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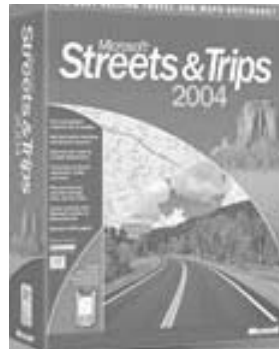
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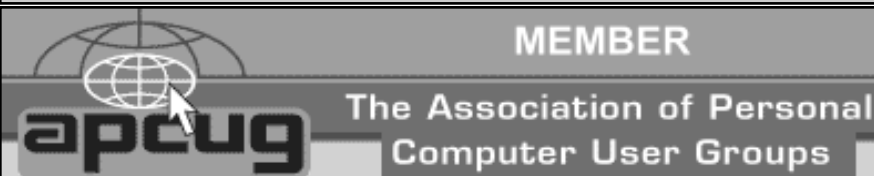
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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Tom McArdle and Charley May,
KIPCUG

July

Now that summer has officially arrived, we have a timely topic for this month's Main Presentation. KIPCUG Member Keith Stenger and CompUSA's Christopher Egbert will show us Microsoft's® Streets and Trips 2004, but more about that a little later.

We will begin the program with KIPCUG SIG LEADER Grant McCormack's Back To Basics session. In July, he will introduce and assist SIG LEADER and Certified Financial Planner Jim Boneck in a

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presentation on Home Finance Comparison. They will show how Excel can be used to do some of the data processing for which many people think Access is needed. The particular application will be home financing and re-financing. When does it make sense to refinance your mortgage, and when does it not?

**Back to Basics Topic
for July:
Home Finance
Comparison.**

Our User to User presentation will be lead by Bill Cull. This is the chance for those attending to have any personal computer question discussed by the group. We ask that your questions be written down in advance and dropped in the basket or tray at the end of the Guest Registration table. If you've been struggling with a nagging gremlin that has been making your computer somewhat difficult to deal with, now is the time to share the problem with those present and get the answer you need.

We are proud to welcome back to the podium one of our own KIPCUG Members, SIG LEADER Keith Stenger. Keith's long resume includes working as a Certified Microsoft® Trainer and is currently involved with a major network restructuring with UPS at the Louisville Air Hub. Keith will present Microsoft's "Streets and Trips 2004", a low cost trip route and mapping program that is available from CompUSA. Keith will show us the many new features that make it easy and informative to use. We are also pleased to welcome back Christopher Egbert, the Assistant Sales Manager at CompUSA, who was one of our December 2003 Main Presenters of the "Holiday Electronics Expo". Christopher will demonstrate the use of several cutting-edge GPS Global Positioning Systems that can be used with the "Streets and Trips 2004" to plot just where you happen to be located.

Microsoft® Streets & Trips 2004 is the easy and effective way to plan your next family vacation, business trip, or jaunt across town. It's the

Microsoft®
Streets & Trips
2004

one product that instantly meets your mapping needs without waiting for an Internet connection. Whether you're in charge of the route for the next family vacation or coordinating the school carpool, Streets & Trips is for you. Even business travelers will enjoy the ability to explore their destinations, with more local highlights in every city and the ability to locate their exact location (within approximately 3 meters) and to me, that is close when you are less than ten feet away from where you want be.

What program is best for you? It depends on what your needs are. If your main needs include finding addresses or creating routes, Streets & Trips is the application for you. Keith and Christopher will show you how this software runs on a desktop, laptop, and new for this revision, any PocketPC running the newest Windows operating system.

MEETING DIRECTIONS

Christ Church United Methodist
4614 Brownsboro Road

From I-264 (Watterson X-Way) take the US-42/Brownsboro Road exit number 22 turning left onto Brownsboro Road if you were traveling East on I-264 (turn right instead if you were traveling West on I-264). Continue for about 0.6 miles turning left at the traffic light at Blankenbaker Lane and turn left into the Church parking lot. Look for the signs.

Maps are at www.ccum.net and www.kipcug.org

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If you need to do those tasks and in addition, view sales information geographically so you can better analyze it, or easily plot data from a Microsoft Office application such as Excel, Access, or Outlook, then you should take a closer look at MapPoint 2004.

You can choose from five map styles, including strip maps with directions, turn-by-turn maps, directions-only maps, a map overview and highlighted places. However, please note that the end user license agreement (EULA) prevents you from selling printed Streets & Trips maps. With Microsoft Outlook and the File: Send To option, you can send the Streets & Trips file or just a picture of the map you currently have on your screen. With a GPS receiver you can connect via USB to your laptop or to a PocketPC and have a truly portable map service that updates your location once every second.

The 2004 version of Streets & Trips includes all new maps and points of interest as well as some functional refinements and some great new features. Microsoft focused on the number one request from Streets & Trips users: Expanded and updated map coverage while retaining the simple and effective interface the product is known for.

- Approximately 300,000 miles of roads and streets were added, and the data for existing areas was updated to reflect the new traffic situation (road upgrades, turning restrictions, one-way roads, etc.).

- NEW! Drive-time zones. Streets & Trips 2004 now enables travelers to generate drive-time zones - a fea-

ture that allows you to visually see on a map how far you could travel within a specified amount of time.

- NEW! See One-Way Streets. Streets & Trips now also includes the ability to view one-way streets right on maps for increased accuracy.

- Improved! Real-Time GPS support. Now you can know exactly where they are at every turn. Simply connect a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to your laptop running Streets & Trips 2004 or a Pocket PC running Pocket Streets 2004 (included with Streets & Trips 2004) and see your exact location right on their screen.

- Postal codes and other address attributes were also updated to maximize the "find rate" of your addresses.

- The number of points of interest was increased to over 1.3 million (from 1million in the 2003 version).

Streets & Trips lets you perform many tasks other tools don't, including the following:

- Streets & Trips 2004 provides you with the most comprehensive mapping and travel information through alliances with the leading map vendors and the combination of the best data from each. Streets & Trips works with leading mapping experts to provide the most up-to-date, rich mapping data available for every ZIP or postcode throughout the United States and Canada.

- Streets & Trips allows you to map multiple destinations, and enables you to create directions between more than just point A and point B.

- Streets & Trips optimizes travel based on your preferences, which can be easily changed based on the type of trip you are taking.

- Streets & Trips gives you more than just information about businesses; it provides you with personal travel information that will make your vacation, personal travel or business trip more effective, whatever the purpose.

- Streets & Trips includes Pocket Streets for exporting personalized street-level maps to your Pocket PC to take on the road wherever you go.

To use Microsoft Streets & Trips 2004, users need the following:

- PC with Pentium II or higher processor; Pentium III recommended.

- Microsoft Windows 98, Windows Millennium Edition (Windows Me), Windows NT® 4.0 with Service Pack 6.0 or later, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP or later operating system.

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 browser software; Internet Explorer 6, Service Pack 1 included.

- For Windows 98, Windows Me and Windows NT 4.0: 64 MB of RAM.

- For Windows 2000 Professional and Windows XP: 128 MB of RAM (256 MB recommended). Running additional applications simultaneously may require additional memory.

- 1 GB of available hard disk space for standard installation (450 MB for minimum installation); some users may require up to an extra 100 MB for System Files Update (hard

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disk usage will vary depending on configuration).

- 4x or faster CD-ROM drive.
- Super VGA (800x600) or higher-resolution monitor with 256 colors; a monitor with higher resolution and more colors recommended.
- Microsoft Mouse, Microsoft IntelliMouse® or compatible pointing device

June

Our KIPCUG June General meeting featured KIPCUG SIG LEADER and Webmaster John Henderson presenting TechSmith's "SnagIt", a one click desktop cap-

ture utility that makes screen reproduction a simple activity. Members were offered a chance to buy the software at a significantly discounted price. Our thanks to Winnie Miller and John for bringing this opportunity to our attention.

The meeting began with our usual Back to Basics session, but with a twist. Our regular host, Grant McCormack, introduced KIPCUG Member and past KIPCUG Secretary Winnie Miller who presented some bargain priced Training CDs. Winnie showed the members screens shots of the products and all agreed it was an outstanding value.

Hosted by Bill Cull, the User to

User session addressed a variety of problems, from DVD technology options to operating system problems. Another great opportunity for members to help members solve computer problems.

The June General Meeting was our annual Business Meeting where we elected the new Board of Directors. Please check the Directory of KIPCUG Leaders on page 12 for the list of our newly elected Board of Directors. We wish to thank our outgoing Board Members for their many hours of service they have given to this organization.

Late Breaking News

By Charley May, KIPCUG

We are very proud to announce the new "KIPCUG Koffee Klatch" a pre-General Meeting gathering that runs roughly between 6:00 - 6:30 PM, before the start of the General Meeting. Come meet with your KIPCUG friends and swap those "You won't believe what happened to Harold's computer at work" or some other hair curling tale.

We had 7 attendees plus SIG LEADER and TEAM MEMBERS at the NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG. If you are a new computer user, you want to brush up a little or if you need help with a basic problem and can only attend during the daytime, this is the place to look for help. We are very pleased that our first daytime SIG is starting out so well. Remember that this first daytime SIG will only be running during the summer months of June

through September on the third Tuesday, at 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and may be extended if it is met with sufficient interest. The location of the NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG is the in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. The SIG LEADER is Winnie Miller, who has served as Secretary on the KIPCUG Board of Directors for several terms. Winnie will have two KIPCUG TEAM MEMBERS, Tom McArdle and Charley May, to assist attendees during the presentations as they follow along on the Computer Lab's computers. Winnie is very patient with new users. She tutors new users and knows what speed and repetitions they need to learn and retain the lesson. Winnie is still looking for a few more attendees, although we may have to limit the attendees to the number of machines available in the lab and split the class up if the count gets too high.

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG is reforming and will be holding its first meeting as a field trip. For those of you that have contributed to the efforts of this SIG in the past and anyone interested in joining in at this point, I hope you made it to the June 25 first meeting even though it is at a temporary location, CCUM's Computer Lab. We are meeting there to do some repairs on the Lab computers and will also do some planning for future meetings, future community projects and development of additional sources of used computers to be used in our future projects. We have a regular location for this SIG to meet, but we still need a SIG TEAM to operate the SIG. If you think that you could contribute some time and skills, please talk to us about joining the COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG TEAM.

Microsoft Streets and Trips 2004

By Dave Gerber, Sarasota PC Monitor of the Sarasota Personal Computer Users Group, Inc.

They say that real men don't use maps or ask for directions. Well, this man rarely asks for directions, but secretly does use maps. Not the kind you used to get for free from gas stations. You remember the ones that some origami master folded and only a woman could refold perfectly and be smug about it! While there are many mapping options available to us computer users, I have been a fan of Streets & Trips by Microsoft for many years. You might ask why I recommend this option over some of the free web sites out there that can prepare a map for you. Due to the feature rich content provided by Streets & Trips, I can offer quite a few good reasons. But first I should mention that installation was simple and straightforward. Since I had a previous version of Streets & Trips on my computer the program advised me that it would first have to uninstall the old version and promised not to delete any of the maps that I had already created and saved in a folder called get this ... "My Maps". This process worked flawlessly.

Since I do a lot of driving around town, I create a personalized map to every address that I'm scheduled to visit. Having the latest version offers the newer addresses in its database and in this part of Florida new addresses are, it seems, created daily.

To locate an address, simply enter the Number and Street Name and Zip Code. (That's a little known secret ... no need to enter City & State). Once the address is found

you can edit its name from the generic address to something like "Dave's House" and save for future reference. Streets & Trips lets you make pushpins which I then use to create a Route. You can set your driving profile (i.e.: speed, fuel costs, mpg, etc) so that upon completion a report will be generated summarizing time spent, costs and miles driven.

Whenever I travel, either local or long distance, I like to know what's around. Where are the hotels, restaurants, gas stations and ATM's? Whether you are looking at a map of a specific address or a Trip Route, you can choose to find nearby places which are also customizable.

Another feature that you won't find on any of the online mapping websites is up-to-date construction information. With an Internet connection and a click of the mouse, Streets & Trips will check the Internet for scheduled construction delays within the route created. I tried this on a recent trip to the East Coast of Florida and it was 100% accurate.

A feature new to the 2004 version is that, where applicable, you will find arrows on streets that are one way, something I would think to be extremely handy when traveling. As in previous versions, you can print maps of a specific address or an entire trip's route with written step by step directions. Maps can be saved and shared via email or included in any document (something neat for a party invitation). A map can also be saved in HTML format and posted on a website.

Do you have a database created in Outlook, Excel or Access? If so,

you can import these addresses into Streets & Trips automatically providing you with a Pushpin for each entry.

Another new feature is Real-time GPS support (device not included). Since I do not have a GPS (Global Positioning System) device, I could not test this feature but a version of "Pocket Streets" for use with a GPS or Pocket PC is included. Users at every level will find the interface easy to navigate and most will not even use the small manual that I included.

Providing the flexibility that Streets & Trips offers make this a fine alternative to those you will find on the internet and I highly recommend it to all.

Microsoft Streets & Trips claims to include 6.7 million miles of streets and highways and over 1.3 million points of interest including Canada.

EASE OF USE: 9

VALUE: 8

USE LEVEL: Casual

System Requirements: Windows 98, Me, NT 4, 2000 Professional, XP, Pentium II or higher, Internet Explorer (for construction updates), 128 MB Ram (256 recommended)
Price: \$39.95 (\$29.95 after enclosed \$10.00 rebate)

<http://www.microsoft.com/streets/>

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Digital Camera Flash Cards

By John Hoffmann, CAUG

HOW MANY PHOTOS WILL THEY HOLD?

One must go back and ask, "What are you going to take pictures of? Portraits, scenery, grandkids growing up? All of the above, I assume.

The following is MEMORY 101, I guess. A digital sensor (CCD for Charged Coupled Device) is a small card (2 X 3 inches) made up of many photocells which respond to light intensity to generate a given voltage. The voltage represents shades of gray but can be converted into colors. Each cell is then digitized into a 24-bit pixel, which represents a point on your computer screen or a point on your printed picture. A few other things are also done when converting the cell data to picture data.

Now let's do the Math. Suppose you have a 5 MegaPixel digital camera. This means you can set about 5,000,000 pixels of picture data from side-to-side across the sensor. Now recall that each pixel is 24-bits (8 each for Red, Green, Blue) that can produce 16 Million colors - a very common setup for your computer viewers. Then there are 8 bits per byte - OK! 5,000,000 pixels per pictures time 24 bits (on or off data, i.e. 0 or 1s) per pixel divided by 8 bits per byte equals 15,000,000 bytes per picture. We usually say 15 Megabytes or just 15 MB. So, you want a Flash card? How about buying a 128-MB card for about \$70 although I heard Fry's has 'em for \$40. 128 MB divided by 15 MB per highest resolution picture yields 8 pictures. WOW! Flash cards do come in the Gigabyte memory amounts but they cost more than the camera.

If that is not enough pictures, be prepared to lower your quality standards. Compressing the data so less memory is used reduces the storage requirements. Now one loses quality as the picture is uncompressed i.e., not all the original pixels were stored and the missing ones are calculated out via math techniques.

My Nikon 5700 5 Megapixel camera has compression levels of 4, 8, and 16. OK, now, so I am on a long vacation and will take lots and lots of pictures of Granny, etc. For my 128-MB card and maximum compression, I can take about 16 times 8 equal 128 pictures. That ought to be enough.

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Internet Annoyances

By Sherry Zorzi, Secretary, Cajun Clickers Computer Club, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Advisor for Region 8 of KIPGUG

The Internet is full of creepy-crawly beasties. Spam, popups, hoaxes, cookies, spyware -- what are these critters and how do I tame them???

Spam - unsolicited, usually commercial email, also known as UCE. You can't stop it; the best you can do is try to limit it.

- Don't post your address on publicly accessible websites (news-groups, chat rooms, directories). Web "crawlers" harvest these addresses for spammers' mailing lists. You can obtain free, "throw-away" email addresses at sites like Yahoo (www.yahoo.com) or Hotmail (www.hotmail.com) to use in these situations.

- When you register for a legitimate website (Microsoft, Amazon, Delta Airlines, etc.), opt-out of any newsletters or mailings they offer to send you. If opting out is not offered, don't register for the site unless you want advertising email!

- Use "filters" in your email program to automatically route suspected spam to a special folder, which you can check periodically and delete. Or use special (free!) software, like MailWasher (www.mailwasher.net) or K9 Spam Killer (www.keir.net/k9.html) to automatically check incoming mail and handle suspected spam for you.

- Don't ever follow directions to "unsubscribe" or stop receiving mail, unless you know you are dealing with a reputable source.

Replying to the message or clicking a link to supposedly unsubscribe is often just a ruse by the spammer to verify that your email address is valid and that you are naïve enough to open spam. You will get more, not less, spam!

- Use SpamCop (www.spamcop.net) to report spam. The service is free. They will automatically report, in your name, the true source of the spam to the appropriate ISPs.

- Send a copy of the spam, with full headers, to the Federal Trade Commission at uce@ftc.gov. They keep a database of fraudulent spammers.

- Support strong legislation at the state and federal level to stop the scourge of spam!!! Write, call or email your Senators and Representatives and urge them to support strong legislation.

Popup - advertising that "pops up" in a small window of its own. Some websites pop up an unsolicited ad in a window on top of the page you are trying to view. Others hide the pop-ups beneath the site you're visiting, so that you see it when you finally close your main window. Some sites pop up several, or even dozens of popup ads - sometimes "freezing" the computer. The new popup scourge is controlled by one or more programs hiding on your computer, causing popups even when you are not online! They are all bad, bad, bad!

The best way to squash popups is with free software like Popup Stopper (www.panicware.com). Works perfectly and the price can't

be beat!

Hoax - fictitious email forwarded around the Internet by your well-meaning friends. Flesh-eating bananas, large corporations controlled by Satanists, viruses that cause your computer to catch fire - all are fabricated hoaxes. Most of us have at one time been taken in by one of these, forwarding it to everyone in our address book only to be embarrassed to find out it's a fake. Any email, even if it's from your mother, that says "Please forward this to everyone in your address book" is a hoax. Any email that promises you will get something for nothing is a fake.

- Never, ever forward anything to everyone in your address book, no matter how "true" it sounds. Even if it is supposedly from IBM, Microsoft or the government.

- Type a few keywords from the email into a search engine like Google (www.google.com) and follow several of the links that come up. You should quickly discover that the mail is a hoax.

- Before you hit "forward", check out the "story" on one of the websites that specialize in de-bunking urban legends and hoaxes:

- Snopes (www.snopes.com)

- Urban Legends (www.urbanlegends.com)

- HoaxBusters (www.hoaxbusters.com)

Spyware - technology that aids in gathering information about a person or organization without their

Internet Annoyances (cont.)

knowledge. Spyware usually comes "hidden" within software you voluntarily install. Along with what you wanted, you also get a small piece of software that installs itself behind the scene and sends back information on your surfing habits to an advertiser or marketing company.

You can control spyware with some free tools available on the web. The tools will either prevent spyware from getting on your machine, or remove it once it is there.

- Ad-aware
(www.lavasoftusa.com)

- SpyBot Search and Destroy
(<http://beam.to/spybotsd>)

Cookie - a small text file placed on your computer by a website you visit. Cookies can be innocent, but some operate as spyware. Spyware-controlling software like Ad-aware will control spyware cookies, too. You can also exercise some control over cookies in Internet Explorer by clicking Tools, then Internet Options. Click the "Privacy" tab to allow or disallow various kinds of cookies on your system. Be aware that some features of some sites won't work properly unless you allow cookies.

Virus, worm - a piece of programming code that causes some unexpected and usually undesirable event, such as spreading itself (in your name!) to everyone in your address book, locking up your computer, or deleting important files. They can be transmitted as attachments to an e-mail, as downloads, or be present on a diskette or CD.

- Install antivirus software and keep it up-to-date. Popular brands include McAfee Virus Scan, Norton Antivirus, and TrendMicro PC-cillin. Free antivirus software, which works well, is available at www.grisoft.com. HouseCall, a free online virus scanner, is available from TrendMicro at http://housecall.antivirus.com/housecall/start_corp.asp.

- Don't allow "autopreview" features on your email programs. When an email message is previewed, it is really "opened," which can trigger a virus.

- Don't open emails or attachments from unknown sources. Even when mail is from a trusted source (such as your mother), don't open any attachments unless you are expecting them without checking with the source first to be sure they intended to send the attachment and are sure it's virus-free.

Trojan horse - similar to viruses and worms, Trojan horses are particularly nasty as they can open up ports on your computer, making it possible for an intruder to control your computer remotely.

Anti-virus software is not great at catching Trojan horses. You should install and periodically run a Trojan scanner, such as the free SwatIt (www.swatit.org).

If you use the available tools, your Internet experience will be more pleasant for you, your computer, and for all your email correspondents. Don't forget the most important tool of all - YOUR BRAIN! Use it.

Comdex 2004

(June 24, 2004) Once known as the showcase for computer technology, the fall 2004 addition of COMDEX has been cancelled by its producers. From a high of 2,500 exhibitors and attendees approaching 300,000, last falls' event had less than 500 exhibitors. The largest were Microsoft and Dell.

MediaLive purchased the COMDEX show last year. They announced that their goal is to rebuild the show and return in 2005. There will be a board of corporations helping with this rebuilding effort. Members include AMD, Borland, EMC, Global Technology Distribution Council, Microsoft, Oracle, Samsung, Cisco, Dell and Intel. Missing from the list are IBM and HP, both having left COMDEX a few years ago.

"While we could still run a profitable Comdex this year, it does not benefit the industry to do so without broader support of the leading technology companies. In order to give the Advisory Board the time and opportunity necessary to partake in the redesign of Comdex, we thought it best to postpone this year's show." said Robert Priest-Heck, president and CEO of MediaLive, in a prepared statement.

Officially COMDEX has been rescheduled for November 13-17, 2005. Behind the scenes this appears to be the end the once great trade show.

Note: APCUG's User Group Fall Conference is still scheduled for November 12-16, 2004. Watch for announcements at www.apcug.org

The Deals Guy

By Bob (The Cheapskate) Click,
Greater Orlando Computer Users
Group

Some Rebates Aren't So Bad

We've all heard horror stories about rebates and I seldom purchase anything with a rebate unless it's a good deal even without the rebate. I recently purchased an 80-gig external Western Digital hard drive for \$110 that had two rebates, one for \$30 and another for \$20. After mailing them, I noticed I had mailed the wrong barcode. A month later I received a postcard telling me I had not included the UPC barcode and offering the opportunity to resubmit it, which I did for the \$30 rebate. Several days later, I received the same notice for the \$20 rebate, but misplaced that card. Since I had only seven days to resubmit it, I thought all was lost when I finally found it too late.

I gave up on that rebate, but was filing another for a free telephone and was confused about something. I called the 800 number they provided for questions, and got my answer. Before she hung-up, she asked if she could be of any further help and I laughingly told her about the one I had misplaced and the time had expired. She said it was no problem and after giving her my information, she fixed it and got it back in the process. It was an OfficeMax rebate, which I have since received.

Since then, I called the OfficeMax rebate center about another one I hadn't received after almost a year. I was told the Seattle rebate center it was mailed to was closed, but he would fix it. I received the acknowledgement by e-mail the next day,

and the check a week later. Fortunately, I have not lost any rebates so far.

Ain't Technology Grand?

Trade shows often have magazine stands with interesting ones to read. At the Home Electronics Expo I found ElectronicHouse [<http://www.electronichouse.com>] which I enjoyed, and this item caught my eye. We have often looked in our bathroom vanity's mirror. What about one that may seem like it morphs? Royal Phillips Electronics has developed a new twist for the bathroom vanity called Mirror TV, and it might be looking back at you, sort of. It will turn into a TV screen that could be showing your favorite news broadcast or stock reports. How about that --- turned off, it's a mirror, or on, it's a TV! When offered, it will first appear in hotels, then to home users sometime in 2005. What about if your stock is dropping? Don't watch it too long or you may shut off the circulation to your legs. Can they be sued for that? Probably!

ElectronicHouse also had an article about putting your audio system on IP. Giving your speakers their own IP address properly can make amazing improvements to the sound. I was also looking through an issue of FlatPanel World that had interesting articles. It is a new publication by CE-Pro. One article offers explanations about various types of flat panel displays. I didn't see a Web site except for the parent magazine's [<http://www.ce-pro.com>] Author Robert Archer stresses that dealers should know the difference between LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) and LCOS (Liquid Crystal

On Silicon) as well as plasma display technologies when giving their sales pitch. He explains them all including DLP (Digital Light Processing) and explains the importance of calibration on a thin screen, which can cost upward of \$300. He discusses some technologies of plasma displays. I saw several great articles about FPDs (Flat Panel Displays) and audio techniques.

In Digital Connect Magazine's March issue [<http://www.digital-connectmag.com>], I read an article concerning the licensing of low voltage integrators (installers). I'll bet many of you didn't know that in some states, integrators who work with low voltage systems, such as remote controlled lighting, audio/video or telephone systems, must be licensed. Their license presently specifies 50 volts or less. One state is considering a bill requiring home installers performing electrical work at more than 50 volts to obtain high voltage licenses. CEDA (Consumer Electronic Design and Installation Assoc.) is lobbying the state to classify high-voltage projects as starting at 100 volts, a level that would not shut out integrators with a low voltage license from working with audio, video and home telephone systems. You might think that anybody could pull in some low voltage cables and hook them up according to the color code, but an experienced integrator for that type of wiring would know the importance of the proper wire and routing to eliminate interference and other problems. From my own experience installing auto audio, wire placement is extremely important. Not just anybody is capable of always installing a successful inte-

The Deals Guy (cont.)

grated digital system without experience.

With home wiring turning toward IT more and more, appliances and controls are also changing. For example, you are all familiar with your AC/heat thermostat, which originally had only the ability to turn the system on or off. Times are changing --- new controls are capable of talking to the appliances as well as controlling them. Other appliances will become the same way in the future. New technologies pretty much lets your home think for itself. I hope mine doesn't get mad at me for neglecting it!

Last Minute Changes

Two vendors pulled out at the last minute because their material suppliers are raising prices at a dramatic rate and they want that to stabilize, so here are some things I have kept in reserve. Also, if you forgot to take advantage of the great Executive Software Deal, I think they will still honor it, but act soon [<http://consumer.execsoft.com/home.asp>]. Don't forget also the MailWasher deal from last month. [<http://www.firetrust.com/products/pro/>].

A Nice Tool For Teaching About Computers

This item has limited interest at best for my readers, but since we have teachers in our user groups, I am including it. Some larger user groups also have hardware SIGs, some of which are structured and might be interested in this product, although it may be too costly for a SIG. While browsing through the "Association For Technical And Education Show" I saw many types

of training stations and this one caught my eye. It is a "Personal Computer Training Station" with the motherboard, keyboard and some other components mounted on the top, easily accessible right before your eyes. Pull out a drawer and you will find the drives, which can be snapped out of their respective holders and quickly unplugged. It has a custom-built 350-watt UL power supply and supports AT/ATX/P4 motherboards. It also offers high-speed hard drive duplication capability.

This is a sort of breadbox type workstation and everything is very handy. Go to [<http://www.atp-p51.com>] where you can get more information and pictures of the product. The guy said he was unable to offer a deal because he depends on distributors.

Opt Out Of Spyware

According to Kim Komando, the Network Advertising Initiative, [<http://www.networkadvertising.org>] helps you drop both DoubleClick and Avenue A Inc., known for spyware. I haven't tried it yet.

Accidentally Deleted Those Pictures?

Don't worry, if you were using your digital camera and, with a slip of the finger, you deleted something from your Smart Media or Compact Flash Card that you later want, here is the answer. Just go to [http://www.z-a-recovery.com/digital_image_recovery.htm] and download Zero Assumption Digital Image Recovery at no cost to you. Even though it says no image is there, if it used to be there, this program will recover it. Thank God for

freebies, and for Bob Schuchman of San Diego PC UG who wrote about this one some time ago in their newsletter.

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 or freebies I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of any products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click [bobclick@mindspring.com].

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THIS MONTH

**Have you visited
a SIG lately?**

We now have over 20
Special Interest Groups.
Surely at least one of the
SIGs would be of benefit
to you. Check the
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KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG - Meets 10:30 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Main Branch of the LFPL at 4th and York Streets. Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 969-6983 or jewel@win.net

ADVANCED USERS SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@iglou.com

BASIC ACCESS SIG - Meets 10:00 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month at NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.com

BASIC EXCEL SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact CO-SIG LEADER Flave Reising at flaverising@insightbb.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG - Meets on June 25 at CCUM in the Computer Lab. Contact SIG COORDINATOR Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com or 749-5892

EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Friday of the month at CCUM. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com or 749-5892

FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com or 749-5892

GENEALOGY SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 - mooresk@win.net (www.win.net/mooresk)

GENEALOGY II SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the LFPL-Jeffersontown Branch, 10635 Watterson Trail. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 or mooresk@win.net

HARDWARE SIG - Meets 6:30 PM the 1st Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building, the corner of Grandview Ave./Fairfax Ave. 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact CO-SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick at gmccormick@win.net or Charley May at sig@win.net or 425-4604

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Monday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu or 852-4761(W), 375-4796(H)

INVESTING SIG - Meets 6:30 PM the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman

Field. Contact SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878

LINUX SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the n+1 office located at 3415 Bardstown Road, Suite 208. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

LINUX LAB SIG - Meets 10:00 AM the 4th Saturday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. & Fairfax Ave. 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

NEW USERS SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month at the NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net

NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG "NEW" - Meets 2:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Winnie Miller at winnie.miller@att.net

NEW USERS SW SIG "NEW" - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Southwest Regional Library at 10375 Dixie Highway. Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at gmccormick@win.net

PDA (PALM OS) SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at a location to be determined. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com or 749-5892

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

UTILITIES SIG "NEW" - New Date - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact CO-SIG LEADERS Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com or Charley May at sig@win.net or 425-4604

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

WEBMASTERS SIG - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Win.Net located at 1048 Chestnut St. Contact SIG LEADER John Henderson at jh@inetmarketing.com or 812-945-1102

WINDOWS OS SIG - New Date/Location - Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at k.stenger@earthlink.net

YOUTH SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Friday of the month at CCUM. Contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at 452-8471 or kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net

The SIG Scene

By Brian Miller, KIPCUG

Where to find the scoop on your Special Interest Group

HEADLINE NEWS

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Brian Miller and will be serving you as the new KIPCUG SIG DIRECTOR. I am very appreciative to Bill Edwards and the kind words he had to say in last months issue and hope to live up to the high standards that he has set for this role. I want to thank Bill personally for his contribution to KIPCUG over the past two years and for his dedication to KIPCUG as a whole. I am sure that as Bill has stepped down from this position he will still be very visible and active within KIPCUG.

Now, let's talk computers. If you are anything like me, you have a very busy summer and not much downtime. With the daylight extended, it seems like midnight by the time I sit down to check email or work on the many computer projects I have going. I just want to encourage you, and myself included to continue to support the excellent SIGs that KIPCUG has to offer. Now is the perfect time to invite people to come with you to a SIG meeting. With my new position within KIPCUG, I plan to visit all of the SIGs at one time or another. I would like to challenge you as members to try to visit a SIG other than the ones you are attending regularly this summer. You may not have a deep interest in that subject, but it will give you the information needed to invite someone you meet who may be interested in that very topic. Who knows, you may discov-

er a new area of interest for yourself.

John Henderson did a great job at the June General Meeting giving the demonstration of SnagIt. I was blown away by the extensive features that are now available in this tool for such a reasonable price. I have downloaded the trial version at work and plan on purchasing as soon as the trial runs out. I didn't even take advantage of the lower price at the meeting, but still feel this is a great value. If any of you have the need for technical documentation, this is the right tool for the job. Everyone knows that a picture is worth a thousand words and with SnagIt, you can speak volumes.

Whatever your area of interest is currently or what you may want to learn about, there is a SIG out there for you. So come visit some of the SIGs. The SIGs and the General Meetings are open to any and all guests.

If you don't see one that peaks your interest then email me a let me know what would. I am always open to your comments and suggestions for the SIGs. After all, this is your user group.

KIPCUG SIGs are still looking for NEW meeting places. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new SIG meeting locations and report suggestions to KIPCUG SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at 749-5892 or brian@hostaroo.com. Locations should hold 12-24 persons and Internet connections and, if possible, computers for the attendees would be a plus.

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

NOTE: TIME CHANGE

The July 24 meeting will continue with the same format as the June meeting. Bring an Access programming problem and we will find some suggestions for you. Seeing how someone else approaches the problem may be just the inspiration you need.

The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG assumes a good working knowledge of Access, focusing on programming and advanced techniques. If you have found a great solution to a problem in Access, please come share it with us. If you have a problem or topic you would like to learn about, please email SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at jewel@win.net. Come join us the fourth Saturday at the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library downtown 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

ADVANCED USERS SIG

The ADVANCED USERS SIG will meet again on Friday, July 16, at 6:30 PM in the CCUM Computer Lab, Room 222.

Our June 18 meeting was an open discussion on current topics such as the SCO lawsuit and the Anti-Spam regulations. We also resolved some

The SIG Scene (cont.)

individual user problems where spyware had hijacked the user's browser.

The last several meetings we have been looking at "computer security". Many people use firewalls and antivirus programs, but perhaps it is the application software we use that put us at risk, especially our browser and email software. At the July 16 meeting, we will be continuing our look at security. Knowing more about how we are at risk and how to avoid attack is becoming a major concern for every user. Come learn and share what you know.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG explores software and hardware topics of interest to people very comfortable with their computer and who want to know more. We encourage everyone to share their experience so we can all learn and grow in areas we would not normally venture into.

We meet in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 at Blankenbaker Lane) on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM. To be added to the SIG email list, contact Tom at 502-477-1639 or at tpscan@iglou.com and enter 'Add me to the ADVANCED USERS SIG' in the subject line.

BASIC ACCESS SIG

The BASIC ACCESS SIG was cancelled for June. Please watch for your email notification on July's meeting. SIG LEADER Alan Birch

unfortunately has been out of the country.

The BASIC ACCESS SIG meets the second Saturday at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center from 10 AM to Noon. If you have a topic, something to share or just want to learn more about Access, come join us. Send suggestions to SIG LEADER Alan Birch, 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.com. The BASIC ACCESS SIG uses the tools available within Access without programming.

BASIC EXCEL SIG

The BASIC EXCEL SIG will NOT meet in July -- have a great July 4 holiday!

In August, Jim Boneck, the instructor for this SIG, will be continuing his concentration on the basics of Excel spreadsheets. This will be an opportunity for KIPCUG members and guests who have not used Excel to join the class and for regular attendees to brush up on their skills. Time will be allowed for practice. Come early to get a computer as this is a hands-on class.

This SIG is held the first Friday of each month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd., which is the same location as the General Meeting. Enter the building at the office entrance on the side of the church. Room 222 is straight down the hall on the left.

The BASIC EXCEL SIG assumes

no working knowledge of MS Excel, but assumes one is familiar with MS Windows.

To be added to the email list or to suggest topics send a message to Flave Reising at flavereising@insightbb.com with "BASIC EXCEL SIG" on the subject line. You can contact Jim Boneck at james.boneck@agedwards.com.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Bring a friend or family member!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG will restart June 25 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at Christ Church United Methodist. Our first project will be to repair the computers in the Computer Lab at CCUM where we hold some of our SIGs. At this meeting we will begin some of the work on the computers and also have an Organizational Meeting to decide when the SIG will meet along with other details.

This SIG has been able to provide a valuable community service to the disadvantaged residents of the Louisville area. We are open to your suggestions for other projects.

For more info or comments, contact SIG COORDNATOR Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net. To be added to the email notification list, please type "Add me to the COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG List" in the subject line.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

The topic for the July 27 meeting at 6:30 PM to be held at the LFPL Bon Air Branch, 2816 Del Rio Place will be announced by email.

The DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG met Tuesday, June 22. Matt Chojnowski presented a multi session program beginning with Part 1, Improving Your Digital Images With Your Own Digital Camera.

The SIG will examine software and hardware topics that will make your digital photographic experience more rewarding. Members at any level of experience and owners of any type of digital camera are welcome.

The DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG meets monthly at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday at the LFPL Bon Air Branch, 2816 Del Rio Place. To be added to the SIG's advance notice list, please send an email to SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com. Please include DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG in the subject line.

EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG

The EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG assumes a working knowledge of Excel and familiarity with most of the Excel icons. There are many, many functions that are available in

Excel that few of us realize can make our lives easier. Due to low attendance, the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG has been suspended. We hope that the SIG will resume soon if KIPCUG members express sufficient interest.

To be added to the email list or to state your interest in this SIG, send an email to brian@hostaroo.com and type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG" in the subject line.

FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG

The FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG will not be meeting until further notice due to health issues of our SIG LEADER Don Garr. Please keep Don and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you or someone you know would like to be on the mailing list for the FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG please send an email to Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com and type FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG in the subject line.

GENEALOGY SIG

The presentation for the July 19 GENEALOGY SIG will be on specific reports. The first is locating records for a particular cemetery, church, hospital or nursing home. The second is finding people that do

not have particular events like a birth or a death record. The third type is finding people that you have a particular record for like a birth or death, but that your flag still says that you need the record. These reports can assist you with your research and help audit the validity of your records.

The presentation for the June 21 GENEALOGY SIG was on Census Records. Discussed were tips to locate your records, how to use the census data and how to enter data into the Excel forms that has been created for your use. The 1930 Excel format was available at the meeting and will soon be available on the web site. A handout was provided.

Since TMG version 5 is now available as a complete product, we are switching to version 5. Now is the time to jump in so that you get all of the tips and tricks from the beginning. The current version is 5.13, which was released in May.

The GENEALOGY SIG meets at the LFPL Eline Branch at 6:30 PM on the third Monday each month. SIG LEADER Susan Moore and all of the SIG's attendees are looking for YOU to join us at a future meeting. If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email SIG LEADER Susan Moore at mooresk@win.net. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the GENEALOGY SIG, go to www.win.net/mooresk.

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GENEALOGY II SIG

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

This SIG is going to be an informal Q&A session without any handouts. Topics are not announced ahead of time because the participants will determine the content of the meeting. Short subjects may be presented from time to time when there are insufficient questions.

If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email SIG LEADER Susan Moore at mooresk@win.net. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the SIG, go to www.win.net/mooresk and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

HARDWARE SIG

The July meeting of the HARDWARE SIG will not be held as we celebrate the Fourth of July holiday. Our next meeting will be August 2 at 6:30 PM at the LFPL Eline Branch. Early plans call for a demonstration of new printer technology. Co-SIG LEADER Charley May will show the group a new Epson printer that can create an image directly on special CD's.

The June 7 meeting continued our

review of network systems. Co-SIG LEADER Grant McCormack created an 802.11g network and shared an Internet connection through an open network to members' laptops and his own desktop PC. This hands-on presentation gave the group a step-by-step understanding of how to create their own wireless network using the router's advanced set-up options. We also attempted to stabilize the operating system on an older PC and prepared a laptop for a keyboard replacement.

If you have a hardware problem that you would like us to work on, contact Grant or Charley to set aside time in the next available meeting to work on your machine. With advance planning, you may not need to bring as much of your computer equipment with you and the HARDWARE SIG TEAM can be better prepared to resolve your problem.

This SIG meets in the second floor meeting room at the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews at 6:30 PM on the first Monday of the month. If you would like to receive a reminder notice of our SIG meetings, contact us at sig@win.net and please put the words HARDWARE SIG list in the message header.

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

For the July 26 meeting, the topic will be announced through email.

The INTERMEDIATE USERS

SIG meets in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of CCUM at 6:30 PM monthly on the fourth Monday. CCUM is at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. Directions are on the CCUM web site at www.ccum.net and on the KIPCUG web site at www.kipcug.org.

At the June 28 meeting, we had a Q & A session where attendees asked technical questions for the group to answer and resolve.

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG focuses on the various versions of MS Windows software, its features, method of operation, problems and all the hints and tips that Jim knows you will be interested in. Topics suggested at meetings do usually become future meeting topics. This SIG is for users who are comfortable with the daily use of their computer and want to learn more. In other words, you have mastered your fear of computers and are willing to push the envelope a little. We welcome discussion and a chance for everyone to learn.

If you have any questions or suggestions for meeting topics, bring them to the SIG or email Jim at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting. Want to get on Jim's email notification list? Send him a short note with "Add me to the KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting email list" in the subject line.

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INVESTING SIG

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

The next SIG meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange. The INVESTING SIG meets the second Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club at 6:30 PM. This is not an investment club; they DO NOT discuss mutual funds.

LINUX SIG

The LINUX SIG meets at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are now being held at the n+1 office, 3415 Bardstown Road, Suite 208. From the Watterson Expressway, go south on Bardstown Road past the second traffic signal to the only four-story building directly across from Showcase Cinemas. Turn left into the driveway between the four-story building and Ken Towery's. Park in the back of the building and enter through the rear door. The n+1 office is on the second floor, Suite 208.

The next LINUX SIG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, at 6:30 PM.

At the June meeting, Jacob Wilkins made a presentation on file systems and directory structures used in Linux. Next month, the topic will be: "Linux, is this the operating system for you?" Future subjects may include such topics as compiling and configuring the Linux kernel; how to patch the kernel; the X windows system; power management; and end user apps that run under Linux. It is the SIG's intention to approach these subjects as broadly as possible in order that the information applies to as many versions of GNU/Linux as possible.

Please come, support the LINUX SIG and bring your suggestions to help give SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins from n+1 a direction for this SIG. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presentation.

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the meeting reminder list, send an email to TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com with "LINUX SIG" in the subject line.

LINUX LAB SIG

The LINUX LAB SIG meets each month to assist attendees with the installation and configuration of GNU/Linux on their personal computers. These meetings are held on the fourth Saturday morning of each month, 10:00 AM until Noon,

at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library in the upstairs meeting room. Next meeting is July 24. The LINUX TEAM, including experienced members from n+1, will be there to help YOU get your Linux box up and running.

In addition to their computer hardware, attendees are asked to bring the Linux distribution of their choice. The computer should have a working CDROM drive and preferably have a hard drive with sufficient free space for installing the operating system and distribution applications (3GB or more is ideal). If your BIOS can not boot from CDROM, a couple of blank floppy disks are also required.

KIPCUG can not be responsible for the loss of any data on the hard drive; so be sure you have backed up any irreplaceable files.

These meetings are a lot of fun, and oftentimes provide the opportunity to see how others use GNU/Linux. The LINUX LAB SIG is always looking for members interested in finding out how to install, setup and operate the GNU/Linux Operating System on their computer. So, drag that old used computer out of the closet and bring it to the LINUX LAB SIG. After the meeting, we may go to lunch (daytime PIG SIG) at W. W. Cousins or Burger King.

Want to be notified each month about future meetings? To be added to the meeting reminder list, email TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com and type "LINUX SIG" in the subject line.

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NEW USERS SIG

The next meeting of the NEW USERS SIG will be July 12. SIG LEADER Charley May presents a repeating series on basic computer operation. You are invited to bring your questions, too. We will start the series over in July so now is your chance to jump in at the beginning.

The NEW USERS SIG holds its meetings on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We meet at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Building.

At the June meeting, we covered Microsoft Word topics. We added and used buttons on the MS Word toolbar for operations like insert a Symbol, changing text to All Caps and easily increasing or decreasing font size with the click of one button or key. We also covered (hands on): copy and paste, cut and paste, inserting graphics, writing a letter and fancy touches - colors, fonts and more even including converting text to tables.

So, if you just want to review or you are a new computer user (aka you received your first computer recently), please consider coming to the NEW USERS SIG. We don't go too fast. We start with the basics and gradually build the new users knowledge and skills. You will have a computer to use while Charley May leads attendees through each step of every feature.

You will learn more by following the presentation on the computer and watching the presentation on the projector screen. SIG TEAM MEMBERS Dick McGavic and Susan Moore and SIG LEADER Charley May will assist you if you get hung up during the presentation. Now is the time to jump in, so grab your pad, pencil and floppy disk and come meet with us, have some fun and learn something new!

If you want to be on the NEW USERS SIG email notice list, please type "NEW USERS SIG Email List" on the subject line of your email and send it to sig@win.net.

If eating before the meeting is a problem, please consider our optional "PIG SIG" that follows the SIG at a restaurant down the street. We always try to cover any additional questions at the PIG SIG.

NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG (NEW)

At the July 20 meeting, SIG LEADER Winnie Miller will take the group deeper into basic Windows functions. Members will find out how to save files, associate file extensions with programs, review any problems on opening and using floppies, continue with Word on changing color and size of text and begin finding sites on the website. There will be lots of practice.

On June 15, the NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG met for the first

time and began with the most basic tasks a computer user needs to control their machine. Members worked with floppy disks, word documents and input devices.

No problem is too big or too small to be addressed by this group. We will take the time you need to become confident with your computer and your ability to master it. We meet from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of CCUM.

To get a reminder of the next meeting or to add topics for discussion, contact SIG LEADER Winnie Miller at winnie.miller@att.net.

NEW USERS SW SIG (NEW)

KIPCUG has started a second NEW USERS SIG, which is located at the Southwest Regional Library, 10375 Dixie Highway. NEW USERS SW SIG LEADER Grant McCormick will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be July 14 at 6:30 PM.

Please try to attend and bring a friend. We have plenty of room and an excellent setup for the facilities.

If you want to be on the NEW USERS SW SIG email notice list, please type "NEW USERS SW SIG Email List" on the subject line of your email and send it to Grant at gmccormick@win.net.

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PDA (PALM OS) SIG

There are no scheduled meetings for the PDA SIG this month.

This SIG reviews and explores the hardware and software of Personal Desk Assistants. SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller is searching for individuals who are interested in reforming this SIG.

Members using a PDA are urged to contact Brian with their ideas for this SIG. He can be contacted at brian@hostaroo.com. You will then be added to an email list for advance notice of future meeting topics, time and location.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

The topic for the July 27 meeting of the TMA SIG will be announced by email.

The June 22 meeting of the TMA SIG reviewed current market trends and discussed the current technical indicators and implications of those indicators. We continued to review technical analysis web sites and discussed topics members bring to the group.

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December, at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752

Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room.

For more information on meetings or topic information, contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 897-7718, or email him at mjslks@insightbb.com to be added to the email distribution list.

New attendees are encouraged to come to the meetings to learn about technical analysis and its application to the present market conditions. We generally have discussions about the present market, and use any web-based indicators available. Many times, we also have someone present topics of interest to anyone using technical analysis.

We are always looking for suggestions for topics of discussion, or suggested presentations, by knowledgeable groups or individuals. Please send ideas to SIG Leader Myron Smith at mjslks@insightbb.com.

UTILITIES SIG (NEW)

When we meet on July 23, our topic will be Windows registry editing tools. The group will learn how to customize the Start Menu and Desktop; monitor changes to the Registry, and how to create complete Registry backups.

At the June 24 meeting, Co-SIG LEADER Tom McArdle introduced the members to Forte's Agent, a powerful newsreader and email client that opens the user to tens of thousands of newsgroups, providing information overload to internet

addicts worldwide. He then showed members how to configure the client and how to work through the menu options.

This SIG examines an eclectic mix of freeware; shareware and retail programs that make your PC experience more rewarding. Members are asked to bring blank media to exchange for free and trial versions of featured utilities.

The SIG meets at 6:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. To get advance details of upcoming meetings, contact Co-SIG LEADERS Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com or Charley May at sig@win.net.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The July 1 meeting will focus on the question of security for web hosted databases, a subject that is becoming more important each day. Members will discuss some ideas on ways to prevent unauthorized access.

Our June 3 meeting at Bon Air Library began with an examination of KIPCUG's new Projector Tracker, a Web Application written in VB.Net by SIG LEADER Martin Champion and hosted on his web site because it requires the .Net Framework to run. The application is designed to allow the authorized users of KIPCUG's projector to keep track of who has the projector and to put their names and dates on a schedule. The schedule allows all users to get an idea of who will

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have the projector when they need it. The data is kept in a small Access database and displayed on the list control and a data grid control.

The main topic was the use of MySQL, an open source database server, with VB.Net. Martin showed how to find the files needed for this application, and how to install them. He pointed out that his web hosting service supports MySQL, charging only a small setup fee. One of the advantages of using MySQL is the possibility of working directly with the database on the site. More information on the MySQL/VB.Net connection will be the subject of future meetings.

The VISUAL BASIC SIG meets each month at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday at the LFPL Bon Air Branch, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at mccampion@aol.com to receive an advance notice of meeting activities.

WEBMASTERS SIG

The intermediate level of how to build your web site using Microsoft's FrontPage will be the July 15 topic. After a quick review for those who didn't make the June meeting, we will be building sites using some of FrontPage's ability to go beyond basic HTML. Examples: Building custom forms and using content from other pages.

On June 17, SIG LEADER John Henderson covered the basics of building your web site using

Microsoft's FrontPage. The entry-level seminar included the answers to many questions. We discussed the difference between using FrontPage web templates, the graphic interface and plain HTML.

At www.inetwebmaster.com, there is additional information on this month's topic, a map and summaries of our recent presentations.

Every WEBMASTERS SIG program includes tips or tools that you may use to improve your web site. There is also a Q&A after the main presentation. KIPCUG members are encouraged to ask for a review of their web pages.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Win.Net offices. To be added to the advance notice list, please email Roger at roger@klingeman.win.net.

WINDOWS OS SIG

When the members assemble again on July 20, SIG LEADER Keith Stenger will present Microsoft's Virtual PC client. This robust software package allows one PC to become two or more independent machines, running different operating systems at the same time. When installed, a user can switch from one 'machine' to another with just a click of the mouse. It is an amazing program that makes older multi-boot software packages obsolete.

At the June meeting, we reviewed the expected upcoming changes in Windows XP. Keith installed

Service Pack 2, Release Candidate 1 on his Windows XP laptop without a problem. He led the members through a summary of all the areas modified by the planned release. Target date is still sometime in July 2004 for the final release.

The SIG includes topics covering Windows Operating Systems from 95 through 2003, with an emphasis on changing technology. Member's problems and questions with their O/S are addressed at every gathering.

The WINDOWS OS SIG meets monthly at 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. Contact SIG LEADER Keith Stenger at k.stenger@earthlink.net to be added to the advance notice list of this SIG's activities.

YOUTH SIG

We continue to evaluate the redevelopment of this SIG. Please continue checking the KIPCUG web site for the latest information at www.KIPCUG.org.

To sign up younger members or to volunteer your assistance, contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net or SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at brian@hostaroo.com.

This SIG's mission is to develop and improve the computer skills of pre-high school members. It covers topics beyond those basic skills taught in the school system.

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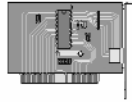
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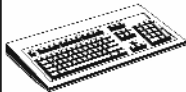


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