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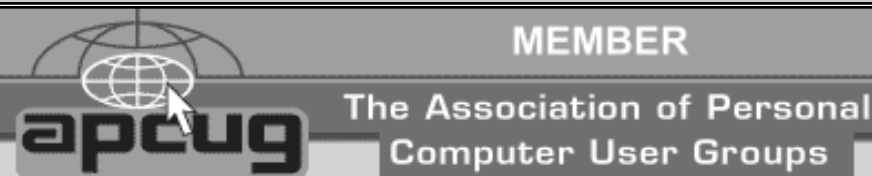
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President's Desk

By Charley May, KIPCUG

It is with sadness that I report that one of our long time members, Warren Lang passed from us April 13, 2003 and we shall miss him. Warren was one of my advisers, a Team Member for the Webmasters SIG and a good friend. (See "In remembrance of C. Warren Lang" on page 5 for more information).

On a happier note, I hope you were one of the many GM attendees in April, as it was one of our best and highly interesting meetings this year. We were proud to announce that KIPCUG had attracted another new national presenter, AMD (Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.). With much effort, Director of Programs, Ralph Langdon booked this noteworthy presenter that is in the process of bringing an outstanding new product (their new 64-bit Opteron chip) to market at this time. We are one of the first groups that received this presentation and were given the opportunity to be able to ask any question we wanted and there were a lot. We found out that AMD is lined up to compete in the business server market this year with its 64-bit Opteron chip and will follow with a desktop version later this year. 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.

I urge you to come to the General Meetings and to bring an interested guest if possible, as it is your participation in these meetings that attracts these big name Guest Presenters that we all enjoy having.

Program Director

By Charley May, KIPCUG

April

What happened at the April Meeting?

The KIPCUG April 1 General Meeting featured the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. David's Back to Basics presentation covered what happens (or should happen) when your computer boots up. He showed us when the drivers, devices and various files loaded.

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 were having a problem with your PC, this was the time to get a good solution, so remember to bring your questions to next month's meeting.

On April 1, we welcomed Frank Hudziak a new (to KIPCUG) National Presenter from AMD (Advanced Micro Devices), the company that gives Intel nightmares and provides computer builders a cost effective alternative as well as innovation.

**Back to Basics Topic
for May:**

**More interesting
things that you need to
know about your PC**

The core of the April presentation was on the subject "The Performance Equation: More Than Megahertz", an interesting topic that gave the presenter and our audience a chance to engage in conversation about processors and computer systems performance. The AMD Presenter had a wide range of technical knowledge and made his presentation as in-depth as the KIPCUG attendees wanted. Frank made ample use of real-world examples and analogies of how and why certain hardware components work together to create the ultimate computer for an individual's specific need. The presentation gave an interesting historical perspective on the evolution of computer processors.

The April meeting with AMD was one GM you really did not want to miss. However, if you had to miss the meeting, you can look up part of the presentation and have an interesting read about how to

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measure computer performance in the future, by checking 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.

We had a chance to get in on the insiders information on one of the greatest leaps of technology and far reaching changes for CPUs that we will see in a great while. 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 a change to 64-bit chips!

Frank Hudziak said that AMD is lined up to compete in the business server market by mid-year with its 64-bit Opteron chip. Desktop computers will be available late in the year with 64-bit chips.

May

The KIPCUG May 6 General Meeting will feature the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. Back to Basics will look at more interesting things that you need to know about your PC.

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 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, email, 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. We can now take pictures and videos with digital cameras and camcorders, add our choice of background music from our CD, tape, or even record collections, and moments later share them with family and friends via e-mail 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 product home with you and avoid S&H charges, remember to bring your cash, checkbook or credit cards.

In Remembrance

By Charley May, KIPCUG

In remembrance of: C. Warren Lang

Our good friend, Warren Lang, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2003 and we will miss him greatly. Warren always greeted you with a smile on his face, a hardy handshake and let you know that he was glad to see you again. A big KIPCUG supporter and helper for almost 10 years, Warren was a Team Member of the Webmasters SIG and an Electronics Technical Adviser to the Hardware SIG. Warren enjoyed helping others solve their electronic problems. Warren also attended the Advanced Users SIG, the Intermediate SIG, the New Users

SIG, the Genealogy SIG and assisted in the computer building sessions of the KIPCUG Community Outreach SIG, to help provide computers for the less fortunate. Although looking and acting much younger, C. Warren Lang was 81 years old and had been in good health.

He lived in New Albany and was a native of Richland, IN, where he previously owned and operated the old Lang's TV Service and was the founder of the Indianapolis Electronic School. He was a member of the Kentucky Indiana Personal Computer Users Group and a Navy veteran of World War II.

All of our sympathies go to his two sons, John W. Lang of Long Beach, CA, and Mark K. Lang of Nashville, TN, and to Mrs. Loraine Allen, Warren's sister, who is a KIPCUG Member also.

We consider ourselves blessed, fortunate and privileged to have known Warren. Everyone enjoyed working with Warren and valued his friendship, skills, helpfulness and leadership. I know that sounds like a lot, but Warren was quite a guy and many of our members, including myself, considered Warren a good friend and I will miss him dearly.

Charley May,
KIPCUG President

Membership

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Please join me in welcoming KIPCUG's newest member.

BARBARA NELSON

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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By Joe Rothstein, KIPCUG

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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.

SPECIAL NOTE: 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!

Questions? Comments?

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

We want to thank those reviewers that submit timely reviews. Our membership benefits.

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

Secure Online Shopping

By Mark Scapicchio, c/o SmartComputing Inc.

As Safe As It Ever Was

About Cookies & Credentials

Ecommerce Faces Familiar Scams & Cons

Online shopping is no riskier than ordering by phone, but online auctions pose a bit of a risk. In November 2002, just before the start of the holiday shopping season, the Business Software Association surveyed more than 1,000 Internet users regarding their online shopping plans. Although 71% of those surveyed said they expected to do some holiday shopping online, more than a third worried about using their credit card number on the Internet and more than half said they worried about having their credit card information stolen from a Web merchant's database.

Should you be worried? Yes, but about different things. Once you understand the fundamentals of ecommerce security and the cost-benefit calculus of identity theft, three things become clear. First, using your credit card online isn't riskier than using it over a phone. Second, merchant and financial services databases, the preferred targets of identity thieves, are as vulnerable as ever, meaning they're difficult to hack into but vulnerable to a rogue employee willing to sell what he can steal. And third, online auctions are emerging as riskier than online shopping, in part because of the ungoverned nature of auction sales and in part because auction scam artists come up with new scams as quickly as old ones are thwarted.

Transmitting your credit card data over the Internet should be the least of your online shopping concerns. You might intuit that the Internet is easier to eavesdrop than phone lines because a phone line tap requires a physical intrusion that's difficult to miss. But what the Internet lacks in the security of physical lines it more than makes up for by encrypting (encoding so that eavesdroppers can't understand or use data even if they steal it) sensitive data.

This encryption is powerful. Reputable online merchants won't let you submit your credit card data until you've established an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) connection between you and the store. The latest Web browsers support 128-bit SSL connections, during which your sensitive data is encrypted, packet by packet, using a randomly generated 128-bit key. Using the most powerful decryption techniques and equipment available, it could take a hacker billions of years to try using every possible key to decrypt a packet, and even if he or she were successful, the decrypted data might not turn out to be your credit card number.

This is why identity thieves don't waste their time eavesdropping on the Internet for credit card numbers, and why, if you submit your credit card data over a secure connection, you shouldn't worry about it being stolen in transit. See the sidebar titled "Signs Of Safety" for ways to be sure you're transmitting data over a secure connection.

Like other online shoppers, you may also worry that hackers might target the cookies (user information files) online merchants place on your system and gain access to the personal credentials (username and password) and credit card information these cookies might contain. In most cases, these worries are unfounded; most reputable online merchants don't include your credit card information in your cookie (and you shouldn't do cyberbusiness with those that do). Read a merchant's User Agreement and Privacy Statement to be certain, but it would be virtual suicide for a company to put customers' credit card numbers in cookies. No one would shop at that site.

A hacker could plunder your cookies and use them to make online purchases in your name. This isn't likely or smart (the hacker would have to change your Ship To address to his, leaving a pretty clear trail for the authorities). But it's possible, and you can protect yourself against it in two ways. First, avoid shopping over a WLAN (wireless local-area network) connection, because most WLAN cards broadcast credentials without encrypting them (to the point where hackers have been found in radio-equipped trucks parked outside of WLAN-enabled coffee shops and airport lounges). Second, install a software firewall, such as ZoneAlarm (<http://www.zonelabs.com>), on your PC; this will prevent someone from sneaking onto your computer while you're connected to the Internet. A firewall is a good idea if you have an always-on cable, DSL (Digital

Secure Online Shopping (cont.)

Subscriber Line), or ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) connection because your PC is connected and accessible for many more hours a day. (See "Close Your Ports' Vulnerabilities" on page 62 for more information about firewalls.)

All of the above assumes a thief is content to steal credit card numbers one at a time or in small batches and use them to make purchases himself. This happens, but it's the small-time end of the racket. For a thief, the real money and lower risk, is in stealing large numbers of credit card numbers and selling them to someone else.

Most credit card thieves concentrate on raiding databases maintained by merchants, financial firms, and credit reporting services. Because these databases are protected by nearly bulletproof security and firewall technologies, the thief is usually a rogue employee, a person authorized to access the database who "goes bad" or a person who steals access credentials from a co-worker or associate. Such was the case last November, when a credit bureau employee stole and sold credit data for some 30,000 customers in Ford Motor Credit's database. You can't prevent this kind of theft, whether you shop online, over the phone, or in the store.

But you can prevent another method thieves use to access credit reports and with them all of your credit card data: Never, ever give your SSN (Social Security number) to an online vendor or anyone who isn't going to pay you income. A

thief armed with your name and SSN has all he needs to draw credit reports in your name. If an online vendor asks for your SSN as part of the customer registration or purchase process, buy from someone else and consider reporting the vendor to your local Office of Consumer Affairs.

Auctions: A Scam Smorgasbord

Although online stores, particularly online versions of brick-and-mortar stores, are about as safe as their mail- or phone-order alternatives, online auctions are proving a fertile scamming ground for cybercrooks. According to a recent MSNBC.com report, auction fraud is the leading source of Internet-related consumer complaints made to the federal government. Here are a few scams that have separated auction customers from their money, and in some

cases, their identities in recent months:

Email account update scams.

Using widely available software, scammers cull eBay bidders' email addresses, which eBay doesn't usually display, and send bidders eBay-branded email messages asking them to "update" their account information, including credit card data. The data looks like it's being submitted to an eBay address but in fact goes directly to the scammer. (Users of escrow services, services that hold a bidder's payments until merchandise has been shipped or received, have received similar account update email messages.)

"Use my escrow" scams.

Scammers auction nonexistent goods and ask the winner to wire payment to a particular escrow site,

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usually located outside of the United States. To build credibility, scammers erect phony escrow sites; some create phony shipping sites that let winning bidders “track” phony shipments for a few days, which gives the scammer more time to disappear.

Auction of nonexistent goods.

After a few months of hosting honest auctions (and building a list of positive recommendations from satisfied bidders), a scammer leverages his reputation and hosts a large number of auctions of sought-after goods he claims are in perfect condition. Because of a time constraint, he can't post pictures of every item, and he needs to receive payment from winners in short order. Bidders send in their money and never receive the merchandise.

Auction of aggrandized or misrepresented goods.

Here, the seller represents an item as something better than it is to get a higher price. This usually happens in auctions of computers or other electronics equipment in which important features, processor speed, hard drive size, etc., aren't apparent or visible. It has also happened, famously, with stamps, sports memorabilia, and other collectibles that can't be appraised properly via a photograph.

Rules To Bid (& Shop) By

Bidders have accused eBay of not dealing harshly enough with scammers, but depending on your auction host for fraud protection is no substitute for smart shopping. Once

you've been victimized by credit card fraud, it will take you months or even years to put your credit and your life back in order, no matter how stiffly the perpetrators are punished. Here are a few simple strategies that will dramatically reduce your chances of being scammed in any online auction or store:

- Never, ever send your credit card information in an email message.
- Never give your SSN to an online vendor or auctioneer. The only people who need your SSN are certain government agencies (such as the DMV) and people who pay you income for your work or investments.
- Never respond to an email message asking you to update your shopping, auction, or escrow account. If you receive such a message, don't click its links or buttons; close it, open your Web browser, surf to the site in question, and navigate to the My Account section, where you can be sure your updates are going to the right place.
- Use a separate credit card for auction purchases. You're more likely to be scammed in an auction than anywhere else online, so use a single credit card that you don't use for anything else.
- If a seller recommends or insists on a specific escrow service, you insist on another. If the seller refuses, get out of the deal.
- Never wire money out of the country. This is always a bad idea; you have almost no chance of getting the money back.

• Don't bid on items with an obvious catalog or store flyer photo. Insist on a photo that looks like the seller took it herself. If the seller hasn't taken pictures, it's likely she doesn't own the product. Even if the seller's auctioning several of the same item (a red flag in itself), each item should have its own picture.

• Avoid sellers who host multiple auctions at once. Hosting more than 20 simultaneous auctions suggests a greater-than-casual interest in auctions and an auctioneer ready for a big “take.” Proceed with caution.

These rules, combined with the basics of common-sense consumerism, such as if you bid on “authentic” collectibles having seen only digitized photographs thereof, you probably deserve whatever you get, should protect you from most auction and online shopping scams.

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REMINDER

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

Pocket Tunes with the Nomad MuVo

By Joshua Gulick, c/o SmartComputing Inc.

Take The Nomad MuVo On Your Next Stroll

If your cassette player or CD player seems to get heavier each time you go jogging, you've probably been eyeing the new digital music players that are flooding electronics retailers. You have more flexibility with digital music files. They let you mix and match songs from different albums faster than you can with traditional formats, and you can store them on your computer's hard drive instead of a towering CD rack. Most importantly, many digital music players are smaller than their predecessors.

The problem with digital music players is the trade-off. When you buy the smaller, more convenient media devices, you often lose features, power, storage space, or all three (in which case it's probably just a bad trade, rather than a trade-off). Larger players, especially players with hard drives, such as the Archos Jukebox series (<http://www.archos.com>), have huge amounts of storage space and all the features your current player has, but they are often as heavy (or heavier than) your cassette player. Creative Labs' new Nomad MuVo 128MB almost breaks the rules, and it comes close enough that you'll want to consider making it your new jogging partner.

Both the Nomad and MuVo are tiny and light. That's right; they are separate devices. The blue Nomad is a digital music player that derives

power from a AAA battery. The MuVo, which has a USB (Universal Serial Bus) 1.1 attachment, acts as the Nomad's hard drive, storing all types of digital files, which means you can carry important documents or other files along with your music. To listen to music, you plug the MuVo into the Nomad. Even with the battery, the Nomad MuVo weighs a mere 1.4 ounces.

Loading files onto the MuVo is so easy that you'll find yourself doing it just to show off whenever you have guests. Simply detach the MuVo from the Nomad, push it into an open USB port, and double-click the My Computer icon. You'll see a new drive complete with its own drive letter appear. Open the drive icon and then drag and drop your files into it. You don't need to install any drivers if you plug the MuVo into computers running Windows OSes (operating systems) later than Windows 98 Second Edition. If your computer is running Win98 or Win98SE, you can install the necessary drivers with the Creative CD.

The Nomad MuVo boasts excellent sound quality and includes a pair of comfortable ear buds. I also like the lanyard, which you can detach easily when you want to slip the Nomad MuVo into your pocket. The six small buttons let you adjust the volume, sort through tracks, and repeat part or all of a track. Unfortunately, the device won't start playing the first song when it reaches the end of the list. This is something of an irritant, but the feature saves battery power if you forget that the Nomad MuVo is on and leave it playing.

One of the Nomad MuVo's most basic features is also its most important. To turn the device on, you must hold the Play button for roughly two seconds. This may seem a little irritating, but you'll learn to love it if you carry it in your pocket or bump it often. Portable devices, including many PDAs (personal digital assistants), cassette players, and CD players often power on when you press any of the buttons, even inadvertently. With the Nomad MuVo, you'll never have to worry about draining your batteries accidentally.

The Nomad MuVo, which has 128MB of storage space, can't compete with digital player monsters such as the 20GB Jukebox. It doesn't have a display that lets you sift through file names, either. However, the tiny device is no slouch. Although many players accept only MP3s, the Nomad MuVo plays both the traditional MP3s and the WMA (Windows Media Audio) files. The Nomad MuVo can hold about four hours of WMA music or about two hours of MP3s, and its battery lasts for about 12 hours. Once you buy it, you'll find it hard to put down.

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Big, Bright, & Sharp

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HP's New 20-inch LCD Is Truly Top-Of-The-Line



LCD (liquid-crystal display) monitors have come quite a long way in the past few years. Just three short years ago, you could expect to pay about \$3,000 for an LCD that measured 17 inches or more diagonally. Today you can expect to pay about half as much (often less) for LCDs that are actually clearer, sharper, lighter weight, and more reliable than their not-too-distant ancestors.

Identity Crisis

Before Compaq's and Hewlett-Packard's contentious merger became finalized, Compaq was set to release a 20-inch LCD called the TFT2025. Although the monitor is still listed on HP's Web site as the Compaq TFT2025, its current incarnation is the HP 2025. The TFT part of the original name is an acronym for thin film transistor, an LCD technology whereby each pixel (picture element, or tiny dot of color) is controlled by its own transistor. Sometimes referred to as active matrix technology, TFT technology is found in almost all LCD monitors on the market today. When HP rebranded the monitor, it dropped

TFT from the product name, but the Compaq TFT2025 and the HP 2025 are in fact identical.

Handsome Design

The 2025 has a good-looking two-tone (carbon and silver) design. The base lets you tilt, raise, and lower the screen with ease; this reminded me of the latest iMac, which is fairly heavy but only requires a feather-weight touch to adjust the display. The monitor's controls line the bottom front portion of the bezel for quick and easy access. There are six buttons in all, including one to open the OSD (on-screen display) menu; four to make adjustments to settings, such as brightness, contrast, position, and color temperature; and one auto-adjust button that works perfectly. I love it when monitors have an auto-adjust button because it saves you the time of scrolling through various settings and making trial-and-error selections to make images look just right.

Setting up the 2025 is also a snap. It has ports on the back to accept input from analog, digital, S-Video (Super-Video), and composite sources. The screen has an antistatic, antiglare coating (as do most LCDs) to prevent unwanted side effects, such as the ability to see your reflection when the monitor is displaying dark images. Unlike many LCDs, though, the 2025 has wide 170-degree horizontal and vertical viewing angles, which means that the image won't fade or otherwise discolor when you view it from above, below, or on the side. This makes the 2025 a great monitor when you want to play a DVD for a roomful of people.

High Performance

To test the 2025, I used DisplayMate's Multimedia Edition diagnostic software, which includes a series of test images that let you see how a monitor fares under stress. The 2025 passed every test. It showed an even balance of light to dark during grayscale tests; superb clarity during focus and resolution tests; and vibrant, on-key colors across the board.

In practical testing, I viewed high-resolution images using Adobe Photoshop, and the 2025 made them look stunningly realistic and richly colored. Common office programs also looked fantastic (well, as fantastic as office programs can). I also used the 2025 to watch television from an analog signal, and here the monitor's performance was on par with most LCDs. The 2025 has a picture-in-picture feature, which is great for TV-watching multitaskers. Finally, I watched a DVD movie and played a round of Quake III, a 3D computer game, using the 2025 with excellent, flicker-free results.

At \$1,399 retail, the 2025 is bound to be cost-prohibitive to many. But if you're seriously looking for a large-screen LCD monitor to perform incredibly well with a variety of tasks, the 2025 has what it takes.

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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 flavereising@insightbb.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG - Meets only on scheduled months on the 3rd Tuesday at Wayside Christian Mission at Shelby and Market Streets. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at 812-949-7348 or bedwards@iglou.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@pocketpclouisville.com

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

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

WEBMASTERS SIG "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 LEADER John Henderson at jh@inetmarketing.net or 812-945-1102

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 - Meetings on Hold - 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 kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net or 452-8471

The SIG Scene

By Bill Edwards, KIPCUG

Where to find the scoop on your Special Interest Group

HEADLINE NEWS

KIPCUG has been asked to explore starting a new SIG covering GoldMine. That program is a contact and customer manager currently used by many realtors and sales/marketing personnel. Many others could benefit from using such software and would benefit from a SIG showing how to use it efficiently and effectively. You can download a demo from http://www.frontrange.com/goldmine/goldmine_demos.asp. The current list price appears to be \$199.95, but there is also a \$50.00 rebate coupon available. Pricegrabber showed prices as low as \$150 and the coupon can still be used. Latest version is 6.0.

We particularly want to increase SIG attendance at the BASIC EXCEL PALM OS, LINUX and WINDOWS XP/2000 SIGs. Those SIG LEADERS are working hard to prepare very good monthly meetings for us. Let's support them and show that their time and hard work is appreciated.

Yes, KIPCUG SIGs are very much current on their meeting topics. Come visit some of the SIGs if you are not attending regularly. SEE YOU AT THE SIGs!

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

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

In March, SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick showed examples and code for using multiple parameter and searches in normalized tables where the parameters are records instead of fields. As usual, John made it seem easy.

At the April meeting, Larry West walked us through what he had learned about Microsoft Access Project. It lets one make forms and reports from existing queries and stored procedures in an SQL database. Unfortunately, we did not have an SQL server and database available, but Larry explained clearly how it worked and what the limitations are. While it does let you use stored procedures, there can be only one user at a time. It also cannot use an existing query that does not have a unique key. In the end, we all agreed that using Access with pass-through queries gave much more flexibility and that Microsoft Access Project has limited usefulness.

We then had a wide-ranging discussion with various contributions of tips about useful web sites. For example, we downloaded a database from www.nanpa.com that has all the telephone area codes and

exchanges with corresponding locations. Also going to anywho.com, we found an address that is in the preferred format for the post office. Then we were able to copy and paste it into an Access form to update our contact listing.

On May 24, SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick plans to have fun with Access Security. It won't slow down a serious hacker, but can do some useful things. For the June meeting, John plans to discuss using the Kodak Image controls in Access for better presentations.

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, April 18, in the CCUM Computer Lab to discuss some advanced features of digital image editing. This month and next month we will demonstrate how you can use layers and vector tools to modify images.

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Using JASC Paint Shop and other programs, we'll alter some test images and compare the results.

Last month (March) we spent our time looking at points to consider when you send or receive images. We used Outlook Express, Yahoo web mail and a GMRS cell phone cam to create, send and receive pictures.

Over the next several meetings we will continue to look at how digital images are created and saved, the advantages of certain formats, how editing tools work and the hardware used to capture images. If you have hardware and skill in this area, your knowledge will be an invaluable addition. If not, come to learn from more experienced users

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

On April 12, Finis Gentry did a great job filling in for SIG LEADER Alan Birch who was off in Florida. After discussing the differences between forms and reports, Finis showed us how to do mailing labels from an Access database using the wizard. He then showed how to modify, copy and add controls for dates, page totals and report totals on a report in the Northwinds sample database. Questions filled the rest of the session.

In May, we will continue some more on reports, creating some new ones and making them show what you want. In June, we will go back to queries. Those are the basic tools to select and sort data. They frequently provide the selected information for reports. 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, May 2, 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: additional math functions, adding a column of numbers and calculating auto loan and house payments. Time will be provided to practice these features and other items covered in the past.

In April, Jim covered several Excel features including the following: inserting columns, word wrap, format painter, minimum and maximum math functions and using Excel Help to answer questions

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.

This beginning **EXCEL SIG** assumes no working knowledge of MS Excel but assumes one is familiar with the MS Windows.

To be added to the email list please send a message to Flave at flavereising@insightbb.com with "BASIC EXCEL SIG" on the subject line. If you have a topic that you would like to see covered send Flave Reising an email with your suggestion and type "BASIC EXCEL SIG Topic" on the subject line.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH 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.

Contact SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at bedwards@iglou.com or 812-945-3187 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 was suspended for the remainder of 2002. We hope that the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG will resume in 2003

if KIPCUG members express sufficient interest. We will mention restarting the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG at the General Meeting.

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 March 17 meeting topic was on How to Export Reports to Excel to sort or verify your data including tasks, research log entries or citation 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 a review of all of the basic features of TMG.

The May meeting topic will be How to Design Custom Tags and Flags. Custom Tags allow you to enter information on events not included in the standard set of over 100 tags. Yes, even with over 100 tags it is still possible to have infor-

mation that needs a custom tag. TMG only includes seven standard flags so it is essential to define custom flags to hold your data indicators. Both are easy to add, so come see the tips and tricks.

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.

GENEALOGY II SIG

The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next meeting on May 8 and will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library Jeffersontown Branch.

On April 10, we covered the following topics: how to change the values for a custom flag, how to change the order of the flags in TMG version 5, how to enter two different dates for the same event and how to customize the Report: Family Group Sheet.

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

The SIG Scene (cont.)

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 April 7 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 subject of Sound Cards and State of the Art Speakers. Grant's demo covered 2.1 and 5.1 systems. Charley provided information and handouts on the requirements one needs for the various levels of sound sophistication. We talked about the differences in 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, the biggie 5.1 and the two new ones 6.1 and 7. Included was a thorough discussion of the terminology and specifications that you need to know to make an educated decision on a Sound System for your computer. State of the Art demo Speakers were provided by the Digital Realms store. WOW! What a blast!

If you have interest in the many types of scanners available and want to see a demo on a flat bed scanner, including setup and operation, you will not want to miss the May meeting.

Keep those suggestions coming for future meetings, as we want to show you what you want to see!

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 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 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 April 28 meeting, Jim Travelstead first did a Q & A session for about 15-20 minutes. Then Jim did an overview of the night's

presentation, PowerQuest Products (PartitionMagic 8.0, Drive Image 2002 & DriveCopy 4.0). Jim showed how PartitionMagic allows you to divide your hard drive into partitions for other operation systems or resize the partitions you have. With Drive Image Jim showed how to use this product to schedule a backup of a partition for disaster recovery. With DriveCopy Jim showed how to upgrade your hard drive from a smaller size to a bigger size without reloading your software.

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.

For the June 23 meeting, no topic has been selected yet. Topics are always welcome (just send a note to Jim or attend a meeting).

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 do 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

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mastered your fear of computers and are willing to push the envelope a little. We welcome discussion and a chance for everyone to learn.

If you have any questions, bring them to the SIG or email Jim at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting. 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 were 10 attendees at the April 10 6:30 PM meeting. 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 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 manning the door, or contact the Desk Sergeant by the speaker and request to enter for the LINUX SIG. We meet on the second floor; the first room just to the right off the elevator.

For April, the program was KDE basics. For May, the subject is How to Configure for Printing in Linux. Future subjects are expected to be IP Tables, Setting up VPN, Post GRE and possibly revisit Post Fix.

It is the SIGs 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 SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins a direc-

tion for this SIG. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presentation.

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.

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 morning of each month, 10:00 AM until Noon at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library (upstairs meeting room). We will be meeting each month to build Linux Boxes (Computers). The LINUX TEAM will be there to help YOU build and get YOUR Linux Box up and running.

KIPCUG members can now meet twice a month if they wish to progress faster. The regular LINUX SIG meets at Floyd County Sheriff's training room on the third Wednesday of the month.

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

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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 April 14 meeting at its regular location in 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. He guided where needed and attendees went home with a brand new multi-level folder system for their computer. Some ask questions about building their filing systems and they now have the knowledge to put it on their computer, they know how it is setup, how to use and expand it for the future. Best of all they will be able to find their files for years to come! The rest of the session answered specific questions on problems that attendees want to solve and things they wanted to do.

In May, we will start looking at Word Processors, comparing fea-

tures, file sizes and what we will need to know to prepare for the last session of this series.

The "New User Series" has several more sessions in its current series and then we will start the series over from the beginning. So, if you are a new computer user, or you received your first computer recently 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 and 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 PM - 8:30 PM at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center. An optional "PIG SIG" follows at a restaurant down the street (in April we tried Arby's) and we will try to cover any other questions at the PIG SIG.

PDA (PALM OS) SIG

The PALM SIG met Tuesday, April 15, at the FranklinCovey S6tore in The Mall St. Matthews. At this meeting, SIG LEADER Price Hanna demonstrated Palms new slimmer portable keyboard. We also discussed the pros and cons of the new Graffiti 2, a handwriting application.

Our featured application for April was AvantGo, an offline Internet browsing service for Palm OS. TEAM MEMBER Joe Rothstein spent the majority of the meeting demonstrating and leading a discussion about the different information you can access through AvantGo. We also had a laptop set up and looked at AvantGo's website and the information available there.

The topic for May has yet to be scheduled. Check the I/O and your e-mail for PALM SIG updates. It is very likely that the PALM SIG will be moving meeting locations for the May meeting, so keep your eyes open for the changes!

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!

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POCKET PC SIG

The April 22 meeting of the POCKET PC SIG discussed "An Intro to GPS". Jim Dantin led the presentation covering the pros and cons of different receivers and an overview of software packages. Software currently includes programs that specialize in mapping, aviation, boating and surveying. SIG members were encouraged to bring their own GPS hardware and software for all to compare and exchange experiences on the different combinations.

The meeting also included a demo of Pocket Radio, a compact flash FM Stereo radio card for the Pocket PC.

The May 27 meeting remains open and details will be posted on the group's website at www.pocketpcLouisville.com. You will find regular updates of news and product updates that should be of interest to the Pocket PC user.

The Pocket PC SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the LFPL - Bon Air Regional Library meeting room, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Sam Cooke at 423-9920 or CO-SIG LEADER Matt Coddington at 608-1561 or matt@pocketpclouisville.com.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG meeting scheduled for March 25 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 mjslks@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 mjslks@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 502-897-7718, or to be added to the email list, send a request to mjslks@insightbb.com.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The April 3 VISUAL BASIC SIG met at the LFPL - Bon Air Regional Library. The entire meeting consist-

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ed of answering questions from the floor on Visual Basic 6, looking at several completed programs, and designing several programs on the fly. The discussion was so lively that the last topic was not completed.

The May 1 meeting will again combine questions about Visual Basic 6, continue our discussion, and a view presentation on VB.Net as time allows.

To join our group, contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at mccampion@aol.com or call 810-9125. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the LFPL - Bon Air Regional Library, 2816 Del Rio Place, at 6:30PM.

WEBMASTERS SIG

At our March 20 meeting, we looked at inserting forms into a web page. For example, those visiting the web site could use a sign up

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form we created. The form could report the data to you in a message. John Henderson of www.inetmarketing.com tied his discussion to FrontPage.

On April 17, Robbie Gibson, of www.hostaroo.com, used cgi script to insert forms as an alternative to the Front Page method we learned in March. In addition, as we do at many of our meetings, we also reviewed some of our members' sites. We defined what we liked and made some suggestions for improvement.

For the May 15 meeting, John Henderson will show the members and visitors how to set up an e-commerce site using PayPal. Your site can then accept VISA, Master Charge, Discover, American Express and checks on a real time basis. If you want to sell an item, you will learn how to set up a shopping cart or how to sell tickets to your family reunion. PayPal is easy to use and secure. Visitors will order through a 128-bit encrypted site and you can use the incoming money at once or have it directly deposited to your bank account.

In addition to the program, we present various tools and tips at our meetings that are posted on our web page; www.inetwebmaster.com.

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 the best sites that you have visited.

Future meetings will cover Tips and Tools on subjects such as "Adding Graphics", 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 traffic signal light at Payne Street. The Distillery Commons is the complex of buildings on the left. You can park in the lot past the second building, enter through the Lexington Road door and climb the stairs to the third floor.

To sign up for meeting reminders, please drop a note to SIG LEADER John Henderson at jh@inetmarketing.net.

WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG

At the April 24 meeting, SIG LEADER Keith Stenger presented the program on active directories. We examined some simple ways to improve the security of the Microsoft XP OS and reviewed proper password selection.

Our May 22 program will cover MMC Microsoft Management Console and Active X programming.

On June 26, the topics will include EFS Encrypting File System for XP Professional and

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PGP Pretty Good Privacy for XP Home editions.

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locked but one of us will be manning the door, or contact the Desk Sergeant by the speaker and request to enter for the WINDOWS XP/2000 group. We meet on the second floor; the first room just to the right off the elevator.

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

YOUTH SIG

At this time, the YOUTH SIG is not currently meeting. Please watch

the I/O for details of the restart of this SIG within the next few months.

The group was designed to develop the computer skills of pre-High School aged members. The YOUTH SIG covers topics that are beyond the basics usually taught in schools or at home.

For information or to offer your assistance please contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net or 452-8471.

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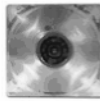
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