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Each of the articles was written for the Computer Corner column in the ORC Newsletter, published by the Ozaukee Radio Club (SSC), Inc. Shortly after the column was started, the articles were solicited by Badger State Smoke Signals (BSSS), and soon the articles were being published almost simultaneously in both publications (with permission of the ORC Newsletter). During 2001, the articles began to be published exclusively in BSSS. The first 12 articles were untitled. Below are the publication dates in BSSS and the title or topic or both.

The numbering system and dates were consistent between the ORC Newsletter and BSSS through No. 94, but broke down with No. 95. The October 2001 paper version of BSSS presented GET THAT FIREWALL NOW as No. 95, while the web edition showed IS THE FLOPPY DEAD? as No. 95. Furthermore, BSSS publishing was spotty after the untimely death of its editor, Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ. Accordingly, the numbers and dates from No. 95 to 100 are my own, as originally intended for publication in the paper version of BSSS, had it consistently been published each month. After No. 100, the dates actually represent the dates it appeared in BSSS, up until No. 150.

Beginning with No. 150, the articles were published exclusively in the ORC Newsletter. In November 2010, BSSS officially announced cessation of that publication.

No.	DATE	TITLE/TOPIC
1	Jul 93	NASA "Data Egg", CONFIG.SAF, AUTOEXEC.SAF.
2	Aug 93	Floppy disk sizes.
3	Sep 93	Floppy disk compatibility, formatting.
4	Oct 93	Floppy disk formats.
5	Nov 93	File number limitations in directories.
6	Dec 93	Diskcopy.
7	Jan 94	Virtual disks (VDISK, RAMDRIVE).
8	Feb 94	Floppy disk surgery: how to fix a bound disk.
9	Mar 94	Computer books.
10	Apr 94	Hard drive purchase.
11	May 94	Don't be afraid to repair your computer.
12	Jun 94	The $5 computer; swapfest shopping.
13	Jul 94	VIRUSES, AND HOW TO FIGHT THEM (McAfee SCAN, VSCAN).
14	Sep 94	A GOOD ONE IS NOT HARD TO FIND (how hard drives work).
15	Oct 94	HOW TO NOT USE A COMPUTER (use of dumb terminals for packet radio).
16	Dec 94	WORRYING ABOUT MEMORY (RAM versus hard drive space).
17	Jan 95	VIRUSES REVISITED (account of a virus attack at UWM).
18	Feb 95	CONVERSATIONS IN A COMPUTER (word processor-operating system/hard drive interactions).
19	Mar 95	XCOPY IS XCELLENT.
20	May 95	VIRUSES, A REQUEST AND REDIRECTION.
21	Jun 95	SERIAL AND PARALLEL.
22	Jul 95	PORTS, CABLES, SEX AND THE MEDUSA.
23	Aug 95	HARD DRIVE TYPES.
24	Oct 95	MODEMS.
25	Nov 95	WHERE DO YOU BUY, STAN?
26	Dec 95	MONITORS AND VIDEO BOARDS.
27	Jan 96	SURGE PROTECTORS.
28	Feb 96	SECTORS, CLUSTERS, AND LARGE HARD DRIVES (504 Mb partition limit).
29	Mar 96	OVERHANG (cluster overhang and partitioning large hard drives).
30	Apr 96	ANY PORT IN A STORM (IRQs and ports).
31	May 96	KEYBOARD KINDNESS (how to disassemble and clean a keyboard).
32	Jun 96	MAINTENANCE: TEAR IT DOWN AND BUILD IT UP.
33	Jul 96	TURN OFF THAT FILTER (modem downloads and 8th bit).
34	Aug 96	THE BOOT PROCESS (flow diagram left out of BSSS article).
	Sep 96	THE BOOT PROCESS (entire article reprinted including flow diagram).
35	Oct 96	JUST AMAZING (abilities of computers).
36	Nov 96	SPEED #1: THE DATA BUS (the concept of data bus width).
37	Dec 96	SPEED #2: THE ADDRESS BUS (address bus width).
38	Jan 97	SPEED #3: THE MOTHERBOARD AND PROCESSOR.
39	Feb 97	HOW TO OPEN AND SHUT THE WINDOWS IN 95.
40	Mar 97	PRINTERS.

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169	Apr 12	WHAT I DO TO WIPE A DRIVE
170	May 12	MAJOR GEEKS – SIMPLY THE BEST THERE IS
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175	Oct 12	IF YOU THINK PASSWORDS ARE PROTECTING YOU, THINK AGAIN
176	Nov 12	ARES/RACES
177	Dec 12	THE CARE AND FEEDING OF LAPTOPS
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179	Feb 13	SPINRITE (what it does and why you might consider paying for it)
180	Mar 13	MORE GOOD, FREE PROGRAMS (effective file search, Office replacements, etc.)
181	Apr 13	ANTIVIRUS PROGRAMS (which are good and which are good and free)
182	May 13	SEVERAL THINGS (no boot and fan error message; heat problems)
183	Jun 13	UPDATES (and how to keep up with them)
184	Jul 13	USB (what is it and how does it work)
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189	Dec 13	WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON (1Tb RAM chip, flu shots, conductive pen, drone deliveries)
190	Jan 14	No. 14 REVISITED (1994 article on how hard drives work)
191	Feb 14	THE IMMINENT DEATH OF XP? (meaning of 8Apr14 "unsupport" by Microsoft)
192	Mar 14	BACKUP IN THE CLOUD (Backing up using Dropbox and similar cloud applications.)
193	Apr 14	A REMOTE SWITCH FOR YOUR POWERSTRIP (A previous article revisited.)
194	May 14	THE WHOLE TRUTH (More on end of XP support by Microsoft.)
195	May 14	STRANGE HAPPENINGS WITH XP (Purposeful slowdown of XP by Microsoft??)
196	Jun 14	EASING YOUR TRANSITION FROM XP TO WIN7
197	Jul 14	A NETWORK OF COMPUTERS AT FIELD DAY (setting up the ORC Field Day loggers)
198	Aug 14	A REMOTE SWITCH FOR YOUR DESK (Rewrite of #114, 2004; see also #193)
199	Sep 14	IS THE DESKTOP COMPUTER DEAD? (yes!)
200	Oct 14	DON'T LET ANYTHING TO GET BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR DATA! (Safe backups)
201	Nov 14	IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT, YOU SHOULD! (CCleaner)
202	Dec 14	A (FREE!) COMPUTER CART OR MOBILE WORKBENCH (rewritten #112)
203	Jan 15	KEEP THAT XP GOING A BIT LONGER (Making XP update properly to 2019)
204	Feb 15	WHEN YOU FINALLY DO UPGRADE TO 7 … (OEM versions; 16-bit vs 32-bit)
205	Mar 15	STARTING THE WIN 7 INSTALLATION (Steps before doing a clean install)
206	Apr 15	MALWAREBYTES ANTI-MALWARE (Not a virus scanner but an important tool)
207	May 15	PREPARING THE ORC LAPTOPS FOR FIELD DAY (Essential FD logging tools)
208	Jun 15	A REALLY GOOD UNINSTALLER (the new Geek Uninstaller)
209	Jul 15	FIELD DAY IS OVER! (How the laptops performed this FD)
210	Aug 15	USB HUBS (What they are for and which ones to purchase)
211	Sep 15	LEAVE 'EM ON ALL THE TIME (Shut them down each day or leave them on?)
212	Oct 15	LET THE BUYER BEWARE (How to purchase stuff at a swapfest)
213	Nov 15	THE COMPUTER CORNER (Explanation of the CC Index, to all articles)
214	Dec 15	STAY AWAY FROM ADOBE (Why you should stay away from Adobe products)
215	Jan 16	IS WINDOWS 10 SPYWARE? (Yes, and how to avoid being spied upon)
216	Feb 16	HOW TO RECYCLE A DESKTOP COMPUTER AND MONITOR (Title explains it)
217	Mar 16	AN OFFER AND A REQUEST (Spare drives to give away; need IDE to wipe them)
218	Apr 16	WHY NOT CONSIDER AN ALTERNATE OPERATING SYSTEM? (Try Linux)
219	May 16	GETTING READY FOR LINUX (How to prepare; which distros to get)
220	Jun 16	US CERT; GEEK UNINSTALLER (Software vulnerability; the best uninstaller yet)
221	Jul 16	YOU MIGHT AS WELL UPGRADE (To Windows 10)
222	Aug 16	HOW NOT TO FIX A COMPUTER (Saga of dropping a computer down basement stairs)
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