                      Remembrances of Things Past

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Discussion

                When Shannon was a river
                   and Turing was a car
                When Banyan was a tree
                   and buses travelled far

                dBase was where you ran to
                   after you hit the ball
                Often we were ANSI
                   RISC aversive not at all

                Windows were for looking out of
                   in a Tandem, two could take a spin
                Bridges were for crossing
                   a frame was to keep pictures in

                A semi-conductor was a maestro
                   not in the big time yet
                A port you sought in a storm
                   fishermen used a net

                Woody Guthrie sang of "My LAN"
                   WAN was a despairing mood
                LATAs were for high places
                   menus featured food

                 If a cursor used four letter words
                    a sensor cut them out
                 The sight of a mouse in an office
                    was sure to raise a shout

                 Haloid perfected photocopying
                    and thereby made a hoard
                 Then came Japanese competition
                    and its "ox" was gored

                 Frequency was measured in cycles
                    Hertz referred to multiple pain
                 Modem was a harvesting command
                    for bringing in the grain

                 Modelling was at fashion shows
                    bauds were ladies of the night
                 Prompting was helping actors
                    contesting for resources, a fight

                 Walking and chewing gum concurrently
                    requires considerable skill
                 We called it multi-tasking
                    and by gosh we always will

                 We had no electronic calculators
                    just slide rules by Keuffel & Esser
                 I am still a true believer
                    Keufel & Esser war besser

                 Chips were used for gambling
                    von Neuman was a pup
                 Monte Carlo a place to visit
                    squaring the circle ... well, we gave up

                 A Sprint was less than 880
                    a relay was a team
                 Greene was just a color
                    breaking up AT&T a dream

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        Coherent was applied to speech
           not a spectral line excited
        Multi-media meant prose and song
           and Noel Coward was knighted


        Cerf was found at the beach
           a Rose was a Rose was a Rose
        Jobs were to look for
           and Gates were to close


        "2B" was an elementary school class
           and "D" a failing grade
        A router was a tool
           a server was a maid


        Lotus was a flower
           adobe was a brick
        Postscript was an afterthought
           joy a popsicle stick


        We called a plotter a CAD
           a token ring a sham
        A buffer was for buffing
           a male goat was a ram


        The best noise supressor was ... ssh
           we knew little of egos and ids
        For archival storage and encryption
           we looked to the pyramids


        Now in accordance with Greenfield's Law
           in voice both loud and clear
        Here's to exponential growth in memory
           & operating speed next year.

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Security Considerations

    Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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