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and  
SnagIt  
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# KIPCUG

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# From The Editor

**W**anted! KIPCUG needs a few good members to write a Back-To-Basics article about three times per year. If we can get four members willing to write articles of about 400-500 words, then we can have a regular series of articles. We already have 2 volunteers. HOW ABOUT YOU?

**C**omdex was a wonderful experience and I had the pleasure of meeting with numerous vendors and seeing the next generation of products for the computing industry (more on that in a future issue where I'll detail my COMDEX experiences so stay tuned to I/O where I will Owe you an explanation).

**M**icrosoft introduced their latest fray into handheld computing with the pocket PC 2002 while 3Com/Palm unveiled the M500/505 series of improved units. These units come in two styles; monochrome (m500), and color (m505). Both have the same (8 Megs base memory) as a palm Vx unit.

**P**alm has opted for a new 'universal' connector (replaces the older standard serial one at the bottom of the unit) that they have indicated will support numerous new devices soon. They have done away with the standard serial bus in favor of USB, and includes a 'secure digital' "SD" slot for memory expansion and/or pictures via digital cameras that support SD media.

**F**or me, the PALM m505 at \$375.00 was a deal too good to pass up. This is sweetened all the more by a free 16meg memory card (sent after you register your unit) so I'll be able to backup my Palm's contents to a memory card and still have half of the card to use for other goodies!

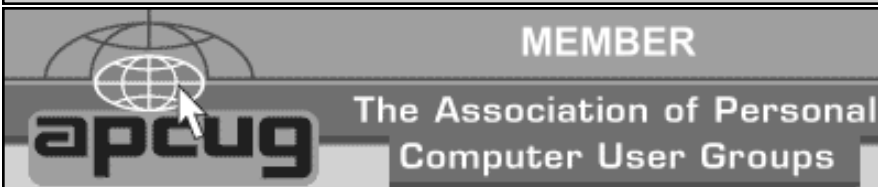
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# Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Matthew Mercurio, KIPCUG

WOW! That's what I have to say about this past general meeting of KIPCUG. We had an action-packed night as we heard from four different presenters.



PHOTO BY BOB SETREE

First up was Tom Denning. Tom is the Louisville Free Public Library's Talking Book Coordinator. He showed off a very useful service that the library has to offer the public, the Talking Book. These are audio tapes of books that can be checked out at the library. I was very impressed by the presentation, as were many members of the audience. What a great service to the public and what a great way to bring the many wonderful books to the vision-impaired folks of our community! Two thumbs up to Tom and we thank him for coming to speak with us.



PHOTO BY BOB SETREE

Next up was Sam Cooke. Sam showed us all the text-to-speech technology and it was a very impressive demonstration. Sam

showed off the many applications where this kind of technology can be used, including the previous Talking Book demo. The text-to-speech program was very interesting and Sam even gave away a copy of the program for the raffle at the end of the KIPCUG meeting. Thanks Sam!



PHOTO BY BOB SETREE

After Sam left the stage, his partner from the Pocket PC SIG took over. Matt Coddington brought us all up-to-date on the Pocket PC SIG scene. Matt also talked about the Microsoft Mobile Experience User Group Tour that was hosted by the Pocket PC SIG, when the Tour came through Louisville this past November 5th. Matt let us all know how well the meeting went and even announced the winners of the many door prizes given at the meeting, including a new Pocket PC! The Pocket PC SIG is really taking off and you owe it to yourself to make one of these meetings. It will be a very welcomed treat, I guarantee it! Check the I/O for the meeting date and location of the SIG meeting.



PHOTO BY BOB SETREE

Finally, our main presenter took the stage. Our guest speaker for Intuit's Quicken 2002 presentation was David Philpot from our very own New Horizon's Computer Learning Center right here in Louisville. David walked us through setting up the program and showing us the many advantages to using this software. Quicken 2002 offers many advantages such as budget planning, account reconciliation, investment planning, and online bill/pay. The Quicken 2002 program is chock-full of very useful components. I really enjoy learning about the many ways I can use my own personal copy of the software and frankly, I could not wait to get

## MEETING DIRECTIONS

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4614 Brownsboro Road  
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home and try out what I had learned at the meeting. Some really useful information was given to us by David and just in time for the coming tax season too! We thank David for his very helpful presentation and we look forward to hearing from him again in the future.

## New addition!

In the coming months, you will start to see a new addition to the general meetings called, "Demo Desks." These will be various tables set up as you enter the hall. At these tables, you will see hands-on-demos of some really COOL stuff. Get a hands-on-look at the latest games, web page making software, or watch a small demo of installing various hardware or software components. We will also invite local retailers and vendors to come in to show off their products. You may even receive a discount on their products by visiting their table during the meeting. Please note that because of some hall restrictions, we might not be allowed to actually sell the product right there, but we can offer coupons for purchases to be made at the store. Each month, the demo will change, so there will be something new. Make sure you plan to come early to our meetings, as these "Demo Tables" are sure to be a hit!

**December**

## Next up...

At December's meeting, we are going to kick off the "Demo Desk" feature and what a kick off it is going to be! Make sure you stop by the demo desk and check out Microsoft's new XBox! Kyle

Harmon, a KIPCUG member and a regular cast member of the 84OnLine radio show and Dot Com television show, will be showing off the game Shrek, which will be running on a brand new XBox! Come early and check it out!



In December, yours truly will take the stage and give a presentation on some very exciting software! We will take a look at the Camtasia, DubIt and SnagIt programs by Tech Smith. If you are not familiar with these programs, you should mark it on your calendars to come check out this meeting. First up, we will look at the Camtasia software. If you are in the training business, this software is for you. Maybe you are the company computer geek and you are always being asked, "How do I do ...?" Well now, with this software you can record video and audio of the answers to those questions. This software makes it extremely easy to show someone else how to use their computer or the software on it. They say "A picture is worth a thousand words" and it is certainly true with this software.



DubIt will be up next, and this software allows you to add in your narration after you finish recording the video. This is extremely useful when you are trying to train someone on using the many different pieces of software available. These programs do not have to be used

strictly for training. If you have ever wanted to put together a home movie and put your voice in it, then this is the software to use. Not only can you make home movies but there are many more uses you will find for the software.



After we get finished with the Camtasia and DubIt software, we will take a look at the SnagIt software. This software allows you to copy screenshots of your desktop to the clipboard and then paste them in any of your programs. Not only can you copy the desktop, but you can also copy the active window, part of a window, text, or any part of any program running on the PC. This software is used very extensively by anyone in the writing business. Journalists, Tech Writers, trainers and many more writing professionals use this software to help them with their work. Like I said, if you are in the writing business or training business you owe it to yourself to come check out KIPCUG's next general meeting. As always, we will have a Back to Basics segment and a User to User segment. We will hear from Bill Cull who went out to Comdex this year on KIPCUG's behalf. In addition, we will have some TechSmith software and some T-shirts to give away.

## On the Horizon...

## PLEASE NOTE

Due to the holiday, the January General Meeting has been moved to

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January 8th. Please make a note of this and mark it on your calendars.

## January

In January, we get a visit from A.J. Johnson, the PC Surgeon. A.J. will show us all how to use a program called SpectreWare. If you have an Internet connection at home and have children on the Internet, then you will want to see this software in action! It allows you to monitor all activity on your PC. It runs silently in the background capturing keystrokes, screenshots, even chat room conversations. Let's face it, as useful as the Internet is, there is also a dark side to Internet and we must watch out for our children. This software allows you to watch the activity of your child. Maybe it is not a child you want to monitor, maybe you are an IT Manager and you want to watch over the users on your network. Maybe it is a spouse or other person using your PC and you want to see what the PC is being used for. This software will give you accurate, detailed reports, including screenshots played back in a video to show you the actual movement on the PC.

## February

February will be the start of a "Home Networking" series. We will start out by looking at how to connect two or more PCs at home to share files, printers and the Internet. Using devices such as the LinkSys Router/Hub, the Airport and other equipment, you can share the resources across your PCs at home. We will show you how to spread

your Internet connection throughout the house. Come early because before the beginning of the show, we will have a table set up as you enter the hall to show how to MAKE the cables needed to connect your PCs together. This will not only save you money but also give you a little understanding of the networking principles.

## March

In March, the "Home Networking Series" continues. This month we will show you how to install, setup, and configure a personal firewall. It is amazing how often your PC is being probed or scanned by would-be-hackers out there on the Internet and we will show you a REAL TIME demonstration. We will also show you the many different firewalls available to protect your PCs from these attacks. This will give you the info needed to make the right choice when choosing one for your network. Zone Alarm, Black Ice and Norton's Internet Security are just a few examples. Some range from FREE to a moderate price. In the age of "Always On" broadband connections, you cannot go unprotected.

I am working on presentations from Sierra, AMD, Creative Sound Labs, and a local group here in town called LanWar. The upcoming months prove to be exciting and you don't want to miss a second of it!

*Editor's Note: See the review of SnagIt in the April 2001 I/O on page 6. The I/O is also available online at [www.kipcug.org](http://www.kipcug.org).*

# President's Desk

By John Markham, KIPCUG

What a year!

First, we were unsure of our new President (elected or not), then there was the cowardly murder of thousands of innocent humans (Americans, Brits, Irish, French, Japanese, and 43 other nationalities) in the towers in New York, then Anthrax, and then the majestic rout of the timid Taliban and mendacious Mullahs by the 82nd Airborne. WOW!

Life - like operating systems - has changed. We have morphed from 3.1 to 95 to 98 to 2000 to ME to XP. We only have Y and Z and numbers NOT related to years left. Where do we go now?

Let us forget all of that and remember the Holiday Season fast approaching and those less fortunate, HERE at home.

PLEASE BRING FOOD to the next General Meeting for Kentucky Harvest, my baby, and help feed our hungry right here in Louisville.

Please help.

**Back to Basics  
Topic  
for December  
is the  
Control Panel  
Part 2**

# StuffIt

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

StuffIt is a versatile compression program distributed by Aladdin Systems. The program comes on a single CD. The program loaded in less than 5 minutes including time to review the ReadMe file on the installation CD. You can specify the destination drive and directory or accept the default. StuffIt version 7.0 required about 24 MB of space for installation. Although StuffIt 7.0 is designed for Windows XP, it will also run on Pentium class computers with Windows 98/ME/NT/2000, 32 MB of RAM and 20 MB of available disk space.

The uninstall for StuffIt version 5.1 that I completed before installing StuffIt version 7.0 executed smoothly and appeared to delete the entire program from my computer. The installation program for version 5.1 had placed 3 icons on the desktop: Aladdin Expander, DropStuff and StuffIt Browser. Using the custom installation with all files checked for installation, version 7.0 did not place the icons on the desktop; therefore, I had to create the shortcuts myself.

Other compression programs only compress to the zip standard. StuffIt also compresses to a .sit file, which is smaller than a .zip file. StuffIt Expander is available as a free download so that your recipients can uncompress your .sit files. In addition, a

self-extracting archive creator is included within the program. The self-extracting archive creator makes it easy for the recipient to expand the file that you compressed by just clicking on the file name.

Using Expander or DropStuff is as simple as clicking on the icons and dragging the files from Windows Explorer that you want to expand or compress. DropStuff even has a different area for creating a .zip file or a .sit file. You can choose to place the files in the same folder as the original files, another location that you can specify or prompting for the location each time. StuffIt is smart enough to create

a subdirectory to contain the files if more than one file will result from the expansion.

One group of six files that I compressed consisted of various types totaling 2.31MB in size. StuffIt, set to the maximum compression, compressed these files to 337 KB or 14% of original size using a .sit file and 385 KB or 16% of original size using a .zip file.

The StuffIt Browser allows you to specify the default compression format of .sit or .zip and the amount of compression or speed. A time saving feature is that the browser eliminates the need to open Windows Explorer because

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you select the files that you want to compress or expand within the StuffIt Browser. Highlighting the file or files and right-clicking brings up a contextual menu, an extremely useful feature of the StuffIt Browser.

Another file, an Access database that I compressed was 1536 KB. The .sit file was 177 KB (12%) at maximum compression and 238 KB (15%) at fastest compression. The .zip file was 236 KB (15%) at maximum compression and 239 KB (16%) at default compression. Using WinZip 8.0 for comparison, the resulting file was 242 KB (16%) at maximum compression and 280 KB (18%) at super fast compression. The .zip file produced by StuffIt is slightly smaller than the WinZip file at maximum compression.

Compression is only part of the process. Although I can not give sizes and percentages for the expansion of files, I can say that I used the program frequently to expand files necessary to produce previous versions of the I/O without any problems whatsoever. If you are looking for a file in an existing compressed file, you have two methods available. If you are using the StuffIt Browser you will be able to see the file names, compressed size and expanded size in the right pane if

you click on the compressed file name in the left pane. Even better, you can search for a file within a compressed file without having to expand the compressed file first. If you have a number of compressed files, this eliminates the need to remember the directory name that contains the file that you are trying to locate, since the ArchiveSearch can search all directories containing compressed files.

Additional information is available at [www.stuffit.com](http://www.stuffit.com) or [www.aladdinsys.com](http://www.aladdinsys.com). Technical support is available at [www.aladdinsys.com/support](http://www.aladdinsys.com/support). The program is available for just \$29.95 or you can purchase and have it shipped for an additional charge. The program is also available for evaluation by download at [www.stuffit.com/stuffit/win](http://www.stuffit.com/stuffit/win). You can upgrade to StuffIt version 7.0 from any zip utility for only \$14.95 until November 30, 2001. If you have StuffIt version 5.x, you can get a free upgrade to version 7.0. See page 8 for Special User Group Pricing. Versions are also available for Mac, Linux and Solaris.

This utility program has options available to customize it your way. I found StuffIt much easier to use than WinZip. StuffIt is so easy to use that a wizard to help guide you through the pro-

gram is not necessary and one is not included. This feature-rich program is an excellent buy if you have a need to send even moderate sized files over the Internet. Your recipients will greatly appreciate your use of the program if they have dial-up Internet access.

*Editor's Note: In exchange for her review Susan gets to keep the StuffIt program. Would you be interested in reviewing software?*

## Software Raffle

Would you like to win a copy of Office XP Professional for only \$2.00? Now is your chance. Office XP Professional includes Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft PowerPoint and Microsoft Access. This is the full version and not an upgrade.

KIPCUG is raffling a copy of Office XP Professional on January 8, 2002 if we have sold at least 250 tickets. If the minimum number of tickets has not been sold by that date, then the raffle will be held at the first General Meeting after January 2002 after which we have sold at least 250 tickets.

Tickets will be sold at the General Meetings and at many of the SIGs. You do not need to be present to win. Therefore, we need your name and telephone number on the back of the ticket stub so that we can announce the winner instead of waiting for the winner to claim their prize.

Good Luck to everyone!

**REMINDER - BRING A FRIEND OR CO-WORKER TO THE NEXT MEETING. YOU COULD GET A FREE MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP IF THEY JOIN AT THE MEETING.**

# Free Software!

By Joe Rothstein, KIPCUG

An advance thanks to Bill Cull who, hopefully, will have arranged for lots of review software at COMDEX. Also, thanks to Sam Cooke, for the review of his own version of Speech Out in the November I/O. KIPCUG really appreciates it when you share your thoughts on applications of your own by submitting a review.

As of November 19, 2001, we have the following programs available. Remember - you write the review [500 to 750 words] and the program is yours to keep.

**Articons Pro 3.0** from Aha-soft. This powerful graphics utility...creates and edits icon images/files. SoftMags's Editor's Pick.  
[www.aha-soft.com](http://www.aha-soft.com)

**Asheron's Call** from Microsoft. An online multi-player game.  
[www.zone.com](http://www.zone.com)

**DragStrip** from Aladdin Systems. 'The fastest way to launch anything.'  
[www.aladdinsys.com](http://www.aladdinsys.com)

**QuickConference** [5 user pack]. Macintosh and Windows Networks. Instant Office Communication from CE Software. [www.cesoft.com](http://www.cesoft.com)

**Street Wizard 6.0** from Adept Computer Solutions. For locating places and addresses, automatic routing and text direction and live link to database or contact manager.  
[www.streetwizard.com](http://www.streetwizard.com)

**Personal Firewall Log** - Brady & Associates, LLC. Contains ClearIce 3.0F, ClearRoute Report Utility 1.4 and ClearZone 4.0 Reporting

Utilities for BlackIce Defender, WinRoute and ZoneAlarm.  
[www.firewallreporting.com](http://www.firewallreporting.com)

In addition, we have **Omnipod**, Personal Online Desktop and **Instant Memos** - MEDIAMAGIC Solutions that creates instant memos for electronic reminders.

We thank all who have reviewed software/hardware for KIPCUG. We really appreciate your contribution to our overall knowledge. PLEASE REMEMBER that we will publish your evaluations of hard/software that you now use.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** To those who have previously signed out for programs and have been delayed writing your reviews - please rush your reviews or return the software so others may have the opportunity. KIPCUG thanks you.

If there are programs you would like, let me know the titles, version, vendor and address, and I will try to obtain it for you.

Aladdin Systems, in addition to generously providing software for review - offers the following user group pricing. StuffIt-\$14.95; DragStrip-\$14.95; GoBar for Palm-\$9.95; FlashBack-\$19.95; and Private File-\$19.95. Order forms will be available at the monthly meetings or [www.aladdinsys.com/support/usergroups/ugvalid.html](http://www.aladdinsys.com/support/usergroups/ugvalid.html) Order Code will be available at the next monthly meeting.

Please contact Joe Rothstein at [joesr@iname.com](mailto:joesr@iname.com), 451-3874 or see him at the next KIPCUG meeting.

# Membership

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Please welcome KIPCUG's newest members.

BARBARA COOKE  
DON BRADY  
GEORGE PUCKETT  
RITA KENT  
BARBARA MCGEE  
BEN JOHNSON  
ROBERTA COOMES  
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CHRIS LUNDY  
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TOM MCARDLE  
JOHN L OLGES JR  
MARY J OLGES  
ROSE YATES  
and  
CORPORATE MEMBER  
STEVE ALLEN of DIGITAL REALMS INC

Each new person that you invite to a KIPCUG meeting can earn a FREE month of dues for you if they join! Why not invite several friends or co-workers next month to increase the number of your free months. There is NO LIMIT to the number of bonus months.

Have you visited a SIG lately? Check the Calendar on page 13 for the dates of the SIGs or the KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory on page 14 for a listing of locations and SIG Leaders.

# DSL Saga

By Judy Lococo, KIPCUG  
APCUG President

The saga begins in the year 2000, as I went in search of a broadband connection... There were three options available to me at that time, they came from a land far, far, away and little was known about any of them... Baby Bell was the first contact, as they held all the existing telephone lines and had to determine when my geographical area was available as DSL. Telocity (now DIRECTV DSL) was the second option, and they used the same telephone lines as Baby Bell. Then there was Insight Communications, which had all the television cable lines everywhere. How fortunate was I to have three available to me, when most had none!

After trying to understand numerous other terms that were alien to me, I discovered that I was blessed in that I was close enough to a CO (Central Office) with a DSLAM (Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer) that my throughput would be blindingly fast. And, reasoning with myself that since Baby Bell owned the actual lines, if something happened to my service, they would be more eager to correct any problems, than if I was a Telocity customer, using the Baby Bell lines. So I asked Baby Bell to establish DSL service to me.

It was such a new technology at that time that there were many technical difficulties. For one, Baby Bell was so rabid about not allowing any of the home users actually using more than one computer in a home environment to access their DSL, that they mandated that I had to use an internal modem (more heat

inside my computer). I couldn't share the DSL connection with my old computer that I had networked with a new one. They showed no remorse for the fact that their DSL storm troopers had bugged up my two-computer LAN to the point that I now had to disable the network card to the old machine before I could even access the DSL line. And I was even using a different protocol on my network as the DSL line already had a lock on TCP/IP and wouldn't allow the home network card to use that protocol... Needless to say, trying to print a document from the old machine to the printer attached to the new one, took some very fancy maneuvering. Of course, if I had elected to have the business DSL (\$\$) I could do all these marvelous things without any problem. For two computers, one of which started out life as a 486 machine, this did not compute.

The first problem I encountered was with the telephone line filters that are necessary if you wish to use the DSL service. Every extension in your house must have a filter on it, and unfortunately, the one Baby Bell sent me for the wall phone in the kitchen was faulty. I asked for a replacement, and they couldn't replace just one, as nobody had ever done that before! So basically, I phoned and complained about their line filter for the wall phone every month for six months before they finally decided they would send me one that did work. However, what this meant was that my kitchen phone was worthless for six months.

I have always had a Hayes modem, not a Hayes-compatible modem, as I wanted top of the line error-correcting whenever I was

using the phone lines. This Baby Bell internal modem was nothing but problems from the third day it was installed, and my wait on the phone to tech support was most depressing. Sometimes the device worked, and sometimes it didn't, and when it didn't, I had to re-boot my machine and try it again. I must have had to reboot my machine hundreds of times during the course of the 14 months I had the Baby Bell DSL for their modem connection alone, and then you have to add to that the times the computer itself seized up when I did something blonde. I'm surprised my "control," "alt," and "delete" keys have not been worn down to a nub...

Baby Bell tech support was generally adequate, and they do have a nice feature on their answering messages that gives an estimated wait time. Do not expect them to bypass any of their routines simply because you say you have already done them. They are going to assume that you are an imbecile and work upwards from there. By the time the call finally reaches a point where they can converse in acronyms on equal footing with you, you've wasted at least a half-hour!

After fighting with the internal modem for over a year, I decided to complain even louder about their faulty equipment when I had to call in for some other problem. So the tech support people checked my line and found that my modem was an iffy component, and they would be sending me another. So I asked what it would take to get an external modem, as what they were sending me was not going to help my home network agonies. They asked a supervisor to bless it, and all agreed

# DSL Saga (cont.)

they could get me an internal modem for half-price, since I had used their service for over a year and the existing modem inside the machine was paid for. I said, "Great, let's do that!" The USB external modem arrived at one of my busier times, so it sat in the box for a couple of weeks before I even opened it. My telephone bill arrived in the meantime, so I checked it to see if the \$37.50 half-price charge was on there. Imagine my surprise when I discovered they had charged me \$18.50 for one of four installments, which said I was paying full price for it. Once again, Baby Bell was lying to its customers and hiding it under an enigma of numbers.

I phoned Baby Bell and explained to all who would listen that I had been wronged. It fell on really deaf ears. Never mind that I have had outrageous monthly phone bills for thirty years, or that I have recently discovered that a directory service request for a new phone number listing is now one thin penny short of two dollars! So I told the woman on the phone that if I couldn't find any resolution to the fact that they had lied to me, then I didn't wish to deal with them any more except on a have-no-choice basis, as they are a monopoly where my local telephone service is concerned. They could take their DSL back to Never Never Land. She said there was nothing anyone could do, so I explained that I no longer wanted to use their DSL service. While I was on the phone talking to her, getting instructions on how to return this external modem, etc., they totally disconnected me from all Baby Bell DSL privileges. I did not even have time to pull email off their server before I was denied access to it. I was not

given time to notify people that Jlococo@bellsouth.net was no longer a viable email address. Basically, I was electronically guillotined! "How rude!"

I was suddenly without fast access and back to 56K dial-up speeds. This is tantamount to being megarich one day and a pauper the next. If you hadn't seen the promised land, you wouldn't know any better. So I put a panic call in to DIRECTV DSL, and they very candidly told me that their modems were external, cost approximately \$500, but were included in the monthly cost of their service. I did have to agree to a year's service with them, but they didn't care if I had two computers networked or not. I could only sit in front of one at a time and the dogs have not learned how to surf... yet... However, whenever I discontinued their service, I had to return the modem to them. The biggest problem was that it could take up to three weeks for them to get the modem to me. Withdrawal pains, definitely.

However, the modem arrived just over a week after my call to DIRECTV DSL, so I figured I had a day of installation ahead of me again. I had to remove the Baby Bell internal DSL modem card, so it wouldn't conflict with the external DIRECTV DSL modem or my home network. Besides, at this point, it was just taking up space inside my PC. And, uh, geez, it gave me a chance to visit with the dust bunnies populating the inside of my machine. Then I had to uninstall the Baby Bell software -- this was not something you should try alone at home! It required the resident Alpha Geek's expertise to figure this one out, as the uninstallation itself want-

ed to wipe out a few "unused" files such as regedit.exe because their removal software reported that "I wasn't using it any more and really didn't need it..." I think that was the final straw when I saw that they wanted to inflict harm on my computer because I had chosen not to use their service.

Once all remnants of the Baby Bell fiasco were removed, total time to setup the new configuration was just over an hour. For the most part, the installation went smoothly with no major issues along the way. The new setup included attaching the DIRECTV DSL modem to my telephone line and installing their software. It also included rerouting some of the ethernet cabling in the office and installing and configuring a DSL router/firewall between the modem and my computers. I did have to tweak my software firewall settings to make it all work together. At this point, I called in "Alpha Geek" for assistance with the firewall configuration.

The DIRECTV DSL modem and the DSL router are now flashing lights back at me (comforting to an external modem user...) and my home network is happy again. I can print from any machine on my home network when I wish, I can access the Net no matter which machine I am using and I don't have to pray that I remembered to disable the network card before I powered down the last time. I don't have to threaten my friends with a visit from Luigi if they send me a huge attachment and life is once again good!

For even more acronyms and information about DSL, check out <http://www.dsreports.com>.

# DealsGuy

By Bob Click, The Deals Guy,  
Greater Orlando Computer Users  
Group

## Icon See It Now

Aha-Soft's "ArtIcons Pro 3.0" is called "graphics editing" software. Here is their description: "Use this powerful utility to find and extract, edit, import and export icons and manage icon libraries. ArtIcons contains a variety of paint tools to let you create and edit icons with image formats in either standard or custom sizes, in color depths up to 32-bit True Color. You can import icons from image, cursor and library files, and even from executables. ArtIcons allows you to arrange icons into libraries. It is the first such software to support Windows XP icon format." [<http://www.aha-soft.com>].

PC User Group members can register ArtIcons Pro for \$19.95 instead of \$29.95 and save \$10 (\$14.95 extra for a CD). Here is a link to register: [<http://www.regsoft.net/purchase.php3?productid=41421&pc=6U47X>]. Password is "PCGROUP."

## Ashampoo Isn't What You Think It Is

Actually, Ashampoo sells a variety of products listed here (nothing to do with your hair), but please visit [<http://www.ashampoo.com/products>] for all the info since this month's column is lengthy. Here's the lineup:

Ashampoo MP3 Studio Deluxe - \$29.95

Ashampoo CD Recording Studio 2.0 - \$19.95

Audio CD MP3 Studio 2000 - \$19.95

Ashampoo MP3 Check & Convert - \$9.95

Ashampoo WinOptimizer 2000 - \$19.95

Ashampoo Powerup Deluxe 2000 - \$19.95

Ashampoo Uninstaller 2000 - \$19.95

Ashampoo Power Encrypt Deluxe - \$19.95

A DealsGuy discount runs from now until December 31, 2001 and all user group members entering the voucher code "gcc156786" (typed in the "coupon" field) will receive 15% discount on all Ashampoo products in their new Element 5 shop! Go to [<http://www.ashampoo.com/products>] to buy Ashampoo products. Thanks to Bill Wilkinson of Keowee Computer Club for sending this one, originally an offer for their group.

## Show Me The Way To Go Home

It's been a while since I've heard from Andy Sturdevant at DeLorme. I assume all users groups received this same announcement. I'll list the products below:

AO-6010-101 - DeLorme Topo USA 3.0 (CD-ROM version) - special price - \$69.95

AO-6011-101 - DeLorme Topo USA 3.0 (DVD version) - special price - 69.95

AO-6429-101 - Street Atlas USA Deluxe (CD-ROM) - special price - \$39.95

AO-5801-101 - Solus Pro 3.0 (CD-ROM) (mapping for the Palm)

S&H is \$5.00 and the priority code is "4041." If your group didn't get the order forms, your vendor coordinator should call Andy. Ordering may work on the Web site using the code. [<http://www.delorme.com>].

## Firewall Just For The Taking

I read a very good review for Tiny Personal Firewall in Virtual RAM, newsletter for PC Rams Computer Club, and it looked pretty good according to their testing. They say it doesn't host any annoying ads. They used "Port Detective," which I'm not familiar with, to give it a good test and it passed with flying colors. The review author, Stephen Bigelow said this product has features he really likes. TPF is free for personal use and can be downloaded at [<http://www.cnet.com>]. Search for Tiny Personal Firewall.

FYI: I should soon have an announcement for the new USB 2.0 Pockey drives (20 gig shirt pocket size), which will be true plug-n-play. They also have a new cable, for those of us whose old Pockey drives would not work with a Toshiba or NEC laptop. The cable is available as a retrofit at [<http://www.pockeydrives.com>].

That's it for this month. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click [Bobclick@mindspring.com]. Visit my Web site at [<http://www.dealsguy.com>] for past columns.

Editor's Note: The article is not printed in its entirety due to space limitations.

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# December 2001 KIPUCUG Planner

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# KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory

**ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the NHCLC. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 635-1153 or jewel@win.net

**ADVANCED USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Friday of the month at CCUM. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@bluegrass.net

**BASIC ACCESS SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the NHCLC. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.com

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG "NEW"** - Meets only on scheduled months on the 3rd Tuesday at Wayside Christian Mission at Shelby and Market Streets. Contact SIG LEADER Jason Bagley at 797-4675 or wcm.edutech@juno.com

**EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month at CCUM. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Phil Whitehouse at 899-5623 or basicpop@aol.com

**GENEALOGY SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 - mooresk@win.net (www.win.net/mooresk)

**HARDWARE SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at (wk) 266-9999 ext. 213, (home) 935-2497 or CO-LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or hardware@sig.win.net

**INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Monday of the month at CCUM. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead, 852-4761(W), 375-4796(H) jim.travelstead@louisville.edu

**INVESTING SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman Field. We do not discuss the merits of Mutual Funds. SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878 for details.

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**LINUX LAB SIG "NEW"** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch. See Below. Contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

**NEW USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month at the NHCLC. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

**ORACLE SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Quilogy. See Below.

Contact SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at 429-5501 or kstenger@quilogy.com

**PALM PDA SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews. Contact SIG LEADER Paul Gilles at 896-6676 or CO-LEADER J. Price Hanna III at the same telephone number or at jpricehanna@cs.com

**POCKET PC SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Sam Cooke at 423-9920 or CO-LEADER Matt Coddington at matt@multimatt.com or 608-1561

**TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the last Tuesday of the month at Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room. Contact SIG LEADER Lisa Disselkamp at 253-9900 or disseleglm@juno.com or CO-LEADER Myron Smith at 897-7718 or MJSLS@home.com

**VISUAL BASIC SIG** - Meets 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the NHCLC. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion 810-9125 or mccampion@aol.com

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**YOUTH SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Friday of the month at CCUM. See Below. Contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at 608-6834 or econoprof@aol.com

## Locations with Multiple SIGs

**CCUM** (Christ Church United Methodist) - Located at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222).

**LFPL** (Louisville Free Public Library)-**Eline Branch** - Located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.

**NHCLC** (New Horizons Computer Learning Center) - Located at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Building.

**Quilogy** - Located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Bldg.

# The SIG Scene

By Charley May, SIG Director

**Where to find the scoop on  
your Special Interest Group**

## **HEADLINE NEWS**

The "NEW" Pocket PC SIG's first big project of securing Louisville as one of the sites for "The Microsoft Mobile Experience User Group Tour" really paid off big time. There were just over a hundred attendees and KIPCUG Pocket PC SIG members helped at the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the program, the good food and the many nice door prizes and t-shirts that Microsoft brought with them. The Pocket PC SIG looks forward to converting many of the attendees into new KIPCUG Members in addition to

the six that were signed up at the meeting. If you are even the slightest bit interested in a Pocket PC, please consider attending monthly meetings of this new SIG, at our new meeting location at the Bon Air Library. This SIG's new CO-LEADERS Sam Cooke and Matt Coddington really know their stuff and can help you out big time! Go to the [www.kipcug.org](http://www.kipcug.org) web site and click on the Pocket PC SIG link for the maps and meeting date/time details!

Important notice, two KIPCUG SIGs are looking for new homes. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new SIG meeting locations and report any possibilities to KIPCUG's Director of SIGs. Locations should hold 12-24 persons and computers for the attendees would be a big plus.

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## **ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG**

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At the October 27, 2001, meeting, SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick had Guest Presenter; Matt Wehrle who gave an excellent presentation on Active Server Pages. This is similar to working in Access, with the code almost identical and HTML controls that are only slightly different but easy to use.

At the November 17, 2001, meeting John Kilpatrick showed two databases. The first database allowed the user to enter topics that will go into an instruction manual. The report that the database produces is an HTML document with

general and detailed contents that are all hyperlinked to the topics in the manual.

The second problem was an ASP (Active Server Page) script that was a nearly universal HTML form reader, which takes the content of the form and sends it to an Access table. That database produced a report showing the questions and answers for each form received. These two together showed how to receive HTML forms and write HTML documents using an Access database.

The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG will not meet in December due to the holidays.

In January, Matt Wehrle will give a presentation on using the File System Object in Visual Basic. This is a powerful object for manipulating disk files. Matt gives excellent presentations and this is important information.

February's topic is to be announced.


The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG assumes a good working knowledge of Access and focuses on issues needing programming and advanced techniques. If you have a problem or topic suggestion email SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at [jewel@win.net](mailto:jewel@win.net).

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## **ADVANCED USERS SIG**

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The ADVANCED USERS SIG meets in the Computer Lab (Room 222) of Christ Church United



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Methodist at 6:30 PM on the third Friday of each month. CCUM is at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG focuses on software and hardware topics for users very comfortable with the daily use of their computer who desire to learn more. If you have mastered daily tasks but want to know the "how and why" things work and want to push the envelope a little, this is the SIG for you.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG with its LEADER, Tom Scanlan held its November 16, 2001, meeting at 6:30 PM and discussed more "email and networking" topics. We continued our examination of emails that can infect Microsoft mail products when received and processed, as we continue to examine how Internet messaging works, including its quirks and pitfalls. Tom showed us how to "look" at a potentially malicious email using a "SAFE" method, which lets the operator view the email as text to see how it acts, and how we can avoid problems by knowing what to look out for!

During this current cycle, the ADVANCED USERS SIG is exploring how TCP/IP networks operate, so that we can understand how data, like an email moves from sender to receiver, and how that network transfer impacts us. This is an in-depth approach to understanding how internet mail and mail programs functions and how they expose us to worms, viruses or loss of privacy. There is much more to know about how mail programs and web browsers work, and Tom is

striving to lay the groundwork for future meetings.

Email is just one element of networked communications. For future meetings, Tom wants us to look at "Internet Communications" (like IM, ICQ, MSN messenger, Net Meeting and VOIP), how they work and their related security issues. The complex appearance of HTML messages is based on a few simple rules. What are MIME, HTML-mail and attachments? Why do some things need to be encoded or decoded? What do you need to know to use Internet mail? It is much simpler than it appears.

If you would like more information about the ADVANCED USERS SIG contact Tom Scanlan (502) 477-1639 or [tpscan@bluegrass.net](mailto:tpscan@bluegrass.net)

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## **BASIC ACCESS SIG**

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In the November 10, 2001 meeting at New Horizons, SIG LEADER Alan Birch talked about Normalization; how one decides what tables are needed and what goes where. KIPCUG Member, Philippe Gunter shared both information about a database he is working on and some questions he had, with the group, who used the project as an example to work through some of the steps of Normalization. It was all common sense once you looked at it the right way and it is an essential planning step for a database.

On December 8, 2001, the SIG will finish a couple more tables

from the November exercise and look at some issues about handling the data in those tables. How to minimize the chance for errors? What about the data for transactions with a company that goes out of business? Delete it? How do you get it all? From there we will move on to looking at different types of queries.

In January, a member will bring a database for some discussion and critique to possibly improve it.

Future topics will include things like looking at the different types of queries, linking to outside databases and structuring queries.

In the BASIC ACCESS SIG, we focus on using just the functions available in Access without getting into programming. If you have a topic that you want to learn more about or have a problem to share, contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or [abirch52@excite.com](mailto:abirch52@excite.com).

We meet the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to noon at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

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## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG (NEW)**

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Please plan to attend the January 15, 2002 meeting of the COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG and meet with its New SIG LEADER, Mr. Jason Bagley. Jason held the very first meeting of the New SIG (split from the HARDWARE SIG) on October 16, 2001 at 6:30 PM with attendees diagnosing and fixing up a variety of old 586 and 486 PCs. The

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

repairs mostly involved replacing parts, such as: floppy disks, video cards, and hard drives -- as well as some routine cleaning of internal components. All of the PCs repaired at Wayside are given to individuals who could not otherwise afford them. Some of the people that reside at Wayside are presented with a computer upon completion of the WCM computer training program.

All meetings will be scheduled for the third Tuesday of the scheduled month, with a total of five meetings a year. Future meetings will be announced here and be listed on the KIPCUG Planner Calendar. Of course, the meeting location will be Wayside Christian Mission's Education Center, 216 South Shelby Street, just south of Market Street and hosted by SIG LEADER Jason Bagley.

Please show your support in aiding the people of Wayside, as well as low-income residents of the Kentuckiana area. Your support will provide deserving people with the tools needed to further their interest and education in computers.

Contact SIG LEADER Jason Bagley at [wcm.edutech@juno.com](mailto:wcm.edutech@juno.com) or 797-4675 for more info or if you wish to be added to the email notification list. Please type "Add me to COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG list" in the subject line of the email.

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## **EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG (NEW)**

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The EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG meets on the fourth Wednesday

of the month at 6:30 PM with SIG LEADER Phil Whitehouse, at the CCUM Computer Lab (Room 222), located at 4614 Brownsboro Rd. This location is at the intersection of Brownsboro Road (US 42) and Blankenbaker Lane. We think you will be very pleased with this new location as it has 12 computers for use by SIG attendees.

Phil's presentation at the October 24, 2001 meeting covered the construction of a functional Payroll Spreadsheet with attendees learning how to make formulas work for them by automatically calculating the information in many of the columns.

The December meeting has been cancelled due to the Holidays.

The January 23, 2002 meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, topic to be announced.

The EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG assumes a basic working knowledge of MS Excel and Phil will help you learn additional methods of building and using spreadsheets.

If you are interested in future meetings, please send your name, phone number and preferred email address to Phil Whitehouse at [basicpop@aol.com](mailto:basicpop@aol.com) (type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG" in the subject line) to receive meeting notices.

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## **GENEALOGY SIG**

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On October 15, 2001, the GENEALOGY SIG held its meet-

ing at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. The presentation was How to Utilize the Additional Features of TMG. Using these features will improve the program's efficiency and reduce the disk space required, protect your data, calculate dates, speed data entry, correct data already entered and give your data more meaning by placing your data within historical events.

Most of the features discussed are in the choices on the File and Tools drop-down menus. Features on the File menu included Optimize, Repair, Memo, Backup and Restore. The Repair from the Start button was compared to the Repair from the File menu. Find and View were explained to help you to locate people in your database quickly. Most of the features discussed were under the Tools menu including Timelines, Text Macros, Capture (Screen Capture), Date Calculator, Calendar, Duplicate People Check, Advanced Utilities and all of the choices on the Options menu. Eliminating some of the prompts within the options menu can greatly speed your data entry and revision.

The November 19, 2001 meeting presentation will be List of ... Reports and Searching. List of ... Reports are used to retrieve information based on the attributes of your data. Searching is built into the reports where Boolean logic is used to retrieve the specific records requested.

The December 17, 2001 meeting at 6:30 PM will on be Family Tree Super Tools. This is an add-on program for TMG Version 4 that will

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

be absorbed into TMG version 5. For non-TMG users (Family Tree Maker, Personal Ancestral File, Ultimate Family Tree, Family Origins and Legacy) Super Tools can enhance their current program. Super Tools can manage multiple projects, search the web with one click, build multimedia slideshows, see the historical picture, make heirloom quality charts, reveal hidden patterns and even enable you to use a wall chart printing service at very reasonable costs.

The January 21, 2002 meeting will be cancelled because the Library is closed on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email Susan at mooresk@win.net. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the SIG, go to "www.win.net/mooresk".

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## **HARDWARE SIG**

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The October 1, 2001 meeting was held at our regular meeting location, the LFPL Eline Branch. Want to speed up and smooth out your computers operation? SIG LEADER Grant McCormick showed us one of the fastest, easiest and now, the cheapest way to make that happen. Grant started with a, from the store, RAM Memory Module and lead us through all the steps of installing it in a real computer. Attendees were able to install modules, (hands on) at the meeting in the demo computer so that they would know how to do it to their computer at home.

SIG CO-LEADER Charley May talked to attendees about the sizing of the memory to their machines and how to get the module that will work with their computer correctly the first time. Charley presented the various options available and discussed web sites and local vendors that have memory available at rock bottom pricing. Members brought in their computers and additional memory, which they upgraded at the meeting.

Due to a schedule conflict with "The Microsoft Mobile Experience User Group Tour", the HARDWARE SIG did not meet on November 5, 2001. Many HARDWARE SIG attendees came to "The Microsoft Mobile Experience User Group Tour" and some won a prize, of many prizes given away, including some Pocket PCs (yes that was plural). "Lucky" won three prizes, including one of the Pocket PCs. It was a good night for the HARDWARE SIG and the Pocket PC SIG.

The December 3, 2001 meeting subject is Motherboards, how to pick the right one to upgrade YOUR computer. Grant McCormick will actually install a replacement Motherboard at the meeting, showing you how, with all the hints and tips, while answering all your questions. Charley May will provide a list of informational sites to help you find out what motherboards are available, details and evaluations by the professionals.

The topic for the January 7, 2002 meeting is "choosing a CD-ROM Burner", what are the "must" requirements. The actual installation will be performed right before

your eyes, so that you can go home and install your own. We will also talk about how the CD-ROM Burner can be used to produce backups of the information on your computer, in case bad things happen to your computer. Of course, these backups can be easily stored on or off-site. In preparation for the February meeting, we will talk about how these CD-ROM Burners can be used when the time finally comes to wipe that Hard Drive clean and reinstall things to bring back that blinding speed your computer had when you first bought it.

The February meeting will cover how to do that nasty job of re-formatting your Hard Drive and doing a clean install of Windows, your Programs and your files (that you saved on your new CD-ROM Burner).

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to the meeting, to hopefully be solved, PLEASE call one of the phone numbers listed in the SIG Directory. This will get you in the queue so that the HARDWARE TEAM Members can be prepared to handle your problem. With this advance planning, you may not have to bring as much of your computer equipment with you and the HARDWARE TEAM will be better prepared to help you.

If you would like to receive a reminder notice of our SIG meetings, send an email to sig@win.net and on the Subject line insert "Add me to HARDWARE SIG LIST".

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

## **INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG**

In the October 22, 2001 meeting SIG LEADER, Jim Travelstead covered the conclusion of the email part of the MS Outlook presentations including how to protect your computer when going on line using DSL or Cable connections. He also covered wrap up questions on using MS Outlook from previous months' presentations.

The November 26, 2001 meeting will review IP Addressing and Broadband Router Addressing, so bring your questions.

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meets in the Computer Lab (Room 222) of CCUM at 6:30 PM on the fourth Monday of each month. CCUM is at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. It is down the hall from the large meeting room used for general meetings. Directions are on the CCUM web site [www.ccum.net](http://www.ccum.net) or on the KIPCUG web site [www.kipcug.org](http://www.kipcug.org).

There will not be a meeting in December due to the Holiday week.

In January, Jim will help attendees with computer Christmas gift problems (that new program that just will not work or other computer additions).

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG focuses on the various versions of MS Windows software, its features, method of operation, problems and all the hints and tips that

Jim knows that you will be interested in. This SIG is for users comfortable with the daily use of their computer who want to learn more. In other words, you have mastered your fear of computers and are willing to push the envelope a little. We welcome discussion and a chance for everyone to learn.

If you have any questions, bring them to the SIG or email Jim at [jim.travelstead@louisville.edu](mailto:jim.travelstead@louisville.edu) and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting. Want to get on Jim's email notification list? Send him a short note with "Add me to KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE SIG meeting email list" in the subject line.

## **INVESTING SIG**

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTMENT SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There were 9 attendees at the November 8, 2001 6:30 PM meeting. Meetings consist of round table exchanges of information on any economic subject of current interest to the group. Questions and presentations are encouraged.

The next SIG Meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange. The INVESTING SIG meets the second Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, at 6:30 PM. This is not an investment club; they DO NOT discuss mutual funds.

## **LINUX SIG (NEW)**

The November and December meetings were cancelled due to the holidays.

At the January 16, 2002 Meeting attendees will discuss their experiences, problems and goals with using Linux. Previously we discussed various other aspects of Linux, such as the X Windows System, the file system, performance, security issues and other applications. Using this information, we have decided on a direction to learn how to use and build a base system together. We will be exploring this in a distribution independent format as much as possible.

The new LINUX LAB SIG has been formed and attendees can now meet twice a month if they wish (to speed things up). The LINUX SIGs will be able to serve more members.

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the email list, send an email to [sig@win.net](mailto:sig@win.net) and type "LINUX SIG?" in the Subject line.

Please come, support the LINUX SIG and bring your suggestions to help give us a direction for this SIG. TEAM MEMBERS, Chris Parrish and Joan Combs Durso are still available to help you. The SIG will not limit itself to any one "brand" of Linux O/S or Linux applications and will gradually work its way through all the different "brands" available. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presentation.

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

For more information, contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

## **LINUX LAB SIG (NEW)**

The newly formed LINUX LAB SIG attendees meet each month, to work on members' equipment, including the installation of Linux and Linux programs. This new LINUX LAB SIG is held on the fourth Saturday morning (10:00 AM until Noon +) of each month at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library (upstairs meeting room). We will be meeting each month to build Linux Boxes (Computers). The LINUX TEAM will be there to help YOU build and get YOUR Linux Box up and running.

KIPCUG members can now meet twice a month if they wish (to progress faster). The regular LINUX SIG meets at New Horizons Computer Learning Center on the third Wednesday of the month.

There will not be a meeting in December due to the Holidays.

The LINUX LAB SIG is looking for members interested in finding out how to install, setup and operate the Linux Operating System on their machines or other attendee's computers. So drag that old used computer out of the closet, bring it to the LINUX LAB SIG and let us help you get it leaping with Linux. Each month we will work on setting up members' computers, updating, configuring and installing open source software on them.

Because of the two locations, it appears that KIPCUG will be able to serve more members. Please try to come to future meetings and start building your Linux Box with the help of the LINUX TEAM MEMBERS. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help others get their Linux Box up and running. For information contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

## **NEW USERS SIG**

The NEW USERS SIG held its November 12, 2001, 6:30 PM meeting at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center. SIG LEADER, Charley May answered a large number of questions that came up since the last meeting and shortened the presentation on Customizing Outlook and Outlook Express due to time restraints (early closing of NHCLC).

The December 10, 2001 meeting will continue where last months meeting left off.

In January, we will start looking at Word processors and evaluate the differences between the ones generally available to most computer users.

If you are a new computer user or just want to review, please consider coming to the NEW USERS SIG. We don't go too fast, Charley leads attendees through each step of each feature and you learn hands-on, by following the presentation on your NHCLC computer.

SIG TEAM MEMBERS, Dick McGavic, Ken Dawson and Susan Moore plus SIG LEADER Charley May will assist you if you get hung up during the presentation. So come meet with us, have some fun and learn something new!

If you want to be on the NEW USERS SIG email notice list, please type "NEW USERS SIG?" on the subject line of your email and send to sig@win.net.

## **PALM PDA SIG**

The PALM PDA SIG met on October 16, 2001, the third Tuesday in the PDA lab in the back of the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews. The topic was calculators. The overview of several Palm add-on calculators covered Power One (now bundled with Palms), the programmable AP Calc, several others and a novel Roman numeral calculator (whoever programmed that needs to get a life!). The Q&A session revolved around database programs and their interactions with PC files from Access, ACT and other programs.

On November 20, 2001, the topic will be New Products and Hardware Add-ons. The latest models of Palm OS devices will be described in detail and demonstrated for all attendees to see. Samples from the variety of hardware that can be connected to Palms include keyboards, modems, wireless accessories, digital cameras, GPS navigation and pocket scanners -- excellent stocking stuffers!

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

The growth of the SIGs has resulted in a complete PDA-lab containing computer, printer, CD-ROM drive and DSL Internet connection. We will continue to use a video camera to enlarge the pocket-sized units onto a video monitor so everyone can clearly see what is happening.

The December meeting is cancelled due to the Holidays. January meeting topic is to be announced.

We meet at 6:30 PM at FranklinCovey in The Mall St. Matthews. Bring your pocket pal (for beaming or loading shareware), some questions and a friend. Come on out on the third Tuesday for the PALM PDA SIG.

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the email list, please send an email to [jpricehanna@hotmail.com](mailto:jpricehanna@hotmail.com) or [sig@win.net](mailto:sig@win.net) and type "PALM PDA SIG email?" in the subject line of your email.

## **POCKET PC SIG (NEW)**

The October 23, 2001 meeting at FranklinCovey continued the introductory topics, with Downloads, Active Sync and Tips & Tricks presented and demonstrated by SIG CO-LEADER Matt Coddington.

The November 27, 2001 meeting will be moved to a NEW LOCATION, in anticipation of rapid future growth and the possibility of outgrowing our old meeting place. A new meeting room has been secured at the Bon Air Regional Library,

2816 Del Rio Place, that runs off the corner of Goldsmith Lane, which is the first east/west street south of the Watterson Expressway and Bardstown Road.

The Pocket PC SIG had its first meeting in September and not surprisingly, the Pocket PC SIG continues growing as the number of applications for PPCs grows. However, it never hurts to have two enterprising persons for SIG LEADERS like Sam Cooke and Matt Coddington and a fabulous Web Site that even caught the eye of the Microsoft's people! Of course it is always a plus to have a new meeting room at the Bon Air Library that will seat 100, with a video monitor which lets everyone see what's going on with that little pocket pal under the video camera too. Well, enough back slapping and high fives, just put your Pocket PC in your pocket and come to our meetings and even if you do not have one of these devices, come see what they can and cannot do. A visit to our meetings could help you decide which PPC you want. Check the web site <http://www.kipcug.org/> and click on the Pocket PC SIG link for details, maps, photos, etc. In November, we will look at varieties of Pocket PCs and add-on hardware.

There will not be a meeting in December due to the Holidays.

The new SIG will continue to focus on new Pocket PCs and new hardware add-ons like GPS, digital camera, modems, memory and software. Come on out, bring your Pocket PC and a friend. Our meetings are informal! You do not need a Pocket PC to attend our meeting! Come just to ask questions, get

answers, see, and hear about the latest stuff! Come on out on the fourth Tuesday for the Pocket PC SIG and check out our web site at: <http://www.kipcug.org> and click on the Pocket PC SIG link.

In the future, we are hoping to have guest presentations on unique applications using the features of the Pocket PC. We hope to include a local teacher of language arts who has developed a paperless classroom using Pocket PCs. All meetings include the usual Q&A session.

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the email list, send an email to Sam Cooke at [s.cooke@sigmaxi.org](mailto:s.cooke@sigmaxi.org) and type "Pocket PC SIG email?" in the subject line of your email.

## **TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG**

We had an interesting meeting Tuesday night October 23, 2001 with 15 in attendance to see CO-SIG LEADER Myron Smith's Guest Presenter Joe Lenihan of AG Edwards who did a detailed presentation on futures trading and how you use this instrument. Joe's presentation covered the basics of the exchanges, contracts, who the players are and some trading strategies. Mr. Lenihan fielded questions from the group.

For the November 27, 2001 meeting, we will have Guest Presenter Richard Dickson, a new technical analyst at Hilliard Lyons. A Question and Answer session will follow.

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

There will not be a meeting in December due to the Holidays.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact CO-SIG LEADERS Myron Smith at 897-7718 or [mjslks@home.com](mailto:mjslks@home.com) or Lisa Disselkamp [disseleglm@juno.com](mailto:disseleglm@juno.com) or 253-9900.

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## **VISUAL BASIC SIG**

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The VB SIG met at New Horizons Computer Learning Center, on Thursday night, November 8, 2001 at 7:00 PM. SIG LEADER Martin Campion demonstrated a game project he is working on--a project involving the creation of a large number of game piece objects with graphical interfaces and rules attached. Martin showed how a user control with events could be added to a program dynamically, but also showed that apparently there was no way to assign such a control to an array. While discussing this problem and trying various solutions proposed from the floor, other anomalies were noticed, and eventually consigned to the category, "Microsoft mysteries".

The December 13, 2001 meeting topic will be a continuation of last month's game project with the hopeful solving of last months "Microsoft mysteries". Siggers are invited to bring their problems and any great solutions to share with other attendees.

January's topic and NEW Meeting location is to be announced. KIPCUG and the VB SIG want to thank New Horizons Computer

Learning Center for hosting the VB SIG for these many years and hopes that it may be possible to return to New Horizons Computer Learning Center in the future. A special thanks to Fred Soward, Mike Cobb, T. J. Duncan, Regina Thoman and Bob Goodwell for all of their help and the courtesies they have extended to the VB SIG.

If YOU have ANY interest in learning VB or think YOU might be interested, please come to this SIG and try it. If you would like to be added to Martin's email reminder list, email your address to Martin at [mccampion@aol.com](mailto:mccampion@aol.com) and type "add me to VB notice list" in the subject line of your email.

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## **WEBMASTERS SIG**

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The WEBMASTERS SIG meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across Corporate Campus Drive from the UPS Building. Both UPS and Quilogy are across from McDonalds. (Warning: The doors are locked after normal working hours, but we have someone answer the door. Come to the door away from both McDonalds and UPS.)

At our October meeting, we started looking at the KIPCUG web site. We looked at several existing Computer Club sites, including APCUG, [www.apcug.org](http://www.apcug.org) and [www.melbpc.org.au](http://www.melbpc.org.au) a site from Australia. We next defined the purpose of the KIPCUG web page and, based on what we saw, proposed

several requirements. We also did a proposed web page organization, which would allow the menu to show with little or no scrolling.

At the November 15, 2001 meeting, we will be looking at the KIPCUG web page, defining our measurements and technical requirements, and getting it ready for board approval. In addition, we will be helping other KIPCUG SIGs by setting up a separate page for KIPCUG Special Interest Groups as needed.

Future meeting will cover Adobe PhotoShop, more HTML, Java Script, ASP, XML, web hosting and more web programs, in addition to FrontPage. Other possible future subjects might include 1) The future Webmaster: a glimpse of what to expect. 2) How to make your Web Site work with Internet Browsers, old and new 3) Helpful web site development software programs, 4) Dedicated Internet access and what the new high-speed technologies mean to the webmaster.

To sign up for meeting reminders, please email a team member, Warren Lang at [lbear@aye.net](mailto:lbear@aye.net) so that you can be added to the list.

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## **WINDOWS 2000 SIG**

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The WINDOWS 2000 SIG meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Building.

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

For the October 25, 2001, meeting SIG LEADER Keith Stenger gave a great presentation on the Windows 2000 Registry.

The WINDOWS 2000 SIG will not meet in November or December due to the holidays.

In January, Keith will be covering Terminal Server.

Come out, learn and participate. For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at 429-5501, [kstenger@quilogy.com](mailto:kstenger@quilogy.com) or SIG DIRECTOR, Charley May at 425-4604, [sig@win.net](mailto:sig@win.net).

## YOUTH SIG (NEW)

SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso held the new YOUTH SIGs first field trip on Saturday October 27, 2001. We met at the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library (Fourth and York Streets) in the Books for the Blind Section from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We learned how the library uses computers to provide services for everyone. Attendees did a service project in the talking Books for the Blind Section and had Halloween refreshments.

Come out and join us on the fourth Friday of each month at 6:30 PM in

the Computer Lab at Christ Church United Methodist on Brownsboro Rd. We will adjourn by 8:30 PM for snacks at a nearby dining establishment. For more information or to give your input, please contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at [econoprof@aol.com](mailto:econoprof@aol.com) or 608-6834 or SIG DIRECTOR Charley May at 425-4604 or [sig@win.net](mailto:sig@win.net).

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