

# MARCH

Mid-Atlantic Retro Computing Hobbyists

*Newly bitmapped logo courtesy of "The Wiz" – thanks again!*

## MARCH Newsletter: Feb/Mar 2025

Sorry for the delay! We've been incredibly busy the past two months!

...Busy with what, you ask?

### *Museum 3.5*

After two solid weeks of work, the rearrangement was COMPLETE! The exhibits were moved, the walls were painted, and the floor wasn't carpeted yet, but goalposts are movable for a reason!



*The sun's warm glow illuminates the museum*



*Above: the 'trinity' of '77 float above their fully interactive descendants  
Below: The PDP-8 heralds the minicomputer revolution*





*The UNIVAC 1219 stands proud*

These four photos provide but a mere *glimpse* of what we've got to show you in the newly renovated Museum 3.5! Want to see more? Stop in during VCF East April 4th, 5th, and 6th!

# Vintage Computer Festival East 2025

[vcfed.org/vcf-east-tickets/](https://vcfed.org/vcf-east-tickets/)

On that note...

## *Vintage Computer Festival East*

*It's almost here. Can you hear it? The hills are alive with*

# “The Sound of Vintage”

**What** does a computer sound like? Does it buzz, whirr, beep, screech, click, or hum? Can it speak, sing, scream, or sample? Can you listen to its innermost thoughts with a transistor radio?

Well, if you've never heard a computer before, you'll hear plenty of them this year at VCF East!

There's plenty else to get excited about, such as an appearance by none other than the co-author of K&R C and founding father of UNIX - Brian Kernighan! He will be talking about his 2019 book: *UNIX: A History and a Memoir*.



*Brian Kernighan speaks at a tribute to Dennis Ritchie in 2012 at Bell Labs,  
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**Vittles and Refreshments** will also be available this year courtesy of *Boardwalk Bites*, who will be serving from their food truck behind the cafeteria this year.



The menu includes:

**BREAKFAST** (Served from 7:30 am)

- Pork, Egg and Cheese Roll
- Egg, Bacon and Cheese Burrito
- Bagels and Pastries
- Coffee & Tea

**LUNCH** (Served from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm)

- Cheeseburger
- Sausage & Peppers Sandwich
- Vegetarian Sandwich
- Cheesesteak
- Seasoned Fries
- Fresh Fruit

**BEVERAGES**

- Water, Soda

**Consignment** will be far bigger and less bee-infested than last year! We've been scrambling the past few months to get an entire *7200 square feet* of space ready to go in time to be used as the consignment space this year, and by hook or by crook we're getting it done!



[vcfed.org/events/vintage-computer-festival-east/vcf-east-consignment/](https://vcfed.org/events/vintage-computer-festival-east/vcf-east-consignment/)

Our local volunteers have been working around the clock to get this space ready to go - clearing it out, cleaning the floors, installing new fire-rated doors, emergency lighting and more!

But wait! We still need **YOUR** help!

VCF East (and indeed, everything done by MARCH or the Vintage Computer Federation as a whole) is entirely volunteer driven! Some from as near as Wall, New Jersey, some from as far as Kamloops, British Columbia, all joined by one common purpose - to guarantee that *the show must go on!*

There is still so much work to be done! Tables moved, chairs arranged, power lines run, AV systems set up, bathrooms cleaned, mainsails hoisted, anchors weighed! Any and all help will be appreciated!

[vcfed.org/vcf-east-volunteer-registration/](https://vcfed.org/vcf-east-volunteer-registration/)

## *Workshop(s)*

The February and March workshops went off without a hitch! Well, except for the extremely strong winds in February which ripped shingles from roofs and tore tree limbs asunder.

Thankfully, nobody was hurt (except for a single '94 BMW E32). We would like to extend special kudos to Emilio Collar, who spent his Sundays during both workshops meticulously re-arranging our collection of books and documentation in the warehouse! Through his efforts, inventorying our internal library has been made far, far easier!



*CJ frags Thomas in Quake deathmatch*

There will be no workshop in April or May to give us time to recuperate after the festival but be sure to stop by June 7th and 8th after our summer swap meet!

For how much has happened in the past two months, this edition of the newsletter may feel pretty light - sometimes we simply forget to take pictures! Until the next,

*-Thomas Gilinsky, MARCH Committee Chairman*



*Don't cry that the newsletter is over, smile because it happened*