## SIGs

SIGs are special forums where members can discuss and find information on specific topics of interest. Members can request a SIG on almost any subject. There are now over 32 different SIGs, including:

SIG	Description
AldsRoch	AIDS Rochester - News & Info
Class-Ad	Classified Ads - Buy/Sell/Trade
Computer	Software, Hardware and Periphera
Cooking	Chef Woodwork Let's Cook
Deaf	Deaf Gays, Lesbians & Bisexuals
Events	Upcoming Events
Homelmp	Home Improvement Q&A
Leather	Leather, Latex, S&M, B&D, etc.
NewsBits	News concerning Gays & Lesbians
Poetry	Express yourself in the Poetry SIGI
ProGays	Professional Gays
ScI-FI	Science Fiction
Sports	The Sports Pagel
Theology	Discussions of Religion
TV	Transvestites in Discussion



# How to reach Multicom-4

Rochester 2400 baud 716-473-4070 2400 baud to 14.4 v.32bis 716-242-7979 Buffalo 2400 V.42bis baud 716-633-1111 Voice line 716-442-1669

274 North Goodman Street Rochester, NY 14607-1154

You may also use any of our Public Access Terminals (**PATS**), which are located in the following places:

## \* ROCHESTER, NEW YORK \*

#### THE BACHELOR FORUM

670 UNIVERSITY AVENUE hours: 1pm-2am

#### ROCHESTER CUSTOM LEATHERS

274 NORTH GOODMAN STREET hours: 11am-9pm

#### ROCHESTER SPA AND BODY CLUB

109 LIBERTY POLE WAY hours: 24 hours a day

## \* BUFFALO, NEW YORK \*

## THE BACK POCKET

884 MAIN STREET hours: 1pm-4am

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# MULTICOM-4 BBS



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Buffalo 2400 baud 716-633-1111 Multicom-4 is a computer information service in Rochester and Buffalo New York, that serves the needs of the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities. As of August, 1993 Multicom-4 has over 1,200 active members from around North America and Europe. Multicom-4 functions as an educational and social system providing its users a convenient electronic medium by which information may be distributed and obtained. Since its inception, the system has provided information of educational, health, social, political, religious and entertainment nature.

Volunteer and monetary contributions entirely support Multicom-4. Donations to Multicom-4 are used only for operating expenses and further development of the system. Donations are tax-deductible.

Multicom-4 went on-line in 1979 under the name Cactus-800 on an Atari-800 computer. In 1981 Cactus-800 changed its name to Multicom to better suit its purpose (Multiple Communications), it has continued and continues to grow and change. It has been named Multicom-4 ever since 1989, when it switched from an Atari platform to an IBM compatible computer platform, using Major BBS software from Galacticomm, Inc.

Today, Multicom-4 features over 44 dial-in lines in two cities, a 24 hour voice system for help and information, and several free public access terminals.

# Multicom-4 goals are to:

- ✔ Promote the acceptance of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the greater community by creating understanding and tolerance in society through education and communication between straights and gays.¹
- ✓ Encourage communications in and between the different gay communities, by creating a safe and enjoyable place to meet, where everyone is equal, and where race. color, physical abilities, sex, age, beliefs, class, sexual identity and orientation can be immaterial and members are treated for who they are and not what they are.
- ✔ Provide a safe, and entertaining social place for gay people to meet, talk and have fun.
- ✓ Enable individuals and groups to make positive political and social change by providing the tools and the information necessary to create such change.



# One Hour of Free Time Everyday

Multicom-4 provides all of its validated members one hour of free online time everyday. If a member needs more then one hour a day of online time, or wishes to use other premium services, he or she can acquire credits via donation(s),

#### Credits

Credits are available by making a minimum contribution of at least \$5.00, which is worth 36000 credits. Each credit is equal to one second of on-line time. As an example, \$20.00 will get the member 144,000 credits, or 40 hours of on-line time. Members with credits may use the system as often and as long as they wish with no time limits. These credits are used along with the member's free dally hour of on-line time.

Credits are also used for a few specific system functions above and beyond basic use of the system. This includes mass-malling functions (sending private mall to everyone online or groups of people) and the downloading of images and certain text files.

## **Basic Services**

Basic use includes almost all of Multicom-4's features, including: Tele-conference, Electronic Mail, games, full access to the various SIGs (Special Interest Groups or Forums), and almost all downloading functions.

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of brevity, wherever the word gay appears in this document it is meant to include lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men