Menu - Un-Validated User Access		
(-)Callback Verification	- Have the BBS call you back to verify your phone number.	
(C)hat with SysOp	- If he's around he'll talk with you.	
(F)ile Menu	- See what files are available. (S) command in the File Menu will show you all files.	
(G)oodbye	- Hangup from Totem Pole BBS. :(
(/G)oodbye	- Hangup Instantly.	
(N)ote to SysOp	- Leave a Note to the SysOp.	
(M)essage Menu	- Check and Post private or general messages.	
(O)nline Games	- Play some AWESOME online games.	
(P)ersonal Data	- Check out your personal data.	
(S)ystem Bulletins	- Those booring bulletins no one wants to read.	
(1)FEES	-What it cost to register.	

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(I)nfo on BBS	(1)Fees	(M)essage Area
(N)ote to SysOp	(S)ystem Bulletins	(O)nline Games
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(V)oting Booth	(G)oodbye	(-)Callback Utility
	(/G)oodbye	(*)SysOp Menu

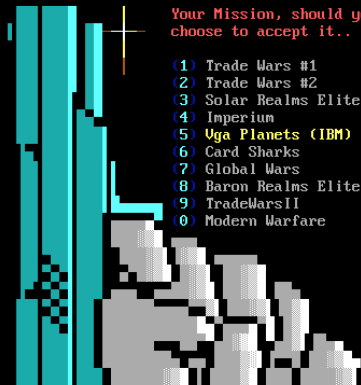
Messages - Hit ? for a more detailed description.		
Area	List of Message Bases	Actions
(#)Area Change	(0)Private Messages	(R)ead Message
(I)Previous Area	(1)General Messages	(N)ew Message Scan
(I)Next Area	(2)Online Games Talk	(W)aiting Messages
(A)rea List	(3)Online Games News	(S)can Messages
(Z)Set Scan Areas	(4)Uga Planets	(P)ost Message
(J)oin Conference	(5)Jokes	(D)elete Message
(U)sers with Access	(6)Classified Ads	(G)oodbye
(!)Msg Area Stats	(7)News	(/G)oodbye
		(Q)uit to Main

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(U)sers with Access	SysOp Commands	(G)oodbye
(!)Msg Area Stats	(/Z)Pack Messages	(/G)oodbye
	(*)Sysop Menu	(Q)uit to Main

The **File** Menu - Hit ? for a more detailed description of the Commands.

Area	Listings	Actions
(H)Area Change	(B)rowse Files	(D)ownload
(P)revious Area	(F)ind Description	(E)Batch Transfer
(N)ext Area	(L)ist Files	(U)pload
(A)rea List	(N)ew Files	(+)Software Requests
	(P)ointer Date	
	(S)earch Filespec	
(Y)our File Info	(U)iew Archive	(G)oodbye
(F)ile Area Stats	(Z)et Scan Areas	(/G)oodbye
		(Q)uit to Main

- (1)Computer BBS Ethics - What to do and what not to do.
- (2)Registration Fees - Support Totem Pole Communications!
- (3)Time Bank & Extra Time - How to get it.
- (4)Adult File Access - Must 18 to qualify.
- (5)Notes on the File Section - How to get around in the file section.
- (Q)uit to Main Menu



Your Mission, should you
choose to accept it..

- (1) Trade Wars #1
- (2) Trade Wars #2
- (3) Solar Realms Elite
- (4) Imperium
- (5) **Vga Planets (IBM)**
- (6) Card Sharks
- (7) Global Wars
- (8) Baron Realms Elite
- (9) TradeWarsII
- (0) Modern Warfare

CALL AGAIN

TIME OUT!

Due to the fact that you haven't hit a key
for five minutes, we have come to the conclusion
that you are either out of reach, or dead.

Call back sometime when you are NEITHER of these!

Toten Pole Communications is currently running:

- o Telegard v2.7 BBS software
- o Supra-2400bps modem
(etc..)

Votes as of 10:43 pm Fri Apr 30, 1993

How much should you pay for BBS access?

\$15.00

Alex Murdoch #87

Erico #146

Matrix #35

Northern Bear #1

Raiden #49

Raven #64

Turtle #72

\$20.00

Bink #6

Kindred Spirit #2

Warhammer #62

\$25.00

\$30.00

Welcome to Totem Pole Communications.

This BBS is now operating 24 hours a day
Monday through Sunday. The BBS will have
to be off the hook sometimes for maintenace
and other things. Hopefully we can both
use use the system together.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#1 Northern Bear (Sysop)

#2 Kindered Spirit (Co-Sysop)

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WAITING FOR NEXT CALLER			
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MODEM:	A nsuer Phone	H ang Up Phone	O Phone Offhook + Init Modem
INFO:	C aller List	L SysOp Logs	S ystem Status Z Usage Log
MISC:	D rop to DOS M Quick Message	Q uit T erm Program	U ote Results 0-9 WFCBATx.BAT ! Mini-DOS Spc Local Logon
Time :	DLs :	% Activity :	
Mail :	ULs :	Disk Space :	
Last Active:	Last Caller :		

Northern Bear #1

Dear Users,

As you may have known, the BBS is going to be run by Kindred Spirit. This is now being put into place.

***THE NEW NUMBER IS : 454-4733

Whis number will be effective starting Monday. This means that the BBS will be down from Friday Night until Monday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

All users who have paid will have their accounts carried over to the new system. (I'll). Northern Bear, will be in Saint John keeping up the Nuclear waste station. Don't tell ok!!!

Starting on Monday, we'll have a 14.4 modem for your pleasure!!!!. We are going to be running a version of Searchlight BBS with Ripterm Graphics (Barevrrrrr)

www membership fees will be enforced starting on Monday in order to pay for *****the 14.4 modem and BBS registration.

Thanks for everything. Have a good summer and live long and prosper!

Be sincerely,

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~*~Northern Bear

***Good Day New User,

you have just been UNLIMITED. welcome to Totem Pole Communications. We are a relatively new BBS (running since May 1992). We offer a file section, using both, and some ***CURL ONLINE GAMES*** Hope to see you there!

FEE USER FEE has been put in place. This is a minimal fee of \$5.00. This fee is set up to cover operating expenses and ***ONBOARD*** So, help make Totem pole your home BBS. (See ***(1)Fees***at main menu for more info.) Your account will be given more privileges upon payment of user fees. Until that time you will have a 30 minute online time and limited access. After 30 days this account will be deleted if user fees have not been paid.

BE REMINDER Please keep your password a secret. We encourage that you change your password every 3 months. This is for your security. Also remember that you are responsible for your account and ***any*** mis-use will mean loss of privileges and possibly account. The log files show us everything you do. So be good. :)

***If you have any comments or questions please feel free to leave me a message. Thanks :)

***Northern Bear (Sysop)

Ethics for BBS users - By Steve King

The following are a few points of general BBS etiquette. If you wish to maintain your welcome on whatever system you happen to call, it would be to your advantage to observe these few rules. (Sysops - feel free to download this & display it on your BBS)

1. Don't habitually hang up on a system. Every Sysop is aware that accidental disconnections happen once in a while but we do tend to get annoyed with people who hang up every single time they call because they are either too lazy to terminate properly or they labor under the mistaken assumption that the 10 seconds they save online is going to significantly alter their phone bill. "No dialing" is not an acceptable excuse for long. If you hang it and intend to use the time to call BBS systems, you should either have it disconnected or find some other way to circumvent it.

2. Don't do dumb things like leave yourself a message that says "Just testing to see if this thing works". Where do you think all those other messages came from if it didn't work? Also, don't leave "shiny" messages that say "Please leave me a message". If ever there was a person to ignore, it's the one who begs someone to leave him a message. If you want to get messages, start by reading the ones that are already online and getting involved in the conversations that exist.

3. Don't use the local equivalent of a chat command unless you really have some clear cut notion of what you want to say and why. Almost any Sysop is more than happy to answer questions or offer help concerning his system. Unfortunately, because about 85% of the people who call want to chat and about 95% of those people have absolutely nothing to say besides "How old are you?" or something equally irrelevant, fewer Sysops even bother answering their pagers every day.

4. When you are offered a place to leave comments when exiting a system, don't try to use this area to ask the Sysop questions. It is very rude to the other callers to expect the Sysop to carry on a half visible conversation with someone. If you have a question or statement to make and expect the Sysop to respond to

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(1.0) INTRODUCTION TO VGA PLANETS

VGA Planets is a graphical multi-player play by turn war game
which simulates combat in space between galactic empires. The
game emphasizes mining, colonization and the construction of
starships. The players compete against each other economically
and militarily on a galactic scale. The game system allows
players to construct their own starships by selecting various
components and placing them on a given hull type. The game can
handle from two to eleven players. The game is designed to be a
BBS or Net game. This game can also be played on one computer alone.
This is NOT a door game. The game can be played on any BBS that
supports file transfers, with or without the sysop's help.

VGA Planets can be compared to an 11 player chess game. The
game is a play by turn game much like chess. The game can be
played on any IBM compatible with VGA graphics and a 286 or
faster CPU with a hard drive.
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Utilities

Utility	Description	URL
syncterm	A cross-platform ANSI-BBS terminal designed to connect to remote BBSs via telnet, rlogin, or SSH.	https://sourceforge.net/projects/syncterm/
ftelnet	Browser Based Telnet Client	https://www.ftelnet.ca/

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Lunduke - setup bbs on linux	https://lunduke.com/posts/2020-01-29/
Open Telegard	https://github.com/sharkos/opentelegard/
List of BBS Software	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_BBS_software
BBS'ing with Windows/386 & Windows 3.0 under Qemu	https://virtuallyfun.com/wordpress/2011/07/01/bbsing-with-windows386-windows-3-0-under-qemu-or-how-i-learned-to-love-rlfossil/
How To Play: TradeWars 2002! Retro BBSing in 2019	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldfdU7F0H5Q
Digital Distortion BBS	http://digitaldistortionbbs.com/
** An old DOS BBS in a Docker container	https://changelog.complete.org/archives/9836-an-old-dos-bbs-in-a-docker-container
Docker-dos-bbs	https://github.com/jgoerzen/docker-dos-bbs
Renegade BBS Docker	https://github.com/jgoerzen/docker-bbs-renegade
BBS'ing with Windows/386 & Windows 3.0 under Qemu or how I learned to love rlfossil	https://virtuallyfun.com/wordpress/2011/07/01/bbsing-with-windows386-windows-3-0-under-qemu-or-how-i-learned-to-love-rlfossil/
Hayes Modem Command Set	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hayes_command_set
BBS Software	http://archives.fidobbs.net/area1308.htm https://archives.scovetta.com/pub/fehq/BBSSoftware/00_index.htm http://www.lanet.lv/simtel.net/msdos/telegard.html
Running a DOS-based BBS through Linux and Telnet	https://web.archive.org/web/20100405185907/http://satoricode.com/2010/02/24/running-a-dos-based-bbs-through-linux-and-telnet/
Netfoss Guide	http://pcmicro.com/netfoss/guide/
WWIV BBS - dosemu common settings	http://docs.wwivbbs.org/en/wwiv52/linux_dosemu_settings/
Trade Wars 2002 Game Server Download	http://www.eisonline.com/downloads/
How to DosEMU	http://wiki.synchro.net/howto:dosemu
BBS Files/Archive	http://archives.thebbs.org/
Trade Wars 2002 v309 for BBS	http://archives.scovetta.com/pub/fehq/BBSDoorGames/2002v309.zip