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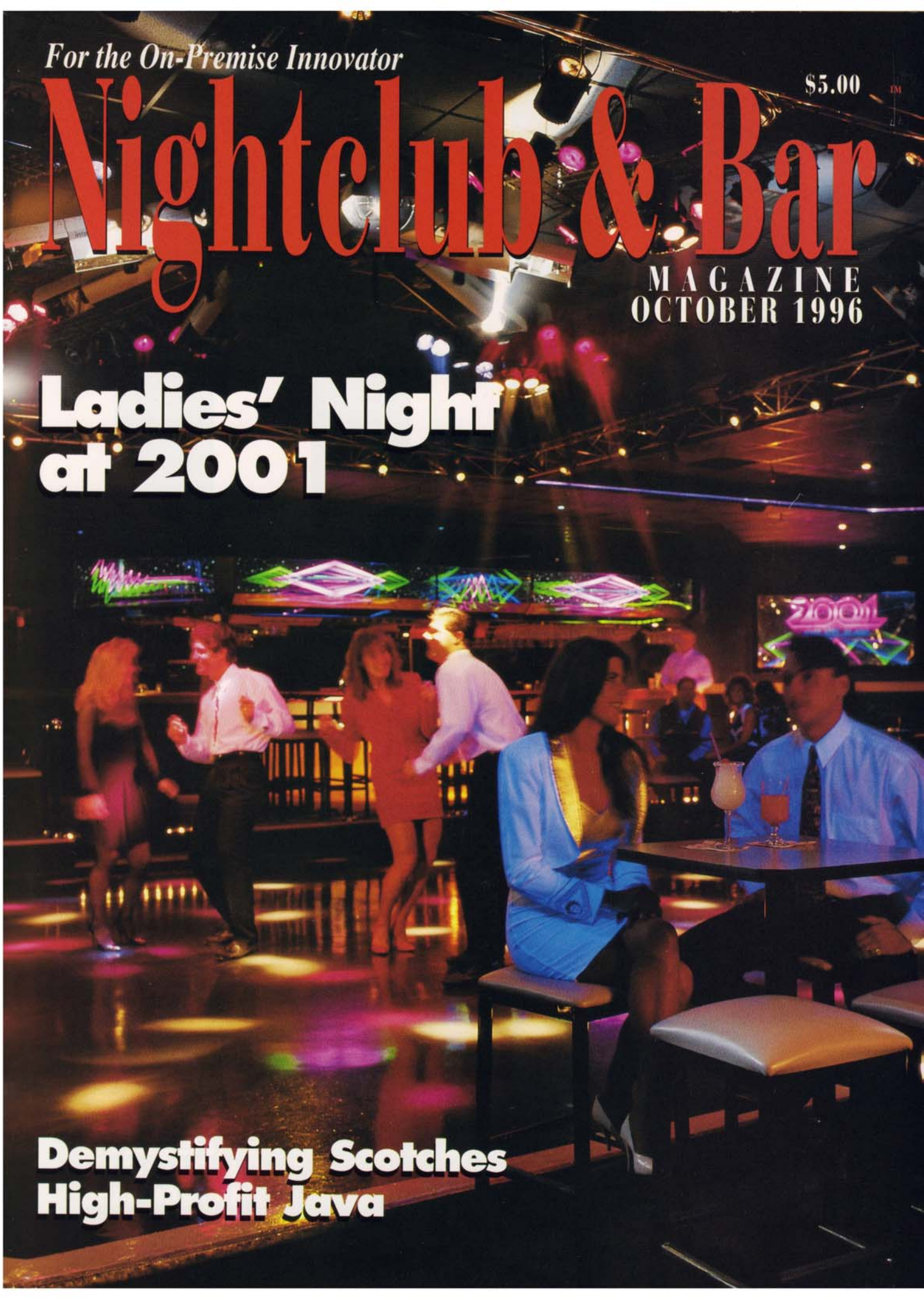
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Take a Walk on the Wet Side



You won't need an umbrella when you visit the wettest spot on the World Wide Web, but you might want to watch your step. You never know where a puddle might lurk.

The site for Jake's Roadhouse & Garage, Kazoo's and the Neon Cactus, three themed nightclubs in West Lafayette, Ind., is billed as the Web's wettest spot, complete with high water warnings in a line of scrolling text. The opening screen (<http://wetspots.com>) also has a greeting for Purdue University alumni around the world.

There have been many changes on the Wetspots site over the past few months, resulting in a stronger, more appealing site. Some areas remain unfinished, but the site is livelier and more colorful, complete with animated logos, sound clips and eye-catching wallpaper. Navigation is a snap; the site features large buttons for each of the clubs represented and easy-to-decipher hypertext links within each club area.

Wetspots is designed for Netscape 2.0, but the site looks fine on version 1.0. You just don't get the motion, flashing text and such

extras supported by 2.0 and 3.0.

The best site belongs to Jake's Roadhouse & Garage, where visitors can stop in for an on-line oil change and a beer, or so the site claims. There's plenty of photos of Jake's, which features a garage theme, and the opening page of the photo archive is of the club's DJ in mechanic's garb. Other photos show off the decor, which includes antique gas pumps and an old Cadillac hanging over the bar. The club's on-line logo resembles a shiny auto nameplate, complete with an animated sparkle running through it.

But Jake's isn't all socket wrenches and brake fluid. The club also has dozens of TV monitors so patrons can keep up with sports, and special events, such as a live call-in show from the bar every Monday.

The site for Kazoo's dance club opens with a spinning version of the club's logo, which features a Bullwinkle-style moose, and an audio loop of "Macarena." That sound clip is the only negative for the site: it just keeps on playing until you move off the opening page. A button to shut off the sound would be helpful.

Kazoo's doesn't have the big photo archive that Jake's does, but

this site features plenty of information on special nights (Comedy Night, Zoo Night), a monthly calendar and a drink menu. A really nice feature is a link where customers can e-mail song requests to the club's DJs.

The Neon Cactus features the best logo of the bunch: a neon green cactus with animated shooting stars behind it. The design is reproduced in the site's wallpaper, minus the animation, of course. The country music club is billed as having the "boot-scootin'est dance floor this side of the Wabash," and the site includes several photos of it as evidence. As with the other sites, the Neon Cactus's site includes details on specials and promotions, but the food and drink pages are still under development. Once these features are in place, this will be a solid site.

Even without all the pages in place, Wetspots is a fun site to visit. It has plenty of good, useful information plus lots of photos and fun items.

There's a lot going on these pages, but they load fairly quickly and seem well thought-out. Put a bookmark here and have fun watching this site grow!

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