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Dynamite Newsletter

Holidays, 2002

New Dynamite Features

Version 10.25 of Dynamite Generation 3 is now available for downloading. New features include:

- Integration to Advantage 4.2 & 5.0 MS-SQL
- Integration to Visual AccountMate SQL
- Improvement in speed for large databases
- Addition of a contract linkage for job sites
- Addition of new technician calendar searches
- Addition of reference field lists for reports

Version 8.8.5 of Dynamite 2000 is also available for downloading. This product is still supported and used by hundreds of organizations.

Reseller Conference

South By Southwest will be exhibiting at Summit 2003 in February. This annual conference for AccountMate resellers is to be held in San Francisco. Didn't Mark Twain infer that it's warmer in San Francisco in February than in July?

Wireless Technology

If you listen to all the hype, everybody, everywhere, will be able to connect without wires or cable. Well, maybe but not in the immediate future.

We recently installed a small wireless 802.11a local area network in our offices and had very poor results. Yes, it worked and was relatively easy to configure but don't believe the distance and speed claims by the manufacturers.

The manufacturer claimed connectability up to 300 feet away but that must have been line of sight in a sealed room with no air currents. Need to locate a station around a corner or behind a door? Forget it.

After a week of testing, we returned the merchandise.

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Burnt Turkey

Even if you burn the turkey this holiday season, you can still be thankful for many reasons:

1. Salmonella won't be a concern.
2. Everyone will think your turkey is Cajun blackened.
3. Uninvited guests will think twice next year.
4. Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newfound appreciation.
5. Pets won't bother to pester you for scraps.
6. No one will overeat.
7. The smoke alarm was due for a test.
8. Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.
9. You'll get to the desserts even quicker.
10. After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.
11. The less turkey Uncle George eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.
12. You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.

Magazine Article

We were so pleased with the Street Wizard Pro mapping software that we authored a technical review which was published in the December 2002 issue of FoxPro Advisor. Dynamite has the capability of finding any valid customer address in the United States and displaying it on a map. It will also plot the most efficient driving route for a series of stops that a technician is scheduled to make.

Happiness is watching a Star Trek rerun with a log on the fire and a loved one by your side.

December, 2002

At this special time of year,

We give thanks to each and every one for your patronage and friendship during this past year and particularly during this season of gratitude and goodwill.

The threat of terrorism will not subside for many years but we hope and pray that the conflicts with Iraq are quickly resolved. Everyone complains about the economy but our country is strong and is rebounding quickly. We are already seeing an uptick in sales and reseller activity.

Professionally, it was an exciting year for us. We began offering Internet training for our Dynamite Generation 3 product and continued to enhance Dynamite's functionality. Research and development is an on-going process and was our primary focus this year.

So a toast to past accomplishments, a promising future, and, most importantly, good health to all of us.

With all good wishes of peace to you and your family,

*The staff at
South By Southwest*