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From The Editor

Please welcome Joe Rothstein to the Editorial Staff of I/O! Joe will be coordinating the product reviews and authoring a few articles of his own. Look for his list of currently available products. Joe would be glad to contact any manufacturer to try and obtain something for you. So, if you would like a copy of any software or book, drop him a note and he will contact the product source and try to get you a "FREE" copy! It does take a few weeks to get an answer, so be thinking ahead! The rules are simple. You try it out. You write a few short paragraphs about the item. You get to keep the item. The best reviews are written in plain text, list the website as a reference point, your views if the item would be worth purchasing, and perhaps a picture or two from the Internet or a "screen shot" from your monitor. Joe's phone and other contact information is available on page 7. Give him a shout!

Remember that we are back at Indiana University Southeast for the next meeting. Please bring your membership card so we can speed up the registration process by using the new barcode system. Susan Moore is also looking for your feedback regarding having another "SWAP MEET" in the near future. Check with her as you check in or drop her an E-mail at susankmoore@iname.com

How can we help you? John

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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

by Matthew Mercurio, Program Director



The future meetings of KIPCUG look to be as exciting as ever! September we will receive a visit from Blackberry. Arlene Gould from Blackberry has informed us that Bell South Wireless Data (A Blackberry Partner) is going to demonstrate a hot new product devoted to wireless email. These units are small enough to wear on your hip and can keep you in touch anywhere you go!

Blackberry's wireless email products will keep you in touch anywhere you are. Blackberry has partnered with RIM technologies and is giving the other wireless email products a run for their money. Arlene is a high-powered speaker and I am looking forward to hear her talk about this technology. With the technology turning towards wireless devices, I am excited to see where we will be in the next couple of

years. Most likely, we will all have robots named Rosie for maids and be driving to work in our space-jet cars. OK OK maybe we aren't exactly the Jetson's yet, but with the way technology is going we aren't far away!

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- * Maximize downtime throughout the day
- * Stay in touch wherever you go



In keeping with KIPCUG's commitment to connect with our community, we have also asked the folks from the local chapter of BNI to come speak to us at our September meeting. If you don't know who BNI is, well you are in for a treat. Last year, members of BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L. (BNI) passed thousands of referrals, which generated millions of dollars worth of business for each other! They have grown into a nationally recognized organization. Belonging to BNI is like having dozens of sales people working for you because all the

Getting to IUS from Louisville

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Take I-65 north to I-265. Turn west on I-265 (after passing under the overpass).

Take the Grant Line Road exit from I-265.

Turn right at the intersection onto Grant Line Road. IUS is a half mile on the left.

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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

other members carry several copies of your business cards around with them. When they meet someone new who could use your products or service, they hand your card out and recommend your services. The local chapter will be here to talk to you about finding that next IT job you might be looking for. They will also have tables set up out in the lobby to hand out literature and talk to you about your job networking skills.

There is so much going on with KIPCUG; it's hard to get it all on in one newsletter! To round out this edition of "Over the Program Directors Shoulder", I like to tell about what is up on deck.

October Meeting:

October is going to be very interesting, as we will hear from some local vendors about how to automate your home with a technology that has been around for a while. X10 technology has been out for quite some time, but now it's getting even better! Would you like to go on vacation and be able to keep an eye on your home at the same time? How about setting up an automated sprinkler system that doesn't cost an arm and a leg? The X10 technology has made great advances in the world of home automation and KIPCUG is going to bring it to you in October.

Also in October we will continue our "Job Skills and Networking Workshops" with the folks from Ajilon Technical recruiters. Becky Jenkins from Ajilon will speak to our group about how to handle yourself in that important interview!

November Meeting:



The November meeting will play host to Adobe and it should be a good one to be at. An Adobe representative will be here to show off the suite of Adobe products in production and maybe even a couple that aren't even available yet!

KIPCUG's own Schoun Regan will also be at our meeting to show off the latest craze of Apple's products. Find out how Apple's "Cube" is setting the computer industry on fire!

Check out the article on page 10 regarding the introduction of the "Cube."

December Meeting:



Not only is Santa Claus coming to town in December, so is Matt McCann from Intuit. Matt tells me that Intuit is working on a product and he says that it is top secret. Matt will be at our December meeting to show off the new product from Intuit and he guarantees we will be amazed!

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Future Meetings:

Over the next few months KIPCUG will explore some different ways to hone your networking skills.

Secondly, we have discussed a KIPCUG sponsored event. We are thinking of holding the first annual KIPCUG Computer Fair and Picnic. This event will most likely take place in the spring of 2001 and it should be a lot of fun for everyone. Keep reading the I\O; we will give you more details as they develop!

It is a great time to be a member of KIPCUG and I hope you continue to show your support by coming out and getting INVOLVED. After all that is what KIPCUG is all about, Users helping Users.



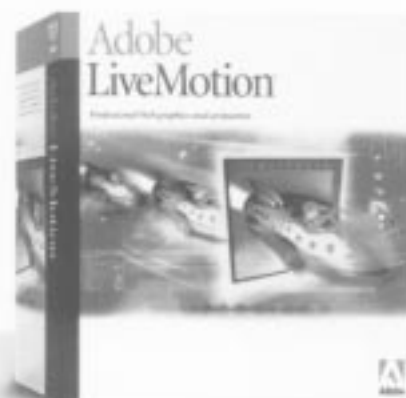
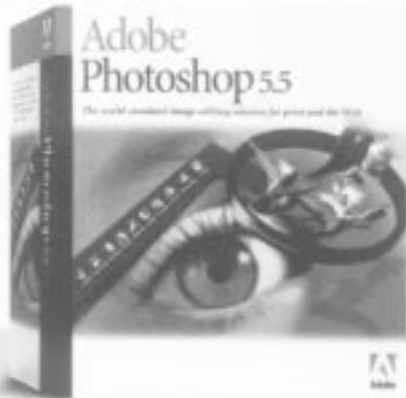
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Adobe Summertime Quiz

What do Adobe® Photoshop®, Illustrator® and GoLive™ have in common?

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- B. They are all award-winning web products
- C. They did not play an active role in the Peloponnesian Wars
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Ken's Korner

by Ken Fermoyle

Anticipating that electronic bytes will take bigger and bigger bites out of first-class mail in future, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is readying new and varied electronic mail services for Americans. A major one would assign e-mail addresses to most people.

One of the new services could notify customers by e-mail about an incoming bill or package, which they could then reroute to another address. Another proposal, set to begin a three-year consumer test in September, would allow customers to send e-mails to a post office to be printed and delivered as first-class mail. A third program, already available, lets customers pay bills online through the Postal Service's Web site.

Postal Service spokeswoman Sue Brennan called the e-projects "a way for customers to choose how they want to get their correspondence."

The new services will be added to Internet-oriented offerings the Postal Service already has in place. It began testing a kind of certified e-mail service in 1998. Called PostECS, it sends electronic receipts for contracts and other important documents transmitted over the Internet.

++Online Stamps Popular++

Last year, USPS rolled out its heralded system that makes postage available online. The Postal Service says 280,000 customers have printed \$22.6 million worth of "online

stamps" since July 1999, but the service has yet to deliver a profit.

Both of these existing services do show promise for future growth, however, which may be critical to the USPS is coming years.

Considering that e-mail will soon take huge bites out of USPS first-class business, these moves, and more, are needed to move postal service into the 21st century. The post office itself predicts that in 2003, first-class mail service, now a \$35 billion business and its top revenue producer, will begin an unprecedented decline at the hands of booming e-mail and online billing services.

Benjamin Franklin, our first postmaster and a great innovator himself, would surely applaud these new efforts, but probably would be critical of the Postal Service's slowness in facing up to challenges of new technologies. Banks, credit unions and many other private services already offer bill-paying services, and have for some time. Is it too late for the USPS to capture a piece of this pie? Judge for yourself.

Under its own online billing system, the Postal Service charges customers \$6 per month to send 20 electronic transactions, or \$2 per month and 40 cents apiece for unlimited transactions. How does that compare with bill-paying services already available to you?

The e-mail-to-paper system would cost about 41 cents per message - eight cents more than current 33-cent postage. Is it worth it? My

personal opinion is that it might be in some instances, but it would depend on how much faster the Postal Service can get time-critical correspondence to recipients than would be the case with normal first-class mail.

(Mail2000, a Bethesda, Md., company (mail2kinc.com) already offers a service that translates e-mail messages into first-class mail, plus a variety of other mail-related services. Aimed more at businesses and other volume mailers than individuals, it claims it can save time and money, compared to the USPS.

++Your Own 'Mailbox'++

The e-mailbox proposal, whereby virtually every American would be assigned a free e-mail address corresponding to his or her street address shows more promise.

Under this system, customers could simply link the service to any present e-mail address they have, or opt for a special online postal box. Customers could then get an e-mail address using their initials, followed by their nine-digit ZIP code and the last two numbers of their street address - with "usps.com" tacked at the end.

For instance, John Doe, 1234 Main St., Los Angeles, CA 91365-4004 would get the e-mail address: jd91365400445usps.com. I know, it's cumbersome and tough to rattle off from the top of your head! But it also is unique enough to minimize duplication problems. This would

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Meeting Notes:

by Matthew Mercurio, Program Director

KIPCUG returned to IU Southeast for the August meeting. The meeting was very interesting as we heard from a few different speakers talking on a wide variety of topics. First up was WHAS's Bob Sokoler. Bob talked to the group and explored some options to keep in mind when buying a computer. Bob also spoke about what to do and how to handle it when trouble arises. After some words of wisdom from Bob, Roger Halbart with the Indiana State Police's Cyber Crime Unit took the stage and gave us all tips with keeping our children safe on the Internet. Roger also shared some stories about his dealings with perpetrators on the Internet. He also talked about all the "gray areas" of jurisdiction on the Internet and some recent rulings in cyber crime cases has effected his work. The Internet has experienced exponential growth since its birth and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. Thanks to folks like Roger Halbert and Bob Sokoler, we

as a consumer can feel a little better knowing there are people who can help.

After Roger left the stage, it was Tom Scanlan's turn to bend our ears as he demonstrated some wonderful pieces of software from Delorme. Road Atlas and the Topo Mapping software were big hits to our group. Delorme has a fantastic line-up when it comes to software and we are definitely going to invite Tom back to show more of these great products! Before the meeting got under way, we had a live demonstration of full duplex broadband Internet through a 1.7-meter dish pointed towards the uplink satellite hovering some 23,000 miles above the earth. The folks from the Satellite Technicians division of Blugrass.Net showed how it is possible to not only receive broadband Internet through this dish but also get cable and dish network TV. They came in to speak to our group right after the User-to-User segment and it was very interesting. The meeting was a big hit in general and

if you weren't there then you missed, as Ed Sullivan used to say, "A really big shoe!"

KIPCUG is making great strides to become more involved with our community and this past month our board has discussed a couple of ways to do this. In addition to our involvement with Wayside Christian Mission Center and MyComputerGeek with delivery computers to needy families, KIPCUG's board members have come up with a couple more ways to reach out to the community. First, we are looking at developing a Job Networking workshop that will encourage the placement of people in the IT industry. We like to think of being a member of KIPCUG gives us some benefits and building our job networking skills as a group will benefit all that are involved so we have decided to start a "Job and Networking Skill Workshop."

Free Software

by Joe Rothstein

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Home Office Voice-Mail - Internet voice mail

e-mail workshop - Internet to increase business

Internet For Kids - Vidio Training Series

DropChute+ - Personal File delivery

SpellCatcher - Spell check, Thesaurus, shorthand

GoBack Pro - Keeps earlier HD info to correct

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Code: The Hidden Language ...

by Sam Cooke, KIPUCG

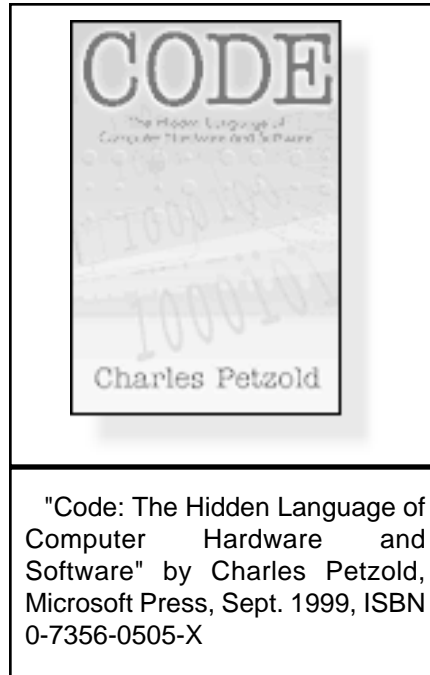
What does the word "techie" mean to most everyone?

- a) Lucid explanations of technical topics
- b) Patience with those unfamiliar with jargon and acronyms
- c) Ability to see computers through a layman's eyes
- d) Uses everyday language to explain technical topics
- e) None of the above

In case the answer isn't obvious, try these questions: Ever found yourself at a loss to explain a procedure? .. or how a device works? .. or "why we've always done it that way?" Ever needed help from a 'non-techie' to finish a project? Do you know someone who would like a gentle introduction to the technology and the terms? Maybe that someone is a child or grandchild or a coworker (or a boss? or the boss's boss?).

This well written, 393-page book deserves a serious look by computer users. While it starts at a very elementary level, it continues past most of us in at least one topic. Using a conversational manner directed to a 10 year old (but only at the beginning), Petzold describes how information of all types is represented, processed, stored, transmitted, displayed, and used. The book is well illustrated (using two colors where needed), and indexed so that particular topics can be studied out of their logical/chronological sequence. Petzold is more familiar as the author of operating system programming books.

Those in information technology will find yet other uses for such a book. Missed (or forgotten) details are often useful, but how do we know if we don't know the missing



details! Connections between widely separated processes are often found in the history or the theory but more often lost in the details. An old algorithm can often solve a current problem. The way a problem was solved then often leads to a solution now. When all else fails, take a good look at the theory or the history. Maybe somebody solved that problem decades ago. (Or maybe someone created the problem decades ago!)

A sample from the 25 chapter titles shows both topics and tone: Codes and Combinations; Telegraphs and Relays; Our Ten Digits; Alternatives to Ten; Logic and Switches; Gates (not Bill); Feedback and Flip-flops; From Abaci to Chips; Get on the Bus; The

Operating System; Fixed Point, Floating Point; and The Graphical Revolution.

Two additions would make the book even more useful: 1) A brief indication of topic(s) covered in each chapter and 2) Computer programs to animate the logic and arithmetic operations.

Supporting materials that can be reached from www.charlespetzold.com/code include: an interview with the author, errata, table of contents, sample chapter, index, annotated bibliography, and technical addendum. All books should have this level of support!

From the Publisher:
"What do flashlights, the British invasion, black cats, and seesaws have to do with computers? In CODE, they show us the ingenious ways we manipulate language and invent new ways to communicate with each other. And through CODE, we see how this ingenuity - and our very human compulsion to communicate - have driven the technological innovations of the past two centuries." "Using everyday objects and familiar language systems such as Braille and Morse code, author Charles Petzold weaves an illuminating narrative for anyone who's ever wondered about the secret inner life of computers and other smart machines."--BOOK JACKET.

Charles Petzold is the author of "Programming Windows", the bible for millions of programmers.

Membership Excitement!

by Susan Moore, KIPCUG
Membership Director

be used to plan future meetings.
Come check out our new system.

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NEW CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

- * Present your Membership card
- * Swipe it through the barcode reader
- * Your name tag will automatically be printed.
- * Pick up your door prize ticket

Our first General Meeting with the bar code scanner went about as well as could be expected since some of our members received the I/O article describing the new procedure after the general meeting. Many members did not have their membership cards with them at the meeting. By the August general meeting, close to 150 members will have bar codes attached to their membership cards.

If you do not yet have a bar code sticker please bring your membership card to the General Meeting. Volunteers at the Membership Table will attach a bar code sticker to the back of the membership card. This bar code sticker will allow you to use the scanner to check-in faster. Your nametag will be printed.

If you are attending the September Meeting and did not get to the August General Meeting, please bring your membership card to get your bar code sticker attached. This will save you time at the General Meeting.

The new system allows us to determine for the first time the characteristics of the members attending different types of meetings. This can

NEW MEMBERS

Please say hello to our newest KIPCUG members as meet them at our September General Meeting or various SIGs throughout the month:

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NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

KIPCUG Corporate Members help support our various programs through their dues. KIPCUG, in return, offers to support their business efforts within our community. Each corporate membership costs \$160.00. It allows each member 4 membership cards as well as 2 ads in I/O.

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* FREE Membership Months

The recent membership promotion for February - April is now permanent. If a current member brings in a new individual or family member (who has not been a member for one year), then the current member's expiration date will be extended one month. If the new member is a corporate member, then the current member's expiration date will be extended two months. A member can receive an unlimited number of extensions.

If you get really busy and have enough friends or coworkers you may never pay for your own membership again.

*Why pay for
your
membership with
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friend or "12"
and we will be
happy to cover
your dues!*

MacWorld 2000 Keynote Address

by Schoun Regan, KIPCUG

As MacWorlds go, this was one for the books. New software, hardware, peripherals. Teasers of things to come and farewells to products that some think should have never been made. Vendors vying for your attention (and dollars). It's a regular love iFest.

While I have been present at many keynote addresses in the past years, this one was one of the best. Steve Jobs strolled out on stage and for the next hour plus, displayed Apple's new wares as proudly as he would his own children (And if you think about it, they are).



The "hockey-puck" mouse is gone! The new mouse has NO buttons. The entire surface is pressure sensitive!

First up is Apple's new mouse. Not like the hockey puck of the past two years, this is a sleek, ergonomic, optical mouse. Totally clear, this mouse has no visible buttons, or as Steve put it, "people say Apple has gone from a one button mouse to a no button mouse". The entire mouse surface is the button. Located on the

underside of the mouse is a wheel allowing the user to vary the amount of pressure for clicking. The USB mouse is now standard across Apple's entire line and can be bought separately starting in September. PCs can also use the mouse, it's just plug and play.

Next up was a new keyboard. Patterned after Apple's old pro keyboard with ALL the buttons, this one is clear like the mouse and standard across Apple's line.

Most people expected the next announcement, the multi-processor G4. These desktop machines hold two 450 MHz or two 500 MHz G4 chips and have gigabit ethernet on board as standard. Adobe Photoshop already has a plug-in to take advantage of the two processors and many other companies are rapidly following suit. This machine is marketed towards graphic designers, video professionals, engineers, scientists, and the like. With the speed of Apple's G4 chip x2, they are certain to raise eyebrows. The prices for the multi-processor Macs are US\$2499 for the 450MHz and US\$3499 for the 500MHz.

Next came a demonstration of Mac OS X, Apple's next version of

their operating system. Based on UNIX, this is a major leap for Apple and a tremendous boost for users of UNIX and Macs.

Steve then took a break, allowing Adobe, Microsoft, and Bungee to promote their Mac related items and announce some products.

Steve retook the stage and reminded the audience that since August 15th 1998 when the iMac was introduced, they have sold 3.7 million units. That's pretty good for two years. Of those 3.7 mil, 14% of those iMac buyers are switching from Wintel machines. Four new models and colors graced the stage priced from US\$799 to \$1499. They are wonderfully powerful machines ready for consumers and professionals.

Steve then announced iMovie2, this is an amazing piece of software that ships as standard on the Macs and allows users to edit and save video clips brought in from digital video cameras. iMovie2 adds many new features and is sure to be a hit. If you've never seen iMovie, then run to your nearest Mac dealer and check it out (I hope to be able to demonstrate iMovie at an upcoming KIPCUG meeting).



The new Mac G4 "Family Portrait"

MacWorld 2000 (cont.)

Keeping with the theme of ease-of-use and iMovie, Steve showed off Home Page Builder. Apple hosts free of charge your video clips and images on your own personal web page for all to see! Home Page Builder is part of iTools and is available free to all Mac customers running system 9.0. It's accessible through www.apple.com.



Here comes the big splash. Steve introduced the G4 cube. The cube is a new desktop machine that is roughly 7"x7"x9". FireWire, USB, 10/100 Ethernet, wireless ready, can hold up to 1.5 GB of RAM, hard drives up to 40 GB, DVD, 450 or 500 MHz processor, and of course video out. Apple did this with easy access to all parts, no fan, and included new Harmon Kardon speakers. Priced at US\$1799 for the 450 and \$2299 for the 500, these little G4 cubes showcase yet again Apple's commitment to design, quality, ease of use, and power.

Three new models of display were shown. A flat 17" diamondtron ColorSync display, a 15" flat panel, and Apple's killer 22" cinematic flat panel display. All three use a single cable to connect to the new Macs, reducing cable clutter everywhere. All three have USB ports on the monitors and prices range from US\$499 to \$3999 for the killer 22".

As he was closing his speech, he told everyone in the audience that if they had one of the cards similar to the one he was holding up, they could get a new optical mouse, FREE! As the room began to buzz about who had the cards, he told everyone to look under their seat. Every seat had a card!

So, four days filled with Apple, Macs, and products for the Mac, it was hard not understand that Apple is a player in the computer world and many many people are learning just how easy, fun, and exciting it is to own a Mac.

Editor's Note:

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***Mac G4 Cube
will be here
for KIPUCG's
November
General Meeting***

Ken's ... (cont.)

eliminate the need to change addresses when you change Internet Service Providers, but using e-mail services such as Bigfoot, Hotmail or Altavista mail provide a similar benefit.

It's no news that Americans are avid e-mailers. A new study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that more than 90 million people have Internet access. Of those, about 84 million use e-mail regularly, while 16 million have used some sort of online banking service.

E-commerce gurus have mixed feelings postal e-mail proposal. "They're in catch-up mode," was a typical reaction. Several experts I talked to pointed out that

most people apt to use the service already have e-mail - and that many of the rest probably wouldn't log on for the tracking service.

"As schemes go, this one isn't bad," said one representative of a Santa Monica, Calif.-based technology research firm. "It absolutely makes sense - the Postal Service's business, and expertise, is mail delivery, and e-mail is just another form of mail. If the USPS ignored this new mailing technology it would insure that it would become obsolete eventually. Any steps it can take to work within the new framework should help it survive."

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The SIG Scene Directory

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

Meets 10:00 am on the 4th Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 635-1153 or jewel@win.net

BASIC ACCESS SIG "NEW"

Meets 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER York Stahmer at stahmer@yahoo.com

DELPHI SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Larry West at 239-7378 or TheDelphiPerson@aol.com

GENEALOGY SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.
Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 or susankmoore@iname.com (www.win.net/mooresk)

HARDWARE SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 1st Monday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.
Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at (wk) 266-9999 ext. 213, (home) 935-2497 or CO-LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or hardware@sig.win.net

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Friday of the month at the training center located in the CompUSA Louisville store at 825 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. (PIG SIG @ 8:30)
Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@bluegrass.net

INTERNET USER & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 4th Thursday of the month at 330-F Distillery Commons, in the Win.Net offices, at the corner of Lexington and Payne streets. Networking begins at 6:00 PM.
Contact SIG LEADER Glenn Fish at 815-7000 ext. 19 or fish@win.net

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 for details.

LINUX SIG "NEW"

Meets 10:00 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located at 3940 Grandview Ave. in the St. Matthews.
Contact SIG LEADER Ron Wechsler

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG "NEW"

Meets 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Gary (Joey) McKnight at 448-6165 or joey@eclipse-net.com

NEW USERS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg. Pig SIG starts at approx. 8:30 PM.
Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd. Tuesday of the month at Franklin Covey store in The Mall St. Matthews Mall.
Contact SIG DIRECTOR Paul Gilles or Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th. Wednesday of the month at Jewish Community Center, at 3600 Dutchmans Lane at Cannons Lane.
Contact SIG LEADER Phil Whitehouse at 899-5623 or basicpop@aol.com

VISUAL BASIC SIG

Meets 7:00 PM. on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at 479-8952 or mccampion@aol.com

WEBMASTER SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 330-F Distillery Commons, in the Win.Net offices, at the corner of Lexington and Payne streets. Networking begins at 6:00 PM.
Contact SIG LEADER Don Daub at 815-7000 ext. 18 or dondaub@win.net or CO-LEADER Robert Gibson at 367-6631 or Robert@belmartech.com

WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 4th Monday of the month at the training center located in the CompUSA Louisville store at 825 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy.
Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead, 852-4761 (W), 375-4796 (H) or jim.travelstead@louisville.edu

SIG Director:

Interested in starting a new SIG? Give Charley a call or drop him an E-mail.
Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

The SIG Scene

by Charley May, SIG Director

LINUX arrives at KIPCUG's newest SIG! They will hold their first meeting Saturday August 26, 2000 from 10:00 am to noon. Yes, KIPCUG now has a brand new LINUX SIG with room for up to 40 people. The room will be equipped with a BIG on-screen projector system (5X6 ft. est.), you can even see a gnat's eyebrow, down to the last pixel. SIG LEADER Ron Wechsler will have 2 computers available, one setup with Linux and one for experimentation (trying out other versions of Linux, trouble shooting of setup problems and more) all can be shown on the big screen. Mr. Wechsler will have two SIG TEAM MEMBERS to help with the operations of the SIG and make this a fun, learning experience for YOU. See more information below, in "The SIG Scene" LINUX SIG section.

If you have been longing to chart some information in your life to make it simpler and faster to find or understand and if that data could be affected by other conditions and you want to know exactly how things changed or if you just want to do some simple price comparisons and have a hard copy to carry to the stores, you should really consider attending the newly formed SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG. We still have a lot of computers for YOU to use during the presentations, so put us on your planner. Meeting dates for the rest of 2000 will be on the regular 4th Wednesday of each month and we are looking forward to seeing YOU at the Cyber Lab. So now is the time to send your name, phone num-

ber and preferred email address to SIG LEADER Phil Whitehouse, "basicpop@aol.com" (please type "Spreadsheet D & I SIG" in the subject line) to receive meeting notices.

A lot of you may be thinking about a Pocket PC after KIPCUG's May 2000 general meeting but have heard many good things about the Palm Computer and are unsure of which unit to purchase for your use. Well, maybe KIPCUG SIGs can help. The PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG has been formed and is meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Mr. Paul Gilles of Franklin Covey is the new SIG LEADER. Please read more on the PDA SIG in "The SIG SCENE" below and come check us out.

KIPCUG SIGs are looking for people interested in attending and/or leading a DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG. At the present time there are several people interested in finding others that want to learn about Desktop Publishing. If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the dates, times and formation of a DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG (please type "DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG?" in the subject line).

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

The Access Programming SIG met at the New Horizons Learning Center at 10 a.m. till 12 am on May 27, 2000. The SIG meets on the 4th

Saturday of the month with SIG Leader John Kilpatrick and assumes a good working knowledge of Access and focuses more on issues involving programming and techniques. SIG leader John Kilpatrick showed us how he builds rich text Help Files and connects them to the Access F1 Help Button. John made available the Help Compiler from Microsoft (you can also download it from the MS site) and a sample Access database that had a help file with contents, index etc. In Access 97 the help files are written as an *.rtf file and compiled. The Help Compiler editor handles the tricky parts, so it is easier to build than you might think. If you have ever thought that you could write online help information that was better than what came with a lot of programs, now you have your chance.

The Access Programming SIG will meet again on August 26, 2000 at the New Horizons Learning Center. The topic for the meeting is open. If you have a problem that would make a good meeting subject or would like to present how you solved a problem, give John a ring or email him at "jewel@win.net".

BASIC ACCESS SIG

The BASIC ACCESS SIG met at the New Horizons Learning Center on July 8, 2000. Guest presenter Susan Moore showed parts of a real-world application; the database used to sign in at meetings with the barcode reader. Almost all of it is done with standard Access tools with only a little bit of VBA code. When going through all the details Susan

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found that she needed to change the structure of the barcode ID for the members with a simple update query.

We spent the rest of the session talking more about joins (combining information from different tables). One member of the group had a problem in a payroll application trying to join information from two separate tables so that there would only be one line of information for each employee. The simple methods for joins gave two records when there was information in each table. After some discussion we found something that might work.

Susan pointed out some places in the online help for Access that gave good information on the various types of joins. She also noted that the Knowledge Base article Q124937 gives a detailed explanation of why you might get an error message about "ambiguous outer joins". You can find it on the Microsoft support site [http://support.microsoft.com/support/Microsoft TechNet Article ID: Q124937](http://support.microsoft.com/support/Microsoft%20TechNet/Article%20ID%3A%20Q124937) (For Access2000 see article Q208878.)

The jargon may sound mysterious, but it's easier than it sounds. Come learn about Access at the next meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 12th, at the New Horizons Learning Center. SIG LEADER York Stahmer will give a presentation on using the expression builder utility and what leads to problems with that little pesky creature. We will also cover some of the database function available in access (dcount, dsum, dmin, dmax ...).

GENEALOGY SIG

The GENEALOGY SIG held its June 19, 2000 meeting at its regular location the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. SIG LEADER Susan Moore's presentation covered how the Ahnentafel and Family Group Sheet reports work including all the options for destination, layout and selection of individuals, events, identifiers, and locations. A question and answer period followed.

The GENEALOGY SIG held its July 17, 2000 meeting at its regular location the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. SIG LEADER Susan Moore's presentation continued with the topic from last month covering the Audit and Individual Detail reports. A question and answer period followed.

In August, the presentation will be publication tools in the Descendants-Journal (Narrative) report. These include table of contents, footnotes, indexes and bibliography. The Journal report will be opened in Word to demonstrate how to generate all of these report sections. If you have any particular questions about reports, please email Susan at susankmoore@iname.com.

In September, back by popular demand, is flags and searching. If you have any particular questions or want your specific examples included, please email Susan at susankmoore@iname.com.

We are looking for suggestion for additional topics.

SIG LEADER Susan Moore and all of the SIG's attendees are looking for YOU to join the SIG at a future meeting. We have room for more attendees and the presentations utilize a high quality large screen Projector. If you need details on how to get to the SIG, go to "www.win.net/mooresk".

HARDWARE SIG

The HARDWARE SIG was on summer vacation (holiday weekend recovery) and did not meet in July.

The HARDWARE SIG held its August 7, 2000 meeting at its regular location the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick and Charley May covered, from the ground up how to network your two or more computers at home so that more than one Internet user in your house can access the Internet at the same time. The pre-meeting homework assignment was: to look at "<http://www.zdnet.com/pcmag/stories/reviews/0,6755,2551237,00.html>".

We are looking for suggestions from YOU for additional topics for this SIG.

No September meeting due to Labor Day.

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to the meeting, to hopefully be solved,

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PLEASE call one of the phone numbers listed in the proceeding 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.

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

(Geared for users with some experience)

KIPCUG's Intermediate Users SIG met in the CompUSA training room Friday evening, July 21, 2000. SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan talked about trying to de-mystify modems, Window's Modem Control Panel, networking with modems, Dial Up networking and DSL. As usual there were a LOT of question for Tom, who had a lot of good answers, but once again we ran out of time. So if we didn't get to your question, bring it again next month.

Our next meeting will be on the third Friday of August 18 at 6:30 PM. SIG Leader Tom Scanlan will continue the PC Troubleshooting series with Control Panel, adding a modem and setting up Dial Up networking. The INTERMEDIATE USER SIG is devoted to exploring technical issues that are beyond new users, but are important to understanding practical computer usage.

If you would like information

about the Intermediate User SIG, contact Tom Scanlan at tpscan@bluegrass.net or 1 (502) 477-1639.

INTERNET USER AND TELECOM SIG

The Internet User and Telecom SIG July 27, 2000 meeting was held at the Win.Net Inc. offices. Ten members attended. SIG Leader Glenn Fish demonstrated the intricacies of the Napster site and similar Web sites. He also used the net trace site to show Internet connections graphically. Several new Internet sites were also visited. It was an interesting and instructive meeting.

August meeting topic is Dial Pad. To find out more about Dial Pad before the meeting read the article at "<http://www.zdnet.com/pcmag/stories/pipreviews/0,9836,251713,00.html>".

We are looking for suggestions from YOU for additional topics for this SIG.

SIG Director's Note: We are looking for Guest Presenters or Team Members for the INTERNET USER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SIG to give presentations on Internet subjects. If you can help or know someone who can, please Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the Investment SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There were 13 attendees at the August 10, 2000 meeting. Meetings consist of round table exchanges of information on any economic subject of current interest to the group. Questions and presentations are encouraged.

Next SIG Meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange.

This is not an investment club; they DO NOT discuss mutual funds.

LINUX SIG

The brand new LINUX SIG meets the 4th Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to noon, at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library (LFBL) in St. Matthews, 3940 Grandview Avenue. The LINUX SIG is looking for members interested in finding out how to install, setup and operate the new operating system. The SIG will not limit itself to any one "brand" of Linux or Linux applications and will gradually work its way through all the different "brands" available. The new LINUX SIG will hold its first meeting Saturday August 26,2000 at 10:00am. Please come and support the new SIG LEADER Ron Wechsler and bring your ideas and suggestions to help give Ron a direction for this new SIG to head in. If you are an established user of Linux and can help with a future presentation, we sure would like to see you at this first meeting!

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We have room for up to 40+ people and with the big screen system everyone should be able to see what is going on very easily. And with 2 computers available, one setup with Linux and one for experimentation we should be able to get a lot done that will interest YOU. As mentioned in "Headline News", Mr. Wechsler will have 2 SIG TEAM MEMBERS to help with the operations of the SIG and make this a fun, learning experience. See YOU at the SIG.

If you would like to be included in the meeting notification email list, please send your name, phone number and preferred email address to "sig@win.net" and type "LINUX SIG?" in the subject line of the email.

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG

The NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG meets the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to noon at New Horizons Computer Learning Center. SIG LEADER Gary (Joey) McKnight held the July 8, 2000 meeting of the NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG and the group learned by installing Microsoft SQL server and conducting a group discussion on the process.

In the August 12, 2000 meeting, we will have had a complete installation of Microsoft SQL Server and begin building the database tables necessary to support the shipping and receiving tables necessary to support an E-business. This is the

next stage of completing the necessary steps to supporting an e-business with Microsoft windows technology.

The September meeting topic will be announced by email to past attendees.

If you are involved with NT in any way or want to learn about it, please try to attend the next meeting to welcome the new SIG LEADER and make your thoughts known as to where you would like to see the SIG headed as the New SIG LEADER continues to plan for future meetings. YOUR suggestions for future meeting topics would be appreciated!

NEW USERS SIG

The August 14, 2000 meeting was held at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center and SIG LEADER Charley May continued with the "return to the basics series". This session showed the differences between the three most common word processors, Notepad, WordPad and MS Word and covered additional features of Windows. Charley reviewed past subjects that attendees had questions on after Attendees practiced at home and answered questions that came up during the meeting.

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

on, by following the presentation your NHCLC computer. After the presentation we will try to answer all attendee's questions on problems that they have had at home during the previous month.

The SIG has two TEAM MEMBERS, Dick McGavic and Ken Dawson, plus Charley May at each meeting to help assist you if you get hung up during the presentation. So "come on down", have some fun and learn something new! If you don't have time for supper before the meeting, join us at the PIG SIG at T. G. I. Friday's after the meeting. Lois Dean Mallrich and Winnie Miller operate the PIG SIG

September meeting topic to be announced.

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

PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG (NEW)

The new SIG's LEADER is Mr. Paul Gilles, who has experience with both the Palm Computer and the Pocket PC through Franklin Covey and Sam Cooke is the SIG's new TEAM MEMBER and will help Paul with the SIG's operations. The July PDA SIG was held at Franklin Covey store in The Mall St. Matthews just east of the original Dillard's store (across from Arhaus).

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Paul's Guest Presenter was Sam Cooke and the main topic was databases for the Palm.

Sam demonstrated the power and functions of HanDBase using a Palm 3xe on the TV screen. Sample applications shown were: client or project log, auto expenses, customer or contact database with relational features, and a freehand drawings file. Conversion through a .csv (comma separated variable) file format opens the door for any data file. Files on the Internet that were described were UK and major-league athletic schedules, scientific conversion factors, and useful 800 phone numbers. Many questions, much discussion, and a handout showed the value and convenience of data files in your pocket that can be carried, sorted, filtered, and viewed.

Paul finished the program by describing the procedure for downloading programs and files from the Internet or from a CD. His handout listed the steps involved. Lucky winners in the drawings received the: Franklin Planner Software for Microsoft Outlook or the latest issue of the magazine Handheld featuring the Compaq IPAQ.

On August 15 the topic is calculators. Would you rather have a financial, or scientific, or graphing, or programmable calculator, or all of the above? Q&A on any subject and hopefully a first detailed look at the Compaq Pocket PC

If you would like to be added to the meeting email reminder list, please send your email address to s.cooke@louisville.edu. Please

bring your ideas to the meeting and welcome the new SIG Leader, Paul Gilles. We look forward to seeing YOU there.

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG

Mr. Phil Whitehouse, an avid spreadsheet designer/user and the New LEADER of the "SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG " held the meeting on July 26, 2000 the fourth Wednesday of the month, at the Computer Lab of the Jewish Community Center (JCC), located at 3600 Dutchmans Lane at Cannons Lane. Attendees build a spreadsheet on their JCC computers as Phil guided us through a spreadsheet that was a model of a real life function, explaining how each sections was built and assisted us until we had our versions up and running. Phil taught us how each part worked and how the formulas were developed.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM., on August 23, 2000 topic to be announced by email.

Please note that all meeting dates for the rest of 2000 will be on the regular 4th Wednesday of each month and we are looking forward to seeing YOU there. If you are interested in future, now is the time to respond. Please send your name, phone number and preferred email address to Phil at "basicpop@aol.com" (please type "Spreadsheet D & I SIG" in the sub-

ject line) to receive meeting notices.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The VB SIG met as usual on the second Thursday, July 13, 2000 at the New Horizons Learning Center. Martin's Guest Presenter was Dierdre Dolgin who talked about how to write DHTML programs in Visual Basic and lead the discussion on dynamically changing ActiveX Controls through an OLE Container, which was highly interesting to those in attendance. Beyond that discussion, questions were raised regarding ActiveX DLLs and whether or not it was possible to set references at run-time.

By request, the August 10, 2000 covered Call-Back Functions presented by, Dierdre Dolgin.

The September meeting subject is to be announced.

If YOU have ANY interest in learning VB or think YOU might be interested, please come to this SIG and give it a try.

WEBMASTER SIG

The July 20, 2000 meeting was held at the Win.Net Inc. offices and featured Don's Guest Presenter(s), Karen Speaker & her staff from MIRAZON, "www.mirazon.com", spoke to our group on "Microsoft Server Technology -- using it to create a scalable website", and the turnout of attendees was absolutely overwhelming! In fact, Win.Net

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will be expanding their classroom to accommodate future meetings! Karen shared with the group the important fact that a fast dedicated connection to the Internet was a MUST, and (cheap plug) that's what Don Daub sells for Win.Net. Karen spoke on Web server application with SQL. Looking at a basic configuration on the projector screen, She inquired of the group, "Are we ready to go into production?" The answer was no and lead to an informative discussion on using a staging server.

Karen also discussed what to do once the web server is in production and the set-up for scaling, WLBS (Windows Load Balancing Service), Site server, MSCS (Microsoft Cluster Server), and Windows 2000 Advanced Server, a very informative presentation. Thanks Karen and Group.

On August 17, 2000, Mark Mills, the Director of Systems Development for XodiAx, will share his knowledge of PERL with our group. Call 815-7000, ext. 5, to reserve your spot NOW!

If you are involved as a Webmaster in any way, please try to attend the next meeting to welcome the new SIG LEADER Don Daub and make your thoughts known as to where you would like to see the SIG headed as the New SIG LEADER begins planning future meetings. YOUR suggestions for future meeting topics would be appreciated! Come at 6:00 PM. for networking with other members.

WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

SIG Leader Jim Travelstead held the July 24, 2000 meeting of the WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG at COMP USA's Training Center. Jim went over the Outlook Email security patches in great detail so that attendees could go home and protect themselves. A personal firewall software product(ZoneAlarm) from Zone Labs "<http://www.zonelabs.com>" for people using ADSL or Cable provider, was to be covered, but we ran out of time, so it will be covered next month. Jim also took us out on Web sites where you can check how secure you think you are! Go to <http://grc.com/> and select "Shields up!" and subpart "Probe My Ports!".

On August 28, 2000 Jim will cover ZoneAlarm and as always we'll have a little Q & A so bring your questions. Also, Jim needs topics for future meetings, so there will be a special door prize drawing just for those who bring, on a slip of paper, a meeting topic suggestion for Mr. Travelstead.

Between meetings, if you have any questions on W, W & E save them and bring them to the SIG or Email Jim Travelstead at "jim.travelstead@louisville.edu" and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting.

SIG Director's Notes:

KIPCUG SIGs are still looking for a SIG LEADER for a VISUAL FoxPro SIG. At the present time, there are 8 people interested in finding others to study Visual FoxPro. If you are interested or can suggest a good meeting place, please Email "sig@win.net" with your name; preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the formation of a SIG (please type "Visual FoxPro SIG?" in the subject line).

KIPCUG SIGs are looking for people young and old, interested in attending a GAMES SIG. At the present time there are a half dozen people interested in finding others to play and learn about games with. We have a meeting place with a large screen projector so sharp that you can see every pixel! If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the schedule for formation of a GAMES SIG (please type "GAMES SIG?" in the subject line). We are getting close on starting this SIG, so email your name today.

Under the "We Need You" category: if you are an intermediate or advanced computer user and if you feel that you could contribute a little time and knowledge to your fellow KIPCUG Members as a Guest Presenter, please call or Email me - - Charley May at 425-4604 or "sig@win.net".

Deals Guy

by Bob Click

***You Dirty Rat - er -- I Mean -- Spy**

What if there's "Spyware" hidden in your computer sending out information periodically about your Web travels. That can happen and the spy can actually be hidden in a shareware program you might be using, or might even be placed on your hard drive unbeknownst to you while you were on the Web (without a firewall).

Some shareware programs containing Spyware are named in an article written by Don Singleton in "APCUG Reports" about "Aureate." He suggests you go to Steve Gibson's Web site [<http://www.grc.com/optout.htm>] and download OptOut to look for and clean that garbage from your hard drive. By the time you read this, there may be a charge for a newer version that finds more, but it's worth it in my opinion. It found nothing on my machine.

Users Group members might enjoy reading the quarterly APCUG Reports I spoke of. It's interesting, so log on to [<http://www.apcug.org>] to find it. You need the Acrobat Reader.

***New Web Pages on My Web Site** [<http://www.dealsguy.com>]

I sometimes get product announcements and feel their interest might be limited, so I tend not to use them all in the column. I have uploaded some new pages to my Web site containing some of these announcements for your perusal. Take a look to see if there is any-

thing that catches your eye. They are edited a bit (originally meant for users groups) because of a Web site's availability to the general public. I'll keep updating for a few weeks until I get them caught up. Some are older, but I thought they might be of interest. Remember that these are just announcements I received; however, there may also be a "deal" there from time to time, but ending too soon for the column.

***What's That You Say - High-speed Web Service For Free?**

How many of you have checked out [<http://www.freedsl.com>]? Dave Gerber of the Sarasota PC User Group sent the URL to me, but has not replied telling me if he tried it. I checked the Web site and it looks like it's nationwide with no monthly fee, although it looks to me like you must buy the modem for \$199.00.

Of course you realize that DSL is not available in all locations because of phone line limitations. I didn't see details about the installation. I've heard there is a catch, so if you check it out, look carefully.

***Game Addicts - Attention**

Ken Winograd is the author of a game called "Hang 2000" and is offering user group members a special discount. It's a new take on the classic hangman word-guessing game you may have played when you were kids. It features colorful, nonviolent graphics, digitized sounds, dozens of built-in word categories, thousands of words, unlimited lists of your own words, and much more.

Hang2000 is "secretly educational." It has a new "knowledge area" including information associated with the guessed word or phrase. For example, if the word chosen is from the States or Countries category, the knowledge area will show the capital of the State or Country. If the category is Authors or Composers, the knowledge area will show facts about, or famous works of, the author or composer. You can also make your own lists (unlimited in number) and include your own associated information.

There's more info and I have the "secret" URLs for users group people. Mums the word on these URLs. Users group pricing and other details are available there. Since I'm not a game person, I have not tried it.

For Mac Users Group Members: [<http://www.winograd.com/macug.html>]

Windows Users Group Members: [<http://www.winograd.com/pcug.html>]

Or for more info (available to everyone): [<http://www.winograd.com>]

***Internet Call Waiting, For Cheapskates With Only One Phone Line**

BuzMe is Internet Call Waiting enabled with callerID and voice-mail. It lets people with a single phone line receive incoming phone calls while online and tells them who is calling. It does that by deploying a small pop-up on the user's desktop. They can then type a

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reply that is read to the caller, disconnect and take the call, send the call to voicemail, or reject it. BuzMe's free voicemail box provides the same features as a voicemail offering from a telephone company. There are both free and \$4.95/month levels of service. If you would be interested in trying BuzMe service, visit their Web site at [<http://www.buzme.com>], register and download it. The full service will be free to users for 30 days.

***Free Software for Linux - From "Corel"**

The following are excerpts from a "Corel Clips" received recently, Corel's e-mail newsletter.

"The Latest on Corel & Linux(R)

Free Download of Corel PHOTO-PAINT(R) for Linux(R) now available -- CorelDRAW(R) for Linux Coming Soon!

We're happy to announce that Corel PHOTO-PAINT for Linux), Corel's photo editing, image-composition and painting application, is now available as a free download. It lets you create incredible special effects with Artistic Media brushes, filters, precision retouching features and more. Whether for print or the Web, your images will be captivating! Download Corel PHOTO-PAINT for Linux at [<http://www.linux.corel.com>].

The exciting features included in this download are just a hint of what will be included in CorelDRAW Graphics Suite for Linux, slated for release later this summer. Stay tuned for more details in the near future.

I checked and these files are very large.

***Relax In Your Hammock While Your Lawn Is Being Mowed**

What's that you say, professional lawn care cost too much!! No, no, no, that's not what I'm talking about. It's a "ROBOT" lawn mower. You know how much I love gadgets.

"Friendly Robotics" makes a mower that looks like a big yellow bug running around mowing your lawn all by itself. I'm not kidding! The first thing to do is stake down a "perimeter wire" around the zones you wish it to mow so it knows where to stop, hook up the perimeter switch, charge the mower battery and you are in business. After some initial calibration, just run it into position and press start. Then sit back and relax with your favorite beverage, read the paper, have a snooze, or whatever because the lawnmower knows what to do, even if it bumps into something.

Installing the perimeter wire is easy (just stake it down on top of the ground). If you didn't do it right, it's easily changed. The machine is a 21" cut with three rotary blades and can mow a lawn of 2500 to 3200 sq. ft. on a battery charge. It starts by mowing (also mulches) around the perimeter, then back and forth for the duration you program it for. You'll find you must mow more often, but who cares, you're not doing it! You can go back inside and watch TV if you prefer. Can you spell "It's Miller Time?"

There's a "Sizzlin' Summer Sale" on their Web site ending July 31, 2000, but they have extended it just for the Deals column through September 31, 2000. Check mower details at [<http://www.friendlyrobotics.com>]. The MSRP is \$795, but this sale gets you a \$100 rebate. That's \$50 off the MSRP + free S&H. Also, a \$100 gift certificate for a national retailer or home improvement store bringing the total rebate to \$200, but I'm not sure about how long for that coupon after July. If you have a problem ordering, ask for Scott Slaughter at Friendly Robotics. Also offers a money-back guarantee.

I'm working out some problems using mine as I close the column so check my Web site for further details. However, right now it looks like a "keeper." Maybe with next year's model you can just yell, "go mow the lawn" without even getting out of your chair.

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

Visit my Web site at [<http://www.dealsguy.com>] for past columns. Also check out the distribution page.

KIPCUG Mentors - aka members helping members

The following members have volunteered to provide assistance to any current member on these topics:

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Webmaster, HTML and Basic WebPage Design

For help with additional topics, post a message to the KIPCUG Web Forum at <http://www.kipcug.org>

We are always interested in hearing from people willing to help out their fellow KIPCUG members.

Please contact a member of the Board of Directors if you are interested in being added to this mentor list.

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