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Over The Program Director's Shoulder

By Charley May, KIPCUG

March

The KIPCUG March 4 General Meeting featured the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. David's Back to Basics presentation covered many interesting Email Tips and Tricks.

The User to User session with host Bill Cull followed, giving your KIPCUG friends a chance to answer YOUR questions submitted on paper. If YOU are having a problem with your PC, this is the time to get a good solution, so remember to bring your questions to next month's meeting.

The March General Meeting Main Presenter was Ms. Melody Newton, IT Manager for the Greater Louisville Association of REALTORS, who showed us how computers and the Internet have greatly changed the buying and selling of



Real Estate. Melody showed attendees the IT opportunities that the Internet has for the consumer public and the Realtor community and how drastically this has affected the speed of listing, pricing and the selling of real estate.

Melody showed us how new technology has given the Realtor easy

access to information and what they can do for their customers. Searching for properties, Comparative Market Analysis, communicating with the customers quickly as new properties becomes available and locating information about properties in each area, makes it easier to price a property and work with customers.

We learned where anyone could locate property available for sale in the local area or anywhere they may be relocating. The Greater Louisville Association of REALTORS' public website, LouisvilleRealtors.com, has public access to all MLS listings that can be advertised per the seller's agreement. The public website is up to date on a real time basis meaning when there is an addition or change on the MLS it is immediately available on the public site. You have the ability to search for properties that meet your individual needs, as well as find a Realtor and email them directly about the properties you are interested in viewing. In many cases, you can take a virtual tour giving you the opportunity to view the inside of the building prior to a showing.

Melody feels that The National Association of REALTORS' nation-

Back to Basics Topic for April:

**A look at what happens
(or should happen)
when your computer
boots up.**

al website, Realtor.com, is excellent for anyone moving into the area, transferring to another community or just moving within our community. Listings on the website are updated on a nightly basis so it is not quite as up-to-date as the local system; however, each listing carries the demographic information which includes everything from school information, economics of the area and the crime rates. You can also get an estimate of your mortgage payment.

Melody enjoyed visiting with us and wants us to feel free to go to LouisvilleRealtors.com or Realtor.com and browse.

April

The KIPCUG April 1 General Meeting will feature the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. David's Back to Basics

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

Over The Program Director's Shoulder (cont.)

session will look at what happens (or should happen) when your computer boots up. When are drivers, devices and various files loaded?

The User to User session with host Bill Cull follows, giving your KIPCUG friends a chance to answer YOUR questions submitted on paper. If YOU are having a problem with your PC, this is the time to get a good solution, so remember to bring your questions.

On April 1 we will welcome a new National Presenter, AMD (Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.), the company that gives Intel nightmares and provides computer builders a cost effective alternative as well as innovation.

The core of the April presentation will be on the subject "The Performance Equation: More Than Megahertz" and will give the presenter and our audience a chance to engage in conversation about processors and computer systems performance. With a wide range of technical knowledge the AMD people will make this presentation as in-depth as the KIPCUG attendees want. The presenter will make ample use of real-world examples and analogies of how and why certain hardware components work together to create the ultimate computer for a specific individual's needs. The presentation will also give an interesting historical perspective on the evolution of computer processors.

For an interesting read about how to measure computer performance, please check out the following link (you can click on it on the

kipcug.org web page) or enter it as follows: "http://www.amd.com/us-en/assets/content_type/white_papers_and_tech_docs/AMD_White_Paper_-_Final_Version_11.15.02.pdf." On this link Shane Rau, analyst with IDC (International Data Corporation), talks about the need for the computing industry to make things simpler for computer buyers.

May

On May 6 it pleases us to announce that our old friend, Dave Whittle will return to visit KIPCUG. As usual, Dave is representing the latest, greatest top-notch companies. Dave would like you to come see his "What's 4 Me?" in Digital Multimedia - Memory Preservation and Presentation.

Dave asked me if KIPCUG is ready for the next cultural and economic revolution - digital multimedia. Dave feels that due to innovation's rapid pace, the lines between consumer electronics, personal computers and communications are blurring. Still pictures, moving pictures, music, voice and communications are the new digital media. Computers, cameras, television, stereos, CDs, DVDs, camcorders, VCRs, e-mail, web pages, scanners, cell-phones, etc. - all of these are beginning to work together in exciting ways to create new opportunities for families and friends to strengthen some of the things that matter most: - shared experiences and memories-ties that bind. We can now take pictures and videos with digital cameras and camcorders, add our choice of back-

ground music from our CD, tape, or even record collections, and moments later share them with family and friends via email or on our PCs, or even displayed on our television sets in "home theaters." Simply gathering to share such memories can now become a precious memory of its own. Family memories are not the only use for these new technologies, they also enable new economic opportunities and freedom as well.

Additionally, Dave will briefly introduce several other products of general appeal that might help make life a little bit better. "Whittle's Picks" of hidden gems from Comdex and C.E.S. are from new companies with outstanding, innovative technologies, including 3D Album, muvee, iSeeMedia, Alpha Software and others. You will get to see exciting new products from these and other companies and learn how digital multimedia can enhance your life. You will come away from this meeting entertained, informed and inspired. Dave will provide time for an open Q&A period and will bring valuable door prizes, informative handouts and actual product for sale at heavily discounted prices arranged exclusively for user groups. If you would like to take advantage of these special prices at the meeting, take products home with you and avoid S&H charges, remember to bring your cash, checkbook or credit cards.

From the President's Desk

By Charley May, KIPCUG

With much effort, Director of Programs Ralph Langdon has booked another noteworthy presenter that casts a very large shadow on today's computer scene. We are proud to announce that April GM will bring KIPCUG another new national presenter, AMD (Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.).

This April meeting with AMD will be one GM you really do not want to miss. We are on the periphery of one of the largest, far reaching changes for CPUs that we will see in a great while. A few details have been slipping out recently and now, YOU have a chance to get in on the insiders' information on one of the greatest leaps of technology that we will see. Some of us remember when we went from 16-bit chips to 32-bit chips, WOW, a blinding increase in computer speed. It is hard to imagine the speed and innovations that will come with this next change! It may return the computer industry to the vigor of yesteryear and allow many of the marginal "features" that have not fulfilled their promise to become fully functional. With this much power, voice recognition might reach a level of usefulness that would make it handy for everyday use in many applications.

AMD is lined up to compete in the business server market this year with its 64-bit Opteron chip. AMD has also signed a joint agreement with IBM to develop new nano-scale chip fabrication techniques that are touted to produce chips 10 times smaller than anything in use today.

Please check out the "Over the Program Directors Shoulder" article to find out about our old friend Dave Whittle and his upcoming trip to KIPCUG. You are going to like it.

Last but not least, at the April GM, there will be a table providing user group pricing on the Spector Pro, a software that we saw a demo of at the January, 2002, General Meeting. This software allows you to combine visual snapshot recording, web site recording, email recording, chat recording and keystroke recording with INTELLIGENT & INSTANT Notification when content you specify is encountered. You have the most POWERFUL Internet Monitoring and Surveillance software you can buy anywhere!

The \$149.00 retail packaged version of Spector Pro with CD sells online for \$109.00 (\$99.99 wo/CD) plus freight.


The KIPCUG Users Group price will be \$79.00 for the boxed retail version, a Volume license discount starting with the second license making 2-4 copies at \$69.95 each and can be as low as \$29.95 each for over 100 copies. Brian Miller of ProNET Systems, a KIPCUG Corporate Member, is an authorized reseller for Spectorsoft.

The January 14, 2003, NBC Today Show - "Keeping Your Child Safe Online" stated "Monitoring software does not attempt to restrict your child in any way. Rather, it silently keeps track of everything your child is doing online, and lets you later review it to make sure they are making smart choices online. Many parents prefer this approach

these days because their #1 concern is no longer pornography - but rather the fear of the Internet predator."

Are your friends or neighbors asking you computer questions because they know you are a computer literate person? Next time, invite them to come to our meeting. There will be an incentive for you to bring them. In addition, if your guest joins KIPCUG, YOU will receive a month's extension added to your membership as a second incentive. I would be remiss if I did not once again urge you to come to the General Meetings and to bring an interested guest, as it is your participation in these meetings that attracts these big name Guest Presenters that we all enjoy having visit with us.

See YOU at the meeting,



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3D-Album

By Carolyn Forbes, KIPCUG

Having worked with several different “photo album” and “slide show” type programs, I was anxious to try 3D-Album. Most of these kinds of programs are often interesting for about the first two or three creations, but then become gimmicky and somewhat boring. 3D-Album was a pleasant surprise.

If you have the basic knowledge for working with this type of program, feel free to jump right in and start creating without looking at the tutorial. The basic program is easy to understand and in less than five minutes, you’ll be viewing your photo collection in a whole new light! Once you’ve gotten a “taste” of the basics, though, be sure to watch the tutorial and demo, which is included on a separate disk. You’ll find you’ve only touched the surface of 3D-Album’s capabilities. But let’s start back at the beginning with the Install Disk.

Pop the self-loading install CD in and actually read the License Agreement... well, at least read item 6. This program is for “Personal Use at Home” or “Office Use Only”. It is not for any commercial uses, including producing commercial visual displays. It appears that you must purchase a commercial license if inclusion in your company website is desired. If you click “I Agree”, then you pick a language. Thankfully, you can also choose the drive/folder you want to install in – a big plus that some programs don’t have. Installation was quick and included 3D-Album and Visviva Animation Player. A shortcut appears on the Desktop.

Click on the Desktop Icon and open the program to see an uncluttered, user-friendly window. You have full control over the size of the window by “pulling” the corners in or out (with your mouse) or clicking the “maximize” button for a full screen. The window can be moved anywhere on your screen and it’s “skin” can be changed if it doesn’t happen to match your décor.

The first item of business is to have the group of photo files to be used in a folder. This entire folder is imported by selecting it from a directory that shows the complete file path. Individual photo files are not accessible, but more than one folder can be imported at a time.

After selecting the photo folder, a “presentation style” is chosen. These styles are listed in a window to the left of the viewing screen. There are six in all, but each has a drop-down list giving many more options. Give yourself plenty of time because there are 23 different styles. The moment you click on one, your photos are displayed in fascinating, 3-D animation. The choices include your pictures on: an ornament gently swaying on a Christmas tree; a hot-air balloon floating over mountains; animated cubes; a rotating 3-D picture frame; gently flipping pages; a hallway gallery; various moving montages; kaleidoscopes and much more. The graphics are outstanding for this caliber program.

Each style has its own control buttons that appear under the viewing screen. This allows you to change features such as speed, color, size, etc., giving almost limitless possibilities. A click on the

“organize” button will bring up your photos as thumbnails. Here, you can rearrange the order of appearance by dragging/dropping them into place. Clicking on a photo and then on “Edit” will easily take it to your photo editing program and back again. Other features will insert photo captions, text, voice-over and music background (MP3, WMA, WAVE, or MIDI).

When you’ve played with this for a couple hours, you’ll begin thinking “Well, that was fun, but what can I do with it?” The answer is: “Plenty!”

Click on “Build” to select your mode of presentation. Uses include creating your presentation as an application, screensaver, HTML Start Page, zip file for email or a self-expandable .exe file for emailing. You can opt to include your photo files in the application for others to view on their computers, or to access the files from your folders for use only on your PC. For emailing your creation to friends who do not have 3D-Album installed, you may also choose to include the vaengine.dll in your application. Choose a folder to save the presentation in and click on “Build”. Send it on in an email and then sit back and wait for those rave reviews to come in.

For those of us who are bi-lingual, 3D-Album supports 10 different languages via a quick mouse click at any time.

System requirements include: 64 MB RAM with Windows 95, 98, ME or NT4.0+, or 128 MB RAM with Windows 2000 or XP; a 200 MHz or higher PC; a 3D graphic accelerator with 16 MB RAM; 100

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MB free hard disk space; and a CD-ROM or DVD drive. The computer I installed on has Windows 98SE with 512 MB RAM, an ATI Radeon 8500 DV Edition and is tweaked to 1900+ free hard disk space. Surprisingly, I could never run the tutorial/demo disk without it crashing my PC somewhere close to the end of the demo, bringing the entire system to a sudden halt with no way out except that little on-off button. You might want to watch that tutorial on someone else's PC!

All in all, 3D-Album is a worthy program at the small MSRP of \$39.95 and is available online at www.3D-album.com or by toll free phone (877) 233-2528. And by the way, if the 23 styles included aren't enough for you, there are 40 more designs plus a continually expanding collection available at no cost for download from their website.

Membership

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Please join me in welcoming KIPCUG's newest members.

ALLEN GWINN
SHERMAN BEDFORD
K. WAYNE KOLB
TERRY HEICK

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.

KIPCUG 2002 Financial Report

Submitted By Tony Krainski, Treasurer

INCOME

ADS IN I/O	\$1,260.00
MEMBER PAYMENTS FOR "BIGSHOT" SOFTWARE	\$152.00
DONATIONS	\$1,500.00
MEMBER DUES	\$11,706.25
BANK INTEREST	\$613.41
RAFFLE INCOME	\$668.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,899.66

EXPENSES

BANK CHARGES	\$129.70
PURCHASE PROJECTOR FOR SIG'S	\$4,877.84
FEES AND DUES	\$89.00
HALL RENTAL	\$1,500.00
INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$819.00
RENT MAIL BOX--MAIL BOXES, ETC	\$255.00
PRINTING AND MAILING I/O	\$12,232.18
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$62.83
POSTAGE AND POSTAL PERMIT	\$676.88
SOFTWARE FOR SIG	\$59.95
TOM CARR AWARD	\$100.00
PRINTED FORMS AND ENVELOPES	\$132.02

TOTAL EXPENSES \$20,934.40

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (12/31/2002)	\$19,708.95
TOM CARR MEMORIAL FUND	\$860.17

TOTAL MONIES \$20,569.12

Available Review Software

By Joe Rothstein, KIPCUG

Reviews MUST come back ON TIME. The vendors use reviews from User Groups to help evaluate and improve the product. We no longer have the luxury of a late review or we won't be getting free software for this purpose.

Remember the rules. Submit a 750 - 1000 word review in 30 - 45 days for publication in IO, 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.]

NEW THIS MONTH!!!!

- Xelerate -

SPYPC 7.0 - 'Total PC Control with Stealth Security!' - Total desktop security, total access control, total activity overview, totally invisible. **INSTANT.EXE 2.0** - 'Start Programming in 5 Minutes' - No programming knowledge required, create your own software in minutes, 50 simple commands in plain English, powerful features for advanced users. [www.xelerate.biz]

- TrainingA -

Small and Home Office Essentials - Computer Training for Business - Tutorials. Three CD's, which I hope three members will review. Marketing - Manage and Promote Your Business Smarter; Contact Management - Communicate and Work Effectively with Others; PDA - A Mobile Office Will Keep You Working - Palm OS or Pocket PC. [www.traininga.com]

- CE Software -

QuickConference 1.6 for 5 users - offers 'Instant Office Communication' [www.cesoft.com]. **QuickMail 3.0** - 'Business Email made easy' [www.cesoft.com]. **QuicKeys 2.5** - 'One touch control of your PC' [www.quickeys.com]. See review of 2.0 in this IO. **In/Out Tracker 1.6** - 'Electronic In/Out Board' [www.cesoft.com].

- InKline Global -

'What do you want to do today?' [www.inclineglobal.com]

-Farstone -

- Software Evaluation Suite - 'VirtualDrive Personal', **RestoreIT**, **VirtualDrive Network**, **RestoreIT Network**, 'VirtualClass' [www.farstone.com]

- Mission Critical Software -

One Point - 'Solutions for Success' featuring the OnePoint Suite. [www.missioncritical.com]

- Naturepainter -

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

A list of trial/sample programs, picked up at COMDEX, follows. They are available for members to have, but we would appreciate a brief review.

Trial Versions, Samplers:

Borland Sampler - 8 programs [www.Borland.com]; - **Noblis** -

Ci - automate your Excel-Based Activities; - **Iomega** - automatic backup [www.iomega.com]; - **CBT Nuggets** - IT Certification Training Videos [www.cbtnuggets.com]; **ACT! 6.0 & ACT!** For Palm OS; **saflink** - the power of biometric authentication; **polarity** - target attract transact [www.polarityinc.com]

Aladdin Systems - Evaluation software and freeware [www.aladdinsys.com]

We also need, and appreciate, 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.

Those who are a little tardy, please complete your reviews, or return the software so others can take advantage of these generous vendor offers.

Focus On Windows - Clean Up Time

By Gary English, PC Users' Group of Jacksonville

This time of the year is a good time to think about cleaning out your computer. Over the year, you most likely have accumulated a bunch of stuff, some of which you have not used in a good while. In this article, we'll look at a few good strategies for finding the stuff and figuring out how to deal with the different kinds of things we find.

Who Goes There?

If your computer is like mine, it has programs that were tried, but never really used much. To find yours, open the Start menu and follow each branch, making notes of those programs and utilities that are no longer needed. If you have not run it in a couple of months, or have forgotten what it is for, it is a good candidate for removal. This is especially true if you still have the distribution CD-ROM or disks.

There are only two good ways to remove programs. Either use the Uninstall shortcut from the Start menu or in the Programs folder, or use the Control Panel Add/Remove Programs applet. By now, you should have heard that Windows does not like you to just delete the program files and folders, so don't do it unless there is no other option.

Next take a look at where you store all the stuff you downloaded from the Internet. This includes things like program updates, demos, screen savers, videos and sound files. If you have already installed the program update or watched the demo, there is not much reason to keep them around. You most likely can download them again anyway, if needed later.

Things like pictures, videos, music and sound files have a way of piling up, but again, if you have not opened them in a while they are good candidates for removal. If you just cannot bear the thought of throwing this kind of stuff out, at least copy them to a CD-R/RW disk and get them off your computer.

But It's Mine

Now, here comes the hard part. What shall we do with all the "Stuff" you created? Things like your letters, word processing files, spreadsheets and such. Most of this kind of stuff has value, at least for history purposes, but some does not.

Instead of trying to figure out what I won't miss if I throw it out, I like to sort this stuff by date and copy it all to CD-R/RW disks. Then I can be ruthless in pruning what remains on the hard drive. This is also a good time to create folders for the new year to separate the new stuff from the old. Then it's easy to find the latest stuff, too.

The Electronic Letter Basket

Last but not least, let's look at e-mail and picture albums. Now before we start, it is a must that you understand that this kind of stuff is different from normal files and folders.

Let's look at e-mail first. Most e-mail programs store all your e-mail in one big file. It is a specialized database that keeps track of the subject, date, time, and other stuff like whether you have read it or not, and any attachments. Even though you may have created folders to sort and organize your e-mail, it is still all in one big file.

Each e-mail program keeps its

message store in a different location, so I won't try to cover how to find the file. What we need to do is find the Export of Archive function for your program. The Help File should come in handy here. What you need to do is export or archive your old e-mail. Again, I use CD-R/RW disks for this purpose. Once I have a good archive, I can then delete all but the most critical or recent messages from my e-mail program.

One last step remains. After deleting the old e-mails, there will be a lot of wasted space in the e-mail file. You won't be able to see it, but basically, the program is holding open all the places where the deleted stuff was. Again, check your Help file for how to compress or compact the data file. You'll note a significant reduction in size of the message store after performing this function.

Many picture/photo programs handle their data in the same way. You should be able to make copies of the album files, through, which should, in turn, carry all your pictures with them as well. It is important here to make sure you can access your archives before you delete the originals.

Now, while you are at it, dump the Recycle bin, delete your cookies, empty the browser cache and do a Scan Disk then a Defrag of your hard drive. There, you're all set for another year of collecting "Stuff." Happy computing.

Officers and Directors Official Slate

By Chuck Russman, KIPCUG

President

Charley May

Charley has been a member of KIPCUG since 1995 and started working with computers at Speed Scientific School back when Fortran and IBM punch cards were the rage. He also attended U of L Business School and has a BSC in Management and an MBA. Charley is a retired industrial purchasing manager and enjoys working on computer hardware, reviewing new software and teaching at KIPCUG SIGs, IUS, LFPL and other groups as well as tutoring individuals. He founded the Hardware SIG and is Co-Leader of the SIG. Charley is also SIG Leader of the NEW USERS SIG for KIPCUG and enjoys adding to the knowledge of beginning computer users. Charley was drafted by the KIPCUG Board to finish Jeff Blackwell's term as Director of SIGs and has been elected to three more terms by the membership. His continuing goal has been to add more SIGs, boost attendance and attract more people to become KIPCUG Members.

Vice President

Bill Buzan

Bill began his sales career with National Cash Register and continued with Rohm and Haas. He is currently a member of the Louisville

Board of Realtors with a 29 year career in Real Estate, including 25 years with Century 21 Joe Guy Hagan, Realtors. Bill attended Bellarmine College and he has been a member of the Kenwood Optimist Club since 1969. Bill has been a KIPCUG member for 11 years.

Secretary

Winifred Miller

Winnie Miller is a graduate of Western University. She earned a Masters and Rank One degrees from Spalding University. She taught in Louisville and Jefferson County Public Schools, was a reading specialist, and taught at Spalding University in the Education Department. After retirement, she worked for Ginn Book Co. and Zaner-Bloser Co. teaching teachers how to use basal series in the classroom. She has been a previous Secretary to KIPCUG and is an active SIG member. Her interests are reading, genealogy, gardening, grandchildren and helping the novice computer user.

Treasurer

Tony Krainski

Tony is currently serving as KIPCUG Treasurer, a position he has held for five and a half years. He has been a KIPCUG member for the past 12 years. Tony graduated in Engineering from Penn State and retired from GE 8 years ago.

Director of Programs

Ralph Langdon

Ralph is retired from Jim Beam Brands. His work experience was all related to the field of transportation. He was a certified member of the American Society of Transportation & Logistics. His first PC was an 8088 and his first attempt at programming was in "Forth". He has been a member of KIPCUG since 1990.

Director of Membership

Susan Moore

Susan is currently Director of Membership and has been a KIPCUG member since 1998. Susan has been SIG Leader for the Genealogy SIG since restarting it in September of 1998 and now Genealogy II SIG Leader also. She works for the State of Kentucky and builds web sites, and trains users on the use of their computers and programs in her spare time. Susan is a graduate of Spalding University and Bellarmine College, where she received her MBA. She has worked with computers since 1981. Susan enjoys genealogy, and she has spent the last 30 years working on her family research.

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Director and Volunteer Coordinator

Tom Mcardle

Tom moved to Louisville, KY, a decade ago from the far North. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Marketing & Distributive Education. Tom took an early retirement from a career in retail management. His first contact with computers came in the early 80's by introducing point of sale terminals and inventory management systems for a large retail chain. His home use with computers started with a Commodore 128 and has slowly grown into a self-built custom PC. He has been member of KIPCUG since November 2001 and looks forward to seeing the organization continue to provide resources to meet the needs of the members.

Director of Special Interest Groups

Bill Edwards

Bill has been a KIPCUG member since 1986 and had the opportunity to call on the highly automated IBM supplier that made the latest technology, the PC Jr. He has been fascinated with computers since the days of punch cards and how just one of those little holes in the wrong place would cause us to order the wrong number of parts for General Motors. The TRS 80 was his first computer. He attended Purdue and received his BS Electrical Engineering and MS Industrial

Management Degrees. Bill spent most of his career as a sales engineer, most recently selling integrated circuits to PC and printer manufacturers.

Director at Large

Charles Russman

Chuck has had an interest in computers since 1966 when he managed a Data Processing Department for S&T Industries. He has an undergraduate degree from Bellarmine College in Accounting and a graduate degree in Business. He also took courses in U of L's graduate school of Information Systems. Currently he is Controller and System Administrator for Cardinal Industrial Insulation Co., Inc. His hobbies include tennis, cycling, sailing, bridge, information technology and the stock market.

Director at Large

Bob Garst

Bob is a retired General Contractor of 12 years. His present involvement is with the Garceveur Corporation, a concrete related service business. During the early years of computers, he dealt with Burroughs and Wang computers setting up Contractor programs for his business. He has been a member of KIPCUG since 1989. His current interest in computers is centered on his volunteer efforts involved with the CHRISTIAN TECH MINISTRY at Christ Church United Methodist. Presently he is the

administrator of the Ministry and teaches some of the classes offered. As an Engineering Graduate, he has had a longtime interest in computer technology and its application.

Director at Large

Roger Klingeman

Roger is currently serving as a Director at Large, a position that he has held for three years. He has been a member of KIPCUG since 1991. Roger graduated from Penn State in Mechanical Engineering and he is licensed as a PE in Kentucky. He retired from GE in 2000. He is a licensed ham radio operator (WB4RLA). Roger also remembers punching the cards for his first computer program.

Director at Large

Joe Rothstein

Joe has been a member of KIPCUG since 1993 and the Software Review Editor for the I/O since 2000. He is a U of L Business School graduate. Joe taught Small Business Management classes for Jefferson County Public School Adult Education, for approximately 10 years. He presently sells promotional products through his affiliation with Kaeser & Blair Promotional Advertising Specialties. Joe is the longest running attendee of KIPCUG's 'New User' SIG. We still hope that some day he might even learn what he is doing.

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April 2003 KIPCUG Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General Meeting	2	3 Visual Basic SIG	4 Basic Excel SIG	5
	All Monday-Friday Meetings are at 6:30 PM. All Saturday Meetings are at 10:00 AM.					
5	7 Hardware SIG	8 Board of Directors	9	10 Investing SIG Genealogy II SIG	11	12 Basic Access SIG
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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 664-7114 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 DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at bedwards@iglou.com or 812-949-7348

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 or mooresk@win.net

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 gmccormick@win.net or 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 "LOCATION CHANGE" - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room. 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 Champion 810-9125 or mccampion@aol.com

WEBMASTERS SIG "LOCATION CHANGE" - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Win.Net located at 300 Distillery Commons just past Payne Street inbound on Lexington Road. Contact SIG TEAM MEMBER Warren Lang at lbear@aye.net

WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG "LOCATION CHANGE" - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room. 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

We are happy to have Jim Travelstead back in his post as SIG LEADER for the INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG. It has been a long recuperation for Jim. Thanks to all who helped keep the INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG running well in Jim's absence.

Because of lack of interested youth, the YOUTH SIG has (at least temporarily) ceased to meet.

The COMMUNITY OUT-REACH SIG has not met in 2003. Watch for details of the revitalization of this SIG that has been able to provide a valuable community service to the disadvantaged residents of the Louisville area. In the meantime we are open to your suggestions for other projects.

KIPCUG SIGs are current on their meeting topics as shown by the topic of the February meeting of the WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG. It is interesting to note that the same topic covered in the February SIG meeting was also featured in the March 25, 2003, PC Magazine, Microsoft.net server, which is expected to become Windows 2003. Come visit some of the SIGs and see for yourself.

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. Internet connections, and if possible, computers for the attendees would be a plus.

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

In February, Robert Hirsch showed us a database from a live business project. The activity is an engineering inspection of medical facilities. They identify necessary repairs and capital replacement projects and then recommend a schedule and budget to implement it. For one facility, there may be a number of buildings and many projects. The report for the client can have hundreds of pictures and who knows how many pages and several weeks to prepare. A client with multiple locations, each with several buildings and different floors and wings make the flow chart intimidating.

With professional programming help, they are taking Robert's Access database and converting it to a SQL server database. There were a couple of transfers between Access and SQL to clarify structure and import data. This database will be set up for interactive use on the internet so the consulting engineers and the client can make additions and changes in real time. It was an impressive demonstration of what can be started from Access.

On March 22, SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick will show how to use multiple parameter AND searches

in normalized tables where the parameters are records instead of fields. While that sounds confusing, I am sure John will make it seem easy. At the April meeting, Larry West will show how to use Microsoft Access Project. In May, we will have fun with Access Security. For June, John Kilpatrick plans to discuss using the Kodak Image controls in Access.

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 AM to Noon.

ADVANCED USERS SIG

The ADVANCED USERS SIG will meet at 6:30 PM on Friday, March 21 in the CCUM Computer Lab (Room 222) to discuss digital photography and image editing. We will talk about composition and image editing with an eye towards publishing pictures via email and the web. We will discuss how digital cameras and scanners affect our decisions.

Last month we spent some time

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comparing digital image file formats, looking at the advantages and disadvantages of each. Formats like JPEG, TIFF, BMP and PNG are used all the time. If you have a choice of format, is one better than another format? Does the choice of file format affect the editing or photographic process?

Over the next several meetings we will continue to look at how digital images are created, saved, and used, the advantages of certain formats, how editing tools work and the hardware used to capture and save images. If you have hardware and skill in this area, your knowledge will be an invaluable addition.

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 and grow in areas we would not normally venture.

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 or call (502) 477-1639.

BASIC ACCESS SIG

We finished the March 8 meeting at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center in time to enjoy the spring-like afternoon. The topic was expressions. Not a smile or frown but the Visual Basic functions in Access that can be used for calculations or more advanced selections. We looked at several different types and built a few. More sophisticated operations can be done by combining several functions. Using the expression builder wizard makes it fairly easy. It allows you to select the function and then it gives you the syntax and the type of information expected in each position.

About half the time, we spent on questions and discussion. One problem was how to calculate gas mileage if you have records with the date, vehicle mileage and gallons. The difficult part is calculating miles traveled since the two mileage numbers are in different records. Another problem was how to create a list of members who have not paid dues this year when the table has MemberID and year for ones who have paid. The tricky part is trying to do it without manually creating another table.

The April 12 meeting will look at writing reports and how to modify the ones created by the wizard. In May, we will work more on queries. Those are the basic tools to select and sort data. Of course, we will also set aside time for questions, since those are usually the most fun.

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, April 4, at 6:30 PM if you want to learn how to make a PC spreadsheet or if you would just like to brush-up on your skills. Jim Boneck, the instructor for this SIG will be covering the following Excel features: Math Formulas; Headers & Footers; Print Preview; plus additional tips. Time will be provided to practice these features and other items covered in the past.

In March, Jim covered several Excel features including the following; Setting up shortcut icons in windows, Cut & Paste Special options in Excel, Format Painter and Rounding Numbers.

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

This beginning **EXCEL SIG**, assumes no working knowledge of

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MS Excel but assumes one is familiar with the MS Windows.

To be added to the email list, send a message to Flave 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 Reising an e-mail 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 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 664-7114 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 the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG was suspended for the remainder of 2002. We hope that the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG will resume in 2003 if KIPCUG members express sufficient interest.

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

GENEALOGY SIG

The February meeting was cancelled due to the weather conditions in the area.

The March 17 meeting will be on How to Export Reports to Excel to sort or verify your data including tasks, research log entries or cita-

tion information. Even with the many report features of TMG, sometimes it helps to modify your reports by sorting or deleting some information to make the report more useful. Depending on the amount of editing time that you are willing to invest, your final report can be quite different than what you started out with and a lot more useful. We will even show how to identify errors between your ID numbers and the Reference field if you have adopted the local method of assigning reference numbers.

The April meeting will be on Visual Chartform. TMG has a program built-in that lets you create and modify charts. Fan charts, descendant and ancestor charts can all be modified.

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 SIG LEADER Susan Moore 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.

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GENEALOGY II SIG

The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next meeting on April 10 and will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library Jeffersontown Branch.

On March 13, we covered the following topics: how to get all of the males in the Principal#1 field and all of the females in the Principal#2 field so that a marriage report will list the males and females in separate columns. In addition, we discussed how to check for duplicate records, how to merge two people and how to find unused ID#s.

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. 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

On March 3 at 6:30 PM, the HARDWARE SIG meeting was held at our regular meeting location, the LFPL Eline Branch (Grandview Ave. at Fairfax Ave. in St. Matthews). SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick and Charley May fielded questions on the ever-expanding subject of Video cards. Grant covered what requirements one needs to do what you really want it to do. Included was a thorough discussion of the terminology and specifications that you need to know to make an educated decision on a new video card.

On April 7, we will cover Sound Cards and maybe some state of the art Speakers if we can put together the right demo.

Is there interest in the many types of scanners available as a possible subject for the May meeting?

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 meet-

ings, 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 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 and on the KIPCUG Web Site at www.kipcug.org.

At the March 24 meeting, Jim Travelstead was back as SIG LEADER. Since Jim did not have a topic for the meeting, we did a discussion of members' questions and problems. Jim also followed up on any questions arising from the March Back to Basic's Section on email tips & tricks.

For the April 28 meeting we will go over the PowerQuest Products (Partition Magic 8.0 with DataKeeper 5.0, Drive Image 2002 & DriveCopy 4.0). These products can be used to partition (divide) your hard drive to allow you to backup your data files easier and do real time backups of critical files, create an image (backup) of your hard drive/partition and copy a smaller hard drive to a bigger hard drive (upgrading your hard drive to a bigger one).

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For the May 26 meeting, the topic will be Norton SystemWorks 2003 Professional. The Professional version includes the following products: Norton Anti-Virus, Norton CleanSweep, Norton Ghost, Norton Utilities and GoBack Personal Edition & Process Viewer. The Standard version includes the above minus Norton Ghost. This product handles tasks from anti-virus scanning/prevention, program removal (all the pieces), Disk imaging, and System recovery.

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. Topics suggested at meetings usually become future meeting topics. 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 you 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. If you want to get on Jim's email notification list, send him a short note with "Add me to KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting email list" in the subject line.

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTING SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There are typically 6 to 10 members in attendance. Meetings consist of round table information exchanges 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

WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION FOR THE LINUX SIG! We meet at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room, which is on the second floor of the New Albany Police Station. From Louisville, on I64, it is the first Indiana exit possible coming across the bridge from Kentucky. Turn right at the stoplight (same way you go to the casino) and then the library will be on your left and the library parking lot on your right. You may also wish to park on the street. The Police Station is just across the street from the library

(SE corner). The doors will be locked, but one of us will be watching the door, or contact the Desk Sergeant by the speaker and request to enter for the Linux group. Take the elevator to the second floor. We meet in the first room just to the right off the elevator.

The subject for February was My SQL.

The topic for May is Post Fix, and for June - Using Printers with Linux.

Future subjects may include power tricks, emergency fixes, recovery utilities, database and My SSH. 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. The SIG LEADERS are Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. If you are an established user of Linux, please come and help with a future presentation.

Do you 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.

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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 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 March 10 meeting at its regular location, the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, at 6:30 PM. SIG LEADER Charley May continued the NEW USERS SIG Series on basic computer operation. Charley started the session with a review of attendees' list of topics they want to file and some brought them in on a floppy disk with their filing folder system already laid out. We guided where needed and attendees went home with a brand new multi-level folder system for their computer. They now have the knowledge to put it on their computer, they know how it is setup and how to use and expand it for the future. Best of all, they will be able to find their files for years to come! In addition, we demonstrated how to take important files in their new file system and burn them on a CD disk that can be stored in a remote safe place if necessary.

In April, we will start looking at word processors, comparing features, file sizes and attendees needs.

If you are a new computer user, or you received your first computer this Holiday Season or you 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, now is the time to jump in, 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 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 a nearby restaurant, where we try to cover any other questions.

PDA (PALM OS) SIG

The PALM SIG met Tuesday, March 18, at its usual spot, the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews. TEAM MEMBER Sam Cooke led this months meeting with a discussion of eBook readers. This month's door prize was a copy of Handheld Computing Magazine.

In April, we hope to have the new unit in the Tungsten line that Palm has released. This unit has internet capabilities and a built in keyboard. In addition, Palm has released a new slimmer portable keyboard for the Palm line and we will have one in house to play with. Palm also has announced a new way to enter text on your Palm OS Handheld and we will have a discussion on the pros and cons of the new Graffiti 2. Our Featured Application for April will

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once again be AvantGo, an offline internet browsing service for Palm OS. TEAM MEMBER Joe Rothstein will spend a good amount of time talking about the different information you can access through AvantGo and we will have a demonstration on setting up AvantGo on a Palm.

The PALM 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 email him at jpricehanna@hotmail.com. We always have fun and door prizes, so be sure to check out what we have to offer!

POCKET PC SIG

Pocket PC SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place.

Beginning this year, the group decided that odd-numbered months will be more technically oriented, while even-numbered months will be focused more toward basic usage. February began the first Basic Usage month. Discussions and demonstrations focused on the "every day" use of the device, and even the seasoned Pocket PC users learned something!

Details for the April meeting (as well as the Discussion Board) are at www.pocketpcLouisville.com!

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

The last meeting of the TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG was on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch. We discussed some members' newfound websites with good information and technical analysis tools available. There was also a discussion and demonstration of building custom indicators using Tradestation 6.0 software.

The regularly scheduled March 25, meeting is being moved to the next day, Wednesday March 26, and held in the Cincinnati area. All interested parties are invited to the Cincinnati Chapter of the Market Technicians Association special presentation with Special Guest Speaker Ralph Acampora, National MTA President and Well-Known Technical Analyst with Prudential Securities. The title of his presentation will be "A Time for Rational Investing Using Technical Analysis". The presentation will be held Wednesday, March 26, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Holiday Inn, off I-275 near the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. Email Myron Smith at mjsslks@insightbb.com if you need directions.

The April 22 meeting will include a presentation and discussion of the tax issues of "Trader Status" and the "Mark to Market" election for tax purposes. Howard Wagner of Deming, Malone, Livesay &

Ostroff (DMLO), a local CPA Firm, will present this information. There will also be a time for questions and answers for trading related tax questions.

We are still trying to reschedule the presentation by the Technical Analyst firm of Lowry Research, a very well respected firm from Florida that provides analysis for professional money managers. We hope to have this presentation at the May meeting. Be sure not to miss this presentation; feel free to bring a guest.

At the June 24 meeting, we plan to have Paul Charbonnet of Investor's FastTrack do a presentation. The topic schedule for the remainder of the year is to be announced by email, along with more meeting details and subject outlines.

It is not too late to suggest topics of discussion or suggest presentations by knowledgeable groups or individuals. In fact, we need someone to take on the role of "Presentation Chairperson" for the group. Please send your ideas to SIG LEADER Myron Smith at mjsslks@insightbb.com.

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December, 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-

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7718, or to be added to the email list, send a request to mjslks@insightbb.com.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

As it happened, the people who attended the March SIG meeting wanted to see some relatively simple VB 6 demonstrations. So the prepared presentation involving VB.Net was put on hold, and Martin Campion, SIG LEADER, demonstrated Scribble, an easy freehand drawing program, Catalog Disk, a program to get the names of all the folders and files on a disk and save them to a text file, and Rails West, an unfinished game project. He visited a few other programs and started a few others to make individual points, and answered specific questions. A copy of one program was emailed to a participant. The KIPCUG projector was brilliant, in every sense of the word. Any suggestions about

desired programs would be welcomed by Martin Campion, SIG LEADER at mccampion@aol.com.

The VB SIG meets in the meeting room at Bon Air Library on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

WEBMASTERS SIG

Tools & Tips:

At the February meeting, we discussed search engines and how they are related. We found that many are related to www.google.com and their way of ranking pages. They consider the words actually on the page and no longer use the Meta Tag keywords. John Henderson of www.inetmarketing.com showed how the ranking is determined by the number of pages that refer to the subject page. We found that Susan Moore's page on Genealogy has a very high rating. We also began looking at our members' sites. We defined what we really liked and made suggestions for changes.

Various tips from our meetings are at www.inetwebmaster.com.

At our March meeting, we looked at inserting forms into a web page. For example, you could use that form to sign up for something. John Henderson tied his discussion to FrontPage.

Robbie Gibson of www.hostaroo.com will use CGI script (instead of the FrontPage method) to insert the forms at our next meeting on April 17.

In our future meetings, we will look at those sites of members that request that a review. If you would like some comments on your web page, please attend and let us schedule a review of your site. Please also bring a list of what you consider to be the best sites that you have visited.

Future meetings will cover Tips and Tools on subjects such as "Adding Graphics", "Shopping Cart" and "Auto Responders".

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 set of buildings on the left. Please park in the parking lot just past the second 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.

To sign up for meeting reminders, please drop a note to Warren Lang at lbear@aye.net so that you can be added to our mailings.

WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG

LOCATION CHANGE

SIG LEADER Keith Stenger demonstrated a pre-release copy of Microsoft .Net Server. It was inter-

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esting that this release already had approximately 50 million lines of code. One of the desires before release (as Windows 2003 Server) is hoped to be that it would allow a hot fix or patch without rebooting.

WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION FOR THE WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG! We meet at 6:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room, which is on the second floor of the New Albany Police Station. From Louisville, on I-64, it is the first Indiana exit possible coming across the bridge from Kentucky. Turn right at the stoplight (same way you go to the casino) and then the library will be on your left and

the library parking lot on your right. You may also wish to park on the street. The Police Station is just across the street from the library (SE corner). The doors will be locked but one of us will be watching the door, or contact the Desk Sergeant by the speaker and request to enter for the WINDOWS XP/2000 group. Take the elevator to the second floor. We meet in the first room just to the right off the elevator.

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 email subject.

YOUTH SIG

Unfortunately, the YOUTH SIG is being put on hold due to lack of interested youth. The KIPCUG YOUTH SIG is designed for young people ages 9-15 (approximately) who are interested in computers and technology. The YOUTH SIG covers topics that are beyond the basics usually taught in schools or at home.

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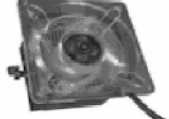
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