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## The Texas Trophy & Award Show



Mark your calendars now for the ever-popular *Texas Trophy & Award Show*. This year, the dates are August 8-11, 2002, and the show will be held at the Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center again.

For more information on

the Moody Gardens resort, log on to [www.moodygardens.com](http://www.moodygardens.com).

If you haven't already received your show information packet from Jack Ellis, ClayTex Trophies (*Jack "volunteered" to do all the work again this year ... we haven't told him he has a choice!*), you should receive it shortly. Alternatively, you can always call here. I have all the info you need! Pre-registration is not necessary.

As always, the golf tournament is on Thursday and exhibit hours are on Friday & Saturday.

The traditional, *don't-you-dare-miss-it-Hoedown* will be on Friday evening after the show. The Hoedown gets bigger & better every year!

Traditionally, Brewer Sales has offered a Xenetech Users' Clinic & a CorelDRAW seminar on Thursday (the day before the show). Over the last couple of years, though, several folks have told us it was just too difficult to take the extra day off

work. They promised if we'd just move the seminars to Sunday, they'd be there!

While we'd rather be in church, we've decided to give the Sunday idea a shot! We've made arrangements to "cover our bases" at church & hope you will make arrangements to join us at our best-attended seminars of the year!

Both seminars will be in the Moody Gardens Hotel in the View Finder's Room (for those who attended last year, we're in the same room again).

The Xenetech Users' Clinic will be from 9:00am-11:00am and the CorelDraw seminar will be from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. The **Xenetech Users' Clinic** will be **free** of charge and is open to all Xenetech users AND to anyone who is considering the purchase of a Xenetech engraving system.

The **CorelDraw seminar** will cost you \$20/person. We guarantee that you'll get your money's worth & more!

While he may have some assistance from Xenetech / Baton Rouge customer service reps, daddy will moderate the Xenetech clinic and will teach the Corel seminar.

Call me (*better yet, email me!*) to reserve your seat at both (or either) of the clinics. These seats will go fast ... **so hurry!**

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*Personal Note to James (Birdhouse): Thank you **so much** for the lighthouse you cut out for me on your Epilog Legend! The guys tried to steal it for their sample case but I insisted that it was a gift & not a sample (you'll back me up on that, right?!). ☺*

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## CorelDRAW Essentials

*What is CorelDRAW Essentials?* It is basically CorelDRAW/PAINT 9 without all the secondary programs that few people use anyway. For all practical purposes, it has no clipart or manuals. In addition to **all** the features and functions of Corel 9, it is the **only** high-end graphics program *optimized for WindowsXP*. It is noticeably **faster** and extremely **stable**. [Caution: *Essentials* does not have CorelTRACE; but since most of you are now using

your new HP Scanner to vectorize, who cares?]

*Who should buy it?* At a "street price" of \$69, you should buy CorelDRAW Essentials if you are using any version *below* CorelDRAW 8. Corel8 and newer users should wait for Corel 11. *CorelDRAW Essentials* can be purchased from Corel directly (for \$99) or from most software sellers (for \$69-\$79).

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## HP Scanner Tip

**The Solution: \*\*\*Do Not Acquire!\*\*\***

*Now for the problem:* Daddy has recently been told by several people who read our articles on using the HP ScanJet's fantastic raster→vector conversion that they couldn't get it to work. The vector option was "grayed out".

He figured out why – for some bizarre reason, if you **File|Acquire** from many (if not all) versions of

CorelDRAW, several of HP PrecisionScan's menu options are made unavailable.

From the beginning, daddy had "issues" with **Acquire** and, therefore, he never used it. Since we were unaware of this problem until recently, it is **not** noted in any of the DOCs that he has written on HP vectorization. He'll eventually revise those docs but, in the meantime, **DO NOT ACQUIRE!**

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## More HP Scanner News

Here's an updated list of scanners (updated from a previous article) which have the R→V capability:

\$150 – HP4400 HP4470  
 \$280 – HP5100 HP5200 HP5300 HP5400 HP5470  
 \$500 – HP6200 HP6300 HP7400 HP7470

The following scanners do **NOT** have the R→V capability:

HP6100 or any number below 4400 (e.g., HP4300, HP3400). Any of the HP "All in One" systems (Scanner, FAX, MODEM, Copier & Printer all in one machine).

Please note that the **only** difference between this list & the last one is the removal of the HP4300. Too many people continue to have problems getting the 4300 hooked up (*Sorry about that, Nacol's!*). While scores of customers are using the 4300 (*and even the 2300*), we can't recommend it because too often it doesn't install itself properly.

Please refer to the November 2001 issue of *The Pedaler's Page* for more information, explanations & instructions.

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## Tip from a Reader

**K**elly at Conejo (California) sends a tip for our readers who have a *Tacky Mat*®: The cleaning instructions from the mfg. say to spray the cleaner & wipe with a lint-free cloth. Instead of the cloth, Kelly has cut a piece of brass (2" x 2") and she uses it as a squeegee – wiping it off after each swipe of the table.

It cleans off the metal engraving dust much better. She cautions that you should make sure you don't use the rougher burred edge of the brass facing the table – it can “grab” at the mat too much.

– Thanks, Kelly!

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## Xenetech Bits & Pieces

**F**actory User Clinic: As of press time, there were still seats available at the factory user clinic in Baton Rouge. The clinic will be held on July 15-16, 2002, and will be open to the first 20 registrations! Call Jessica at 225-752-0225 or email her at [jessica@xenetech.com](mailto:jessica@xenetech.com) if you need more info!

**E**ddy Maddux: Eddy digitizes custom logos for Xenetech engraving systems. He has a new email address & website. Please update your address book: Email – [maddux@cox.net](mailto:maddux@cox.net) Website – [members.cox.net/maddux](http://members.cox.net/maddux)

**X**LT 1325 Laser: Xenetech will be offering a new mid-size, faster laser this summer. The XLT 1325 boasts an impressive speed of 120 ips and a touch-screen key pad which allows users unprecedented control of the system! If you'd like more info now, call me. Otherwise, we'll have an XLT 1325 system at the Texas Trophy & Award Show – stop by & take a look!

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## Latest Software Updates / Downloads

**T**he 32bit (Windows 2000 & XP) driver is available at <http://www.epiloglaser.com/legenddownloads.htm> for your Epilog Legend. NOTE: 16bit & earlier generation drivers are available at <http://www.epiloglaser.com/downloads.htm>

**X**enetech Software licensees can download the 6.2 update from <http://www.xenetech.com/html/6x.htm> NOTE: If the webmaster changes the direct address, you can access the download from Xenetech's home page (choose Download Software from the Speed Menu).

**G**o to <http://www.corel.com/support/ftp/site/pub/coreldraw/draw10suite> to download Service Pack 2 for CorelDraw 10. We strongly suggest that you read through the Precautions article in the Feb. '02 issue of *The Pedaler's Page* first.

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## News from Epilog

The new 24EX system has started shipping! What is the 24EX? The Legend 24EX is Epilog's newest model in the Legend line of laser systems. It shares many of the attributes of the popular Legend model, but there are a number of differences too.

*Size:* 24" x 20" (this mid-size Legend falls between the Legend 32 (32" x 20") & the Legend 24 (12" x 24")).

*Tube Wattages:* 30, 35, 40, 45, 60, 75

*Air Assist & Auto Focus* are standard on the 24EX.

*HyperDrive™ Technology* incorporates faster engraving speeds, more accurate mechanics, state-of-the-art software and the most powerful lasers available in a "desktop" laser system.

Want more info? Call me! I'll send literature ... OR we have a Legend 24EX system in our showroom. You're welcome to come take a look (*call first to be sure it's not on the road with Randy or daddy!*) or we'll load it up in the van & bring it to you! We'll have an EX system in the Epilog booth at the Texas Trophy & Award Show. See you there, if not sooner!