REMINDER, AND OTHER VAX USEFULS

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REMINDER 4.2

GETTING STARTED

First of all, of course, you need the program itself. My source was JONES from the vax people, who had informed me of how to get the 'public access' program on my directory. This method is dated, as JONES will not be at the laboratory forever, so if this method fails your best bet would be to talk to the vax people for a copy. At the \$ prompt, type:

```
$ copy USR$ROOT:[JONES]REMINDER.EXE []*
```

The program should now be in your directory, perhaps alphabetically. If you're sure it isn't, and you're sure you haven't made any typos, try calling the vax people (x4295).

The next thing you need to do is modify your login file:

```
$ EDIT LOGIN.COM
```

```
* C
```

You will see your login file. Add this line near the end, including the '\$':

```
$ REMIND*er==$USR$ROOT:[you]REMINDER
```

Whereas 'you' refers to your USER NAME. If you want your reminders to appear every time you login, add this additional line:

```
$ REMIND ME
```

Now you're all set. If you want your program loaded right away, type '@LOGIN' at the \$ prompt, or just wait until you login again. Any time you want to be reminded of the current day's events, just type:

```
$ REMIND ME
```

PROGRAMMING

Here is all the information you'll need to put all your reminders into the vax system. First, to get into the program, type:

```
$REMIND
```

This will load the reminder program. You will see a bold 'REMINDER 4.2' line, then a new screen with an information bar on top and a REMIND> prompt on the bottom. These are the following commands you have available:

A	Add a NEW reminder message.
D	Delete a reminder message.
R	Reschedule a reminder message.
<return>	Display TODAY's reminders.
T	Display TOMORROW's reminders.
#	Display reminders from DAY '#' of CURRENT MONTH.
# month	Display reminders from DAY '#', MONTH 'month' of CURRENT YEAR.
date	Display reminders from specified 'date'. i.e. 'Nov 6 1969' or '1969 6 nov'.
F	Display ALL future reminders.
S	Search 'reminder' file for given string.
C	Enter Calendar display mode.
?	Show help text (similar to this).
H	NOT AVAILABLE
control - Z	Cancel current REMINDER command.
W	Refresh the screen display.
E	Exit REMINDER

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ADD

To add any reminders you want to pop up on the screen for you, you must do the following:

REMIND> a

You will be asked for the date for which you want the reminder to appear, which must be in any of the formats shown in the **Display** options above. You will then be given a limited character field to type your reminder:

Date: 12

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1969

MESSAGE:(Happy birthday, Mike!)

Your message will enter for a few seconds, then you will be back at the REMIND>.

MORE EXAMPLES:

Date: <ret>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1969

MESSAGE:(A star is born)

Date: 25 dec

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1969

MESSAGE:(Merry Christmas!)

Date: nov 8 1989

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1989

MESSAGE:(and the walls, they come tumblin' down)

DELETE

Delete works in much the same way as add, but in reverse. This is useful for canceled meetings or other whatnot, or it may just be easier to ignore the reminder when it pops up.

REMIND> d

date: <same as before. See above, & **Display** options>

You will then be shown the first reminder for that day. You will be asked to **S**'kip or **D**'elete it before moving on to the next one. This process continues until all the reminders for that day have been decided upon.

RESCHEDULE

Perhaps a meeting has been rescheduled. Have no fear! Just reschedule your reminder.

REMIND> r

date: <same as before. See above, & **Display** options>

You will then be shown the first reminder for that day. You will be asked to **S**'kip or **R**'eschedule it before moving on to the next one. If you decide to reschedule, you will be asked for a new date, in the same format as always. This process continues until all the reminders for that day have been decided upon.

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SEARCH

If you want to find all of the reminders dealing with, say, birthdays, or anything else string specific, this is the function for you.

REMIND> s

String: "birthday"

The screen will display all the reminders with the string "birthday" in them, and then show the REMIND> prompt.

CALENDAR

This is a nifty function, and purely informational besides.

REMIND> c

date: <see below>

The date is less specific in this instance, as you are not allowed to specify a particular day. Only a month and a year are accepted, otherwise the entry is the same.

<return>	current month
month	month of current year
date	month and year specified, i.e. nov 1969.

Displayed is the following information: The current day is highlighted. Any days with impending reminders are in bold. The current month is shown in the middle, the preceding month to the left and the following month to the right.

The real fun of this function is finding out what days of the week important dates occurred on. The range is from Jan 1859 to Dec 2084, so you can find out the day of your birth or what day Christmas is on a few years from now.

To exit this function, type control Z.

MISCELLANEOUS

You will have to program all the reminders you want individually. Otherwise it should be a useful addition to your lifestyle at Fermi. Enjoy.

BACK DOOR VAX ENTRY

This is how to sneak into the vax when the max users have been exceeded:

FERMILAB [X] = V5	or
FERMILAB [X] = emu	or
FERMILAB [X] = lan	

Get big emulex message and one of the following prompts:

V5> c fnal	or
TS> c fnal	or
Vista> c fnal	(no emulex message)

login as usual. Get out of the emulex by

V5> lo
TS> lo
Vista> lo

Good Luck, Jay

MAIL FUNCTION KEYS

PF1 alternate	PF2 DIR/FOLDER HELP	PF3 EXTRACT/MAIL EXTRACT	PF4 SELECT MAIL clear screen
7 SEND/EDIT SEND	8 REPLY/EDIT/EXTRACT REPLY	9 FORWARD/EDIT FORWARD	- SHOW/NEW READ/NEW
4 CURRENT/EDIT CURRENT	5 FIRST/EDIT FIRST	6 LAST/EDIT LAST	DIR, MAIL DIR/NEW
1 BACK/EDIT BACK	2 PRINT/PRINT/NOTIFY PRINT	3 6 DIR/START=9~ DIR	ENTER SELECT . . . return
0 NEXT/EDIT NEXT		DELETE . . . FILE . . .	