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Dear Mike,

D Base has an eight character limit for field names and transferring PC-File records with longer field names really messes things up. For this reason I have had to shorten two field names in the VHPA Date Base.

Renewal Date is now Renewdate

Payment Date is now Paydate

This change has been done to members, friends and complime Data Bases on 4-15-87. All future discs you receive in PC-File format will have this change.

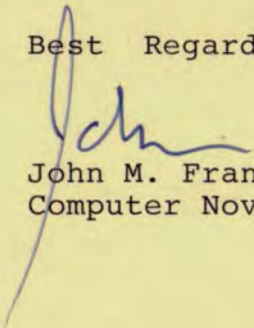
It may have an effect on some report formats you have. Perhaps not, as these two fields were only added when we moved the DataBase here.

I have successfully converted the VHPA DataBases to DBase format. However, we will continue to maintain VHPA DataBase in PC-File until I get all the D Base reports and programs written and tested and become more familiar with DBase.

Frankly, this may take awhile. I think DBase will work out very well in the long run, but it is difficult to learn and requires a great deal of special programming to get the screens and menus to make it work in a simple enough manner to be practical for the office staff.

Incidentally, the new version of PC-File (PC- File+) is vastly improved and much more powerful. It may now be as useful as DBase, I am not knowledgable enough to tell. I have enclosed copies of a few pages of the manual that outlines the features. Looks pretty good for \$70. Also, the manual is much more complete running 250 pages.

Best Regards,

  
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