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Joys of Computer Networking: The Personal Connection Handbook—Judy Barrett. The purpose of this book is to help people "without a shred of technical expertise" discover some of the entertaining, informative and useful things that can be done through electronic networking. Includes a survey of the minimum hardware and software required, a glossary of technical terms for the beginning networker and a list of networks and their telephone numbers. McGraw, 1984, 219 p., illus., paper, \$9.95.

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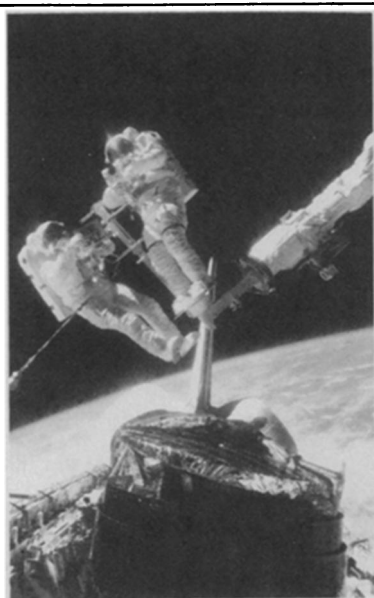
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