SACS Newsletter

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By Keith Scott

The SACS 2003 Annual User Meeting held in February was a tremendous success. We sincerely appreciate all the participation from our SACS Users. It is the feedback that we get from all of you that allows us to prepare the meeting materials for the following year. I also want to take this opportunity to send a "THANK YOU" to all the Committee Members for our 2003 User Meeting. Your hard work and dedication played a vital role in the meeting!

I would like to encourage you to contact any of the persons on the User Committee for 2004 with any suggestions you may have concerning the next meeting. Also, you may contact them if you are interested in becoming a User Committee Member. The members may be found by viewing the following:
http://www.sacsinc.com/NewNews.htm

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By Wanda Scott

Rhonda Gaskins is the newest addition to our Accounting Department. She comes to us with sixteen years of Accounting Experience; as well as numerous computer skills. I feel she is an asset to SACS. Rhonda, along with our other experienced Accounting Clerks will be readily available to assist you with any questions you may have.
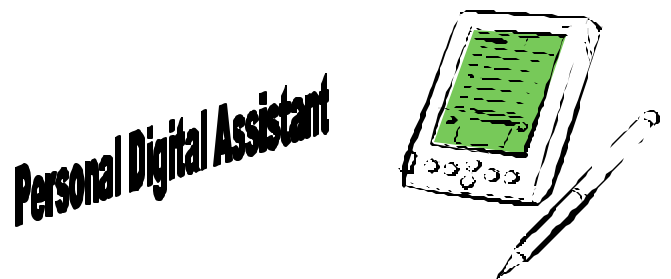
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Developer's Corner

By Danny Lloyd

SACS Housing Software version 5.2 was released to our beta test sites at the end of March. It should be released to all customers by the end of April. This update has over 120 enhancements.

Personal Digital Assistant

During our annual conference, I announced that we would be developing a new inspection system for PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants). Work will begin on this project this summer. We are waiting on Microsoft to release the final version of the development software. We plan to provide support for inspections, excess utility meter reading, and the inventory system. Using this one device should eliminate the need for several different pieces of hardware and provide a more economical platform for our software. We are also investigating other uses for this device.
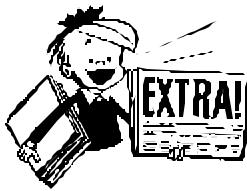
A new Contract Management module will be available later this year. We have completed the planning phase. Programming should begin sometime in April. I want to thank the users who have assisted SACS with the information needed to develop this module. This module will allow you to track contracts for something as simple as a cell phone, to something as complex as a capital fund grant.

Version 5.2 contains the capability of automatically generating purchase orders for maintenance inventory items. It supports blanket purchase orders for this purpose. This capability was added in response to the information we uncovered while doing research for the Contract Management module.

We received a large number of change requests at our annual conference. Work will begin on these this summer. Your continued requests and ideas continue to drive our development efforts. Please continue to send us your ideas.

Administration/Marketing Corner

By Sherri Blasingame

GOOD NEWS !!! SACS would like to welcome…

HOMERVILLE, GEORGIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

They will begin using SACS Software in April of 2003.

LAB CLASSES
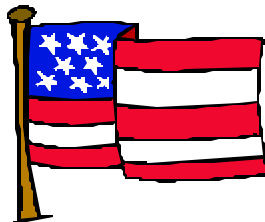
PIC CLASS will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, April 17th, 2003 9-4:00pm $100 pp
Thursday, May 15th, 2003 9-4:00pm $100 pp

GENERAL LEDGER Class (Basic) will be held on the following date:

Thursday, June 19th, 2003 8:30–4:30pm $100 pp

Please call Sherri Blasingame ext. 120 to Register!

If there are other classes you would like to see offered, please notify me.

Call of Duty
By Sherri Blasingame

SACS' Employee, Doug Johnson, has been placed on short-term activation with the possibility of long-term activation, as our country deals with the war situation. Doug is active in the National Guard Unit of our State.   In his absence, please contact Bobbie Bryant ext. 114 with any questions regarding Leases or Letters. She will be happy to assist you with this information or preparation, as needed.

Technical Support

By Brandon Ingram

SACS Housing Software version 5.2 is almost complete and ready for distribution. I want to review a couple points regarding the installation of updates. Windows users can install the update on the server or a workstation. We suggest that you use the same computer each time you install an update. Unix users will have to perform the installation on the server.

During the Windows installation, you will be prompted for the Housing Software directory. If you do not know the directory name, you can find out by doing the following: From the Windows desktop you will see your SACS Housing Software icon. Right click it and select Properties. Click on the "Shortcut" tab. The installation directory will be in the "Start in" field. For example: F:\HOUSING.

Before you begin the installation process, make sure that you have an error free backup. This backup will be required to restore your data, in case the upgrade process reports an error. If received an error while installing your last update, consider contacting Technical support for assistance. We can call into your computer and watch as you install the update.

After the update is installed, please make sure that you can get into the normal screens that you use on a day-to-day basis. If you receive any errors, please stop immediately and contact SACS Technical Support. It is difficult to resolve installation problems days or weeks after the installation.

Remember that you can download program updates from our website if you are a registered user. If you have not registered, you can sign up for the Support group at www.sacsinc.com .

Purchasing
By Kevin Scott

SACS is running a special on an IBM THINKPAD Laptop. Description is as follows: Pentium 4,2.0GHz, 256Meg RAM, 40GB Hard Drive, DVD, Windows XPP and a 14.1 inch screen.
"This is a limited time offer, while supplies last".

$ 2,072.00
Includes shipping fee

SACS is not only your first choice for Custom Housing Software; we are also a premier reseller of PC's, printers and computer accessories. Contact Kevin @ ext.110