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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	West Coast Computer Faire Collection
Date:	1980 1977
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1118
Creator:	Jones, Ernie (Collector)
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (1 box)
Language:	Collection is in English. Some materials in Japanese.
Summary:	Collection contains product literature, newsletters, and other hand-outs collected from exhibitors by Ernie Jones, a faire attendee. The First West Coast Computer Faire was held in San Francisco, California on April 15-17, 1977, and the Fifth West Coast Computer Faire was held on March 14-16, 1980.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Ernie Jones on October 20, 2007.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The West Coast Computer Faire was an annual computer industry conference and exposition that was often held in San Francisco. The first faire was held in 1977 at the San Francisco Auditorium and Brooks Hall. It was organized by Jim Warren and Bob Reiling. At the time it was the biggest computer show in the world, intended to popularize the personal computer in the home. However, Apple stopped exhibiting at the West

Coast Computer Faire, refusing to exhibit at any show other than COMDEX that also had PC based exhibits. In 1983, Warren sold the rights to the Faire for US\$3 million to Prentice Hall, who later sold it to Sheldon Adelson, the owner of Interface Group and COMDEX. In total, sixteen shows were held, with the last in 1992. The Fifth West Coast Computer Faire was held from March 14-16, 1980 in San Francisco and its focus was intelligent machines for home, business and industry.

Scope and Contents

Collection is divided into two series: 1977 Faire Materials and 1980 Faire Materials. In some instances, the dates associated with the materials are recorded. Otherwise, all materials are dated 1977 or 1980. The 1977 and 1980 Faires were held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium and Brooks Hall. The programs for the faires include the schedule at a glance, list of sessions, advertisements, lists of exhibitors and booth, and the conference proceedings from previous fairs. The materials contain product literature for computer hardware and software, publications, newsletters, journals, advertisements, and other computer-related information. The fairs included papers, talks, demonstrations, and exhibits.

Arrangement

The collection organized into two series.

Series 1: 1977 Faire Materials

Series 2: 1980 Faire Materials

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Gloves must be worn when handling unprotected photographs and negatives.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Computers
Exhibitions -- 1960-1990

Types of Materials:

Advertisements -- 20th century
Handbills

Container Listing

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