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KIPCUG Presents

New Meeting Locations This Month!

**May 1
Paint Shop Pro**

**Location: Christ
Church United
Methodist**



**May 20
1st. Annual PC-NIC
3:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Location: Clear
Channel Radio on
Bishops Lane**

Picnic

Vendors

**84OnLine
Radio**

New Horizons Computer Learning Center presents: Paint Shop Pro

**Public is welcome at
KIPCUG's General Meeting**

Free Program Starts at 6:30 PM

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Next meeting

**PAINT SHOP PRO
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST
Tuesday, May 1st. 6:30 p.m.**

From The Editor

May 2001 will go into KIPCUG history the month with two (2) scheduled monthly meetings. Matthew Mercurio, our Program Director, has a special month planned for us!

May 1, 2001 General Meeting will feature JASC Software's Paint Shop Pro. New Horizons Computer Learning Center will sponsor the presentation scheduled for our new location at Christ Church United Methodist on Brownsboro Road. Check out www.kipcug.org for directions. Paint Shop Pro was one of the first programs to be sold as shareware. JASC offered it free and asked those that downloaded the program to send in their payment if they kept it. PS: ASK WHAT "JASC" STANDS FOR!

May 20, 2001 is the date for KIPCUG's first annual PIC-NIC. The concept is to combine a trade show with a picnic to thank everyone for supporting our efforts throughout the year. Matthew has local vendors lined up, a "hot dog" or two available, and the 84OnLine radio show broadcasting live. The location is currently set for the Clear Channel Radio parking lot on Bishop Lane. Please check our website for updates.

Matthew, Great Month !!!!

How can we help you? John

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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

by Matthew Mercurio, Program Director

May



In May, New Horizons Computer Learning Center will be on hand to demonstrate the latest version of Paint Shop Pro. Paint Shop Pro is a great tool for creating and editing graphics, including photographs.



May 20, 2001
KIPCUG PC-NIC

Second order of business is the KIPCUG PC-NIC. May the 20th is the date and pending one final conversation with Clear Channel Management....this event will be held at the station's parking lot on bishop's lane between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm....during the 84OnLine radio show! It will be great for our members and great exposure for KIPCUG!

Third and final news to report....I have more good news....YoLonda Davis with Borland has contacted me about doing a presentation for us sometime during the summer. She says Borland has a new product to show off and she wants KIPCUG to be one of stops on the tour!

Also...future meetings include Gene Barlow Powerquest (August), Randle Whittle with MGI will be returning in late summer, Microsoft is making another tour as you may know...and I am GOING to make KIPCUG one of their stops.

Please....feel free to email me with any ideas ... comments ... criticisms ... anything you may want to explore. I am always open to suggestions. I can be reached at 419-7903 or by e-mail: mgmercurio@home.com

1st PIC-NIC
Information is
at
www.kipcug.org

President's Desk

by John Markham, KIPCUG

We have a new home. Everyone who missed our last meeting at Christ Church United Methodist missed a wonderful meeting. Not just the presenter, but also the NEW facility that many at KIPCUG want to call its permanent home.

It is a wonderful facility, well lit and with wonderful sound. Some suggest the projection could be better and the screen could be bigger.

They might. There is plenty of time to fine tune a facility as wonderful as this.

In the real-estate business there are 3 considerations - location - location - location. That is what KIPCUG has in CCUM.

Sorry IUS, you are great - just too far away.

In addition to location CCUM has NICE PEOPLE to distinguish it. Nice people, like Bob Garst (now a

new member of the KIPCUG Board), welcome you as though you were a long time friend coming to visit their own home. There will be slight changes to perfect the fit between KIPCUG and CCUM, but we are a long way to making this a very lasting relationship.

Look forward to seeing you at our new event on May 20, 2001-- the First Annual KIPCUG PC-NIC. Please check out our website at www.kipcug.org for details.

Jigsaws Galore

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Jigsaws Galore is a full-featured jigsaw program distributed by Gray Design Associates. The program comes on a single CD or is available to download. The program loads quickly, only asking what you want to load and where you want the program to load. Options to create a shortcut on the desktop or to include the program in the Start Menu are available.

Additional information is available at www.dgray.com or by e-mail at david@dgray.com. The program is available for download for a 30-day period. You can get a registered copy for just \$25.00 online or \$39.00 plus \$2.00 S&H for the CD version by mail.

The CD version asked you to decide what portion of the program you wanted to download: program only 2,821 KB, program plus jigsaws 65,028 KB and program, jigsaws and bonus games 71,528 KB. You can also run the program directly off the CD thus reducing the space requirements. The bonus games are Hugo for Windows and Nitemare - 3D. I installed the program on a different drive than the default so I had to change the installation directory for each of the three programs. The bonus programs are unregistered shareware editions.

Jigsaws Galore contains 192 puzzles, in 18 directories, with descriptive names. Each puzzle contains a short description; of which some have educational information while others just identify the subject of the puzzle. A program suggestion, "Tip of the Jigsaw" shows each time you load the program. The program

default is set to play music in the background, however you can turn off the music.

The start screen shows thumbnails for the files in each directory. Once you select a puzzle, you can choose from among the pre-set levels of difficulty and size including a custom option to specify the number of pieces. A number of options are available to change your puzzle once loaded: piece size in percentage, adding outlines to the pieces, changing the shape of pieces and even rotating the orientation of the pieces.

192 Puzzles in Directories

Decreasing the piece size allows all the pieces to fit on the screen without overlapping so that the puzzle is easier to work. At times, you may want to increase the size of the pieces so that you can see more detail to make the puzzle easier to work. The choice is yours and is changeable even on the same puzzle. Adding outlines to the pieces emphasizes the piece borders making it look more like a jigsaw puzzle instead of just a picture. You can change the shape of pieces to various shapes: classic, blip, squares, stars, bubbles and mixture. Rotating the orientation of the pieces increases the difficulty of the puzzle.

If you get stuck there are cheat modes that will identify the next piece, turn all of the pieces the right way up if you have allowed rotation or actually solve the puzzle piece-by-piece. You decide to allow cheating for the puzzle and then you must make an additional menu selection

to cheat. When the program reports how long it took to solve the puzzle, it also shows if you cheated.

This program has features that my current jigsaw program does not have. The use of trays to group pieces together, the ability to move groups of pieces and the rearrangement of loose pieces in either a grid or around the edges of the screen are all very useful features. You can even rearrange the loose pieces by color or shape. You can use either the ghost feature to show an actual size faded version of the completed puzzle or a small popup of the puzzle in full color or both.

The help menu is easy to use and very comprehensive. Being able to click on "Quick Help" for context sensitive help is another neat feature. Although I initially started using the program by inspecting the menus and the screen tips, I did learn additional information from the help feature. The demo automatically assembles various puzzles piece-by-piece. During the demo numerous features are available: zoom picture, arrange at edge, arrange in grid, piece size, picture, ghost picture, outlines, sort by color, sort by shape, rotating pieces, board color, piece shape and hint. The program does not dim the menu, which is the only clue that these features are available during the demo.

You can send a jigsaw puzzle to someone who does not have the program. You can not send one of the 192 puzzles contained in the Jigsaws Galore program, however you can create a puzzle out of any .jpg file. I tried creating a puzzle out of a 74KB .jpg file and the program

Jigsaws Galore (cont.)

made two files. Anyone can play the 933KB file with an .exe extension. Only someone with the Jigsaws Galore program can use the smaller 367KB file with a .jsm extension. You can send a message along with either file type with custom greetings or solving hints. Being able to send a puzzle seems to be a method of advertising, since complete purchasing information is included, as well as being a way of sharing puzzles that you have created.

There are two additional features that I would like included in the program. One feature is a pause button to allow for interruptions since the program tracks the time to complete the puzzle. The other is a scoring feature that allows you to work against yourself or others for the ten best scores or times.

This game/educational program has 192 puzzles and numerous options to customize your playing experience at only \$25.00 online or \$39.00 plus \$2.00 S&H for the CD version by mail. This feature-rich program is an excellent buy if you like to work jigsaw puzzles, want to change the number of puzzle pieces, want to create your own puzzles and do not want to lose a puzzle piece again. Jigsaws Galore may be the last jigsaw puzzle program that you ever need to buy.

Contact: www.dgray.com or by e-mail at david@dgray.com.

Thank You!

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY EXPO

On February 21-22, 2001 the Communications & Technology Expo 2001 was held at the Kentucky International Convention Center. This was a broad-based expo with excellent exhibitors. During the expo, thanks to the gracious invitation from **Win.Net**, KIPCUG shared the Win.Net booth not only with Win.Net but also with the Louisville Panthers. It was an interesting booth located in the best spot in the whole expo.

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Home Office: Fight for Your Online Privacy

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An irate Steve Bass rolls out the big artillery against bad cookies.

The Internet is booby-trapped. Security leaks are pervasive, and violations of consumer and company privacy are commonplace. Folks, people are doing things behind your back, and you don't even know it.

I can hear you asking me, Ed McMahon-like, "How bad is it, Steve-o?" You probably already know that companies track the files you download, the sites you visit, and the things you buy. You may also be aware that free ad-sponsored programs such as PKZip for Windows and GoZilla place hidden files on your PC. Maybe you consider this part of the cost of going online, but do we really understand the threat data collectors pose to our privacy?

That's why I'm writing this column: I'm alarmed, I'm angry, and I'm determined to show you how to protect yourself.

Out of the Web Shadows

The whole privacy issue is about informed consent. Tell me what you're planning to do before you do it, and maybe I'll allow it. But sneak behind my back, and the bits will hit the virtual fan (see June's cover story, "Privacy 2000: In Web We Trust?" www.pcworld.com/features/article/0,aid,16444,00.asp).

Cookies are the most common privacy invader, and they're also the easiest for me to control. Web sites

begin to store these files on my PC when I first visit, so they can recognize me--along with my Web browsing preferences and maybe my buying history--when I return. I consider these benevolent cookies because they let a Web site remember, say, the DVDs I rented or the dog food I ordered for my pooch.

In the other corner are malevolent cookies used by third parties--such as ad companies like DoubleClick and Avenue A--to track my online travels without telling me. These cookies tell the next site about me (and my dog) so it can greet me with a banner ad pitching a DVD starring Lassie. (What, you thought sites had ESP?)

I rely on two sites to keep up-to-date on cookie innovations. The first of these, Cookie Central (www.cookiecentral.com), provides a terrific overview of cookies; the second, Privacy.net, (www.privacy.net) steps you through a demo of how ad networks such as DoubleClick collect personal information.

How to Crumble a Cookie

Plenty of programs block cookies, but I have three favorites--all free (and available at PCWorld.com's Downloads:

www.pcworld.com/downloads/index.asp).

IDcide

(www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,7090,00.asp) becomes part of your browser and wedges itself between you and

advertiser cookies while letting benevolent cookies through. You can reset the utility on the fly to block all cookies prior to visiting an untrustworthy site. Or if you're curious, IDcide can supply tracking details so you can see who's following your browsing. Unfortunately, IDcide doesn't work with Internet Explorer 5.5 yet.

I'm also happy with **AdSubtract**

(www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,7090,00.asp), which stops cookies and blocks bothersome ads. On the downside, AdSubtract stops all cookies except those you choose to accept from up to five Web sites. (A \$15 version has unlimited, custom settings and lets you sort ad cookies and trusted-site cookies by giving them different colors.)

The most intriguing of the three programs, though, is **Naviscope**

(www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,6674,00.asp). Like AdSubtract, it stops cookies and ad intrusions. It also throws in a dozen nifty tools to eliminate other Web annoyances, such as sounds, pop-up windows, and blinking text. And it prefetches Web pages to make downloading subsequent pages faster.

That's Not Opportunity Knocking

While you busily number-crunch confidential data for your boss, ne'er-do-wells scan the Net looking for vulnerable computers. I get checked out a dozen times a day,

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The Deals Guy

by Bob Click, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group

* Help Yourself To A Little Extra Discount

O'Reilly Publishing is offering us a little bit extra off the price of certain books until May 13, 2001. Here is what Denise says:

"In celebration of the 1-year anniversary of the O'Reilly/Pogue Press collaboration on the best selling 'Missing Manual Series,' O'Reilly would like to extend a special discount to user group members: Order direct from O'Reilly and receive 25% off all books in the 'Missing Manual Series.' In particular, your members might be interested in:

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* Windows 2000 Pro: The Missing Manual

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For product info, go to [www.oreilly.com] (this discount not offered on orders placed online). Please send this message to your UG members. Thanks, Denise."

* An Old Buddy (Software) Captures Your Screen

Many have used "SnagIt" in the past and liked what it does. I talked to the "TechSmith" user group coor-

dinator recently who offered this discount for my column. There are many uses for capturing all or parts of a computer screen, such as an instructive review of a product, or detailed instructions. SnagIt does all this with ease and outputs it as a graphic, text or video file, and will send the information to the printer, the Clipboard, a file, or as an e-mail attachment from any MAPI enabled e-mail client. A wizard will help if necessary. MSRP is \$39.95, but our user group price is \$35.95

TechSmith's "Camtasia" is harder to describe since it does many tasks. Camtasia's suite of tools produces a video of anything you see on your screen and makes it easy to record, edit and publish high fidelity videos. Use them for computer-based training, product demonstrations, presentations, online help, tech support solutions, sales demonstrations, Web site content and much more.

You can move in closer with zoom and pan the capture frame across the screen for more detail. Use ScreenPad to easily annotate your video with text, arrows and callout boxes. Even "brand" your video with a watermark if you like. Yes, you create standard AVI files or broadcast your screen live over the Internet.

I'm enjoying my review copy and may be a bit over exuberant, so check the TechSmith Web site. [http://www.techsmith.com] "Camtasia's" user group price is \$134.95 (MSRP \$145.95). Order these fine programs by calling the sales department at 1-800-517-3001, or fax to 1-517-333-1888. Mention your user group's name.

For a better discount, order the "SnagIt/Camtasia Bundle" for just \$152.95.

* Hey Folks, How's The Ol Ticker?

If you're into stocks, this program puts a stock ticker across the top of your monitor with only the stocks you want on the ticker. Joe Issac wrote about this one in "The Computer File," newsletter of Central Kentucky Computer Society.

WinStock is a powerful stock ticker, client-designed with the serious online investor in mind. US stocks, Canadian stocks, mutual funds, bonds, market index quotes, options, commodities, foreign exchanges and money-market mutual funds can all be tracked and monitored by WinStock. Use it free for 30 days. If you like it, send the guy \$20. No special offer here, I'm just passing it on. See [http://cws.internet.com/coolapp.html] to check further and look in "Previous Coolapps" for it. Full time DSL or Cable would make this work best. Lots of great items on that site.

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.

Linux 2.3 by Caldera

by Dennis Cowley, KIPCUG

Caldera 2.3 from the beginning of opening the box to having the program up and operating was well planned. From the start, two programs that are very useful are included in the program CD, Partition Magic and Boot Magic. If you need to use Partition Magic, which I recommend, partitions can be changed to various sizes. Size can be adapted to your needs as required without losing data in the process. The equivalent of this would be Fdisk. Partition Magic allows you to change size even after your program have been used for a few months and you decide that more room on the partition is required. Juggling of other disks sizes may be required but is a very useful feature.

Boot Magic is the next program that is worth its weight in gold. This program allows you to manage more than one operating system. I run five operating systems on my system 98, ME, NT, Linux, 2000 Server. The Programs share the data and work quite well together. When you need to use other programs the only requirement is to reboot the computer and select the desired OS that you need, a very useful feature to have on any system if you have programs that only work in 98, NT, etc. All that is required is to revert to that OS and this works surprisingly well and you still have fully functioning OS loaded on your computer.

The program comes with a book that is well laid out. The startup is to insert the CD, boot to the CD and from there you can select Partition Magic, since Linux requires its own

partition to operate. After the partition has been planned, you then directed to reboot. The reboot allows you to select Boot Magic to set your operating system installation. If windows are desired for all the tried and true diehards, this portion allows your environment to be run in either Windows or Linux. From this point on you can as directed, load the Linux OS and your off to the races. Caldera has included within the system just as in Windows a loading platform. The program allows you to load your video card, SCSI, printer, scanner, sound card, modem card, and any of the many drivers that are needed. Most of the drivers are included in the CD and Caldera has a very helpful website that you may call up and get other drivers if they are needed but usually are not needed.

The Partitions can be set so that any of the OS systems used can go to one partition and store the Data and Pic, Doc, Txt, Jpeg, etc can be used jointly. I work with these files jointly between the OS's and have no difficulty in accessing the files.

If your intentions are to get your feet wet and see what Unix, Irix, or any of the other programs that look like Linux are like, this is a fine way to start learning. The book is well written, for the programming, that is needed to make it all work. The programming structure is discussed and commands that are needed are literally laid out for even the beginner to use.

Caldera has included a Windows like environment to make life easy for the person that is not adept at using the keyboard. KDE is very much like windows and allows the

mouse to interface and select the program structures, such as word processing and graphics programs that can be bought. The software management part of the program allows you to enter in the Lic. Number information and dates that you bought. The software, which in turn tracks the software programs for those which, are not freeware. Games are included in the program for those that get bored working. Mindless hours of playing solitaire or solitaire type of games are included just as with windows. Windows was not the first to have games such as these and Linux will not be the last. They seem to be a part of our everyday getaway, and always make our learning a new structure easier. Everything that was included with windows can be found in the KDE structure from file management to basic multiple windows controls, printer control, sound boards Modems are controlled just as in MS Windows.

The program allows for setup of a network environment for those that have multiple computers and allows you to ping your on line computers. You can then talk to and control other computers through the HyperTerminal link. This is very effective if you have a computer in a remote location and want to access some function on line from your terminal. Most of the files to run Caldera are setup by files much like bat files and are saved just like text files or bat files and located and called up like autoexec is ran in DOS environments. This is good for A+ and requires very little skill if the directions are followed in their book of instructions.

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by Susan Moore, KIPCUG

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* Private File [Information Protection] – 95, NT4.0

* Spell Catcher – 95, 98, NT

* SyncTalk Pro 2.0 [Connect Palm, WCE, EPOC 32] – 95, 98, NT

* Stay Connected 3.1 – 95, 98, NT, 2000

* PhotoVista 2.0 MGI – 95/98/NT

* VCR Tape - Internet for Kids

For additional information – please call/email Joe Rothstein. joesr@iname.com, 451-38743

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John Henderson (jhenderson@win.net)

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

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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. 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. 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. 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. Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@bluegrass.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. 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 @ 8:30) SIG LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

ORACLE SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Ln., across from the

UPS Bldg. CO-SIG LEADER Daniel Xu at 429-5501, dxu@quilogy.com or CO-SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at 429-5501, kstenger@quilogy.com or SIG DIRECTOR, Charley May at 425-4604, 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. SIG LEADER Paul Gilles at 896-6676 or TEAM MEMBER Sam Cooke 423-9920

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM) computer lab (room 222), located at 4614 Brownsboro Rd. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Ln) SIG LEADER Phil Whitehouse at 899-5623 or basicpop@aol.com

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM on the last Tuesday of the month at Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room. SIG LEADER Lisa Disselkamp 253-9900 or "disseleglm@juno.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, Suite 110 of Triad E. Bldg. SIG LEADER Martin Campion at 479-8952 or mccampion@aol.com

WEBMASTER SIG "New Location"

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Ln., across from the UPS Bldg. CO-SIG LEADER Manivannan Vangalur SIG TEAM MEMBER Warren Lang at "lbear@aye.net" Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

WINDOWS 2000 SIG "New"

Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Ln., across from the UPS Bldg. SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at 429-5501, kstenger@quilogy.com or SIG DIRECTOR, Charley May at 425-4604, "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

The SIG Scene

by Charley May, SIG Director

Where to find the scoop on your Special Interest Group

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

The Access Programming SIG met at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center at 10 a.m. on March 24, 2001. 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.

John's Guest Presenter, Alan White brought a small demo Access 2000 database with a couple of forms to demonstrate how to get a pop-up calendar to select a date for a field. Along the way, he showed use of a toggle button and how to get a picture on it. The Calendar Control in Access 2000 will put a Calendar on your form, but a little bit of programming and a toggle button make it a pop-up box. Calendar Control is a neat and useful tool and Alan provided an excellent explanation.

For the other half of the meeting we worked on a member's problem. Records in this database have fields for both a phone number and an alternate phone number. The problem was how to test when entering a new phone number in either field that it is not a duplicate of any phone number already in the database. The answer was using the Dlookup function, but a few small

glitches made it a lesson in troubleshooting to make it even more interesting.

In April, we look at Excel. Yes, it is an Access SIG, but in the real world, some of the things you want to do with data are easier to do in Excel even if it is stored in Access. Alan White plans to demonstrate some automation of Excel and SIG Leader John Kilpatrick plans to show some code to control Excel from Access.

If you have been working in Access and are willing to share solutions you have found, email John and come tell us about it. The topic for the May 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". We always have room for more people and more questions.

BASIC ACCESS SIG

The Basic Access SIG met at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center at 10 a.m. on, March 10, 2001. SIG Leader Alan Birch's Guest Presenter, Alan White gave us "Resources for Beginners" that can also help those of us who have been working with Access for a while. An excellent overview of where to find information on how to make Access work including books, help files, wizards and sources on the Internet. Another member pointed out that the library has some

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of the books and you might want to try before you buy. The library also has a video that can be helpful. If you would like an outline of the references, email SIG leader Alan Birch at abirch52@excite.com.

On April 21, 2001 at 10am at New Horizons, Guest Presenter Joan Combs Durso will talk about reports; making new reports and modifying existing ones. Even better will be some design principles for usability and tricks to make year-to-date reports without having to program.

May's meeting will address Normalization. How many tables do you need and how do you decide what fields go in each one and when to make a separate table?

June will have a presentation on using a scanner with Access. Come get tips on how to make Access work for you without getting into programming and we always have time for questions.

There will be some time each month to ask questions about things you cannot 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 have done something neat in Access, come share it with us.

GENEALOGY SIG

On March 19, 2001, the Genealogy SIG held its meeting at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. The presentation included three topics: How to Convert Your Family Tree Maker Data and How to Enter People into TMG - Part I as well as a review of the major TMG features from last month.

On April 16, 2001 the Genealogy SIG will hold its meeting at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at 6:30pm. The presentation will include three topics: How to Enter People into TMG - Part II including Tags and Flags, a review of Part I and a very short segment on Boolean logic. Tags are the information or events that you know about a person. Flags are a method used to analyze your data one time and then be able to use the results many times. Since we have just restarted the topics, this is an excellent meeting to come to if you are just getting started, or if you need a review, so please mark your calendars to attend this meeting. There is plenty of room for everyone.

In May, the topic will be How to Use the Standard Reports within TMG so that you can quickly print the data that you have entered. Reports will include the Ahnentafel, Pedigree, Family Group Sheet and the Individual Reports.

In June, the topics will be How to Use the Research Log and the Custom Report Writer including the

wizards.

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 March meeting was a field trip to Wayside Christian Mission and attendees worked on used computers, checked them out and where necessary, took them apart, building a whole computer. This gets donated computers ready to use for training people that have never operated computers before, so that they can learn new job skills. If you would like to help now or in the future and can operate a screwdriver or help by loading software, please consider adding your name to the HARDWARE SIG email meetings list for announcements for info on future 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 April meeting was held at our regular location and was scheduled to cover home network solutions.

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Grant McCormick was to have given the presentation on networking your home computer but was once again sent out of town at the last minute by his company to help keep America running. However, the meeting was changed at the last minute and we had the good fortune to have a very interesting and knowledgeable GUEST PRESENTER, Mr. Tom Scanlan for April.

Tom talked to us about and showed us some very interesting peripheral USB devices, explaining some of the many mysteries about USB and told us about some of the USB happenings that are just around the corner. It was very interesting, as all of Tom's presentations are. Thanks Tom Scanlan!

The May meeting topic is changing, so watch for your email notice.

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 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 exper-

ience)

The Intermediate User SIG meets the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Training room of CompUSA. At the March 16, 2001 meeting, SIG Leader Tom Scanlan talked about some web tune-up tips that Chris Nance found on the Web at ["http://www.netguide.com/Snapshots/Archive?guide=computing&id=1655"](http://www.netguide.com/Snapshots/Archive?guide=computing&id=1655) The article is called: Ten Simple Things You Can Do to Speed Up Your Computer". We spent some time looking at these tips and why they were suggested.

Tom once again brought our attention to an excellent web site published by long-time developer, Steve Gibson at <http://grc.com> that includes detailed information about security issues. Tom also, suggested we try his port scan and leak test before next months meeting.

In April Tom is going to cover other security issues and the Steve Gibson site.

Over the next several months, we will look at other ways to help tune our systems. Perhaps it is time to begin looking at specific pieces of hardware and software. Is there any interest in discussing IRQ's, hardware ports, TCP/IP ports and what that techno-babble means? In the last few months, discussions have focused on Windows registry tools and fixes often, but Tom is always willing to return to the topic after you digest the information. Send Tom an email if you are interested in any of the above!

The Intermediate User SIG focuses on software and hardware topics

of interest for users comfortable with the daily use of their computer and who want to learn more. If you would like information about the Intermediate Users 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 11 attendees at the April 12, 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.

The Next SIG Meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange. The Investing SIG meets the second Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman Field at 6:30 p.m.

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

LINUX SIG (NEW)

The Linux SIG has a NEW meeting location, at New Horizons Computer Learning Center and meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., instead of our previous Saturday morning meetings. Because of the new location, it appears that the LINUX SIG will be able to serve more members. So,

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come to future meetings and start building your Linux Box.

In March, attendees will be bringing in info researched from the WWW about various areas of Linux, including programs, utilities and other freeware. Also in the near future, 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 fests. Want to know more? Get on the LINUX SIG's meeting notice list by sending your name, email address to "sig@win.net", and please type "ADD ME TO LINUX SIG LIST" in the Subject line of your email.

April meeting, subject to be announced by email to attendees. Want to be notified about the meeting subject? To be added to the email list, email "sig@win.net" and type "LINUX SIG?" in the Subject line of your email.

Our new meeting place is great and TEAM MEMBER, Chris Parrish and the LINUX SIG are 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 O/S or Linux applications and will gradually work its way through all the different "brands" available. Please come, 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 KIPCUG 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. (Do you have an older one setting in the corner gathering dust?), if not, keep your eyes and ears open for us.

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG

The NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG has suspended operations for the present time. The KIPCUG NT SIG is looking for a SIG Leader to restart this group. 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 March 12, 2001, 6:30 p.m. meeting at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, its regular location. This session was the second session after restarting the New Users Basics Series over again from the beginning. So, if you are a new computer user or would just like to review some of the beginning basics or have basic questions about the operation, organization or how to maintain your computer's smooth speedy performance, THIS is the time to start coming to the NEW

USERS SIG.

SIG LEADER, Charley May started with the basics of "MS Windows Desktop" organization, the do's, don'ts and why. Attendees also learned how to add handy Icons to the Taskbar and the importance of limiting the Icon placement on the Desktop. He presented a short introduction on Virus Protection, its importance and why to update your Virus Protection Program often. In response to an attendee's question, Charley covered how to access "Symbols" and led the SIG members through, on the NHCLC computers, the process of adding the "Symbol Icon" To their toolbar (for heavy symbol users).

After the presentation and as always, we reviewed past subjects that attendees had questions on, any problems that they have had at home during the previous month 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, Charley leads Attendees through each step of each feature and you learn hands-on, by following the presentation on your NHCLC computer.

The SIG has two TEAM MEMBERS, Dick McGavic and Susan Moore, plus SIG LEADER Charley May at each meeting to help assist you if you get hung up during the presentation. So come meet with us, have some fun and learn something new! If you do not have time for supper before the meeting, join us at the PIG SIG at T. G. I. Friday's

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after the meeting. Winnie Miller and Lois Dean Mallrich operate the PIG SIG.

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.

ORACLE SIG (NEW)

KIPCUG is please to announce the formation of the ORACLE SIG that will cover topics for all Oracle users. The first meeting was held at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Building. The presentation was given by Daniel Xu, OCP on March 7, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. and the SIG will continue to regularly meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

First Wednesday in May, we are going to be discussing which way we want to go with one of our newest SIG's.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact SIG CO-LEADER Daniel Xu at 429-5501, "dxu@quilogy" or SIG CO-LEADER Keith Stenger at 429-5501, "kstenger@quilogy.com" or SIG DIRECTOR, Charley May at 425-4604, "sig@win.net".

PDA SIG (Personal Digital Assistant for Palm O/S)

The PDA SIG met at the Franklin

Covey store in Mall St. Matthews on March 20, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation on "hacks" (hacks are programs which extent the Palm O/S). Features that you can add, include, entering uppercase without shifting, writing graffiti on an entire screen, automatic spell check and drag and drop text from one application to another.

Most of this discussion is oriented to Palm OS based PDAs since 'hacks' are necessarily specific to an Operating System. Hacks enable Palm users to speed up many jobs from data entry (Caps without shifting), data transfer (from one application to another), job transfer (from one application to another) plus language, keyboard, and screen utilities. Price Hanna (alias Palm Wiz) told us all about these very useful add-ons and showed us how they worked.

The April topic was "Moving and synchronizing files between 'productivity software' and a PDA running the Palm OS". The major concern is Windows based documents and spreadsheets, not just Word and Excel files. Some shareware programs were mentioned but with their small price difference, the commercial programs like "Documents To Go" (DTG) look good.

After the first hotsync, DTG can update files regardless of where the changes were made. If both the PDA and the desktop versions were changed, then both receive a copy of the other version letting the user decide which parts are the latest. This pointed out the need for keeping track of revisions and carefully

maintaining a 'floating master copy' to avoid this updating problem.

For many applications, DTG acts like a high level programming language allowing a template to be generated on the desktop, downloaded to the PDA, and then modified as needed away from the office. The modified data is saved as a new file, and uploaded whenever the 'main office' needs to be updated.

The May 15, 2001 meeting will cover "Moving programs and files between any or all of these: PDA, PocketPC, desktop, and internet." The Pocket PC makes an appearance at last!! We'll look at questions like these: Can these systems coexist? What might be lost in transfer? How much time does it take? What software is needed? Come on out on May 15 for a first look at the PocketPC in action.

The Franklin Covey store is across from Arhaus and between the two Dillard's. If you know anyone with a Palm or work alike -- tell them about the KIPCUG PDA SIG which meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Many folks that could and would benefit from our meetings just don't know about us, so ask them to give our SIG a try.

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG

RED HOT NEWS FLASH!

We have moved to a new location! The Spreadsheet SIG is now meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the

The SIG Scene (cont.)

month at 6:30 p.m. at the Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM) computer lab (room 222), located at 4614 Brownsboro Rd. This location is at the intersection of Brownsboro Road (US 42) and Blankenbaker Lane. We think you will be very pleased with this new location as it has 12 computers for use by SIG attendees.

SPREADSHEET SIG LEADER Mr. Phil Whitehouse, an avid spreadsheet designer/user and the LEADER of the "SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG" has held two meetings at this new location and all attendees were well pleased.

Phil guides attendees through the process of creating a model of real functional spreadsheets and explains how each section is built and assisted everyone until all attendees had their spreadsheet up and running.

Everyone is looking forward to seeing YOU at the new location for the next SIG meeting, April 25, 2001 and is looking for additional suggestions from you for future meeting topics.

SIG DIRECTORS NOTE: Past attendees, now that we have changed locations, 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 space for YOU at our new location (CCUM) 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.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG (NEW)

KIPCUG SIGs are pleased to announce the addition of the TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG to the KIPCUG line up of SIGs. We are especially pleased to welcome New KIPCUG Member and New SIG LEADER, Lisa Disselkamp. The SIG meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the

Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room.

The March 27, 2001 meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and featured guest speaker, Marc Dent from Right Time Econometrics in Philadelphia, PA. Marc's Presentation covered Technical Analysis & Trading Mutual Funds.

On April 24, 2001 the meeting will feature a speaker from Day Traders' Exchange. The topic will be Direct Market Access Platforms, Technical Analysis for Short-Term Traders.

Topics for the remainder of 2001 will include Trading Rules and Managing your Trading Accounts, Volume, FastTrack & FastTools2, ETFs, and other related topics.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact SIG LEADER Lisa Disselkamp 253-9900 or "disseleglm@juno.com".

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The VB SIG met April 12, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the New Horizons Learning Center where every attendee had a computer on which to follow the presentation. The presentation was given by Martin Champion's Guest Presenter, Deirdre Dolgin, who showed us a highly modular database interface program she designed, to be modular, so that customers could buy only the portions of the program that they need and the program could be updated swiftly and cheaply. Her program

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used active-x controls and dlls for all of the functions to achieve the program benefits. Martin showed some basic file input and output operations with some twists. His program will import a list of file names into the Sure Thing CD Labeler (March General Meeting) by creating a text file and optionally removing the extensions. The second program makes a text file list of all the folders and files on a disk.

The next meeting on May 10, 2001 will be at the same time, same place. The tentative topic is to review some basic graphics operations and then to look at a third-party graphics library.

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

WEBMASTERS SIG (RESTARTED)

KIPCUG SIGs are pleased to announce the relocation and restart of the WEBMASTERS SIG. The SIG now meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Building. (Warning: Do not be late, as the building doors are automatically locked at 7:00 p.m.)

The March meeting started with the introduction of Manivannan Vangalur as the new SIG leader. Mani impressed us by showing some of the sites that were devel-

oped by Quilogy. A question arose about the tie of some of those pages to a database. That topic will be covered at the April meeting.

If you are involved as a Webmaster in any way, please try to attend the next meeting to welcome the new SIG CO-LEADER Manivannan Vangalur, MCSD, MCT, PCP, MBA.

Please come to these early meetings and make your suggestions for what this SIG should cover, and where you think that it should go. From the first meeting, we determined that some of the future meetings should cover HTML, Java Script, ASP, XML, web hosting and web programs like FrontPage.

On May 15, 2001, we will talk about the following short list of potential meeting topics, as well as any suggestion you might have:

- 1) The future the Webmaster: a glimpse of what to expect.
- 2) Internet Browsers: who's left out there? (A look at the browsers that have withstood the test of time, and those that haven't)...How has this affected the role of the Webmaster?
- 3) Helpful website development software programs.
- 4) Dedicated Internet access & what the new high-speed technologies mean to the Webmaster. We will look at the new concept of Internet mobile phones, such as Finland's Nokia prototype (3rd generation cellular phones), and we will talk about the changing role of the Webmaster).

YOUR suggestions for future meeting topics would be appreciated! Come at 6:30 p.m. To sign up

for meeting reminders, please email team member Warren Lang at lbear@aye.net so that you can be added to the list.

WINDOWS 2000 SIG (NEW)

KIPCUG SIGs are pleased to announce the addition of the WINDOWS 2000 SIG to the KIPCUG line up of SIGs. We are especially pleased to welcome KIPCUG Member, Keith Stenger as the New SIG LEADER, of the WINDOWS 2000 SIG. The SIG meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Quilogy, located at 9960 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1200, off North Hurstbourne Lane, across from the UPS Building.

We had a great first meeting, considering UK was playing their last game in the NCAA tournament. In the May 2, 2001 meeting, we will be installing Windows 2000 and discussing some of the pitfalls and things to look out for. Future meetings will discuss the Active Directory, integration with other OS's, security, policies, etc. Come out and join in the craziness of one of Microsoft's newest systems.

Please come to the meeting to make your thoughts known as to where you would like to see the SIG headed as the New SIG LEADER, Keith Stenger begins planning future meetings. YOUR suggestions for future meeting topics will be appreciated!

For more information on meet-

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ings or meeting dates, contact SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at 429-5501, kstenger@quilogy.com or SIG DIRECTOR, Charley May at 425-4604, sig@win.net.

WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

SIG Leader Jim Travelstead held the March 26, 2001 meeting of the WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG at CompUSA's Training Center on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting covered our first look at Security and your computer, with Jim passing on some of his favorite tips and tricks. Jim also gave us our first look at ZoneAlarm. You can get your free download of ZoneAlarm™ at www.zonealarm.com and Jim feels it or a similar product is essential for DSL and Cable modem users, providing rock-solid protection against Internet thieves, vandals and hackers - stopping them dead in their tracks. If you can't be seen, you can't be attacked! ZoneAlarm is compatible with Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000. More than 9 million PC users have downloaded ZoneAlarm. As always, Mr. Travelstead answered attendees many questions on various topics including BurnProof (the web site for BurnProof www.burn-proof.com).

In April, we will do an overview of Outlook 2000, answering your questions, so bring some along. If there are follow-up questions on last months "look at Security and your computer", we'll look more at ZoneAlarm if needed, then review

some thing to do to lessen Visual Basic Scripts (VBS) damage by making some changes to Windows defaults

May 28, 2001 meeting we will dig deeper into Outlook 2000.

For June (6/25/01), Jim plans to show Office XP (the next release of Office).

If you have any questions between meetings, 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. Want to get on Jim's email notification list? Send him a short note with "Add me to KIPCUG W, W & E SIG meeting email list" in the subject line!

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Privacy (cont.)

and it's not due to my affable personality. Make your PC undetectable by using ZoneAlarm, an excellent firewall that's free for personal use.

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There's also lots of information leaving your PC while you surf. Next month I'll tackle ad-sponsored programs, RealPlayer's tricks, and ways to make yourself anonymous. En garde!

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