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KIPCUG Presents

Picture It!



**Digital Image
Pro**



Links 2003

**Tablet PC
Pocket PC**

all from Microsoft

by

Richard Katz

Tuesday, December 3rd

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From The Editor

This month, our featured speaker will be Richard Katz with the Mindshare User Group Holiday Presentation including Picture It!, Digital Image Pro, Tablet PC, Pocket PC and several games including Links 2003 and the Age of Empires-Mythology Edition. All of these are from Microsoft. See the detailed information starting on page 4.

Want to get even more benefit from your use of Google? You will want to read the article by John Lenihan starting on page 5 where he explains how to use all of the features of Google.

Please read the Help! article on page 7. We are trying to improve the quality of the meetings for everyone and we need your help.

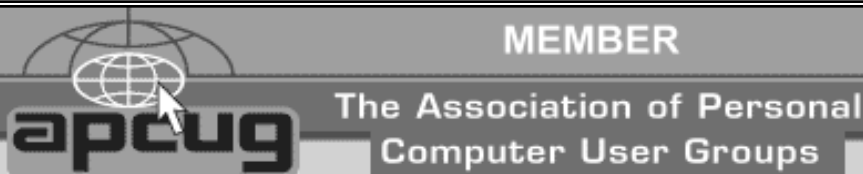
For another article on viruses and email, see the article by Gabe Kingsley on page 6. The ArcSoft Windows Program review begins on page 8. Don't forget the listing of software available for Review and the Deals Guy, pages 9 and 10 respectively.

The Calendar, the SIG Directory and the SIG SCENE provide all of the details that you need on the SIGs for this month. Due to the Holidays a number of SIGs are cancelling so please check the calendar before you head off to your favorite SIG.

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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Charley May, KIPCUG

November

KIPCUG's November 5 General Meeting featured the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. David showed us how to adjust the various settings of your PC's display, including wallpaper, screensavers, font sizes, resolution and more.

KIPCUG's Keith Stenger hosted the User to User session. Keith stepped in at the last minute, presenting your questions, soliciting answers from the audience and giving the answer when the audience was stumped. Good Job Keith and thanks!

This month we were very happy to have the return of our good friend, Gene Barlow, for the main presentation! Gene has visited with us many times over the years, always bringing new information on software from PowerQuest and good deals on their software. Gene is now the President of his own company, User Group Relations, Inc. and continues to be an expert on hard drives.

During this visit, Gene represented two fine software companies, PowerQuest Corporation and AccessData Corporation. Both of these companies publish several excellent hard drive utilities.

Gene started out by telling and showing the different ways to setup your computer to prevent often-fatal loss of your data, your operating system and your custom settings. Wow! Gene made that hard, dreaded task of backing-up your machine easy, safe and thorough,

with a big plus of saving the operating system and all your settings. With several different plans, you can now recover easily from hard drive disasters, fire, flood and theft.

All of this is explained on Gene's new educational CD entitled "Discovering your Hard Drive" that he recently published. This CD is divided into the following seven topic sections: 1. Understanding Your Hard Drive is an easy to follow look at the internal workings of a physical hard drive. It is a great place to start to learning about your hard drive. 2. Upgrading Your Hard Drive will help you to determine if your current hard drives are adequate and how you can upgrade them if they are not as good as required. 3. Organizing Your Hard Drive helps you with the basic organization techniques to set up your hard drive. These are the concepts that the rest of the CD is based on. 4. Managing Your Operating Systems will show you how to run more than one operating system on your hard drive. This is a key concept that you should master. 5. Moving to a New Operating System will help you understand how to move to a new release of Windows, like Windows XP. This topic is especially important today. 6. Backing Up Your Hard Drive is the first thing you should do before

you start to organize your hard drive and is the last thing you should do once you get your hard drive set up as you want it. 7. Securing Your Hard Drive will show you how to secure your private information from hackers and identity thieves. Each topic shows you a series of presentation slides and you hear Gene's voice describing the points you need to learn. It is an easy way to sit back, watch and listen to the information being presented. In a short time, you will understand your hard drive much better and will know how you can modify it to meet your personal needs.

Gene also talked about the following impressive programs from PowerQuest: PartitionMagic® allows you to create, resize, merge and convert partitions on your hard drive without destroying data; PartitionMagic Ver. 8, just announced on September 23rd, helps to organize your data while running multiple operating systems on the same computer.

MEETING DIRECTIONS

Christ Church United Methodist
4614 Brownsboro Road

From I-264 (Watterson X-Way) take the US-42/Brownsboro Road exit number 22 turning left onto Brownsboro Road if you were traveling East on I-264 (turn right instead if you were traveling West on I-264). Continue for about 0.6 miles turning left at the traffic light at Blankenbaker Lane and turn left into the Church parking lot. Look for the signs.

Maps are at www.ccum.net and www.kipcug.org

**Back to Basics Topic
for December:
Setting Preferences in
Your Programs to Make
It Easier to Manage
Your Files**

Over The Program Director's Shoulder (cont.)

PowerQuest's Drive Image 2002, with its new user-friendly Windows interface and ability to automatically create dedicated backup partitions is powerful. Drive Image 2002 maintains its position as a premier, easy-to-use solution for disaster recovery, backups and system upgrades and has many new features, including LAN support, create and restore drive images while running in Windows, with an easy-to-use, intuitive Windows interface.

DriveCopy™ 4.0 is the affordable solution to easily copy your old hard drive to a new hard drive in minutes instead of hours, safely. DriveCopy copies settings, preferences and byte of data, including hidden files.

Gene also talked to us about a new company he is representing, AccessData, a software company that publishes hard drive security products including SecureClean & WipeDrive.

When you delete sensitive documents or personal information from your PC, surprisingly these files still reside in your system's free-space and can be accessed by others-even after reformatting the hard drive! SecureClean completely eliminates this unwanted PC data and gives you the security and peace of mind you expect. SecureClean offers reliable and comprehensive protection to electronically shred your personal information.

WipeDrive, formally their CleanDrive product has been updated. As many of you know, formatting your hard drive DOES NOT actually remove or erase your data. When you delete a file, format a disk, or partition a hard drive, that

your data has not been removed. Did you know there are many programs that can recover your data? By using WipeDrive, you can securely overwrite and remove ALL of your data giving you the peace of mind you deserve.

If you are interested in these fine programs and you are a KIPCUG Member, come talk to us at the December General Meeting, we may be able to get you some big savings. We know you will want a copy of Gene's educational CD "Discovering your Hard Drive".

December

The KIPCUG December 3 General Meeting will feature the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster.

The December User to User session with host Bill Cull will follow and will answer YOUR questions submitted on paper, 3"x5" (suggested size). If YOU are having a problem with your PC, this will be the time to get a solution, so bring your questions.

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of Empires-Mythology Edition.

The combination of our friend, Richard Katz, the former Quicken Presenter and the wide array of Microsoft products are certain to be a blockbuster presentation! All these ideas will be just in time for all of your Holiday Gift Giving!

President's Desk

By Charley May, KIPCUG

I'm on my way out the door to the Fall APCUG Conference and Fall Comdex meetings in LasVegas, NV, so this will be short. Hope to bring back a lot of goodies, new software, new contact names, new Presenters and restore old connections.

Please try to make our December meeting, as it will be the biggest, best, most informative meeting of the year. Our old friend, Richard Katz, will be the Microsoft presenter and has a lot to show and tell us about the future. KIPCUG will be one of the first stops to see the new Tablet PC just released.

Richard will also tell us about the new software listed in the "Over the Program Director's Shoulder" article and we will have a lot of fine Door Prizes in December, so this is one YOU do not want to miss! Please try to bring a guest to the meeting; there will be an incentive for you. Also, if they join, YOU receive a month's extension added to your membership as a second incentive. Bring them and "they will come". We need them and YOU too!

See YOU at the meeting.

Google Is Great

By John Lenihan, Pikes Peak Computer Application Society

Listen to any of the technology talk shows or read articles that discuss "search engines" and you'll see that Google has been rated high for a long time. I find it accurately displays whatever I'm looking for, so much so, that it's like having an encyclopedia of knowledge at my finger tips. Newer engines are coming out, but I still trust Google to find my answers. But have you dug deeper down into what's available with this search engine? Well, read on, because there's a lot more to it.

Let's start by using the basic search window found on <http://www.google.com>. When my computer runs into a problem and can give me enough of an understandable error message, I've found that typing the message into a Google search window usually gives me enough hits to help me narrow the problem. My son called me a few months ago and said he thought he had sent me a virus, and wanted me to delete the file called `sulfnbk.exe`. It sounded a little fishy, and since he was close to his computer, I asked him to type the file name into Google. He saw the words HOAX come up in big block letters. Google saved me the hassle of trying to resurrect that file later. If you want to narrow your searches to just Microsoft-related pages, you can click on "Advanced Search" and go to the bottom of the displayed page and click on "Microsoft." Thus, if you have an operating system or Microsoft application question, this narrows the boundaries of the search. You can also get there directly by going to <http://www.google.com>

[/microsoft.html](#)". Notice from the "Advanced Search" page that other narrow searches can be done for Apple, BSD Unix, Linux, and Government-related sites.

Try doing a "vanity search" by typing your name in the search box. Or even try it with friends you've lost contact with. I've found some long-lost souls just by doing this. Enter a name, city, state, or zip code for a business or a person and see if you get a hit. You may be surprised at how easy it can be to find information about yourself. Enter a phone number and see if you get a name back. If Google recognizes what you entered as an address, you'll get a street map back. Google is so good at finding things that there was even a game called "googlewhacking" where people would try typing in a combination of words that just returned one search reply. It's fairly hard to do unless you use some really obscure word variations.

Looking at the basic search screen on the opening Google page, you'll notice four tabs on top. The default is the Web tab, which we were just using. The next one is the Images tab, taking you to <http://images.google.com>. This will allow you access to millions of images on the Web. Suppose your child is doing a school report on oak trees. Type "oak trees" into the images search engine and you'll find plenty of pictures for the report. Of course, I need to pass along the disclaimer that lots of stuff on the Web is copyrighted, so you need to be careful how you use what you find. But I doubt you'll get into too much trouble using a picture in your

school report. I did hear that teachers could use Google to search for text phrases in reports to check for plagiarism.

There are thousands of newsgroups in cyberspace, covering thousands of topics, and only so much time in a day. The third tab over is the "Groups" tab and it will let you find out what is (or was) being discussed out there that you would be interested in. For example, if you're thinking of buying a new digital camera, type the model number in the Groups search window. You'll see messages from people in various newsgroups that discussed that item. You can use this method to monitor almost any topic you have an interest in.

The last tab over at the top is the "Directory" tab. Click here and you'll see Web pages organized into directories by topic, much like you'd see at Yahoo. For example, click on "Computers" and you'll see almost 50 computer topics arranged by categories, any one of which takes you to many other Websites. They advertise they have over 1.5 million pages indexed in this directory.

Want to keep up with current news stories? Go to <http://news.google.com> and enter in a news topic. Say you wanted to stay abreast of the Hayman Fire that burned close to us a few months back. Entering those words into the search window resulted in stories from newspapers all across the country. Google would even tell you how old the stories were, with many only hours old.

For the linguists out there that

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need help translating short pieces of text from one language to another, there's http://www.google.com/language_tools. Need help translating "yo quiero" from Spanish to English, then give it a try.

Want to see additional tools being worked on by the Google development team? Look at <http://labs.google.com>. Four tools are listed, the most interesting to me being the glossary. If you come across an unfamiliar word or phrase

and go here, you'll get a link or pointer to pages that offer a definition. Another tool at this site is Google Sets, where you can type in a few related words, and it gives you a list of more related items. There's also a voice recognition tool to help you search Google by phone, and a keyboard shortcuts tool that lets you search Google without a mouse.

I hope I've convinced you why Google is great, not only as a search engine for the Web, but also for its

many other capabilities for specialized searches. Do you ever wonder how history would look if recorded by the types of searches being done on the Web? Then look at the year 2001 laid out at <http://www.google.com/press/timeline.html>. You can see what was on the minds of many people that year by the searches that were requested. So search wisely--historians may learn about us, while we learn about what interests us.

Viruses and Email

By Gabe Kingsley, PIBMUG's San Francisco Special Correspondent

Quick: Delete the jdbgmgr.exe file!!

I've received a few of these dumb alerts over the past week. You haven't received one? It's an e-mail hoax pretending to be a virus warning that tells people to delete their Java Debugger Manager file, called jdbgmgr.exe.

What really ticks me off is the open list of recipients, often 30 to 50 of them that become fodder for all sorts of junk through the systems of others.

So I'm on a one-man crusade to get people to use Blind Ccs for all mail, unless there is a compelling reason (such as a work group, etc.) in which they need to know who else received the message. Heck, I even send out tutorials for most e-mail programs to eliminate any excuses they may have.

Here's what I tell people whenever

they forward me an ALERT!! ALERT!! About any virus:

Hey, Klez?

The most recent e-mail virus you're asking about is the Klez, and it has powers not seen in earlier types.

Klez can select an e-mail address at random from a CC list in a message on your or someone else's computer and send itself to the recipients of other messages. It's not limited to those addresses in your address book. In addition, it can "spoo" the return address, so that even if you were not the sender of a message infected with the Klez virus, your name and address may appear as the originator.

This is bad stuff and we should expect a raft of "me too" versions to come along!

Another, less harmful but no less irritating offense is the warning running around the world, advising you to delete a specific file from your system because it contains a

virus. This is a hoax! The file, jdbgmgr.exe, is one that Windows put there and enables certain Java scripting capabilities. You need it!

You may receive either the Klez virus or the relatively innocuous hoax warning described above because your name and address were in someone's CC list.

One of the greatest potential dangers is in the e-mails that are forwarded, forwarded and forwarded again by unwitting people. I'm sure you get them every day, and may even pass them along. The result is list after list of available addresses the Klez virus can use to send itself to people you don't know, and for people you don't know to send it to you, possibly giving the impression it came from you.

When you forward a message, COPY ONLY THE TEXT into a new message and send it to your friends. DO NOT just forward the existing message, complete with the previous lists of recipients and

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their addresses. If you want to forward a message, take care to manually remove the list of previous recipients to preserve their safety. It's really easy.

Learn and Use Blind CC

When sending messages to a group of people, unless it is REQUIRED that each one see the names of all others who received the message, PLEASE USE A BLIND RECIPIENT list. I am not aware of an e-mail program that does not allow you to send messages to a list of "blind" recipients, in which each person who receives the messages sees only their own address, and not the entire list of recipients.

If you have AOL, it is the easiest thing to do: Simply bracket all recipients in a pair of parentheses (address1, address2) each separated by a comma.

If you use Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express, there is a special field for "Bcc" (Blind copies) just below the "To" and "Cc" rows. If you do not see it when you open the program, click on View and select "Bcc Field." Eudora and Netscape Navigator also have blind recipient capabilities.

Yahoo! And Hotmail users can find the "Bcc" field for entering addresses in the online address header. The Juno mail software works just like AOL, in that you can enclose multiple addresses in parentheses to make them blind, and as with AOL, they must be separated by a comma. By doing this each recipient will see only their own address, and not anyone else's, just as with this message.

So far, because Mac's represent such a small percentage of the com-

puters in use, the people who create the worms and viruses do not make them work with Mac computers. However, anyone using a Mac who does not hide the recipients of their e-mails makes their recipients vulnerable to the possibility of being hit with a virus from someone else on their CC list!

Anyone who wants to protect their privacy and safety will appreciate your doing this. Few things about e-mail bother me more than when something I sent gets forwarded to a large list of people I don't know, and because my address is now in their message base, I am then vulnerable to receiving a virus or one of those hoax warnings from them ... or anyone to whom they forward that message.

Please try to use blind recipient lists. It will make us all safer from viruses, worms and hoaxes.

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Help!

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Have you noticed how well sound carries at the General Meeting? The Board of Directors has decided that all meeting registration will cease at 7:00 PM to limit the amount of noise coming from the Registration Tables. This is an effort to help everyone hear and to reduce the distraction for the speaker. We apologize to everyone in advance that is unable to get a door prize ticket as a result. All latecomers are still welcome, please just come in and take a seat quietly. Thanks!

Membership

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Please join me in welcoming KIPCUG's newest members.

PATRICIA BUSBY
ARTHUR BUSBY
CHARLES T. HARDIN
DREW FISCHER
BENNIE F. JOHNSON
ATUL AGRAWAL
DONNA CORBETT
JIM JACKSON

Each new person that you invite to a KIPCUG meeting can earn a FREE month of dues for you if they join as an Individual or Family member! 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.

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ArcSoft Windows Programs

By Rollie Herzog, KIPCUG

This disk contains the following programs:

- 1) PhotoBase 3.0 - \$49.99
Manage Multimedia Files
- 2) PhotoBase for Pocket PC 1.0 - \$29.99 Same for Pocket PC
- 3) PhotoBase for Palm 2.0 - \$29.99 Same-Palm Device
- 4) ShowBiz 1.0 - \$79.99
Personal digital movie making
- 5) PhotoPrinter 4.0 - \$39.99
Photo Printing Templates
- 6) PhotoImpression 4.1 - \$49.99
Photo Editing
- 7) Multimedia Email 3.0 - \$29.99
Create Multimedia E-mails

PhotoBase 3.0 - PhotoBase can be your personal slide sorter and more. You can create albums of images, audio, video, HTML and document files for easy viewing and management. You can create self-running slide shows from an album of images and video, complete with transition effects or make self-running video postcards. You can record these albums of images and video on CDs to share your creations with friends and family or on the Internet. Also, edit your images by adjusting color or brightness, applying special effects, cropping or rotating.

This program seemed to run similar to some others that have been reviewed. I prefer the slide sorting and editing capabilities of the slide viewer that is part of Windows XP. It does many of the jobs discussed above. The one capability of this product that I have found interesting is its capability to create an ".exe" file which can be burned into a CD using your CD burner software and which will then be viewable by any-

one (no matter what Windows operating system). This feature allows you to put together a computer viewable photo album that can be shared with others. In comparison to the flip album idea, this has no added sounds (unless you add them, which I believe, is possible) and no added graphics. The album idea got old to me very fast.

Pocket PC and Palm versions of this program are also available.

PhotoPrinter 4.0 - PhotoPrinter is designed to make the most of your color printing. Many templates are available to allow you to get the photo size that you prefer and to allow different photo sizes to appear on the same page. Different layouts along with borders can be applied. Text can be added to the picture or to the page. You can crop, rotate, adjust color or brightness, apply special effects and add frames and borders.

I reviewed this program due to my interest in digital photos and my desire to define a printed record for my photos. In general, I was disappointed, however, that may have been caused by my expectations.

The program works well. It allows you to place pictures on a page in a multitude of ways. If you are using photo paper and desire to optimize the usage of this paper by filling the page with pictures, then this program is for you. It has options that fill the page whether you want 5x7 or any other standard or non-standard size. You can even design your own format or add picture frames to complete the process. However, the format must remain the same for all pages of the same saved file.

I want to be able to print an album of pictures to share with others in printed form. To do this, I usually want different formats on different pages. I normally place 4 photos per page but I want to be able to make a collage with many photos or make a special page with a full 8x10 photo. Since the format is fixed for the file, this would mean a different file for each different photo format. That makes it very inconvenient to move photos from page to page. I found this program unacceptable for my specific application.

Two other areas of disappointment were in the text option and in the print area. When adding text, the text can be placed anywhere on a photo or in the space between photos. I would prefer to be able to control the print background. In most cases where I have used this type of feature before, I have used text with a plain white background, even over some portion of the photo. This makes for best visual effects for the text. Placing the text in the area between photos forces the viewer to guess to which photo the text belongs. Placing text on the photo makes it tricky to define the right text color to have good contrast with the photograph. In the print area, I was unable to find a single page

Have you visited a SIG lately?

We now have over 20 Special Interest Groups. Surely at least one of the SIGs would be of benefit to you. Check the KIPCUG Planner on page 13 or the KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory on page 14.

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print option. To me, this is important since sometimes my printer will run out of ink or need to be cleaned. Without the single page print option; I had to print the whole file and therefore was forced to keep the number of pages per file small. In general, this program did not fulfill my needs.

ShowBiz 1.0 - ShowBiz is the complete Windows-based editing software for personal digital movie making. Special effects, scene transitions, text, sound effects and music are all possible. Movies can be saved to tape, a web site or a CD-ROM.

PhotoImpression 4.1 - Photo Impression is an entry-level digital image-editing and creativity product. You can edit, retouch, enhance or apply special effects to your photos. Layering capabilities are available along with editable text. There are numerous greeting card, calendar, frame and stamp templates.

Most of the operations were straight forward, operated well and did the job expected. I liked the picture as modified, but was later disturbed at the file size reduction. I probably stopped working with this program too quickly and may have been able to find a file size modifier

if I had looked harder. I quit with this program preferring to do my editing with other programs.

Multimedia Email 3.0 - This product is used to create multimedia post cards from templates, or personal images, video and audio to create one-of-a-kind multimedia postcards. Postcard recipients require no special software or web connection. I have received several talking post cards on the Internet and I consider them cute and creative. Since I am not really into cute software, I have not had a chance to jump into this program.

Software Reviews

By Joe Rothstein, KIPCUG

Happy Days are here again.
[Continued from November]

We now have eleven - count them - eleven programs for REVIEW!!!!

True - one is for Macs and one is a repeat - but they are available. These are more new choices than have been available for months.

Remember the rules. Submit a 750 - 1000 word review in 30 - 45 days, and the software is yours to keep - FREE!

I have included websites, so you can evaluate and ask me to hold the program for you.

CE Software - QuickConference 1.6 for 5 users - offers Instant Office Communication. QuickMail 3.0 - Business Email made easy. In/Out Tracker 1.6 - Electronic In/Out Board. All at [www.cesoft.com].
QuicKeys 2.5 - One touch control of

your PC [www.quickey.com].

From Handango - BugMe for Palm and Pocket PC - Sticky Notes, Drawing Tool, Alarm Reminders [www.handango.com].

From InKline Global - What do you want to do today? [www.inclineglobal.com].

From Kaspersky - Anti*Virus - Secure your Cyberspace. [www.kaspersky.com/www.virus-list.com].

From Evgenysoft - Acat Advanced Cataloger [www.evgenysoft.com].

From Farstone - Software Evaluation Suite - VisualDrive Personal, RestoreIT, VirtualDrive Network, RestoreIT Network, VirtualClass. [www.farstone.com]

From Mission Critical Software - One Point - Solutions for Success featuring the OnePoint Suite. [www.missioncritical.com].

From Naturepainter - NaturePainter v.1 - Learn how to create beautiful oil paintings on screen and canvas. [www.naturepainter.net].

By the time you read this, we will have returned from Comdex with boxes of review software - or not - depending on the generosity of the suppliers.

We also need volunteers to write reviews on their own new software. Let our members know what you like, or dislike about your programs.

Questions? Comments? Contact Joe Rothstein, 451-3874 or joesr@iname.com.

We want to thank those reviewers that submit timely reviews. Our membership benefits. To those who are a little tardy, please complete your reviews, or return the software so others can take advantage of these generous vendor offers.

Deals Guy

By Bob Click, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group

Are You Also a Victim?

While my wife and I were in Michigan last July, we visited some friends, and during our conversation, my friend said his wife's computer often had a tendency to work sluggishly. I suggested that perhaps there were too many items in the startup folder and showed him how to run MSCONFIG to turn some of them off. After doing that, the resource meter still showed low resources, but better.

I also noticed that even though they have a dialup connection, she tends to leave the computer connected on-line most of the time and that's OK with their ISP. I discussed spyware with my friend and just for kicks we downloaded Ad-aware and installed it. When we ran Ad-aware, it found no less than 139 spies on her hard drive. We decided to have Ad-aware delete them all, and what a difference. The resource meter now showed a remarkable improvement in the available resources. All this in spite of the fact that she already has Norton's Firewall installed.

I'm no guru, it was just an experiment because I've read that spyware on your hard drive can slow down a machine's performance. In any case, getting rid of those spies seemed to help a bad situation. On my own machine though, I've noticed that I can have Ad-aware delete the three that it always finds and they are right back, even though I have not been on the web. But with DSL, I'm always connected. Two, called Doubleclick, are always in the cookie folder. Recently an Earthlink tech

support guy told me to look in my startup folder and sure enough, there they were. How did that happen since I have not installed any new software after installing MS Office 97 and Eudora 4.0 after I reformatted my HD recently, and I never go for those free downloads like Real Player and other downloading items? Oh well!!

Still Good

Some people are using the wrong URL when trying to order the High Growth Stock special offer and missing the special offer details, which confuses them. Do NOT use the regular HGS URL, but DO use [<http://www.highgrowthstock.com/Order/Trial.asp?from=Click>] to order. By the e-mail I've received, my write-up was not clear enough. You get a 60-day FREE trial of the entire product complete with the daily data downloads. Also the weekly HGS newsletter written by Ian Woodward and Ron Brown, and the weekly market reports written by Ron Brown, available on the HGS Website using your HGS "password." After the 60-day FREE trial, the choice is yours. Either walk away with nothing ventured except your time to evaluate their service, or take advantage of the annual subscription special offer, which will include 14 months at the 12-month rate, making a total of 16 months for the 12 month price. Not bad.

I'm sorry it wasn't clear enough and hope I've got it right this time. If still confused, email me. If you still need a complete description, go to [<http://www.dealsguy.com>], Past Columns page and look at the October deals column. I'm now using a fictitious portfolio to learn

and it's working fairly well so far, but it's new to me so I still have a learning curve. So far, I am using Ron Brown's strategy that I saw in the tutorials to get ahead, although I had some favorites in mind. He "massages" the data to tell the real story! Do you think I'm cheating a bit? I'll do it my way when I get better at it. Offer is still good until Dec. 31, 2002.

Also, the Barbarosa GIF Animator deal is good until the end of 2002.

Make Your Own Movies

If you have a new DVD recorder, you might want new software for recording. Gear Software arranged a special discount for the Alamo PC Users Group so I asked Gear if they would do the same for my column. Here's the deal: they will offer a 20% discount on all their products to user group members if you go to the special ordering URL (link on their home page). A list of the products is as follows:

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Gear Pro Linux upgrade, list price, \$399.00

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To find this DealsGuy special, go to [<http://www.gearsoftware.com>]

Deals Guy (cont.)

and look for the DealsGuy link on their Home Page. Clicking on that link takes you to the DealsGuy page to order Gear products at a 20% discount. If you see a coupon code box, use the code word "Click." This special offer is good for December 2002, and January 2003. Not enough room for descriptions of their fine software so check all that out on their Web site.

Is Your Computer Secure?

I'm no Web surfer, but when looking at a "Hewie's Favorites" newsletter recently (sign up at [<http://www.hewie.net>], one of his URLs caught my eye so I checked it out, and boy was I surprised. I use a Linksys Router, which also offers a firewall, and grc.com says it does a good job. I have not yet gotten around to installing a new software firewall since reformatting my hard drive, but wasn't worried about "incoming" invasion because of my router. What a shock when I visited this site for my free "Browser Check." There seemed to be practically no private areas in my PC, even on my hard drive.

If you're curious, go to [<http://browsercheck.qualys.com/>] and see if your computer secrets really are as private as you think. I can see that my computer needs work. It looks like hackers could drive a tank into it. I hope you have yours better prepared than I do mine. I've read how you can tighten up your browser, but didn't bother. I guess it's time I learned.

Hey, What's Goin On There, Huh!

According to Scot Finnie's newsletter, this product is a must to find out what takes place when you

start your computer. It's called StartMan and will tell you all about what is happening during your computer startup. It shows what starts automatically each time. It's true, Windows already has a utility that shows this kind of thing, but not like StartMan does it, and not as complete according to Scot. Download it for FREE at [<http://www.forrestandassociates.co.uk/pcfforrest/>]. Something nice is that by right-clicking the program name, you can be sent right to their Web site. There are other good products on that site that may interest you. It's nice to have people in our corner, isn't it!

Just Stick This Keyboard In Your Pocket. Ya Heard Right, But Maybe Not Your Shirt Pocket!

At Comdex, I saw a guy wearing a keyboard draped over his head and it sure got my attention. This keyboard seemed to be made out of foam, but it was a working keyboard. I played with it a bit (not the one on his head) and the only thing I noticed was that it needed a little heavier touch. You can simply roll it up and tuck it away. They offer them for PDA's, cell phones, and other handheld devices, namely, RIM/Blackberry, Compaq iPAQ, Palm, HP Journada, and Kyocera SmartPhone. The PDA keyboard sells for \$59.95. The Kyocera SmartPhone keyboard is \$69.95 and the keyboard for use with the RIM/Blackberry devices is \$99.95.

Some of their keyboards can be used in Industrial environments, medical computers, marine and boating applications, cybercafes, and any application that demands water or liquid resistant keyboards. I'm not sure about scuba diving though <G>. Anyway, visit

[<http://www.man-machine.com>] for a picture and more information. They do have products designed to withstand rugged conditions.

If you have a need for this unique product, visit their Web site to order. Until January 15th, 2003, you can get FREE shipping within the continental US (a \$10 reduction for Canadian shipping) on the keyboards named above. You must use the word "Click" as the "coupon code" for free shipping on your order.

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.

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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)

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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)

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LINUX SIG "LOCATION CHANGE" - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at a location to be determined. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

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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

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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 mcccampion@aol.com

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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

The most important addition to KIPCUG recently has been the new video projector that is available to the SIGs as needed (on an orderly scheduled basis).

This month my selected topics are Excel, Robotics, Linux, Windows XP/2000 and War-Chalking.

On Excel, the BASIC EXCEL SIG is off to a good start and ready for additional persons to learn Excel. Excel can be a very formidable tool in trained hands because it has so many built in functions and is so flexible. The EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG will restart in early 2003 -IF SOME OF YOU VOICE INTEREST. That is if you have interest in discovering what Excel can do for you. See the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG article.

Robotics, the subject so many of us drool over, is here today and will be radically improved soon. There is now an under \$200 robot vacuum available. For more information look at www.pcmag.com/robots. When we have adequate interest we will try to find the correct SIG LEADER for a Robotics SIG.

The LINUX SIG is progressing well under the leadership of N+1. We will have a new permanent meeting location for the LINUX SIG to announce soon. Be sure that you are on the Linux email list so that you will receive the latest upcoming meeting topic and loca-

tion information.

The Windows XP/2000 SIG is also in search of a permanent meeting location, so be certain that you are on the email list to receive the current information.

War-Chalking - what is that? Well, with our desires for wireless networking there are groups who actually mark buildings, sidewalks and streets to show where a wireless network exists and if you would be able to connect without permission. Actually, this will fit several of our SIGs as a discussion topic, possibly the HARDWARE, ADVANCED or INTERMEDIATE USERS SIGS as a topic-Stay in Touch!

There is a need for SIG LEADERS and/or TEAM MEMBERS for both the WEBMASTERS SIG and the Windows XP/2000 SIG.

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 SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at 812-945-3187 or bedwards@iglou.com. Locations should hold 12-24 persons and computers for the attendees would be a plus.

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

At the October meeting, Alan Birch presented information about Windows Scripting Host. He had not been able to create a script to

automatically update the program portion on a client PC if a new version has been posted on the server. However, he did find and bring an extensive library of scripts that can be easily adapted. WSH can perform a surprising range of tasks. SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick used the rest of the meeting to answer questions. He made it very interesting when he showed the thought process and approach he used to figure out a question that someone had sent him before the meeting.

The November meeting will be the week before Thanksgiving. No pumpkin pie but there will be Access tips. We also plan to work some more on Bill Edward's database; converting records from an existing file into an Access database to manage payables. There is always time for questions and we always seem to have several.

There is no meeting planned in December due to the holidays. We will get back together on January 25 to start the new year.

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 great solution to a problem in Access, please come share it with us. If you have a problem or topic you would like to learn about, please email SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at jewel@win.net and come join us the fourth Saturday of the month at the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library downtown from 10:00 AM to Noon.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

ADVANCED USERS SIG

The October meeting of the ADVANCED USERS SIG met in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of CCUM on the third Friday of the month. SIG Leader Tom Scanlan began the meeting with a discussion of some current topics affecting the PC community. This warm up period has become a staple of this group and has helped keep the members informed on trends we can expect to see in home computer evolution.

Discussion explored the pay-per-use concept of distributing software and the restrictions many are finding being incorporated in the license agreements on much of the software we now find in the market. Alternative software developers were mentioned and open-source providers were discussed as well.

The meeting went into some questions from the members regarding problems on their personal systems that resulted after updating or patching existing software. Tom led the group through proper procedures for insuring a problem-free upgrade and took us to sites that collect and index drivers that might be needed if current ones are lost or corrupted in a failed update attempt.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG continues to explore topics and events of interest to people that are very comfortable with systems, but who wish to learn more about how the components perform and interact with others.

Join us every third Friday of the month for 2 hours and 30 minutes of relaxed discussion on topics for the computer owners that want to stay ahead of the curve. To get added to the list, contact Tom Scanlan at tpscan@iglou.com or (502) 477-1639.

BASIC ACCESS SIG

In November, we had a light turnout but with a couple newcomers. One has experience with databases but found it difficult to get a start in Access. We did a quick review of the basic parts of Access and some of the more frequently used portions. Then quickly sampled building a small database and doing some queries and forms. We also addressed some general questions.

In December, we'll use the wizard to build a database to track all those health insurance papers. Of course we will also have some time for questions.

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 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)

Plan to attend the BASIC EXCEL SIG, Friday, December 6, at 6:30 PM, if you want to learn how to make a PC spreadsheet or would just like to brush up on your skills. CO-SIG LEADER Jim Boneck will continue teaching attendees how to make charts using the Chart Wizard and how to print EXCEL charts and tables.

This SIG is 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 BASIC EXCELSIG assumes no working knowledge of MS Excel but assumes one is familiar with the MS Windows.

To be added to the email list send an email to CO-SIG LEADER Flave Reising at flave.reising@att.net with "BASIC EXCEL SIG" on the subject line. If you have a topic that you would like to see covered, send Flave an email with your suggestion and type "BASIC EXCEL SIG Topic" on the subject line.

Hope to see you at the meeting--bring a friend or family member.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG meets on select third Tuesdays

The SIG Scene (cont.)

about five times a year from 6:30 to 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.

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 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 assumes a working knowledge of Excel and familiarity with most of the Excel icons. There are many, many functions that are available in Excel that few of us realize can be important to make our lives easier. Due to poor attendance and apparent lack of interest, the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG will be suspended for the remainder of 2002. We hope that the EXCEL INTER-

MEDIATE SIG will resume in 2003 if KIPCUG members express sufficient interest. We will mention restarting the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG at both the December and January General Meetings.

To be added to the email list and to state your interest in the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG, send an email to ctnance@aol.com and type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG?" in the subject line.

GENEALOGY SIG

The October 21 meeting topic was the new TMG version 5.0 released May 21, 2002. The new projector enabled us to be able to show all of the features of this robust new program. We first discussed how the features of version 4 were the same as the features of version 5 to give attendees a comfort level with the new program. Then a long list of enhancements with the new version followed by a short list of differences or areas for improvement were presented. The biggest area is the incomplete list of reports, which has been partially corrected since the presentation with the latest update to TMG.

The November 18 meeting is cancelled due to a schedule conflict.

The December 16 meeting topics will be How to Create a New Database from your Data and Tips on the 1930 U.S. Census.

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. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the GENEALOGY SIG, go to "www.win.net/mooresk".

GENEALOGY II SIG

On November 7, the GENEALOGY II SIG held its Meeting at the Jeffersontown Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. Topics discussed were how to back-up both the data and the program configuration and the importance of backing up your data in the event of a hard drive disaster. Also discussed were: how to strip trailing spaces from the data entered, how to enter your name and address in the program so that it prints out on the reports and how to determine the wording on your text reports based on the variables and text entered in the sentence structure and lastly, sources of data for Indiana research (usgenweb.com is one good site).

The GENEALOGY SIG II will not meet in December due to a schedule conflict. The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next Meeting on January 9 and will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday 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

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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. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the SIG, go to www.win.net/mooresk and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

HARDWARE SIG

The November 4 HARDWARE SIG Meeting was held at our regular meeting location, the LFPL Eline Branch (Grandview Ave. at Fairfax Ave. in St. Matthews) at 6:30 PM. SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick and Charley May covered DVDs and DVD drives, with discussions of drive installation of current and future high capacity recording standards and technologies (DVD-RW, DVD+RW, DVD-R, Blue Ray and the Toshiba initiative) and of what it takes to watch a DVD movie.

At the December 2 meeting, CO-SIG LEADER Grant McCormick will host a general Q&A session and roundtable discussion of current hardware issues, and may work on a system if one is available. If you want to bring a system in, please call Grant first at 935-2497 or email gmcormick@win.net to make arrangements. Charley May is expecting to be recovering from a turkey overdose and probably will not be available.

At the January 6 meeting, SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick and Charley May will help get those Christmas presents working. In addition, CO-SIG LEADER Charley May will cover a second topic, printer cartridges, with discussions on whether to refill or not to refill, with a hands-on refill job done right before your eyes. Hopefully the session will help you evaluate the whole venture of buying the right supplies, cost effectiveness and the time and trouble involved in refilling your own printer cartridges.

At the February 3 meeting, SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick and Charley May will lead a discussion of peripheral connections (FireWire, USB, parallel port, serial port, etc.) and which are better for what and why.

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to any of the meetings for a possible solution, 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".

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meets in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of CCUM on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.

SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead remains on the injured reserve list after his campus accident and continues his recovery at home. Filling in for the second month is Keith Stenger, who began the meeting with a brief demonstration of accessing the Microsoft Knowledge Base.

The majority of the meeting centered on a discussion of Firewalls and the ports used to transfer data between your computer and the outside world. Keith took the group to www.ina.org/assignments/port-numbers for an examination of the commonly assigned port numbers. A visit to www.grc.com brought up Steve Gibson's freeware "Shields Up". This program checks the commonly used ports for easy access by simple hackers.

A reminder that "If you have a cable or DSL connection, you must have a firewall" was repeated to the group. Keith went into an overview of home software firewalls, (Zone Alarm, Norton Internet Security 2002, Zone Alarm Pro, and a little known Microsoft XP internal firewall). The November 19, 2002, PC Magazine article on Keeping Hackers Out was recommended reading for anyone with concerns on the subject.

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One size doesn't fit all in the world of firewalls. The group was reminded to read about the firewalls on the market, ask questions of friends and be sure to back up your system when installing new firewall clients. What works on one machine may not be best or even compatible with another PC. Expect some tweaking to get the best results.

A short mention of hardware firewalls came up, with routers being the most cost-effective choice for the home system.

The few tips that came out in the Q & A included using the F8 key to get into safe mode if your anti-virus or firewall seems to lock up your computer, and check the URL `http://` for unsecured sites and `https://` for secured sites. If you don't see the 's', it isn't safe to transmit sensitive data.

Keith offered to hack into any member's computer (prior written permission required) to show us that even with these home-type firewall clients, an experienced hacker can still get into your machine. It is like locking your car. The real bad guys can still get in if they want to.

On balance, we were reassured that there are very few reasons why a 'black hat' hacker would want to invade a simple home computer when there are much more inviting targets on line.

The meeting ended with suggestions for the next topic. It may be an overview of encryption software like PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) or a recap of 2002's discussions.

Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, Nov 25, at CCUM. To join us, send an email asking to be included to the SIG LEADER at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu.

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTING SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There were 7 attendees at the November 14 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

At the Wednesday, October 16 meeting, SIG LEADER Jacob Wilkins of N+1 led us in a discussion of Samba, an Open Source/Free Software suite that provides seamless file and print services to Windows-based clients by using SMB (service message block). We discussed WINS- windows naming service and specific Linux commands to customize Samba.

There were 13 in attendance at the October meeting.

Future subjects will include Postfix (sends mail), database and My SQL. It is the SIG's intention to approach these subjects as broadly as possible, in order that the information applies to as many Linux versions as possible.

Please come, 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.

The LINUX SIG meets at 6:30 PM monthly and the location will be announced by email. There will be no December 2002 meeting.

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the email list, send an email to TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com and type "LINUX SIG?" in the Subject line. For additional information, contact TEAM MEMBER Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net.

LINUX LAB SIG

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 of

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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 New Horizons Computer Learning Center 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 (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.

NEW USERS SIG

The NEW USERS SIG held its November 11 meeting at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, its regular location. SIG LEADER Charley May continued the NEW USERS SIG Series on

basic computer operation. Charley's Guest Presenter was KIPCUG Member Chris Brady of Win.Net. Chris held his audiences rapt attention with his discussion of the Internet and the different methods of connecting to it, their benefits, equipment involved, speeds, relative cost and the things to look for when picking one out. Chris followed up with a long question and answer period, making for a really enlighten session.

On December 13, 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 recently 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 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!

In January, we will cover problems that attendees might have with Christmas Computers and answer questions from attendees who have started to set up their own folder filing system, so that they can find their data, days months and years from now. Folders are one of the basic functions that everything else is built on, and are an important part of "Computer Operation" where

attendees learn how to use Windows Explorer in finding and organizing their information.

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 of each month at 6:30-8:30 PM at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center and has an optional "PIG SIG" that follows at the T. G. I. Friday's restaurant down the street where we try to cover any other questions.

PDA (PALM OS) SIG

The PALM SIG met Tuesday, November 19, at its usual spot, the Franklin Covey store in The Mall St. Matthews. SIG LEADER Price Hanna demonstrated the new Palm Tungsten that was just released. This new Palm also has the new 5.0 operating system and attendees got a look at the benefits of this new OS. Also this month, we looked at the newest handheld, the Palm Zire. This month's Featured Application was Bejeweled, a game that provides hours of enjoyment. All attendees received a copy of this game for use on their Palm.

There will be no meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday.

We will resume our meetings on January 15. The topic for January has yet to be scheduled. For more

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information on the January meeting, keep an eye on your e-mail. If you are not on our SIG mailing list, send a request to SIG LEADER Price Hanna to be added.

The PALM SIG meets the third Tuesday of each month in the back of the Franklin Covey 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 email him at jpricehanna@hotmail.com. We always have food, fun and door prizes, so be sure to check out what we have to offer!

POCKET PC SIG

The Pocket PC SIG met on October 22. The subject of the meeting focused on wireless communications and the upcoming crop of lower-cost Pocket PCs.

Darrell Harp and Matt Coddington demonstrated a wireless chat session. Matt was running on an 802.11b connection at the Pocket PC Summit in Hollywood, and Darrell was sitting in the library with his IPAQ connected through his wireless ISP link. The connection worked quite well, although the typing skills of both participants were pushed to their limits. Next time, we'll draft the services of a couple of chat-aware pre-teens who can properly stress the communications link throughput!

At the November meeting, Matt will recap things learned at the Pocket PC Summit in Hollywood. This will include some never-

before-seen images of concept devices! The presentation will be done via PowerPoint on his iPAQ 3970, using the FlyJacket connected to a wide-screen TV! Matt also promises a large bag of door-prize goodies acquired from the Pocket PC Summit.

The December meeting is cancelled since it is on Christmas Eve. The January meeting details are still being worked out, but there's lots in store for the new year!

For more details, see the web site at www.MultiMatt.com/pocketpc.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG will not meet in December but will resume in January. This group is a combination of professional and individual investors and the SIG is sometimes led by SIG members and at other times by outside professional advisors and technical specialists.

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 Avenue, 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, send a request to mjslks@insightbb.com.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The VB SIG met as usual at the Bon Air Library on the first Thursday, November 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The smash hit of the evening was not the presentation but the new KIPCUG projector that allowed the attendees to follow the presentation with unaccustomed clarity. Many thanks to those responsible for approving this worthy investment. Martin Campion did two presentations: first, a basic program in VB.Net aimed at anyone who had not programmed in .Net before. This program took up the problem of getting information from a user and storing it or displaying it in various ways. At first, a console project was used and the program got a name from the user, then used it to create a new object, called Player, stored it in a collection called Players, displayed it on the screen, and saved the name in a text file. Then some of the same classes and routines were transferred to the Windows environment and the names displayed in a list box. The second presentation was of a complex drawing program. Martin was able to show what it did without much consideration of how it worked.

The next meeting (December 5) and the one after (January 2) will build on both these presentations. Martin intends to build a simple new game from scratch starting with the Player/Players classes, and the way the drawing program works will be demonstrated eventually in detail.

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As usual, time will be reserved for any VB 6 or .Net subject that anyone wants to bring up, or suggest to mccampion@aol.com before the meeting.

WEBMASTERS SIG

LOCATION CHANGE

The WEBMASTERS SIG meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Win.Net located at 300 Distillery Commons. Starting at the intersection of I-64 and Grinstead Drive. Go one block towards downtown, and turn right on Lexington Road. Continue on Lexington Road past the red light at Payne Street. The Distillery commons is the building on the left. Park in the parking lot just past the building. Enter the main Lexington Road door and climb the stairs to the third floor. Give a big thanks to Win.Net for their help.

At the November meeting, we worked with a menu creation program, AllWebMenus3.0, that we acquired from www.likno.com. This is the same program demonstrated at the October meeting by Brian Miller. In addition, we returned to changing the proposed KIPCUG web page. 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.

If you have not seen some of these menus in action, go to www.likno.com and also look at some of their referenced sites. They really do a great job with menus.

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

We also voted to have a working meeting on December 19.

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

WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG

LOCATION CHANGE

The WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at a location to be announced soon.

There will be no November meeting due to Thanksgiving and no December meeting as that meeting would be the day after Christmas. We plan to restart the Windows XP/2000 meetings in January, 2003, at a location to be announced by email and also in the January KIPCUG I/O and at the January KIPCUG General Meeting. Future meetings will cover hardware, software and special usage challenges.

We do need to recruit a SIG LEADER for the WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG.

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

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YOUTH SIG

Due to holiday scheduling conflicts and the anticipated low attendance during late December, the KIPCUG YOUTH SIG will not meet in December. We will resume our regular meetings in January.

YOUTH SIG members who missed KIPCUG's BASIC ACCESS SIG LEADER and special Guest Presenter Alan Birch's soldering class were left out of a great night. Attendees improved their soldering skills and got to

complete a small electronics project that would sell for \$80 if you bought it in a store. Many thanks to Alan and his special assistant, Charley May, for a wonderful night of speedy connections, electronically speaking. Now get the lead out, and show up for the next KIPCUG YOUTH SIG session!

In November, we will meet on Friday, November 22, the Friday before Thanksgiving, in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. We will use the Internet to communicate with another youth group whose members live far from Louisville. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and then will go out

together for a snack. Details will be sent to YOUTH SIG members via email as soon as the arrangements are made. Remember that there will be no December meeting.

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, please contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at via email at kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net or 456-1566.

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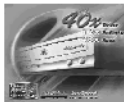
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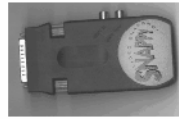
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