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1. Been Thinking 'Bout Colors...

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I've been thinking about colors a lot lately.

For the longest time, I thought that messing with colors was kind of a wasted effort. Sure, you could create new color sets with that marvelous tool - the FoxPro Color Picker. <g> And there were some other nice utilities if the FPCP didn't suit your needs... Alan's aaColor, Colin's Cute Color Picker, and of course, Blaise's ProColor.

But weren't all these just a waste of time? Well, one day, really bored, I downloaded COLORS.ZIP from FoxForum - a group of about 70 color sets put together by Sue Cunningham and Nancy Jacobsen - and added them to my FOXUSER. Tried a few, nearly threw up at PIZZA, and then got back to work... But it was kinda fun. Every couple days, I'd get bored and load up a new one.

Well, I'm addicted. I can't stand looking at the same scheme for too long, to the extent that I've added the following routine to SETUPFOX, the FoxPro boot up program that I call from CONFIG.FP:

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sele NAME ;  
  from sys(2004)+"FOXUSER" ;  
  where ID = "COLORSET" ;  
  and TYPE = "PREF2.5" ;  
  into arra aSumCulers  
use in FOXUSER  
m.nNumCulers = mod( val(sys(2)), alen(asumculers) ) + 1  
set color set to &asumculers[m.nNumCulers]  
set shad off  
? "Color Set: " + asumculers[m.nNumCulers]  
rele aSumCulers  
rele nNumCulers
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This subroutine selects a random color set each day. If it picks a really awful one, I just manually run SETUPFOX again until I get one I like. There are only a few that I don't care for, and like everything, some color sets seem to be more random than others, so they don't show up too often.