

MORE ON BBSs

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There has been a lot of comment on my article "Transsexuals On Line" in the October, 1990 Transsexual Voice, concerning computer Bulletin Boards. Since I wrote the article, I have received more information on BBSs, which I would like to share with you.

The Daily Newsletter for the International Foundation for Gender Education 5th Annual Convention, April 8-14, carried an article on BBSs. BBSs (computer Bulletin Board Systems) provide services and communication, via computer modem, in a variety of areas, including gender identity, gay and lesbian lifestyles. By connecting with a BBS, a person can download information files, or "talk" with others on the system via electronic mail. While many of these BBSs are operated locally, they can be linked with other BBSs via national networks, such as FIDOnet.

Several BBSs also have "private" or closed areas exclusively for the gender communities. They screen the participants, so that all people on the BBS are TSs. This ensures comfort that you are indeed discussing emotional or sensitive issues with another member of the TS community.

Following are three major TS-oriented BBSs:

Terranet BBS

Sponsored by J2CP Information Services, this board provides 8MB of files on family, medical, legal, personal, political and social, and religious issues, as well as a growing referral directory. BBS is on-line from 2 p.m. PST to 10 a.m. PST weekdays and 24 hours on weekends. All information is free via scroll to screen. To download information, either upload information to share, or make a \$25 contribution to help defray operating costs of the board. Telephone: (714) 248-2836 Modem Parameters: 2400 baud, 8N1

TelePeople BBS

This is a FIDONET BBS providing extensive areas of communication for almost everyone. International "echos" range from technical to adult, and include special areas for the CD/TS/TV and Gay communities. There is a small annual fee for some of the specialty areas to help defray the telephone and equipment costs. Electronic mail, both local and network-wide, is available. System operates 24 hours except 1 a.m.-3 a.m. Mtn. Time. Telephone (303) 426-1942 Modem Parameters: 300, 1200, 2400 baud, 8N1.

CrossLink

This is a private, exclusive, message section available only to members of the CD/TS/TV/Gender-conflicted community. Text and data relating to community issues, as well as local E-Mail and conversation/discussions are available. CrossLink is a part of the overall BBS; while it is active, it is not the primary use of the BBS. Operates 24 hours. For information, please contact Deirdre O'Connor at the Gender Identity Center of Colorado, 3715 W. 32nd Ave., Denver, CO 80211. (303) 458-5378.

Here are some other local BBSs:

Utopian Nightline	212-686-5248
Adult Fun Castle BBS	404-685-1455
Utopian Quest	516-842-7518
Broken Rose BBS	916-971-0589
Lambda Group BBS	305-662-1748
Uncle Charlie's	305-663-6539
TheConsultant	719-392-1107

Feminet	408-335-7888
Angel's Heart BBS	714-434-7948
Chris's Place	215-752-7710
Lavender& Lace BBS	313-526-7414
Charles Towne BBS	803-763-4657
RBF Industries BBS	708-357-1487

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