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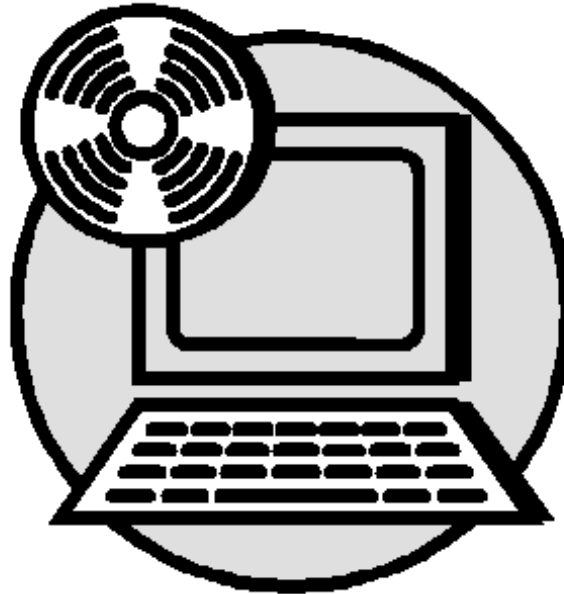
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CD-ROM BURNERS
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Tuesday, February 6th, 6:30 p.m.

From The Editor

Take a moment as you go through this month's I/O to reflect on President Bush's first comments regarding the future. He asked that we take time to help each other. To realize that together we are stronger than any individual. That's the driving force behind KIPCUG. Each month our SIG Leaders spend their time and effort to put together a program for all of us. (SIG Scene) Joe Rothstein will find you free books and software. (Page 5) Matthew Mercurio sets up great learning experiences by finding others that give of their time and money. InterSpace proved that last month. Don Zalewa was the photographer donating his time and equipment. (Page 3) Winnie Miller and David Brooks through in their thoughts by writing a few words. (Page 6) Susan Moore is at every general meeting checking in the newest member. Isn't the new check-in process great! (Page 5) How about the effort of Roger Klingeman's trip to Eastern High School? (Page 10) Our Directory list many working behind the scenes. (Page 12) We received a call from "Louisville Computer News" regarding the effort of Bob Glick and his "Deals Column." Thank you MJ - Everyone should pick up a copy of "Louisville Computer News" (Page 21) How about Judy Lococo being elected President of APCUG and its 300,000 members. KIPCUG's Past President Fred Soward's article brags a little regarding one of our own! (Page 8) Bulleit, Harris, Goldberg, Shaikun, Regan offer free help as Mentors. (Page 11) Trying to reach a Board Member last week, we received the message that he was busy because he was donating time to work at Wayside Mission. We laugh about the idea that the "pay is the same each month." But that is not true. The "pay" is greater each month based on effort. Get the IDEA! KIPCUG is here because of the effort of YOU!

How can we help you? John

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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

by Matthew Mercurio, Program Director building your own PC.

January

Wow! That's all I can say about January's KIPCUG meeting! The cold temperatures, holiday wind-down, and the basketball game didn't seem to slow down our audience. I was extremely pleased with a very sizable crowd that turned out to see a really great show. InterSpace Computers came out to demonstrate how to build a PC from the ground up. "Your Local Computer Geeks", Joe Sykora and Mark Uchida put together an informative and exciting presentation, which could be viewed from the big screen. As the audience sat and watched the computer being built on the stage, Joe narrated the action. They put together a machine, which consisted of a 1GHz processor, 256Megs of ram, and a 20 Gig hard drive; all built on an Abit raid motherboard! In my mind, this machine was heavy duty enough to handle even, the most aggressive PC user. Joe answered questions about what makes it work, how to choose the right parts, and some tips and tricks to watch out for when taking on the challenge of

The amazing and exciting thing about the presentation took place right as we were finishing up. InterSpace graciously, decided to auction off the end product. They had to start the bids at a very reasonable \$1100.00 to cover the costs they had in the parts. Anything over the \$1100.00 would be donated to KIPCUG. The bidding started and quickly grew to \$1500.00. If that wasn't exciting enough, InterSpace started throwing in extras. Check out the list of upgrades they threw in: a 45 Gig hard drive, a Lexmark Z51 printer, a 4 port USB hub, a 3 year extended warranty, Corel's Word Perfect Suite, in home installation, 512 megs of RAM, a surge protector, SoundBlaster Live Gold sound card, and finally a 17" Flat Panel screen for cost (\$399.00)! This was such an attractive deal many people started bidding furiously. \$2100.00 was the last bid and that's were it seemed it was going to end. InterSpace sweetened the pot one final time by offering the exact same system configuration to anybody there! This stirred a frenzy of interest and when the smoke cleared, 5 people decided to take one of these systems home with them!

InterSpace really put on a great show and everyone at KIPCUG is extremely thankful to the effort they gave. In the end, \$5000.00 will be donated to KIPCUG from these sales and since KIPCUG is a not for profit sub chapter "C" organization, the donations are tax deductible! Thank you InterSpace for making our first meeting of the new year one of the best in a while! Now it is my challenge to continue the excitement and I think the February meeting will do just that.

February

February, **The Computer Outlet** will revisit us. Steve Allen will demonstrate how to install a CD Rom burner. He will also walk us through downloading files, mp3's, and other material from the Internet and burning them onto a CD. Have



Getting to IUS from Louisville

Our meetings are in the Ogle Center at Indiana University Southeast.

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.

Ogle Center is at the back right of the campus. You will not "get a ticket" for parking in the wrong lot or meter area. Park behind or in front of the building.

Over the Program Director's Shoulder

you ever wanted to make sure all your data is safely backed up? How about reinstalling your operating system but you couldn't for fear of wiping out all your data? Well Steve will show us how to back up our programs and data to a burnt CD Rom! Be ready the next time trouble arises with all your precious data safely burnt away on a CD Rom. Dampier Distributing will also be on hand to show what media to use. Floppy disks, 4mm tape cartridges, 8mm tape cartridges, optical disks and CD ROMs are just a few of the available media. Learn which is the right choice of media to use when backing-up your data.

March

March will feature a return visit from Randall Whittle. Randall was at one of our meetings last year when he demonstrated MGI's Video and Photo Suite of products. This year he is back to show off a nifty program from MicroVision called SureThing CD and Print Labeler. This is perfect tie in to the previous meeting where we learned how to burn CD-ROMs. Now Randall is going to show us utility to label and catalog them. The SureThing utility



not only labels CD's but it also a very nice printer utility to use in the office. It can create any kind of label imaginable and even some that aren't. Make sure you visit the KIPCUG meeting in February; it will be one meeting you won't want to miss!

April

April's meeting will feature Howard Butler from Executive Software. Howard has been with us before and his presentation was excellent! During his last visit with us, he was a featured guest on our Dot Com Computer show with Bob Sokoler. Howard will demonstrate Executive Software's Diskkeeper and UnDelete. These two little gems are making big headlines as Windows 2000 Server and Professional make their way out into mainstream computing.



Diskkeeper is a fine program, which allows a safe, more thorough, and less resource hogging way to defrag your computers hard drive. It runs safely in the background and unlike other defrag software, will not crash your system every time the screen saver kicks on! Ever wish you hadn't hit that delete key? Ever wish you could recover a lost or deleted file? Well now you can with UnDelete and Howard is going to give us the skinny on how to use the software.

May

May we are looking for exciting things. First along with our regular monthly meeting, we are going to hold the first ever, KIPCUG PC-

Nic! In the spirit of tail gating parties, we are going to set up tables and tents in a parking lot and invite local vendors to come out and show off their products. Along with this we will have a couple of speakers lined up to deliver short keynote speeches. We will also be serving hot dogs and chips for lunch! We will keep you posted on this great affair!

1st Annual KIPCUG PC-NIC in May!

Also in May, we are looking to have Adobe in for our regular meeting. They will show off the latest and greatest from Adobe.

My personal goal is to make 2001 an exciting year for KIPCUG and to explore new ground in the way membership, vendor, and community involvement. I think this is a common goal for all the KIPCUG board members and we want to make 2001 the best year ever for KIPCUG!



KIPCUG's General Meeting is held the 1st. Tuesday each month in the Ogle Center at Indiana University Southeast.

IUS is located at 2nd entrance off Grant Line Road, just north of I-265
Parking is FREE

President's Desk . . .

by John Markham, President

If you missed the last meeting, January 2, 2001, you missed the BEST meeting I have EVER attended at KIPCUG. Sure, I LOVE the gigantic circus-like Microsoft meetings or those excruciatingly complex Adobe meetings. But this was something EXCITING and NEW.

Innerspace computers BUILT a computer right there on stage with cameras showing each step and yes it DID work.

The guys from Innerspace were GREAT. They fielded all of the questions with ease and even REPEATED some steps, like reseating the CPU, for closer inspection.

For anyone who wanted to BUILD

a computer, this was THE MEETING. Heck, for anyone with a computer, anyone who wanted to upgrade a computer, or anyone who just wanted to change a card in a computer, this was THE MEETING.

Then, after all of that fun, the guys at Innerspace auctioned that computer off. Not that exact machine, but one with the same components, burned in and tested at their shop. A real sweet machine.

Well, in the end 5 people wanted the machine for the final price and Innerspace said that they would build 5 machines for that price.

What were the specifications of the system built, the CPU speed, the

drive size, the amount of RAM; and what was the FINAL price?

You HAD to be there to find out.

There will be ANOTHER "Build On Stage" (BOS) meeting, maybe an annual or semi annual event.

Don't miss it.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to MATTHEW MECURIO, our Events Coordinator, and CHARLIE MAY, our SIG leader, for putting this wonderful meeting together. (And to Innerspace Computers)

THREE CHEERS.

If you weren't there - WOW, what YOU missed.

General Meeting Announcements

PROGRAM CHANGE

In keeping with our challenge of trying to spread out the meetings, April meeting may be held in a new location. KIPCUG has a tentative new meeting place in Louisville on Brownsboro road. If everything goes as intended, we may be holding our April meeting in a new location! We will keep you up to date as more develops so keep checking out your I/O.

New Members!

Please welcome KIPCUG's newest members.

DAVID BURRIS
BENJAMIN MOSER
JEFF SKEES
PATRICK SCHMIDT
KEVIN W SPENCER
JULIE LAMKIN
RICHARD L MILLER

Each person that you invite to a KIPCUG meeting is worth a FREE month of dues for YOU if they join! We have a few members that may not have to pay dues this year -- how about YOU!

New Software

Joe Rothstein, our Review Editor, has just received a new shipment of FREE software. Would you like to have:



Are you serious about high-performance DVD movies? Get into SoftDVD MAX. The world's lead-

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Christmas Thoughts From Under the Tree . . .

What was under your Christmas Tree . . .

by **David Brooks, KIPCUG**

My son got me started on golf 5 or 6 years ago, and I have gotten hooked. I play a simple game and have steadily improved (i.e., traded old ways of getting frustrated for new ways). A special gift for me this holiday was a golf screen saver that may help me improve my game even further.

Swing Maker by CompuSport displays a golf figure swinging a variety of clubs. You can select the view (front, back, overhead), the clubs, and the speed. Swing Maker was developed by Dr. Ralph Mann, a former UK professor, and is a composite of swings of over 50 PGA professionals. By watching the screensaver, you can imprint a balanced, under-control swing in your memory. The software also has a subliminal mode which adds soft music to a slow-motion sequence of the swing.

Swing Maker may or may not help my golf game, but it does give me hope and that's a great gift for the upcoming season.

by **John Markham, KIPCUG**

Christmas was too busy a time for computers at my house. But I did get myself a present after Christmas, CookieCop. It is a little shareware program introduced to me by Matthew Mecurio and Bob Sokoler. It manages cookies. You know - those little Love Letters left on YOUR own machine by Web sites you visit. Cookies identify you to the Web site and SOME even track

your Web surfing. I decided that it was time for ME to control my Cookies. You can get this program from ZDTV download or there is a link on the 84online.com site. It is also at www.zdnet.com

Its really easy to install and truly does the job. You can decide to ACCEPT or DENY any Cookie sent to your machine. You can even control the Cookies you HAVE accepted. What a great program...

by **Winnie Miller, KIPCUG**

Instructions!

If you have a computer you like gadgets. Doesn't matter what kind of gadget it is. The fact that you do not speak several languages doesn't deter you one little bit. After a while you are conversant in all languages except English. All instructions are written in 4 languages - Right! The fact you have little memory and a small hard drive never daunts you from loving any present you receive. We are so easy. All our family and friends have to do is walk through a computer store and put out their hand. Like taking candy from a baby. If you are a grandparent it is worse. You want two of everything, one for them and one for you.

I love seeing t-shirts with pictures of family on them. Everyone else can whip out professional shirts so I should be able to do that with one package of 10 transfer iron-on from Santa. Easy, should be like falling off a log. I understood the words "Getting Started." It was the bathroom scale as one of the requirements that through me off tract. Understood Un pese-personne.

Understood Peso de bano. What in the devil would I do with a scale? It was the English that was causing the trouble. In step 5 I discovered why you need a bathroom scale. You must be able to press down on a scale for 50 pounds in order to iron the transfer on a cotton shirt. It took two times to carry the scale from the bathroom to the den and my iron was also hiding. The easy part was understanding which side of the transfer went into the printer. If you put your picture on the side with the HP Logo on it, you are wrong. Decided to carefully put the few remaining sheets back in the folder and start on another far easier project. Now every normal computer person should love a Nick ClickT Digital inexpensive camera. You just snap a picture and plug the little green wire into the front of your computer and you have pictures. That was what the direction said on the back of the rock, rattle and roll package. You do not need any film. Any age can do this. You can take six pictures in the camera away from the little green wire attached to your computer. You can download twenty pictures to an album. Best of all you can make your pictures into cartoons. Of course you have to download the CD program in order to do it. I tried numerous times. Numerous more times and finally success in bringing up the icon on the desktop. I had it made! Then in the fine print I read that the camera needed a battery. The only battery of that size was in my fire alarm.

Naturally I did the logical thing anyone would have done on Christmas Eve and didn't sleep a wink all night.



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Judy Lococo Elected President of APCUG

by Fred Soward, KIPCUG

January 17, 2001 APCUG's Jim Evans announces that KIPCUG's Judy Lococo has been elected President of APCUG for 2001!

Judy Lococo admits being involved in User Group activities since at least 1983. All of it with KIPCUG and later also with The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG). She was officially appointed to the APCUG Board of Advisors in 1995, after attending many APCUG sponsored events in previous years, primarily centered around Fall and Spring COMDEX. Check out the weblink for a detailed list of her activities/appointments with APCUG.

As the APCUG President, she will be responsible for overseeing an organization with more than 400 User Groups and approximately 300,000 users from around the world including Macintosh, PC, and other special interest groups. This is managed with two separate, but complimentary Boards (a Board of Directors and an Advisory Board) - all volunteers! In case you didn't know, APCUG is an organization dedicated to fostering communications among and between personal computer user groups and assisting groups in the fulfillment of their educational missions and activities. As such, it operates as an information network between existing user group organizations. One of its primary missions is getting user groups to share success stories and methods with one another. As such, it provides many services to the User Group Community, including hosting and coordinating computer ven-



Judy Lococo elected 2001
President of APCUG

dor events at Fall COMDEX in Las Vegas. For Judy's take on some of the services provided by APCUG, take a look at her latest article in the APCUG newsletter, "Reports," at <http://www.apcug.org/reports/jan01/r010111.htm>.

One of the most important tasks is to maintain APCUG's Registry of PC User Groups. By providing this information to participating groups, publications, and vendors, groups are able to take advantage of many services provided by manufacturers, publishers, and publications. As ombudsman, APCUG encourages hardware manufacturers and software publishers to establish formal user group support programs and provides them listings of APCUG member user groups to facilitate the implementation of such programs.

APCUGnet is an array of several Internet Servers, in various cities, providing a number of internet services, including web pages with information about APCUG, mailing lists for User Group officers to communicate with their peers, an electronic bulletin board system (BBS)

accessible through the Internet, Web Space for a number of User Groups, and a number of other services, all accessible at <http://www.apcug.org>.

Along with the famous (In-Famous?) user group activities conducted the weekend prior to and during Fall COMDEX, there are many vendor strategic planning sessions conducted throughout the year. Judy's attendance at these will be expected by the vendor community, so she'll be getting a lot of air miles this next year. Hmmm... wonder if she's thought about updating her passport yet? <grin>

APCUG serves as a clearinghouse for user group resources and vendor programs. With this in hand, a user group will not have to re-invent the wheel when it comes to creating something like a new member pamphlet or novice user diskette.

Locally, KIPCUG has taken advantage of many of these programs. Most people do not know that Judy has been a major player in establishing many of them and making them available to all member User Groups. She'll be just as busy this year, not so much in establishing new programs, but in coordinating and managing them.

And, it all started because she was looking for a new IBM Selectric typewriter. Somehow, the local vendor gave her the wrong manual and ended up recommending KIPCUG to help her figure out how to run that 8088 processor that came with the "new manual!"

Editor's Note: KIPCUG is an APCUG member. (See page 2)

Macworld San Francisco 2001

by Schoun Regan, KIPCUG

Macworld San Francisco 2001

Macworld is the Comdex of the PC world. Where vendors hawk their wares, swag is easy to find, and the Macintosh community holds it's collective breath during Steve's keynote address. The products Apple rolled out this time are both subtle and revolutionary, again rocking the PC world and setting standards for others to follow. We'll go in the order of the announcements because it's more fun that way.

March 24th. More precisely Saturday, March 24th. That's the day Mac OS X is released to the public for the retail price of US\$129. When Apple rolled out the beta, they had over 100,000 users purchase a copy. They had over 75,000 comments. Mac OS X is UNIX with a Mac interface built on an open source platform. From many people's standpoint, this is Utopia. While I'd like to cover X in more detail, I'll wait until March to do so.

Next up was an upgrade of the PowerMac line. These are the desktop computers that are great to look at and pop open with the flip of a latch. They're getting a much faster BUS and a speed bump with four models available-466, 533 (available in a dual processor configuration), 667, and 733 MHz models. The 466 and 533 models come with 128 MB of RAM the other two, 256MB. Hard drive sizes range from 30-60 GB and all models but the 466 comes with GeForce2MX nVidia cards (The 466 comes with a RagePro 128). Prices are US\$1699,

2199, 2799, and 3499 respectively. All models come with CD/DVD/CD-RW drives standard except the 733. Here's where things get, well, revolutionary. The 733 model comes with something called a SuperDrive. This drive is something different. We all have players than can play CDs. Some of us have players that play DVDs. We may have CD burners-units that can create a CD. But units that can create a DVD, let alone one that can be played in consumer DVD players, cost US\$5000-10,000. Until now. The SuperDrive can read and write CDs AND DVDs! Now, most of us have seen a DVD movie and we know they have interactive menus and backgrounds. Apple thought about that. Welcome to iDVD. As easy to use as iMovie, iDVD lets users create their very own DVDs and its free with the SuperDrive in the 733! It took a while to create a DVD in the past. A one hour DVD may take as much as 24 hours to process. This is unacceptable to Steve. Creating DVDs with iDVD can be done at 2x! That means a one hour movie will only take two hours to encode! All this for a price of US\$3499! Steve said this marks the end of a dream he has had. The place went wild. He followed that with professional grade DVD software called DVD Studio Pro. As easy to use as Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro is a bargain at US\$995 for the professional.

Then came iTunes. A free download from Apple that allows users to burn audio and MP3 files direct to CDs, connect to Internet radio stations, collect and save playlists, and much much more. This is yet another free gem from Apple that compli-

ments the free iMovie software nicely.

We were almost done when, in standard Steve Jobs fashion, he simply states, "Oh there's one more thing..." Apple's new PowerBook G4. Totally redesigned, this will make even the most diehard PC person go, "I want one!". They include a 5.3 hour battery, 15.2 inch mega wide screen, built-in FireWire, USB, Audio I/O, SVGA and composite video out, 56k modem, 10/100 Ethernet, infrared, PC card slot, AirPort wireless ready, a 400 or



Steven Jobs: "Oh there's one more thing..."
Apple's new PowerBook G4

500 MHz G4 processor, slot loading CD/DVD drive, (no tray!) 10, 20, or 30 GB hard drives, 128 or 256 MB of RAM (up to 1 GB), 5.3 pounds (!) and, are you ready for this 1 inch thick! Made of 99.5% pure titanium, this is one killer portable. Talk about a laptop. Rush to your nearest Apple dealer to gander at one of these!

While many people often understate Apple's influence in the market, taking in a Macworld and seeing what Apple is capable of may cause more than a few people to start thinking a little different. And that's all Steve asks.

Profile: Eastern High School

by Roger L Klingeman, KIPCUG

Profile - Eastern High School, School of Computer Arts and Sciences

Eastern High School is looking to the future with a high-demand Computer Arts and Sciences Program. The program gives students a chance to work with the latest computer technology. Eastern is the only school in Jefferson County, Kentucky that requires at least two years of computer credits in order to graduate.

Founded in 1950, Eastern High School has a tradition of serving the community. Located off Shelbyville Road in historic Middletown, Eastern offers a blend of tradition and excellence. For over 50 years it has been the educational "point" in eastern Jefferson County. It has an enrollment of over 1,600 students. It is equipped with 14 computer labs and an average of one computer for every 3 students.

Freshman Computer Arts & Science is designed to develop in the student a full range of computer skills. Emphasis is placed on keyboarding, research, technical reading and writing, and computer problem solving skills. To pass students must write and perform a freshman exhibition using Word and Power



Point; employ Excel in a vocational exploration and simulation; do research from both written and on-line sources; and demonstrate proficiencies in Windows and with the hardware on which it resides.



Sophomore Computer Arts & Science explores the use and mastery of computers in the business world by studying topics such as web page development, marketing design, and desktop publishing. To pass students must demonstrate proficiency in writing a marketing plan with both Excel and Word; demonstrate understanding of certain computer tools; show and understanding and appreciation of computer ethics and virus prevention; employ web publishing using Front Page and other tools.

Junior and senior students can select from a list of Level III courses. Many of these courses are application only and often require a two-year commitment. The goal of these classes is to develop expertise within a particular category of technology. Courses include: Computers systems, Networking, Programming languages, Desktop Video, Desktop Publishing, Computer Art, Computerized Accounting, Web Page Design, Engineering Technology and Bio Technology.

Last year, six students were A+ certified and four received Microsoft certification. Last summer, 36 students within the technology department were placed as interns in a business within their field of expertise. Eastern is one of three schools to be nationally recognized by CompTIA for its internship "Best Practices." Eastern is poised for the emerging technology boom.

In addition to Technology, Advance and Honors programs as well as Advanced Placement are available, along with a Minority Scholars program, foreign languages and JROTC. Students who need a little extra help with homework can take advantage of the Extended School Services Program. Eastern boasts championship athletic teams as well.

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Free Software Available . . .

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ing DVD player software delivers maximum performance, total Web integration and superior audio all with an easy-to-use interface. Now features Dolby® Headphone technology.



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These, and many other programs, can be yours for nothing more than reviewing them for I.O.

Do yourself, and KIPCUG members, a favor by letting us know the values, or the faults, of these new programs.

My job as Review Editor is to get you, the KIPCUG member FREE stuff. We can use the collective power of our user group together with over 300 other user groups to request FREE stuff from any vendor! That means you should give us a call when ever you see a new offering or a new book. I'll see it I can find you a copy!

Check out www.kipcug.org to view additional titles and call me before someone else does.

Call, or e-mail: Joe Rothstein.
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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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Macs, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, PageMaker, GoLive, Acrobat, Image Ready, Dreamweaver, Flash, FreeHand, Director, QuarkXPress, Excel, Word, PowerPoint.

John Henderson (jhenderson@win.net)
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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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 Computer Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110.
Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.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

Moving to new location.
Contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@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 6:30 PM on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at

the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110.
Contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

NEW USERS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the New Horizons Computer 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 Sam Cooke or J.Price Hanna III

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 Computer 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

Moving to new location.
Contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

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

Where to find the scoop on your Special Interest Group

"HEADLINE NEWS".

A lot of you may be thinking about a hand held PC after KIPCUG's General Meeting put on by Microsoft and the Blackberry GM, but have also 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 for hand held computers 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 before you buy that hand held computer.

You should really consider attending the newly formed SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG, 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. We still have a lot of computers for YOU to use during the presentations, so put us on your planner. Meeting date for February 28, 2001 will be on the regular 4th Wednesday of the month and we are looking forward to seeing YOU at the Cyber Lab. So now is the time to send your name, phone number

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. See the Directory or more information that follows for details.

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 will meet at the New Horizons Learning Center at 10 a.m. till 12 am on January 27, 2001. The SIG normally 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. The January meeting will focus on two problems that attendees will bring in for the SIG help develop solutions.

The Access Programming SIG will next meet February 24, 2001 at the New Horizons Learning Center.

If you've been working in Access and are willing to share solutions you've found, email John and come tell us about it. The topic for the meeting is open, so 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

KIPCUG SIGs are very pleased to announce that Mr. Alan Birch has agreed to become the new SIG LEADER and started the year on Saturday January 13, 2001 at New Horizons talking about forms. Not those ones from the IRS, but the screens in Access that display information or let you enter it. Digging through the properties of a couple of the screens in the Northwinds database showed how they make some of those work so nicely. We also talked about how a table with a dual key (it takes two fields to define the key) can make it easy to tie information together and reduce the number of fields you have in some related tables.

On February 10, 2001 we will look at forms some more. How to set them up, how to make one easier to use by letting you pick from lists instead of typing. That also helps keep one from making typing mistakes. If you have form that bugs you or one that you thought was the best thing you've seen, bring a copy to the meeting and show us.

For the March meeting, guest presenter Alan White will show us something neat he has learned from

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one of the many Access books he is going through.

April will probably cover some of the basics. Like how do you get to the tools and properties; or "I know this program will do almost anything, but where do I find it.

The topic for May could be Normalization, why you put things into different tables instead of one big one, when you are deciding how to structure the database.

There will be some time each month to ask questions about things you can't figure out in Access. Someone at the meeting will probably have a good suggestion. Since this is the Basic Access SIG, we try to stick with the features and tools in Access and not get into programming. If you have a topic suggestion or question, email SIG LEADER Alan Birch at "abirch52@excite.com". Come find out how to make Access work for you. If you've done something neat in Access, come share it with us. Meet us at New Horizons on the second Saturday of the month at 10am.

GENEALOGY SIG

Due to the Holidays, the December SIG meeting was cancelled. Since the Louisville Free Public Library closed because of Martin Luther King Jr 's Birthday, the January SIG was cancelled.

On February 19, 2001 the Genealogy SIG will hold its next

meeting at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at 6:30pm. The topics have cycled and we will again start at the beginning with How to Get Started with TMG. The new version of TMG may have been released by the time of the meeting. This is an excellent meeting to come to if you are just getting started, or if you need a review, so please mark your new calendars to attend this meeting. There is plenty of room for everyone.

Even if you are not ready to devote serious time to Genealogy, please come to the meeting to find out what you need to do to help yourself out, before any more of your ancestors die.

If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, 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. If you need details on how to get to the SIG, go to "www.win.net/mooresk".

HARDWARE SIG

The December, 2000 meeting was very interesting; SIG attendees had a field trip in to Wayside Christian Mission and we had many volunteers that worked on used computers, checking them out, and where

necessary, taking them apart, building a whole computer, and getting them ready to use for people that have never used computers before, so that they can learn new job skills. Being in December, this put all of us in the Season's Spirit.

We hope to do this again in the near future, maybe as a secondary meeting, so if you can operate screwdriver or help by loading software, please consider adding your name to the HARDWARE SIG email meetings list for announcements for info on this meeting. To be added to the email list, email "sig@win.net" and type "ADD ME TO HARDWARE SIG NOTICE LIST" in the Subject line on your email.

The January meeting date fell on New Years Day and was not held.

The February meeting will be a learn-by-doing meeting. Three members have computer problems that we hope to diagnose and fix at the SIG, a good time to learn more about the diagnostic process from the master himself, Grant McCormick.

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

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to the meeting, to hopefully be solved, PLEASE call one of the phone numbers listed in the 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

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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)

The Intermediate User SIG meets the third Friday of each month in the Training room of Comp USA. In January we talked about free software and shareware utilities available on the Internet like a shareware utility called TWEAKDUN and what it does to the Windows registry. This opens the door for us to play with REGEDIT and talk about other registry settings. What quicker way to trash your system! YEAH!

The Intermediate User SIG focuses on software and hardware topics of interest for users comfortable with the daily use of their computer and want to learn more. In other words, if you've mastered your fear of computers and are willing to push the envelope a little, "COME ON DOWN".

In February, we will look at other tools to help examine the registry and tune our systems and all downloadable from the Internet.

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

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the Investment SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There were 18 attendees at the January 11, 2001 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 (NEW)

The January 17, 2000 meeting of the Linux SIG was at our NEW meeting location, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, instead of our previous Saturday morning meetings. There was a good turnout, double the attendance of the previous meeting location and because of the new location; it appears that the LINUX SIG will be able to serve more members. So, come to future meetings and start building your Linux Box.

In February, attendees will be bringing in info researched from the WWW about various areas of Linux, including programs, utilities

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and other freeware. Also in February, we hope to have a field trip (date to be announced) to the LINUX USERS GROUP at the University of Louisville and participate in one of their install fest. Want to know more? Get on the LINUX SIG's meeting notice list by sending your name and email address to "sig@win.net" and please type "ADD ME TO LINUX SIG LIST" in the Subject line of your email.

Our new meeting place is great and TEAM MEMBER, Chris Parrish and 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. Please come and support the new SIG and bring your ideas and suggestions to help give us a direction for this new SIG. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presentation.

Although our computer is sufficient to run Linux, more memory and a faster CPU are required to run many of the applications that we wish to demo. VMWare, which we hope to demo, requires a minimum 266MHz CPU and 64Megs of memory. We have a 133MHz and 32Megs. But we are looking for a faster computer for our meetings (got a older one setting in the corner gathering dust?) if not, keep your eyes and ears open for us.

March meeting subject to be announced.

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 "ADD ME TO LINUX SIG LIST" in the subject line of the email.

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG

The NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG has suspended operations for the present time. Any questions or suggestion about the SIG should be forwarded to "sig@win.net" and will be appreciated.

NEW USERS SIG

The NEW USERS SIG held its January 8, 2001, 6:30 p.m. meeting at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, its regular location. This session was a continuation of our "Back To Basics" series. We had the big room and filled it. SIG LEADER, Charley May started with the basics of the MS Windows operating system 95/98 and then had attendees take another look at some of the tools that come with the Windows operating system that will help them keep their computers running smoother. For attendees planning install all those new software programs they received for the holidays, we talked about and demonstrated the simple steps required to do a clean install. Charley also talked more about the process of adding folders and organizing files

on their computers. As always, we reviewed past subjects that attendees had questions on 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 SIG LEADER 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. Winnie Miller and Lois Dean Mallrich operate the PIG SIG.

February meeting topic will be making your own personal document template for letters or other forms that you use on a routine basis and a review of MS Windows Explorer and the final review of the use of folders to organize your files and documents on your computer.

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

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we will add you to the list.

PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG (NEW)

The PDA SIG continues to meet on the third Tuesday at the Franklin-Covey Store, Mall St. Matthews. The January meeting topic was peripheral devices for the Palm. Like the last meeting, this one was Palm-specific, although many of these devices are also available for the Pocket PC.

Many devices listed below were demonstrated and the rest described and discussed with URLs and other sources of further information given attendees. QuickLink -- hand scanner, Corex -- business card scanner, Audrey -- data exchanger and synchronizer, Kodak PalmPix -- digital camera, DeLorme -- GPS receiver, Landware voice recorder, Datastick -- temperature recorder, Palm and Landware--QWERTY keyboard and also Omnisky and Palm modems.

Come out to the Franklin-Covey store in Mall St. Matthews on February 20, 2001 at 6:30 pm for a demonstration and discussion on drawing software and palm specific web sites. Both topics will include freeware, shareware and commercial programs. We'll have refreshments and a drawing for a door prize. The Franklin-Covey store is across from Arhaus and between the two Dillard's.

If you know someone with a Palm or work alike -- tell them about the PDA SIG. Many folks that could and would benefit from our meet-

ings just don't know about us so tell them to give our SIG a try.

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG

The Spreadsheet SIG has developed into two diverse groups - those with a wealth of experience and those with little or no experience. We are trying a novel approach for future meeting. We will start the experienced group on a project using graphs, while continuing to work on very basic spreadsheets for the novices.

There was no meeting in December since the meeting date fell so close to the holidays.

Phil has made a good swift recovery and is looking forward to seeing YOU at the next SIG meeting and is looking for additional suggestions from you for future meeting topics.

SIG DIRECTORS NOTE: Past attendees, now that Phil is out of the hospital and doing well, please add this SIG back to your schedule and lets get this SIG cooking again! Those of you that have been thinking about coming to the meetings, please try us out. We have a lot of space and computers for you to learn on in the Cyber Lab and we can help YOU regardless of your level of expertise.

If you are interested in future meetings, 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 subject line) to receive meeting notices.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The January 11, 2001 Meeting of the VB SIG started at 7 PM at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center. SIG leader Martin Campion presented what he called the "bug of the month," a mysterious error message he had received recently while trying to update a record. Then he showed how he found the answer to the problem on Microsoft's web site where Microsoft admitted to the bug, said it was being worked on, and published a workaround that was as mysterious as the error message. The moral of the story was: Visit Microsoft early, visit it often. The main part of the meeting was a demonstration of a VB add-in. The add-in showed how add-ins were designed and also had the practical use of closing all code and form windows in the editor with a single button flick.

The next meeting will be on February 8, same time, same place. Martin is thinking of doing more with add-ins and may also show off a game he wrote as a programming teaching tool.

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

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WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

SIG Leader Jim Travelstead cancelled the December 2000 meeting of the WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG at COMP USA's Training Center due to the holidays.

The January 22nd meeting will cover Windows ME (Upgrade from 98/98SE); also we'll talk about pros/cons of going to Windows ME.

In February, the topic will be Windows/Office Security Tips & Tricks. 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.

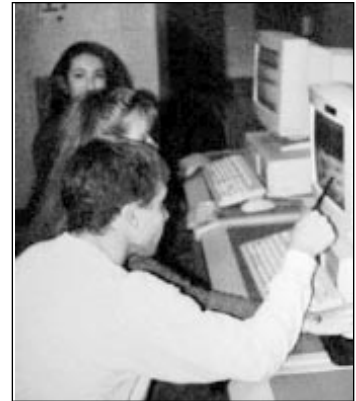
We have a meeting place with a large screen projector so sharp that you can see every pixel! If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the schedule for formation of a GAMES SIG (please type "GAMES SIG?" in the subject 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".

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Approximately 83% of Eastern graduates attend college and have one of the highest average ACT scores in Jefferson County. Each graduating class receives millions of dollars in scholarships from prominent colleges and universities.



With the permission of Mr. Scott Horan, the A+ certified coordinator and teacher at Eastern; much of this article has been extracted from their web site (which will be revised again this year by the students.) Please visit it at <http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/schools/high/eastern/eastern.html>. Mr. Horan extended an invitation for KIPCUG members to get involved in the "Grow your own IT Department" internship program. They can get information on the program by calling 485-8243.



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by Bob Click, The Deals Guy, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group

***More Crow, or Victim of Circumstances??**

Last month I wrote about Address.com, a free ISP. I was originally going to write about Istup.com, but when I looked it over, it was more of a network hosting service for free ISPs so I decided to write about Address.com. Istup.com closed their doors shortly after I looked it over and I don't know which ISPs they were the network for.

Wouldn't you know, the very day I released my column, unknown to me, Spinway.com closed their doors and they are also a network hosting service for free ISPs, in fact, for Address.com and Bluelight.com. To survive, Bluelight.com bought some of the assets of Spinway.com to continue operating. Address.com emailed me to say they were shut down, but were negotiating for a new network provider. Things happen fast in the free ISP world and I'm sorry for inadvertently giving you a bum steer.

***CAD Software For The Price Conscious**

Do you own, or know somebody that owns, popular CAD (Computer Aided Design) software? What was the cost for that package? Plenty if they have a certain brand, but I have a cheaper solution. According to "Upperspace," DesignCAD will handle that type of drawing needs with ease and it's easy to learn and use. It's also a much better bargain,

even at its regular price, but I have a "deal" for DesignCAD. You can actually own "DesignCAD" at about the price for only an upgraded version of that other famous CAD program.

Drawing and editing commands are intuitive and FAST. Drawing shortcuts, such as a right-click for snap and object menus, horizontal and vertical cursor mode, and cursor step sizes, allow you to make faster and more reliable drawings. 3D support is greatly enhanced and animation can be saved in .avi format.

This product offers so much that you should go to [<http://www.designcad.com>] to get the details. They're offering a great discount from February 1st through March 30, 2001; thanks to Jody Wallace, Public Relations Director. She recommends taking advantage of the "Bob Click Special" from Upperspace to enjoy 40% off your order.

* DesignCAD 3000 - normally \$299.00 - Bob Click special - \$179.40.

DesignCAD 3000 combines powerful 3D solid modeling with easy-to-use 2D drafting.

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***Liven Up Your Web Graphics**

Caligari Software has introduced "iSpace." At this writing I have purchased it, but have not yet tried it, but I have used Caligari's "TrueSpace," also an excellent product for giving graphics an impressive new look. I'll include some of their description below.

"For web designers and developers who want to differentiate the look of their Web site, iSpace provides a Web graphics tool that enables the creation of stunning 3D graphics. Working with traditional Web design tools, iSpace delivers the full range of 3D capabilities in a familiar drag-&-drop environment. Unlike other 3D tools, iSpace works seamlessly with your main HTML editor (such as Front Page, Dreamweaver or Adobe GoLive) and uses a standard HTML format for input and output of the entire fully formatted page. 3D workspace is revolutionary . . . the rendering results breathtaking."

Check [<http://www.caligari.com>] if you want more details on iSpace. I had a better special posted on my Web site that ran out December 15, 2000. However, they agreed to offer my readers iSpace at \$199.00,

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which is \$100 off the MSRP, from January 1 through February 28, 2001. Go to [\[http://www.caligari.com/isspace/is1dg/\]](http://www.caligari.com/isspace/is1dg/) to order. It uses Windows 95/98/2k/NT4 platforms. Win ME?? Be sure to check their recommended hardware.

***Hey Browser --- Don't Do As I Do --- Do As I Say**

Last month I wrote about Conversa's voice powered browser software. Now I'm introducing you to "Ivan," (Intelligent Voice Animated Navigator). I enjoyed their demonstration at Comdex with an "Ivan" walking around the booth. I watched as a demonstrator talked to his browser, asking for various types of Web sites, and even products. The browser responded saying "I'll get that" and listed sites catering to his request. Sometimes IVAN asked for more information.

IVAN is also said to think, understand what word sounds mean, learn your preferences, search by concept instead of just keywords, and is easygoing when spoken to in common everyday language. My wife sometimes tells me she is like that. With her though, I just keep saying "yes dear" to play it safe -- no commands! They say that VoiceSite is the One Voice technology that can actually make your Web site talk and be interactive, and is an easy-to-use Windows-based applet. It doesn't affect your existing HTML code, no tagging or special codes required and it's a GUI interface.

Find out more at [\[http://www.myivan.com\]](http://www.myivan.com) and [\[http://www.onevoicetech.com\]](http://www.onevoicetech.com)

where there may be free downloadable software, but it looks like PC only. The way they make their money is by registering a company's Web site to their search engine. I believe their browser voice software is free, but you need your own headphones. Check their system requirements. They'll also send disks for your user group if you ask.

***When Ya Gotta Go, Ya Gotta Go (More Trivia)**

You're walking on the sidewalks of New York and suddenly, you really have to find a bathroom, fast. What do you do - What do you do? I'm not talking about the American Express card for this one though. No, I'm talking about asking the net, that is, if you have a wireless Internet phone with you. Just use it to search out the closest bathroom in about 30 seconds.

Actually, your search is only possible in about a dozen major cities, but I look for the service by YadaYada.com to increase. You can thank [\[http://www.besttoilets.com\]](http://www.besttoilets.com) for putting this information together. However, I suppose it will be a while before you could ask about restrooms in YeeHaw Junction, FL. Best to use your "Road Whiz" for that one. You do have a Road Whiz for auto travel, don't you?

***Get a Family For Free**

My thanks to Lou Harris of Alamo PC Organization Inc., for forwarding this to me through Clark Bird, their editor. It is a news release from Ken McGinnis of Millennium Corporation. Check further, but I only saw it listed for PCs.

"Legacy 3.0 is now FREE! Yes, you read correctly. Legacy Family Tree 3.0, the most comprehensive and easy-to-use family history software, is now free for the taking. This is the entire program. Nothing has been held back and there are no restrictions. Everything is there, from world-class merging, search-and-replace and spell checking, to powerful research logs, reports, and sources.

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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 [\[dealsguy@mindspring.com\]](mailto:dealsguy@mindspring.com). Visit my Web site at [\[http://www.dealsguy.com\]](http://www.dealsguy.com) for past columns.

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