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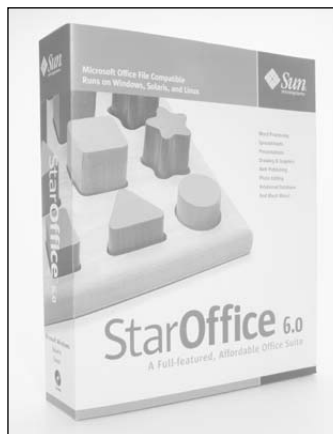
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by  
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# From The Editor

For our featured presentation this month, our own Tom Scanlan will be showcasing Sun Microsystems's StarOffice™ 6.0. This is an alternative suite of programs that very closely mimics the function and feature set of other office suites, such as Microsoft's Office XP. One of the main benefits of this particular one is that, as a standard version, it is available as a FREE download from their site! Yet another is that the full version is only around \$75, one of the least expensive suites around! Finally, StarOffice documents are very portable because they run on computers using many different operating systems (like Linux) making it very easy to share documents. Be sure and be there for this month's presentation as Tom is planning on showing us StarOffice™ running on both the Windows and Linux operating system platforms! ;-0

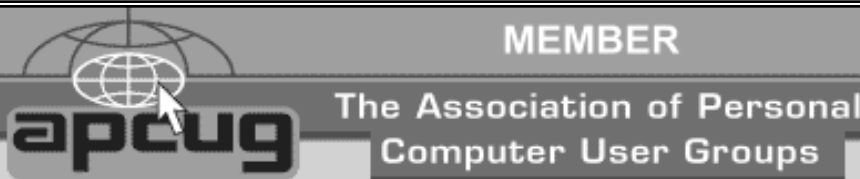
In this month's issue, we are covering an area of concern between Symantec's Norton Internet Security and Windows XP (Caveat Emptor - Buyer Beware) on page 5, and we are featuring a review of a CD burning program (Ahead Software's Nero 5) on page 7. We are also showcasing Bob Click's (The Deal's Guy) best software finds on page 10.

Thank you Mr. Scanlan, for such an informative series of reviews/columns. Your many hours of dedicated research and testing are most appreciated by our readership! ;-0

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# Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Charley May, KIPCUG

## August

Our August General Meeting opened with David Brooks and his Back to Basics segment on "Tips and Tricks with Windows Explorer". This was very well received and will be continued next month.

The User to User segment was Guest Hosted by member Keith Stenger and was very interactive, informative, solving many members' problems.

The Feature Presenter was Mr. Steve Hampton from the Electronics Crimes Special Agent Program ECSAP, of the US Secret Service. He has an A+ Certification and training by the Federal Law Enforcement Center in Atlanta. The Secret Service (SS) has had the program since 1987 and have 180 agents now. Steve is assigned to Kentucky and can send computers to other labs for forensics when they get overwhelmed locally.



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Mr. Hampton told us how the Secret Service works with the ATF, IRS and INS with regard to electronic crime. The Software they use for forensics includes Safeback, Hashkeeper, Easy Recovery,

Neotrace, Ilook, HiJack and Encase (best, most used). Steve's equipment includes SkyTek (117 Gig data sucker - about \$8000) and a Gateway laptop with interchangeable disk drives (about \$3500-\$4000).

## September

The September 3, 2002, General Meeting will start with David Brooks and Back to Basics. This segment will add to last month's topic, "Tips and Tricks with Windows Explorer".

Bill Cull will return as host of the User to User segment, which answers members' questions and gives fixes.

Mr. Tom Scanlan will give the Feature Presentation on StarOffice, from Sun Microsystems, Inc. For a complete review see Tom's article on page 4.

## October

The people at DeLorme are currently working on a new version of Street Atlas USA 2003. It will be

### Back to Basics Topic for September

### Tips and Tricks with Windows Explorer (Cont.)

ready the end of August/first of September and if the information and materials on this new product are ready as forecast, we will have another one of our finest presentations on this new DeLorme product. Local KIPCUG Guru, Tom Scanlan has given excellent presentations on DeLorme products in past years and we all look forward to this upcoming session.

## November

One of our favorites returns, PowerQuest will answer these hard questions: How do I create and restore hard drive images? How do I recover my data when disaster strikes? Is there an easy way to protect all my data? Can I create an exact copy of my hard drive? PowerQuest has the answers.

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# Star Office Suite

By Tom Scanlan, KIPCUG

This coming month we want to show you another office suite. "ANOTHER ONE?!" you scream, but this is one with a twist. The basic suite is available as a free download, or you can buy the enhanced package for about \$75, which makes StarOffice an incredible bargain. Offering most of the capabilities of other commercial office suites, but available for a fraction of the cost, it has to be considered as an alternative by individuals and companies.



Since its inception in 1982, a singular vision -- "The Network Is The Computer™" -- has propelled Sun Microsystems, Inc., (NASDAQ: SUNW) to its position as a leading provider of industrial-strength hardware, software and services that power the Internet and allow companies worldwide to take their businesses to the nth. Sun can be found in more than 170 countries and on the World Wide Web at <http://sun.com>.

StarOffice, by Sun Microsystems, Inc., is a full-featured, multi-platform office suite with word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, web-publishing, charting, formula-editing and database applications that offer everyone from large organizations and governments, to small business and individuals, a cost effective multi-platform alternative to proprietary

office suites. The StarOffice Suite offers all the tools used by most people and is directly targeted at users of Microsoft Office or Corel Office. It readily exchanges data with Microsoft Office, allowing users to move documents between different products.

Competitive product reviews done by independent publications like InfoWorld (IDG) and PCWorld have rated StarOffice very highly, especially the ease of use and extensive feature set. Point-by-point comparisons show how balanced it is, even against \$600 office suites.

However it offers several unique features. Its latest release is distributed in versions that run under Linux, Windows 95 through ME, Windows NT through XP and Sun Solaris. A version for the Mac is under development. Careful design and attention to detail has kept the size of the suite to about 230 MB, which is half the size of MS Office and it requires less memory (about 64 MB) and CPU power to run.

Each version offers virtually the same handy user interface. User skills will transfer readily when migrating from one system to another, lowering training costs. Designed with easy portability in mind, it offers modular structure, with common components shared between tasks. It's the first office suite to incorporate the XML standard throughout. Microsoft has identified XML as a key element in the future of seamless web interchanges and has promised to add XML support in its NEXT Office version. StarOffice has it now.

Earlier versions of StarOffice were available for free download, under an open source license. In May of 2002, Sun Microsystems, Inc., released StarOffice™ 6.0, with plans to expand the reach of the popular office productivity suite by offering enhanced tools and support. Building on the momentum created by StarOffice 5.2, nearly one million downloaded the beta version of 6.0 in just three months.

Mike Rogers, Vice President and General Manager of Desktop and Office Productivity at Sun Microsystems, said, "Through the StarOffice 6.0 beta program, we gained valuable customer feedback saying they would prefer to pay for a product from Sun that was bundled with value-added support and services. Therefore, our enhanced product and support offerings will meet the diverse needs of our broad customer base, specifically, office productivity tools for a multi-platform environment."

Sun will continue to enable a no-charge download (OpenOffice.org version) of the application through the OpenOffice.org project. In addition, Sun will fully support the ongoing community development process through OpenOffice.org ([www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org)).

OpenOffice.org is the open source, community-developed, multi-platform, multi-lingual office suite offering key desktop applications such as word processor, spreadsheet, presentation manager and drawing program, with a user interface and feature set similar to other office suites.

StarOffice 6.0 is also offered to

## Star Office Suite (cont.)

end-users through various retail channels. The retail package includes the software CD with all versions, user manual, Web-based training, a bundled support incident certificate and availability on Linux, Solaris and Windows platforms. It is priced at \$74.95, though discounts can be found. The education market will pay only for the cost of the media (CD-ROM) and shipping.

Come out to see this exciting prod-

uct and see if it fits in your future.

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## Caveat Emptor (Buyer Beware)

By Judy Lococo, KIPCUG

I recently replaced an old computer with a brand new, sparkling, whisper-quiet Pentium 4 speed demon. I asked the vendor to install Windows XP Professional and I subsequently installed Office XP Professional. There was no other software on this "clean" machine, but because I have a local area network with another machine in the office, and the other machine is connected to an ADSL line, I decided I needed a firewall and an antivirus package on the new machine, too.

Symantec has always been my Antivirus (AV) software protection of choice, and although there have been a few problems with their products along the way, it was never enough of an irritation to provoke an article. But Norton Internet Security 2002 most definitely is. It is supposed to include a personal firewall to defend against crackers, antivirus protection, privacy control to keep your personal information private, and a parental control to keep your children safe on the Internet. It looks very similar to previous releases of

Norton Internet Security (2000 and 2001), which I've used on other machines running Windows 95/98 and Windows NT Workstation 4.0, but the previous versions are not compatible with Windows XP. So I installed the latest version to protect my new workhorse. The installation was not fun, and contained several error messages stating that some script or other was not able to run & did I wish to continue. I was finally able to reach the end of the line, and was prompted to restart the computer, and run a Live Update as soon as possible. My computer restarted, and then it restarted, and then it restarted again, and finally restarted again. I was wondering if I would ever be able to keep it on long enough to see the splash screen! But I did finally get to see the XP screen again, and noticed that the antivirus icon on the taskbar had a big red "X" through it. Being such a good little girl, and always doing as I'm told, <g> I started the Live Update, thinking possibly this was why the icon was inactive. But the software did not even try to update the antivirus definitions, and even after asking for

## Incentive

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

KIPCUG would like to increase the membership in a different way than we have tried in the past. We want our members to invite their sons and daughters to join. You have enjoyed your KIPCUG membership, why not pass it on to the next generation.

We feel so confident that the retention of this new group of members will be higher than for the general membership, that we are offering double months (2 months) if your son or daughter joins as an individual or family member and (4 months) if your son or daughter joins as a corporate member.

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# Caveat Emptor (Buyer Beware) (cont.)

all the latest bells and whistles Symantec had, it still was not enabled. I tried to enable the AV and it refused from any point I tried. After several hours of trying to get this product to work properly, and calling in the Mounties (AKA resident Alpha Geek) to try to make it work properly, I gave up in exasperation.

My next strategy was to uninstall the program, as everyone knows by now that you cannot install one AV over another, and just maybe I could re-install the software and overcome the problems with the initial install. But it refused to let me uninstall it, saying I had to disable the antivirus part of it first. But I could not do that anywhere that I could find, as all it would do was inform me that it was already disabled. Finally, the Alpha Geek was able to convince the software through the XP side of things that, indeed, the antivirus had been disabled. However, this was all for naught, as it now said I could not uninstall it unless I logged in through the "Supervisor" account. There was no supervisor account! There were only two accounts on this machine, my account and a guest account.

Panic, Desperation, Anger at a company who had always been a trusted friend and now was just a shareholder's country club. Finally, disgust at what choices I now had because of one piece of buggy software that was not ready for prime time.

I logged onto Symantec's web page to look for some tech support. After searching through all the FAQ's, and finding nothing that

resembled the problems I encountered, I tried to contact them with a personal message. But there didn't seem to be any place to reach them with a personal message, only a "forum" where others could post their requests as well. So I left a public message in the forum asking for guidance on how to uninstall Norton Internet Security 2002.

I did find a LOT of other messages from people who were having similar problems. Only a handful of them had any replies, and those replies basically said to use a file on their website to uninstall the software. But to do that, one had to hack the registry in order to disable the antivirus, etc., and the solution was quite convoluted. Definitely not for the fainthearted, and definitely not something you wanted to do to a brand-new computer. And the replies to previous messages were the standard party line, even after some of the participants explained that their party line did not work either. FWIW, the solution utility posted on their website was not supported by Symantec, so if you chose to uninstall the software using the files off their website, you did so at your own risk.

I finally received a response from Aaron at Symantec. I got the same party line spiel that all the others did, which means I will have to spend a lot of time getting my machine back to a point where I can use it. So basically, they have wasted a lot of my time and \$60 of my money to tell me that I now have to do it myself. Hmmm. I believe they are the ones who caused it, why aren't they the ones cleaning up their own mess??? Why hasn't there been

a recall of this product? Why don't they have a legitimate fix for the problems? Notice problems are plural. People are still being snookered into buying this joke, thinking it is compatible with XP, when plainly it is not.

I think it will be easier for me to just reformat and reinstall than to try to clean up this fiasco they have caused. I am perfectly capable of bugging up my own machine without any help from the outside world. I will now move on to another company who is actually ready to protect my XP computer, and ready to accept responsibility for their mistakes. I have to wonder, though, if the term "class action" would hold any incentive for them to get their ACT! together. Pun not supported by author...



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# Nero 5

By Winnie Miller, KIPCUG

Aries by birth, inquisitive by nature (and prone to get into problems) I tackle software as if it were the last duty on earth. Never am I disappointed.

Just looking at the package was enticing because of the red color (that was a good start). It also was a huge box and that doesn't happen as often as it used to. It had seven recommendations from other reviewers, one of which I was familiar with from PC Magazine. The program included Software MPEG-1 Encoder, Simultaneous recording support, MP3-support, CD-Database and Nero Media Player. I wasn't familiar with any of those. During the General KIPCUG Meeting I spotted the program at the review software table. Joe Rothstein, Software Review Editor, strongly pleaded with me and jokingly threatened me with death if I

didn't have a review written within a reasonable period of time. I just couldn't refuse such a request. Software has not come my way in a while, so I decided "what the heck", and promised to follow through with a review. And here it is!

Opening the package with trepidations, I found a large manual was evident first. These Help menus on disks leave me cold. I like a good substantial book I can go to bed with and underline with yellow markers. Guess the fact it comes in five languages is important. So if you speak German, French, Italian, Spanish and a little English you are ready to go. Other languages are available. The manual is well illustrated, numbered and easy on tired eyes. The numbering is especially valuable to use. The large illustrations show you how the screen will look and then how to use it, one, two, and three. I like instructions that ask you what you want to do and then tell you to click on this WORD and click on END and remove the CD. Presto! You are finished. Some steps may go as high as thirteen. They are concise without garbage you do not need. On second thought, I did use the Help menu. This is instant within the program and you can print the sections or just read it while using the program. There is a question-and-answer segment which is interesting and helpful. It cleared up some issues on copying that were foggy to me, and I found out more ways to use the Nero5.5 program. The software program is well thought out and thorough.

Now I know a CD disk when I see one. It was the little round red thing

that through me off at first. Of course, I wanted to put it into the computer, luckily it wouldn't fit. It was the label applier they call "PressIT" that you use to put a label on your new CD. Never saw one before! You can own a computer for years and not be the savvy "geek". Just learned recently you can replace keyboard keys.

Another folder of documentation came in the box. Labels were there to go with the little round red thing that intrigued me. Nero5.5 has a support system if you get in any trouble and is available by phone and email at <http://www.nero.com> (818) 956-5930 Monday to Friday 8 to 5 USP Standard Time (Remember to skip holidays). There is a real technician at the end of the phone line and updates are available free after a purchased copy.

Installation of the CD went well. The very first time it popped in, it was ready to go. The instructions are illustrated with cartoons and well done. In fact I had to work backwards. Immediately, all my documents were copied to the CD and it worked in both my computers. It was fast and painless. I just didn't understand how it worked. So I did it again and it worked that time also. Now I have several copies of My Documents. Maybe the "how" isn't important. Their concept worked. I found the Help Menu on the program was filled with new suggestions not listed in the manual. So you have many points of information with the manual and their Help Menu. Printing of any individual area is easy.

## REMINDER

For every person that you bring to a meeting who joins KIPCUG as an Individual or Family Member (at the meeting) you get a free month of membership. If that person joins as a Corporate Member then you get two free months of membership. Why not bring a friend or co-worker to the next meeting?

# Nero 5 (cont.)

Nero5.5 wants you to discover the power of CD recording. You can back up your hard drive and your favorite CD's before it is too late! They are very aware of what "too late" means and provide multiple ways to prevent a "too late" scenario. You can back up partitions or the entire hard drive in only 3 easy steps. When they say you can effectively and reliably on-the-fly work with their program, they mean it.

You can burn your own Audio CD from MP3's and TwinVQ's and play it at home or in your car. I understand the Audio CD for the car, however, you are on your own as to what TwinVQ's mean. I found out in the manual that it means you can copy from your hard drive specific folders, make a copy, save it and recopy numerous CD's without going through the steps of saving each time. You can add more folders to this list later without going back and picking your old folders again. All I know is that it works! Nero5.5 has a drag and drop method which I found easy to use. The CD's I made were first class and all the documents were THERE and each opened correctly. The documents also printed perfectly so I'm convinced that what I copied to CD is truly what I had to begin with. This means that I didn't experience the all too familiar gotcha of "buffer under-runs" or "coaster" maker. For those who aren't familiar with the "coaster" concept, this is what is jokingly referred to as what you can use a CD for that didn't copy correctly (a drink coaster). The drag and drop method never ceases to amaze me. Remember I am the gal that still is in awe when the computer turns on.

Having a purchased audio CD, I decided to try copying it for the car. It copied great. When I tried to play it on my computer several things happened that I did not expect. It did play, however it didn't play the way I expected it to. The Nero5.5 program came up on the left side of the computer. The sound was fantastic, better than the original. I decided to check my regular CD player and see what happened. My regular CD player came up, clicked on OPEN and the CD performed beautifully. From then on, using the Nero5 Media Player was a cinch. After copying My Documents and a CD for the car, I was a happy camper. Perhaps it may be delusional; it did seem their Nero5.5 copies were better than the copies originally made in my computer. Just to make sure on being delu-

sional, I played all the CD's in the car. The Nero5.5 CD's did not have to be adjusted at all on sound and my other CD's did. This seems to solve one problem on needing another program in my computer if and when upgrading to XP is necessary.

My blank CD's were purchased in bulk. Not so sure that was such a good idea as I couldn't tell which side was up and the length of the CD. Both sides were shiny and not marked to an amateur's eye and without a place to write a title. The Nero5 tells you what capacity your CD has and the time needed for the files you selected to be transferred. This is a help when you are selecting many files as you know ahead of time your capacity on your CD.

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## Nero 5 (cont.)

For the computer geek the program lets you apply the karaoke filter and you can sing along to your favorite music. Their high quality MPEG 1 encoder lets you burn AVI video files directly to VCD! There is a virus checker that scans the files before burning to the CD. When you are burning your CD, the program again tells you what is happening and when it is finished. That was neat! I timed my installed burner program with Nero5 and once again they were superior and faster. Nero5 suggests you delete your computer burner program first. (I didn't have the intestinal fortitude!) My old program appears and needs closing. Nero5 works and I plan to delete my other CD burner program one day in the future.

The Media Player plays back WAV, TwinVQ and MP3 files and lets you manage your own audio play lists. If you are this advanced, you understand what the above paragraph means. The directions for doing the above are listed in the manual. I do know now that you can copy from several CD's and then burn a new one. Nero5 lets you do this easily.

When the Media Player comes up and you want to play a CD you must right click to minimize the program to the System Tray area and/or the Start menu. I thought I would have to keep the Media Player up on my screen forever were it not for being able to right click on it. One of our presenters last month told us not to forget the right-click, and low and behold, it worked.

This manual would deserve an A+ from my class. In fact, this is the

best manual I have seen in the last five years and believe me I have seen many.

Last but not least, can the little round red thing do a label? Yes, In Three easy steps! I was trying to do it the hard way on a step conjured up in my mind. That was the step that didn't work. Do not push the little red button in the middle of the little round red thing. When you realize the label can only go on one way, the task becomes simple. My grandchild sums up situations like this with one word "Yep".

You may customize your labels. At first I was happy just to get a blank label stuck on the CD. You can do all sorts of magic with your label program in Nero5.5. Here the Help Menu comes into full force. Try it! I'm sure that you will like it. When printing the instructions for Artistic Label Design, there were 11 succinct directions with three pictures. You can make covers for the back and front of your CD cases and save your work. Great gifts! This is another way Nero5 is an outstanding program worth your money.

Best Buy offers Nero 5.5 for a penny or so under \$50. The program is XP compliant and supports DVD according to the specs printed on the box's label. AHEAD Software offers other products including CD labels. It would be worth your while to read the program's capabilities on the box one day when you are browsing. You will not be disappointed.

So GO KIPCUG! This is an excellent program, if a novice can do it, so can you.

## Membership

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Please join me in welcoming KIPCUG's newest members.

JAMES HENRY  
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### Software Reviews

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# Deal's Guy

By Bob Click, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group

How much do you concern yourself about buying American to help American jobs? I saw an interesting excerpt from a write-up by a Washington Post writer concerning a typical routine on an average day by a couple he rode with to observe. His theme was US brands owned by European Companies. The couple drove a foreign car with an American name and gassed up at Amoco, owned by British Petroleum. They enjoyed lunch at Burger King, owned by a British Company, Diageo. The husband bought a book published by a French company, Vivendi, and a cassette to play in his car, also produced by Vivendi. In defense, the wife later purchased more gas at a Shell station only to learn it was Dutch owned. She also picked up a bottle of Snapple, made by a British company, Cadbury Schweppes. At home they had coffee, Tasters Choice, made by Nestle SA of Switzerland.

There is more, but I found it interesting. With all the mergers and acquisitions, most of us hardly know who we are buying from. Perhaps foreign entities need not engage us in war to take us over, but will simply buy us up while many American companies are moving operations to foreign sites, but I still try to help American jobs. A friend cringes at my "buy-American" attitude telling me he never buys American. He says foreign products are superior to American products because American workers are lazy, conceited, overpaid people always looking for a free handout. Maybe I shouldn't say I was ever an American worker, but I live in

America and I am what I am. My American friend also worked for an American company and, I think, enjoys an American pension.

**\*Don't Have Acrobat? Then Get Your PDF Files FREE**

When I reformatted my HD, I had misplaced my copy of Acrobat and needed to convert a file to PDF. Sometimes when I get stuck, I call one of my best local resources, which is Hewie Poplock. He told me to go to <http://www.gobcl.com> and get it done there for free. By golly, he was right, goBCL is a free online document publishing service by BCL Technologies, the maker of plug-ins for Adobe Acrobat. They can publish your documents into either PDF or HTML.

Not everything is free, but for occasional use, they offer a free service. They also have paid services, but the free one was just what I wanted. I have since found my Acrobat copy, but that service would have been handy.

Hewie also has a Web site where he posts all kinds of information and publishes a newsletter called "Hewie's Favorites," consisting of good URLs he finds. You can get on the list to receive "Hewie's Favorites" each time he sends them out, and it always includes other good information. [<http://www.hewie.net>]

**\*Hey, Clean Up That E-mail**

I printed a similar item a few months ago (Stripmail), but some readers have since sent me this information. Since it's their favorite,

I'm passing it on. Some people always feel compelled to forward all kinds of stuff. Most, especially newbies, include the >>>, hard returns and whatever junk there is. These readers recommend using "The Cleaner" on those messages. It gets rid of all those >>> and the unwanted hard returns creating a dreadful looking message. It also offers other features to help.

If you are a "forwarder," get "eCleaner" V.2.01 at [[http://pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,6492,00.asp](http://pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,6492,00.asp)] at no cost and help your fellow humans. There is a later version at [<http://ecleaner.tripod.com>] but this page may have moved by the time you read this. It's only for a PC, but the article's author, Steve Chin, mentions "SpellTools" that is meant for a Mac. He did not say where to find it.

**\*Everything Under One Roof, and Cheap Too (for Linux)**

How much did you pay for your Office Suite? Or are you still using an older version because you didn't want to pay that much? If you are using Linux, you could be saving a lot of money with Hancom Office 2.0.2 just released. I don't know if it will do everything you are doing now, but how much of your present office suite are you REALLY using?

I didn't take the time to check out this new offering from Hancom because I don't have a Linux machine yet, but it offers word processing, spreadsheet, graphics and presentation applications. It has many improvements including foreign language support and is com-

# Deals Guy (cont.)

patible with Microsoft Word format (their words).

It now has Unicode support which has to do with foreign language special characters. They fixed problems affecting Mandrake and SuSE users who had upgraded to KDE 3.0. Fixed bugs when exporting text documents in HTML format.

This suite appears to be only Linux based, but if you own a previous version, your upgrade is free for the download. New users may purchase the software for \$49.95 (CD Case or download edition) or the boxed version with documentation for \$59.95 (regular prices). If you just want to check it out, a free 30-day trial version is available for downloading at [\[http://en.hancom.com\]](http://en.hancom.com). Some features aren't included in the trial version. I'm not sure I understood the above information on their Web site so take a look. For a dialup connection, this large download may not be very practical, but the trial version is much smaller. See their solution.

**\*Hey, Give Me Back That File, Ya Hear!!**

In Windows 9x, deleted files are normally sent to the recycle bin so that it's easy to get them back if you change your mind. However, not everybody sticks to that method of deleting files. For instance, if you delete a file while holding the shift key down, you can forget about getting it back from the recycle bin. The same is true if you delete it from a Zip Drive.

A short write-up by Ken Marple of Space Coast PC Users Group recom-

mends software called "Drive Rescue," A Hard Disk Recovery Tool. The Web site says it will find any lost and deleted data on your drive (e.g. hard disk) even if the partition table is lost or the drive has been quick-formatted. Also recovers lost data that is the result of a system crash. But if the disk has been physically damaged, it cannot recover that data.

Supported file systems are FAT 12/16/32 (used by hard disks, disks, Smartmedia, Compact Flash, Memory Stick and other) and NTFS (incomplete). Supported operating systems are Windows 95, 98, ME, NT, 2000 or XP, and a second hard disk (or network drive) is recommended for recovery. Other amazing capabilities can be seen on their Web site.

The best part is that it's freeware. However, if it helps you, the programmer would like a donation. That's not too much to ask for a good product. The URL is [\[http://home.arcor.de/christian\\_grau/rescue/index.html\]](http://home.arcor.de/christian_grau/rescue/index.html). Remember though, if you write to the disk after deleting the data, there is a good chance you would overwrite the deleted data, thus making recovery difficult to impossible.

**\*Will The REAL File Manager Please Stand Out!**

Also written up in the same Space Coast PC UG's Journal is a report by Jack Davidson about a great replacement for Windows Explorer. Many people would rather Microsoft had kept the old file manager instead of its Windows Explorer because of the way it

works. How would you like to check out a REAL file manager that was originally said to be "a file manager on steroids" when it was created? Power Desk is just such a program. Originally, it was a product of Mijenix, but now belongs to OnTrack.

I can't adequately describe the many features of PowerDesk so go to [\[http://www.ontrack.com/free software\]](http://www.ontrack.com/free software) and look for it. There are two free programs and two evaluation programs for downloading, including the standard version of Power Desk. If you click on download for the free version of PowerDesk, you will have to sign in and create a password. You may wish to upgrade to the Pro version for \$29.95. I had a problem finding the list of features in the free version. I don't know how many of PowerDesk Pro's features are contained in the free version.

\* 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, or disgruntled, I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click [\[Bobclick@dealsguy.com\]](mailto:Bobclick@dealsguy.com). Visit my Web site at [\[http://www.dealsguy.com\]](http://www.dealsguy.com) for past columns. There are also interesting articles from user group newsletters on my "Articles of Interest" page for viewing or downloading.

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# September 2002 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 Main Branch of the LFPL at 4th and York Streets. Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 969-6983 or jewel@win.net

**ADVANCED USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@iglou.com

**BASIC ACCESS SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.com

**BASIC EXCEL SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact CO-SIG LEADER Flave Reising at flave.reising@worldnet.att.net

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG** - 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 2nd Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Chris Nance 812-949-7348 or ctnance@aol.com

**GENEALOGY SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 - mooresk@win.net (www.win.net/mooresk)

**GENEALOGY II SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the LFPL-Jeffersontown Branch, 10635 Watterson Trail. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222

**HARDWARE SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at 935-2497 or CO-SIG 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 at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead, jim.travelstead@louisville.edu, 852-4761(W), 375-4796(H)

**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. Contact SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878

**LINUX SIG "NEW LOCATION"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Quilogy, at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Bldg. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

**LINUX LAB SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

**NEW USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month at the NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net

**PDA (PALM OS) SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews. Contact SIG LEADER Price Hanna at 896-6676 or at jpricehanna@hotmail.com

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

**TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Avenue in the lower level meeting room. Contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 897-7718 or MJSLKS@insightbb.com

**VISUAL BASIC SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion 810-9125 or mccampion@aol.com

**WEBMASTERS SIG** - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Quilogy, at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Bldg. Contact SIG TEAM MEMBERS Roger Klingeman at 245-9518 or Warren Lang at lbear@aye.net

**WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG** - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Quilogy, at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Bill Edwards at bedwards@iglou.com or 812-945-3187

**YOUTH SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at 608-6834 or kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net

# The SIG Scene

By Bill Edwards, KIPCUG

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

### HEADLINE NEWS

At the time this was written, on Lindows.com, there has just been posted a letter to customers informing them that there will be an announcement soon on a \$199 PC. Wow, how fast things change!

**LINUX SIG - NEW LOCATION**  
Starting Wednesday, September 18, the LINUX SIG will be meeting monthly at Quilogy.

KIPCUG is very fortunate to have 20 fine SIGs up and running in September. This is a unique community and the dedication of all of the SIG LEADERS, CO-SIG LEADERS, TEAM MEMBERS and volunteers is greatly appreciated. Free computer education, that is hard to beat anywhere.

Starting in September, the New BASIC EXCEL SIG will be meeting the first Friday of each month. CO-SIG LEADERS Flave Reising and Jim Boneck need your support to find those individuals who want/need to learn the basics of Excel.

HEY MEMBERS, we need to increase attendance at the SIGs and General Meetings to improve the SIGs and KIPCUG.

We believe that we now have a very qualified SIG LEADER volunteer for a DIGITAL PHOTO/VIDEO SIG. As soon as a meeting site and date can be confirmed, we will be announcing the NEW DIGITAL PHOTO/VIDEO SIG.

We need to get more SIGs active that will attract younger members. Certainly, such SIGs as the NEW DIGITAL PHOTO/VIDEO SIG may do so, but we need other ideas also. A few of the ideas we have hatched thus far are possible new SIGs such as Robotics, Nanotechnology or possibly even Steganography. What are your ideas???? Please email ideas to bedwards@iglou.com with KIPCUG IDEAS in the subject line.

KIPCUG SIGs are still looking for NEW meeting places. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new SIG meeting locations and report suggestions to KIPCUG's "NEW" DIRECTOR of SIGs Bill Edwards at bedwards@iglou.com or 812-945-3187. Locations should hold 12-24 persons, and computers for the attendees would be a plus.

### ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick presented a program on how to build a tool to compact a database (this would be where the user did not have direct access to the tables) at the August meeting.

The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG assumes a good working knowledge of Access and focuses on issues needing programming and advanced techniques. If you have found a good solution to a problem in Access, please come and share it with us. If you have a problem or topic you would like to hear discussed, please email SIG LEADER

John Kilpatrick at jewel@win.net and join us the fourth Saturday of every month at the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library from 10:00 AM until Noon.

### ADVANCED USERS SIG

On Friday, July 19, the ADVANCED USERS SIG met in the Computer Lab (Room 222) at CCUM. Our SIG LEADER talked about instant messages as a handy communication medium and TRILLIAN, a freeware, universal messaging client that supports AOL, MSN, ICQ, Yahoo and IRC. See <http://www.ceruleanstudios.com/>.

We also spent time using the SamSpade web site which offers tools to analyze obscured URL's, browse a page safely through a "filter" or locate information about the owners of web sites. Using information from a SPAM email, we tracked the sending domain, the owner of the advertised web site and an address we could complain to about the unwanted solicitations. Look at SpamCop.net and [www.SamSpade.org](http://www.SamSpade.org)

During our upcoming August 16, 2002 meeting, we will spend a few more minutes exploring ways to protect yourself from web pages or email that passes us scripts or unwanted controls that can zap you. We will do a live demo, using a copy of the KLEZ virus received in an email, an unzip program and a hex editor.

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

We will also install and look at the new office suite released by Sun Corp. StarOffice 6.0 is unique, in that it can be installed under Windows or Linux from the same disk, while looking and working the same in either OS. The full suite sells for under \$85 but offers almost all the utility of MS Office. You have to see this.

During this cycle, the ADVANCED USERS SIG is looking at how networks (like the Internet) operate. We are learning how data, like email, moves from sender to receiver and how the web works. This is an in depth approach to understanding how the Internet functions and how it can expose us to worms, viruses or loss of privacy. We are striving to lay the groundwork for a deeper understanding of this topic so we can work and learn efficiently and securely.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG explores software and hardware topics of interest to people very comfortable with the use of their computer who want to know more. We want everyone to share their experience so we can all learn.

We meet in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 at Blankenbaker Lane). We meet on the third Friday of each month from 6:30 PM until about 8:30 PM.

If you want to know more about the ADVANCED USERS SIG or the topic, contact Tom Scanlan [tpscan@iglou.com](mailto:tpscan@iglou.com) or (502) 477-1639.

## **BASIC ACCESS SIG**

If you want to know about using a database but you have been afraid to ask, come to the next meeting on September 14, from 10:00 AM to Noon at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center. We will talk about what a database is, what it can do and some areas where they might be useful for you.

At the August meeting, we talked about expressions. They are most frequently used for calculated fields in queries, forms and reports. We then looked at using the expression builder to write them. The builder makes it much easier since it gives the syntax and inserts brackets and parentheses in the right places.

The rest of the session was devoted to questions. As a group, we did not have complete answers to everything, but did at least have hints for what to try.

The September meeting is an introduction to databases. In October, we will work with the templates and wizards to build a database for a home inventory that will help with your insurance company if you ever have a problem.

The BASIC ACCESS SIG uses the tools that are available in Access without programming. If you have topics that you would like discussed, please contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at [abirch52@excite.com](mailto:abirch52@excite.com) or 429-0506. If you have some tips and tricks to share, we would love to hear them. We meet on the second Saturday of

the month from 10:00 AM to Noon at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

## **BASIC EXCEL SIG (NEW)**

Announcing the first meeting of the New "EXCEL BASIC SIG" to be held on Friday, September 6, from 6:30 - 9:00 PM.

If you want to learn how to use a PC spreadsheet or want to brush up on your skills, plan to attend this meeting and bring along a KIPCUG friend. The first class will be devoted to becoming familiar with the Microsoft EXCEL software.

This SIG will be held the first Friday of each month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd., which is the same location as the General Meeting.

The EXCEL BASIC SIG assumes no working knowledge of MS Excel but assumes one is familiar with MS Windows.

If you would like to receive a reminder notice of the EXCEL BASIC SIG meetings, send an email to [flave.reising@att.net](mailto:flave.reising@att.net) and on the Subject line insert "Add me to the EXCEL BASIC SIG list."

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG**

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG meets on select third Tuesdays about five times a year from 6:30 to

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

8:30 PM at the Wayside Christian Mission's Education Center. SIG LEADER, Jason Bagley has used computers that need repairs before being given to Wayside Christian Mission clients. We spend the evening troubleshooting these PCs and replacing parts, installing replacement hard drives, configuring and formatting them, installing RAM, troubleshooting BIOS when needed and installing O/Ss and other software.

Yes, the COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG is meeting 2 months in a row! Our next meeting will be on September 17, 2002, and Jason will have more computers to be checked out by us to get them ready to return to productivity.

Wayside Christian Mission's Education Center is always in need of used Operating Systems (Windows 95, 98 and 98 SE) and other productivity software like WORD and OFFICE. If you have old software sitting on the shelf that can legally be donated to them, please consider giving Jason a call and give your software a new home.

All meetings will be scheduled for the third Tuesday of the planned 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.

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

The EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG met at CCUM on Friday, August 9, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The SIG LEADER Chris Nance revisited the Mortgage Amortization Spreadsheet developed during the July meeting as the participants constructed a chart showing the Cumulative Interest Paid, Cumulative Principal Paid, and Outstanding Principal Owed for each month of a 30-year loan. One of the participants shared a formula that calculates the monthly mortgage payment based on the amount borrowed, the interest rate and the term of the loan.

Next month an Excel spreadsheet will be developed summarizing the 2002 stock market predictions of Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street Week panelists. By applying basic statistics to the predictions of the 25 Wall Street Week panelists, a strong buy signal is observed for the recent stock market bottom reached during July.

In future months, the INTERMEDIATE EXCEL SIG will cover such topics as an Excel data analysis histogram and an income tax calculation spreadsheet.

## **GENEALOGY SIG**

The July 15, 2002, meeting was cancelled.

The Aug 19, 2002, topic will be the new TMG version 5.0 released May 21, 2002.

The GENEALOGY SIG meets at the LFPL Eline Branch at 6:30 PM on the third Monday each month. SIG LEADER Susan Moore and all of the SIG's attendees are looking for YOU to join us at a future meeting. If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email Susan at [mooresk@win.net](mailto:mooresk@win.net). If you want a map or directions on how to get to the GENEALOGY SIG, go to "[www.win.net/mooresk](http://www.win.net/mooresk)".

## **GENEALOGY II SIG**

On July 11, 2002, the GENEALOGY II SIG held its meeting at the Jeffersontown Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. Topics discussed were: reports, citations, sentence structures, tags, printing a report for specified content in memos, printing one page from a long report and correcting places by using the Master Place List.

The GENEALOGY II SIG will

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have its next meeting on September 12, 2002, and continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM at the Jeffersontown Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.

This SIG is going to be an informal Q&A session without any handouts. Topics are not announced ahead of time because the participants will determine the content of the meeting. Short subjects may be presented from time to time when there are insufficient questions.

If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email SIG LEADER Susan Moore at [mooresk@win.net](mailto:mooresk@win.net). If you want a map or directions on how to get to the SIG, go to [www.win.net/mooresk](http://www.win.net/mooresk) and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

## **HARDWARE SIG**

The August 5, 2002, HARDWARE SIG meeting was held at our regular meeting location, the LFPL Eline Branch at 6:30 PM. SIG LEADER Grant McCormick discussed the various problems that come up in upgrading your system, especially if you have more than a simple change. Topics covered helped those contemplating an upgrade or purchase of a new system to evaluate their whole project.

The HARDWARE SIG will not meet on September 2, 2002, the Labor Day holiday.

The October 7, 2002, meeting will cover Scanners, types, methods of

installation and related software for their operation. A side topic will be printer cartridges, to refill or not to refill, with a hands-on refill job done right before your eyes.

Got a topic that you would like to see covered at a HARDWARE SIG MEETING? Send us an email to "[hardware@sig.win.net](mailto:hardware@sig.win.net)" with your suggestion and please type KIPCUG HARDWARE SIG TOPIC in the subject line of the email.

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 request to "[hardware@sig.win.net](mailto:hardware@sig.win.net)" and on the Subject line insert "Add me to HARDWARE SIG LIST".

## **INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG**

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. Directions are on the CCUM Web Site at [www.ccum.net](http://www.ccum.net) and on the KIPCUG Web Site at [www.kipcug.org](http://www.kipcug.org).

At the July 22, 2002, INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting, SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead showed the website where you can find Microsoft's MBSA (Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer). <http://download.microsoft.com/download/win2000platform/Install/1.0/NT5XP/EN-US/mbsasetup.msi>

He went over installation and operation of this program. This software runs on Windows 2000 or Windows XP machines and can scan the machine or a range of machines to check security things including good passwords, hot fixes for the operating system (patches released after a service pack) you may need, Internet Explorer and Outlook security options you may need to help secure your PC, etc. Jim showed the report that this program produces and how to look at what was checked and how to resolve the issues the program finds. MBSA also has links to where to get the update or more info on security issues it found. Jim answered questions attendees had.

The August 26, 2002, and September 23, 2002, SIG meetings will focus on finding and removing Trojan and Spyware programs (programs that allow someone to control your PC, use your PC in a Denial of Service attack, gain access to your login IDs and passwords, or track your web browsing and downloading of files). We will start with two programs (SWAT-IT

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and Ad-Aware) at the August 26 meeting. At the September 23, 2002, SIG meeting we will continue going over other programs that also look for Trojan and Spyware programs. As time permits for these two meetings, we will have a quick session on folder and file permissions (this may become a INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting by itself).

The October 28, 2002, SIG Meeting will focus on firewall programs. Firewall programs help those with Cable/DSL broadband to keep your system from being scanned for open ports or having software that installs other software to report back on usage, download new ads for ad supported software, etc.

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 who are 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 and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting. Topics for future SIG meetings are always welcome, just bring one to a meeting or email Jim at the above address. Want to get on Jim's email notification list? Jim will send out a notice about a

week before the SIG meeting. Send him a short note with "Add me to KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting email list" in the subject line.

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## INVESTING SIG

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SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTING SIG discussions which have been ongoing since 1986. There were 4 attendees at the August 17, 2002, 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.

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## LINUX SIG

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At our August 21, 2002, meeting we covered Security. Now would be a good time to come join us, while we are looking at the basics of Linux. Our attendance is up and we are in the process of building a good foundation for beginning Linux users.

Over the next four meetings we will cover the following subjects; network and network configuration, Setting up a firewall, Samba,

Apache and postfix (sends mail). It is the SIGs intention to approach these subjects as broadly as possible in order that the information applies to as many versions as possible.

Please come and support the LINUX SIG and bring your suggestions to help give us a direction for this SIG. SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins, plus TEAM MEMBERS, Ken Dawson, Chris Parrish, Joan Combs Durso and Joe Durso are still available to help you. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presentation.

Starting Wednesday, September 18, the LINUX SIG will be meeting monthly on the third Wednesday at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Dr., Suite 1200. It is off North Hurstbourne Lane, across Hurstbourne from McDonalds and across Corporate Campus Dr. from UPS. See you at Quilogy!

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the email list, send an email to sig@win.net and type "LINUX SIG?" in the Subject line. For additional information, contact TEAM MEMBER Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net.

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## LINUX LAB SIG

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The 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

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morning of each month, 10:00 AM until Noon 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 Quilogy on the third Wednesday of the month.

The LAB meetings are a lot of fun, are well attended and usually several computers are successfully loaded. Many of us go to lunch (a daytime PIG SIG) at W. W. Cousins after the meeting.

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 several members' computers, updating, configuring and installing open source software on them.

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## **NEW USERS SIG**

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At the August 12, 2002, meeting at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, we continued our restart of the NEW USERS SIG Series and SIG LEADER, Charley May's presentation covered "Computer operation - usage of the

Desktop and Systray, resources, Recycle bin, find files and more". We also talked about the proper way to install new programs, what you should do and what not to do.

On September 9, 2002, at 6:30 PM, we will continue with more on basic computer operation, many of the basic functions that everything else is built on. We will cover picking an ISP (Internet Service Provider), KIPCUG Member Deals and installing your ISP connection. We hope to have a visit from a local ISP that will give a short presentation on what to look for in an ISP and answer your questions on ISP's. If there is time, we will start talking about setting up an email account, including a comparison of email handling programs, a "how and what to look for" session.

The "new user series" has just restarted and 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 New Horizons Computer Learning Center 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.

The NEW USERS SIG meets on the second Monday monthly at 6:30 PM at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

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## **PDA (PALM OS) SIG**

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The PDA SIG met at the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews last month. Among the topics that we discussed were list programs for the Palm OS, and advanced features of the Palm OS. We also discussed the possibility of starting a PDA SIG website. More details on that to come!

For the September 17, 2002, meeting, we are planning a group discussion on how you use your PDA. Each attendee will tell of his/her experience with the PDA and discuss their favorite programs and how they use it. You won't want to miss this meeting!! A colleague may use a program in a way you never thought of! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative use of a program!

In October, we hope to have a guest presenter talk about eReader programs for the Palm OS. Also, coming up for November, we plan to look at the new PDA units and accessories in time for your Christmas gift list. Can you believe it is almost time for that???

The PDA SIG meets the third Tuesday of each month in the back of the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews. For more information or to be added to the email list, call SIG LEADER Price Hanna at 896-6676, or send him an email

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at [jpricehanna@hotmail.com](mailto:jpricehanna@hotmail.com).

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## **POCKET PC SIG**

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Voicestream showed up for the August meeting and presented the T-Mobile Pocket PC Phone Edition! They covered the calling plans that are available and had several of the devices with them, so everyone had a chance to play with one.

There was also a nice package sent to the group from the website Handango. In it were goodies, some software titles and a small survey that the group filled out.

Jim Dantin also presented the latest version of HanDBase, a very powerful database application for the Pocket PC.

September Meeting Agenda: Things move too fast in this SIG to list an agenda so far out! Slated for September is a presentation on GPS (Global Positioning Systems) and much more! You can check out the Pocket PC SIG website at [www.MultiMatt.com/pocketpc](http://www.MultiMatt.com/pocketpc) for upcoming meeting details! Check back often, as we update frequently!

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## **TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG**

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On Tuesday, July 23, 2002, the TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG met at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library,

Crescent Hill Branch. SIG LEADER Myron Smith's Guest Presenter, a KIPCUG member, was Alvis Adkins. Alvis discussed equity cycles, including the 20-year, four year, 41 month, and 9 month cycles. Discussions included where we presently are in these various cycles and how the cycles overlap and strengthen each other. Also discussed were seasonal patterns, Presidential patterns and ten-year patterns. Various cycles were described and illustrated within the major market indices along with the limitations of their use. Some seasonal patterns that have been identified by other analysts were described along with their implications. Some of the tools developed by the McClellan Financial Group were described and how they are used to refine cycle timing.

The August 27, 2002, meeting will be presented by Richard Heimerdinger, including a demo of a software package called "NATURE'S PULSE". It is a package of tools to analyze the market with dynamic and static cycles. The program will include the use of W.D. Gann' cycles, Fibonacci numbers, market symmetry, and hopefully, ways to set up your own cycle studies. He will run the "factory" demo, then will be able to respond to the individual interest of attendees on current market activity using TC2000 data. This presentation will somewhat build on last month's presentation on equity cycles by Alvis Adkins, providing tools to build cycle studies, but in no way requires that you needed to attend the last presentation.

The September 24, 2002, meeting will include a presentation by Bill

Edwards, KIPCUG's SIG DIRECTOR, on Point and Figure Charting. The presentation will be a very good review / lecture on Point and Figure Charting obtained from a summer school session from Dorsey Wright.

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 502-897-7718, or to be added to the email list, please send an email request to [mjslks@insightbb.com](mailto:mjslks@insightbb.com).

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## **VISUAL BASIC SIG**

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The VB SIG meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of August. SIG LEADER Martin Campion continued explaining and demonstrating the use of VB.Net for windows programming and web page programming. The latter was helped by the discovery that we could plug into the library's web access to view the pages that Martin had posted. Martin showed the page and explained that so far the web page has required wrapping VB.Net controls in html tags. That led to a long discussion of font sizes which was also influenced by the difficulty of reading the TV that we were using for a monitor. Then we went into a discussion of the convoluted but powerful database connection routines for VB.Net. Martin

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

finished by outlining the game he is prototyping using VB.Net.

More of all of these things will follow. Tune in on September 5, 6:30 PM, at Louisville Free Public Library-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place.

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 mccapion@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.)

After taking some of the pictures discussed at our July meeting, you may need to edit them. We looked at photo editing using Adobe PhotoShop Elements 2.0 at our August 15 meeting.

Our September meeting will be on the 19th. We will be looking at the KIPCUG web page before our presentation (which will be a continua-

tion of the exploration of Adobe PhotoShop Elements 2.0). We will assign tasks to members to be reviewed at the next meeting. We will be updating this page until we feel that it is ready to receive Board Approval. Then it will be turned over to the KIPCUG Webmaster.

In addition, we will be helping other KIPCUG SIGs by setting up a separate page for each of the KIPCUG Special Interest Groups, as needed.

To sign up for meeting reminders, please email a TEAM MEMBER, Warren Lang at lbear@aye.net so that you can be added to the list.

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## WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG

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The WINDOWS XP/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.

At the meeting on July 25, 2002, Xerxes Randelia of Quilogy presented an excellent explanation of Windows.net. Starting with the features of Windows XP, Windows.net adds features to each of the 4 flavors; Standard (small business), Enterprise, Data Center and Web Services. Space required is approximately 2 GB (XP almost requires 1 GB). Windows.net provides hot fix capability that eliminates the need for rebooting.

August topic will be SharePoint Team Service, September -Security

(timing is everything), and in October will be hardware challenges. Wish you all would have been here, so try to make it next time. Remember the doors lock at 5:30, but we will post someone to open it.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact SIG DIRECTOR, Bill Edwards at 812-945-3187 or bedwards@iglou.com. Please put WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG as the email subject.

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## YOUTH SIG

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The KIPCUG YOUTH SIG will have a busy fall.

Field TRIP! Our August meeting will be held on Friday the 23rd at the offices of the Public Radio Partnership at 619 S. Fourth Street in downtown Louisville. We will get a tour of the station and will get to look at the technology used to produce the broadcasts of the three Public Radio Stations. Note that the tour begins at 7 PM instead of our usual meeting time of 6:30. Meet us in the front lobby of the station and be prompt! The tour will finish no later than 8:30. Please call Joan Combs Durso at 608-6834 for more information, not the radio stations. The downtown location will give us some new choices for food since we usually go out afterwards for a snack or late supper.

In September, we will have our monthly meeting on SATURDAY the 28th instead of our regular Friday night meeting. The meeting will be held at the offices of CART,

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the Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation, at 222 North First Street in downtown Louisville. The offices are on the second floor in Suite 200. Since it is a secure building, we will meet at the side door on First Street at 2:00; if you arrive late, call 589-2278 for someone to escort you inside. Some members of the YOUTH SIG are helping with CART's web site. Jackie Green, CART's Executive Director, will talk with us about that organization and BRUKI, the Bus Riders Union of Kentuckiana. We will see a movie about the Bus Riders Union of Los Angeles. We will also talk about our plans for the web site. For more information on

CART, see the weblog at [cartkyin.blogspot.com](http://cartkyin.blogspot.com).

Back by popular demand in October, Special Guest Presenter Alan Birch, BASIC ACCESS SIG LEADER, will teach soldering for small electronics projects on Friday, October 25th at 6:30 PM at Christ Church United Methodist. Last year, Alan's session had the largest YOUTH SIG attendance yet and we expect this session to be another sellout. You do not need to bring any materials except safety goggles if you have a pair. If you have a small electronics project requiring soldering, you can bring it along for help and advice. Having

the session this early in the fall will let you learn to solder in time to make neat electronics gifts for the holidays or finish those science fair projects in plenty of time.

The KIPCUG YOUTH SIG is designed for young people ages 9-15 (approximately) who are interested in computers and technology, and who want to go beyond the basics usually taught in schools or at home. For more information, contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at 608-6834 or via email at [kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net](mailto:kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net).

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