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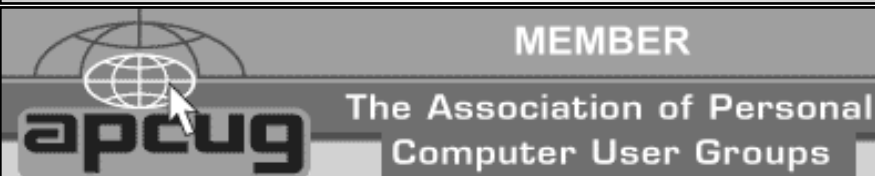
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# Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Ralph Langdon, KIPCUG

**May**

The YOU + HP EXPERIENCE TOUR is coming to the Kentucky Oaks and the Kentucky Derby! This is a large 30' x 30' tent exhibit of the entire HP experience. No, we can't have that at CCUM because it takes two days to set up and two days to take down, but we are working on "borrowing" one or two of their experts to put on a mini YOU + HP EXPERIENCE TOUR for our Tuesday May 3 General Meeting! Check our website at [KIPCUG.ORG](http://KIPCUG.ORG) for the latest details. We will keep you posted when we are able to work out all of the logistics involved.

The You + HP Experience Tour is an exciting immersive event completing an exhaustive tour of North America which will take it to major sporting, cultural, and festival events, exposing guests to HP's

incredible offering in the digital lifestyle and giving them the opportunity to interact with HP products in exciting, memorable ways.

This presentation will follow Back to Basics presented by KIPCUG's Webmaster, John Henderson. John will be explaining the features of the KIPCUG web site. In addition, we will also have the User to User session. Please be sure to bring your written questions to the meeting. Some of our members may be able to help answer your questions.

## Back to Basics

Topic

KIPCUG

Web Site

Presented by

John Henderson

After the meeting, when we distribute door prizes, the KIPCUG Membership Drawing will be awarded to a lucky member (with paid-up dues) if they are in attendance. Since the prize is \$280 please do not be a wish-I-had-been-there member.

**April**

Many thanks to Glenn Noriewicz, Digital Products Specialist from Insight Communications. He pro-

**Spring CD  
Available  
at the  
May General  
Meeting  
for all  
Members  
Attending**

vided us with good information on what Insight has to offer our members for Broadband Cable service. Insight has really impressive upload and download speeds that can make your Internet visits much faster, more enjoyable and more productive. With the ever-increasing amount of information available and the higher concentration of bits

## MEETING DIRECTIONS

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4614 Brownsboro Road

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**WERE YOU THERE?**

**ON APRIL 5**

**THE NAME DRAWN WAS**

**RICHARD GWALTNEY**

**(THIRD TIME RICHARD'S  
NAME HAS BEEN DRAWN)**

**AND HE WAS NOT IN  
ATTENDANCE.**

**NEXT MONTH**

**THE PRIZE WILL BE**

**\$280.**

**WILL YOU BE THERE?**

# Over the Program Director's Shoulder (cont.)

and bytes, we all may need to increase our speed just to keep up with what is going on in the Internet world. Glenn also brought a technical specialist to answer those complicated questions that some of our members asked.

## Future Meetings

For September we have booked Mr. Gene Barlow (formerly from Partition Magic).

Gene Barlow has been a key figure in the user group community for the past 25 years. Gene will demonstrate 3 exciting products.

**MoveMe:** This is a clever utility from Spearit Software to help users easily transfer all of their application programs, settings and data files from an old computer to a newer computer.

**SecureClean/WipeDrive/Media Wiper:** Gene will demonstrate three wiping utilities from WhiteCanyon Software and show you how easy it

is to prevent personal and private information from getting in the hands of the wrong people.

**True Image:** Gene's main topic will be Backing Up Your Hard Drive with True Image, a drive-imaging utility from Acronis Software.

Gene and his wife Linda visit about 100 user groups each year. He is one of the most interesting presenters you will hear. Don't miss this meeting.

# Double Threat Online Travel Scam

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG

Most of us like to travel, and would especially enjoy a travel bargain. We may have checked with reliable travel resources, such as our local travel agents, airlines, cruise lines and hotels but were unable to find the deal that we wanted. We check the major travel sites such as Expedia, Orbitz and Travelocity, but still can not find a deal that makes us happy. Since we are experienced internet users, we go to the major search engines such as Yahoo, Google or Alltheweb, and search for bargain travel sites. We notice some websites that appear at the top of the listings, sometimes in the premium paid listings on the search engines, that allege airline tickets, hotel rooms, and cruises at far below the prices charged by the reputable sources that we are familiar with, so we click on the links. One link may be for CheapClouds.com, claiming deep

discounts off published airfares; another link may be for Busysky.net that offers comprehensive travel services with fares far below those offered by travel agents or other online travel websites. Two other websites offering unbelievable travel bargains that appear in the paid or premium listings on the search engines are Crazytickets.net and Submitprice.net.

Tasting a good deal, we click on one of these sites and see a travel site similar to the better-known and reputable sites with which we are already familiar.

We search for airfares, and find tickets for about half of what we would pay elsewhere; we find hotels and cruises similarly priced. Unable to resist such bargains, we select our trips, and we are asked to enter our credit card information. A familiar window appears that asks us for our credit card number, security code (the three or

four digit code on the credit card), expiration date, and name on the card. With a sense of excitement, we eagerly await the confirmation, which we are told may take a few minutes, but are instead presented with an official looking window that says that our credit card information could not be processed. We are then presented with an option to pay with another credit card, or pay by an alternative means. Thinking that it is just a simple glitch, and not wanting to lose the opportunity for a glorious vacation at a bargain price, we enter the required information for another credit card. We are again greeted with the same screen that it could not be processed, and are then told to contact customer service by email, utilizing the link and transaction number provided on the screen.

A short time later, we will receive an email from the travel company apologizing for the

# Double Threat Online Travel Scam (cont.)

inconvenience, and claiming that their bank is having trouble processing credit cards. Since the price quoted is only valid for a very short time, the traveler is asked to use an alternative method of payment - wire the proceeds via Western Union. Readers of this column may feel a hint of skepticism at this point, remembering that sometime ago I wrote that while a legitimate method of sending money, wiring money via Western Union to pay for internet purchases should raise a red flag of suspicion. Still, eager not to let the bargain of a lifetime get away, we follow the instructions on the email from customer service. The address to wire the money to may raise more suspicions, as the destination is not in the United States, but instead in Bulgaria, Romania or Thailand. An inquiry email back to customer service may bring a prompt canned reply that the reason why the deal is so good is that these prices are only available for tickets purchased outside of the U.S., along with an assurance that they will be honored by the airlines, cruise lines, and the hotels. Still not wanting to lose out on this dream vacation, we send the money via Western Union, exactly as requested. We will then receive an email stating that it will take several days to receive our tickets, and are provided with a web link and tracking number to show our tickets are on the way.

After not receiving the tickets in the time specified we click on the tracking number, and are given another canned response that they are being processed, and should be delivered in the next few days; follow up clicks several days later

display the identical statement. An email reply from customer service reiterates the message. By the date of the dream vacation, no tickets have arrived, dashing any dreams of a good time.

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***This is not some fictitious scenario by a mystery writer, but a documented scam.***

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We have become the victims of another very nasty scam circulating on the internet. What is especially insidious about this scam is that it is a "double whammy", in that not just are we out of the money for the trip, since the money sent via Western Union is virtually unrecoverable, but we have also given unscrupulous unknown parties our credit card information!

This is not some fictitious scenario by a mystery writer, but a documented scam. The scam has become so pervasive that even some of the antivirus companies have posted warnings about it on their websites. There is anecdotal evidence that in several of the cases, the victims' credit cards had been illicitly charged for a variety of goods and services in the days immediately following the fraudulent transaction, possibly committed by the same travel thieves.

The websites mentioned above were real, and are well documented, but are currently offline (as I type this). Based on their success at defrauding countless victims, it is likely that they will reappear under different names.

In order to be safe when shopping for travel bargains, be sure to use a reputable resource, such as a local travel agent, airline or hotel website, or trusted third party website. If you pay with a credit card, there is some degree of protection from fraud from the credit card company. Never wire money, especially overseas, to pay for a travel bargain. We work too hard for our money to have miscreants steal it from us under the false pretenses of a travel bargain.

**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

KIPCUG Planner

on page 15 or the

KIPCUG

Special Interest Group

Directory

on pages 16-17.

# Does We Need a Computer Magnet High School?

By Scott Horan, Technology Coordinator at Eastern High School

Recently Greater Louisville Inc. and its partner TeN Network embarked on a study of Louisville and its relative preparedness and attractiveness to IT Industry growth. ([www.Tenglr.com/ten\\_research.doc](http://www.Tenglr.com/ten_research.doc)). One of their primary conclusions was that Louisville was behind its fourteen competitor-cities due to the low numbers of students at local colleges taking and graduating from IT and CIS programs. It is the contention of Eastern High School that this is taking place because not all students in the county have equal access to Eastern curriculum, staff and facilities and that these factors cannot be duplicated at other schools. During its decade long development Eastern has created an infrastructure of labs, staff and yearly local expenditures that other schools simply can not match without a decade of development time. As a result of this dedication and commitment, large numbers of Eastern students emerge from the program prepared and motivated to pursue IT work at the next level. The contention of this article, that Eastern is Jefferson County's best tool for this preparation, is based on research that shows that Eastern HS graduates make up an inordinately high percentage of IT/CIS students enrolled in U of L's respective programs. If the district intends to be a responsible partner in the growth of the city, it needs to help maximize the ability of students to attend and thrive at Eastern. This can best be done by

recognizing the Eastern High School program with the designation of magnet status.

While Eastern is a successful Optional program with rising test scores, positive NCLB results and increasing enrollment, it is right in the middle of one of the fastest growing housing areas in the state. The net result of this conundrum is that "normal" students from Eastern's attendance zone interested in a non-technological education are squeezing out technology-oriented students wishing to come to Eastern from other schools that do not have Eastern's facilities. As members of this local "attendance area" area, they have first claim on "seat space". They cannot be denied admission. The secondary net effect is that this prevents more students from being as likely to attend U of L's (and other four-year schools') IT and CIS programs (which effects industries' decisions to locate here). Louisville needs Eastern to be a Technology Magnet.

Over 250 students from the class of '09 have applied to be part of Eastern High School's IT program next fall. That is over half of our 9th grade without anyone from our district. Projected out, four years of these students would be over 1000 students... half filling the school before the first local student walks through the door. Eastern's building can fit nearly 2000 students, but has a "district" of well over 3,000. Clearly, there is a demand for our program that is not being filled due to overcrowding.

The past five years have shown that other schools do not have the

same capacity to deliver this type of curriculum to students. The district has done a disservice to many children by putting programs of this type into schools that don't have the proper infrastructure. By the time students get enrolled and started into their program, and find that the program is not what they anticipated, it is too late and they are stuck at a school that will not serve their needs. Even if it is the area they want, most local programs are "shallow", not having the depth to allow students to take programming and networking, or graphics and web design. If their desire is fervent enough to enter this field, they have to pay for further training at "technical" schools.

This is precisely the problem that the TeN Network research has uncovered. Ours is a district that feeds too many technical graduates into non-four year tracks. We are over-enrolled in technical schools compared to our 14 competitor-cities. This problem can be laid directly at the feet of a school district that uses magnet status as a tool to try to bolster enrollment in schools with unpopular locations, instead of a tool to educate students to the fullest possible extent. This is a painful realization for the district, but the research tells the story.

## WHY EASTERN H. S. AS A LOCATION?

It is not just the curriculum that has created this atmosphere of IT interest. For the last ten years, Eastern H.S. has worked hard to create a "Culture of Computer Use" in the school.

# Computer Magnet High School? (cont.)

- Their work with Internships and Certifications garnered them the 2000 IT Best Practices runner up award from CompTIA, the national Computer Trade Industry Association. This recognition has continued for the last 5 years in less formal status. CompTIA invited Mr. Horan, Eastern's STC, to be on their national school-advisory board (Jobs+/E2C) of which he later became chairman, a position he has held for the last two years.

- Eastern was the only Microsoft AATP (Authorized Academic Training Program) in the district and now is the only Microsoft IT Academy in the state. Their students benefit from inexpensive Microsoft software, recognition on the Internet and recognized Microsoft curriculum.

- They were the first and are the largest Microsoft Fresh Start school computer recycling program in the state, bringing in parts from Humana and UPS and converting them into hundreds of computers for the school, their "lending library" and the district.

- They were the first school to enter the Red Hat Linux Academy program and currently Eastern is the only school in the district offering Linux instruction.

- They are the only school in the state to require two years of technology courses to receive a diploma from our school.

- Eastern is the only school with a technology department of 12 teachers, 10 of whom hold national certifications. One of those teachers recently won the Top TeN Computer Educator of

the Year 2004 award (www.tenglr.com).

- They are the only program to offer 12 different state recognized technology majors from 3 distinct clusters.

- They register the largest number of students for dual credit college courses at JCC-SW (Jefferson Community College Southwest). In the last 3 years over 300 students have gotten credits for A+, CISCO, Linux, and Web Development.

- They are the only high school that has had a strong, ongoing STLP, providing statewide network engineers and displays for the last 8 years. For four of the eight years Eastern has provided females and minorities as its representatives. They have the highest percentage of non-white-male engineers in the state.

- This year they were the only Jefferson County high school to achieve STLP Gold status. The school also won "Outstanding State STLP Project" for their Bench Tech Challenge.

- Last year Eastern's STLP and GIS classes combined to put an entire lab on Louisville's "Great Lawn" for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebration. The lab accompanied interactive mapping stations and a 32' x 16' floor-map of the Lewis and Clark journey created by Eastern students. No one else had the resources to attempt such an undertaking.

- They were the first school in the district to teach GIS (two years before the district's pilot) and helped the district begin its

pilot program.

- Two years ago, Eastern was asked to create and host the website and logistics for the Intel International Science Fair, held in Louisville that year. They have created the commercial websites used by the Louisville Ballet, Floyd's Fork, BlackAcre Foundation and many others.

- Eastern was the first and has remained the largest IT Internship program in the district. Eastern initiated the program unilaterally only to have the district take the program over in its third year. They still place students in IT Internships by an approximately 15:1 ratio over the rest of the district combined.

- The school was the first VUE Certification Testing Center in the district and for years, has helped students get industry standard certifications by over a 20:1 ratio over the entire rest of the county COMBINED.

- Three times annually, the school holds all-night "LAN Parties" in their gym that raise thousands of dollars per year, which are used to subsidize student vouchers for Certification exams.

- They participate in and win SkillsUSA events and run local competitions including our recent 100-student Bench Tech Challenge.

- For year 2004-5 Eastern has 1122 "gainful" students in technical courses. This comprises over 8% of the entire JCPS number of gainful students (14000+). This is a highly disproportionate number

# Computer Magnet High School? (cont.)

of IT "course-takers". Despite these large numbers, even more students would fill the programs if the school was a magnet with district support.

While Eastern's co-curricular activities are exciting, the true lure of the school is the massive computer-related course offerings. All of the upper level courses are divided into clusters to match the state orientation of School-to-Career curriculum. Every course is taught in a computer lab. The three clusters include Information Technology, Business and Communications. While not every offering is a two years strand, most are. As with most of Eastern's other rationales for Magnet status, no other school comes even remotely close to having this breadth and depth of program. Nor do any have the number of computer labs necessary to accomplish such a task. Most other schools with computer magnets are "One (and two) teacher wonders". In these schools if a student changed his mind about a major, he would have to leave the school to find it in another. Because of Eastern's massive infrastructure, all of these offerings are available under one roof.

In the past decade and a half, Eastern has applied for magnet status a number of times. In the past, there have been few, if any compelling arguments other than the school's offerings to substantiate their request. This year there are two strong elements that accompany that request.

1. The rapid growth of the Floyd's Fork corridor is accompanied by the lack of growth by our

two neighboring schools, Jeffersontown and Waggener. While Eastern is bursting at the seams, these two schools are significantly under-enrolled and have been so for over a decade. It is not only a matter of building relief, but of helping those two programs grow. This would be easier and less expensive than erecting new East End buildings, as has been necessitated at the elementary and middle school level.

2. Louisville needs help in growing its IT Industrial base. The TeN research begs for assistance from the district. Eastern is the only school that has a track record of substantially helping move students along the IT growth track. The district needs to lower the priority of physical proximity it has held against Eastern for the last fifteen years and raise the priority of programmatic excellence. The district needs to accept the unique opportunities students are afforded at Eastern and provide them to every student by recognizing and accepting Eastern's application for magnet status.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Learn as much as you can about Eastern, so that while talking in social situations, you can educate other decision makers on the need for Louisville to have a Technology Magnet. Often decisions are made on the golf course, in the grocery and over the backyard fence.

- Volunteer to be on an advisory committee at Eastern. The school is in need of new voices on their IT, COMMUNICATIONS,

NANO/BIO and BUSINESS Advisory councils.

- Help create a Magnet Committee at TeN that asks the superintendent to help the business community by granting Eastern's Magnet Proposal.

- Know that the problem, for which an Eastern Magnet is the answer, is NOT a JCPS problem. As far as the district is concerned, Eastern is a successful program that does not need "fixing". As seen above, Eastern is one of the few NCLB success stories. It is full. Its CATS scores are among the highest in the district, especially for a school with such diversity. It has a low suspension rate and a high parent and "client" satisfaction rate. Why would they want to tamper with that level of success?

- Write letters of support for this idea to James Sexton, Principal, Eastern HS, 12400 Old Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243.

# "PHISHING" More Common as it Gets Nastier

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG

## WEBSITES:

<http://www.antiphishing.org>

[http://www.antiphishing.org/phishing\\_archive.html](http://www.antiphishing.org/phishing_archive.html)

<http://www.trendmicro.com>

Today in my email, I received a notice from Ebay Security that my account had been suspended because of suspicious activity. In order to reactivate my account, I had to click on the Ebay Security link in the email, and reenter my personal data. The link took me to an Ebay website that looked authentic, and asked me to enter my username and password. After

entering that information, I was asked to enter a lot of personal information, including full name, address, telephone, email address used for the PayPal electronic payments system, PayPal password, social security number, mother's maiden name, driver's license number and state, date of birth, credit or debit card number and security code, checking account number, PIN, bank name, and bank routing number. Since the site looks authentic, and in my unpatched version of Internet Explorer, the URL (internet address) in the address bar says "http://www.ebay.com/security" it must really be authentic, so there is no risk in entering the informa-

tion.

Unfortunately, this is but one of the thousands of different "Phishing" attempts currently circulating around the internet, with 750 to 1000 new scams appearing every week (source: [www.antiphishing.org](http://www.antiphishing.org)). It is not unusual for millions of each of these frauds to be emailed. If I would have fallen for this trick, and entered all of my personal data, I would have likely ended up as one of the millions of victims of identity theft, and had my bank account emptied, my credit card charged to its limit, items purchased in my name on Ebay and charged to my PayPal account, and a host of other nasty things would

**ebay Security Validation** Text Box

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**My eBay**    

**Security Validation: Enter Information** [Help](#)

1 Sign In 2 Agree to Terms 3 **Enter Information**

**Important:** Enter information exactly how it appears on your credit card statement.

**Full Name \***  
  
Example: Mr. John H. Doe

**Street address \***  
  
  
Apt Or Suite.

**City \***

**State \***  **Zip code \***  **Country**  
United States  
[Change country](#)

**Home telephone \***  **Extension**

**Your PayPal Email Address \***  **PayPal Password \***

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**Important:** To complete validation, you must enter valid information.

**Social Security Number \***  **Mother's Maiden Name \***

Personal information is kept only until the verification process is complete

**Drivers License Number \***  **Drivers License Issuing State \***

# “PHISHING” (cont.)

have likely happened to me. According to a recent report by the Federal Trade Commission, about 12% of the victims of identity theft last year, or over one million people, fell victim to this type of fraud. This phishing is a form of "human engineering"

where a startling email causes the victim to enter his own information such that the crook can capitalize on it.

In today's Ebay email above, be assured that it did not come from Ebay, even though the reply address appeared to be a legiti-

mate Ebay address and the URL in the email also appeared authentic. Fortunately, I knew better, and did not fall for this scam. I mostly use Firefox for my browser, and it showed the real URL as an IP address (a series of numbers such as 213.213.192.44), rather than an

**Social Security Number \***

**Mother's Maiden Name \***

Personal information is kept only until the verification process is complete

**Drivers License Number \***

**Drivers License Issuing State \***

If you don't have a Drivers License use your social security number.

**Secret question**

**Secret answer**





You will be asked for the answer to your secret question if you ever forget your password.

**Date of birth \***

Month  Day  Year:

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Please place your credit or debit card on file. This assures us of your identity and keeps eBay a safe place to buy and sell. Your card will not be charged unless you authorize us to do so to pay selling fees.


**Credit or Debit Card Number \***     

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**Exp Date \***

**Type Of Card \***

**Credit Or Debit \***  **PIN Number \***

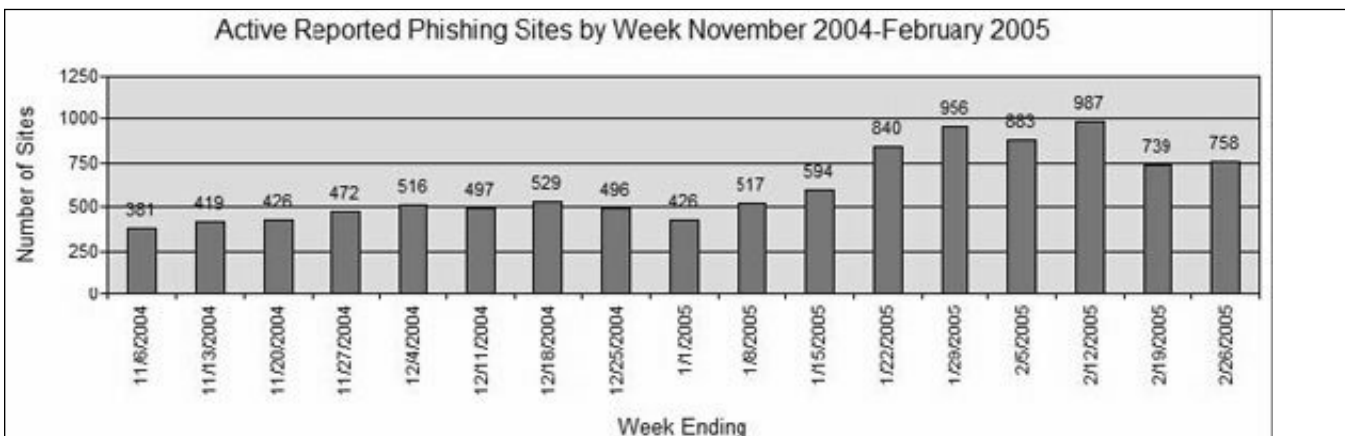
**Card identification number \***  

**Bank name \***

**Bank Routing Number \***

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**eBay User ID \***  **eBay Password \***



## "PHISHING" (cont.)

unpatched Internet Explorer which would have shown the spoofed address of Ebay. Some time ago, Microsoft released an Internet Explorer patch to show the real address, rather than the spoofed URL, but many users have never installed that patch. I did run a quick forensic analysis on the email and found that it did not come from Ebay in California, but instead it came from Africa, probably Nigeria, a country rampant as a home for many of these scams. Other countries commonly hosting phishing scams are Korea, Pakistan, China, Russia, and other countries in the mid-east, as well as several eastern European countries. It is likely that any money lost to such scams will never be recovered. In 2002, according to the FTC, over \$47 billion was lost to identity theft of all types in the United States.

Phishing attacks typically arrive in an email appearing to be from a financial service company, retailer, popular internet site, or some other source of mass appeal. The "Anti-Phishing Working Group" ([antiphishing.org](http://antiphishing.org)), Trend Micro ([www.trendmicro.com](http://www.trendmicro.com)), and other security related websites are now compiling information on phishing attacks in order to warn users about the threats.

Some of the more widespread recent attacks were: Wells Fargo Bank, Debit Card Theft; Washington Mutual Bank; CharterOne Bank, "Restore Your Account Access"; Regions Bank, "Please Verify Your E-Mail Address"; Bank of the West; Earthlink, "Important Information Regarding Your Account"; Yahoo, "Your Bank Card Linking To @yahoo.com"; Washington Mutual, "WARNING: CONFIRM YOUR ONLINE BANKING RECORDS"; MSN, "Members

Support"; Visa, "Notice from Visa" and "Enroll your card with verified by Visa program"; AOL, "Verify your account"; and many others. Other recent attacks targeted PayPal users, BestBuy credit card holders, E-Gold and E-Bullion online payment services, and other such institutions.

Another similar form of identity theft is not dependent on clicking on an email link, but accomplished by means of a spyware program of the key logging type that captures keystrokes, such as account numbers and passwords, and sends that information to persons unknown. Antivirus software and firewalls may not stop this form of attack, but most good anti-spyware products will detect and kill key loggers.

One of the newest types of this scam do not email links or key loggers, but may be much more nefarious. A new type of attack, "DNS Poisoning" actually attacks the DNS, or "Domain Name Server" that converts the typed name, such as the bank name, to the IP address used by internet servers. If the DNS is poisoned, typing the legitimate name of the bank, for example, will connect to the fraud site rather than the legitimate website. That is scary because the user will likely never know that this happened, until it is too late.

BE ADVISED that financial service companies, retailers, and other legitimate companies will never ask for personal information via an email. When in doubt contact the company directly by its 800 number (NOT an 800 number listed in the scam email), and inquire about the email.



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## Reviews

By Joe Rothstein, KIPCUG

Donated software, for your review, has become very difficult to obtain.

Because of this, we would like to request that, when you purchase programs of your own, you give us your evaluation. Our membership would greatly appreciate your views - in 500 to 1000 words - which would be published in our Computer User News.

Please send to: KIPCUG Review Editor, Joe Rothstein at [joesr@iname.com](mailto:joesr@iname.com). For questions, email or call Joe at 451-3874.

Many thanks for your help.

# Slate for the Board of Directors

By Doc Viele, KIPCUG

As Chair of the Nominating Committee I am pleased to present the following Slate for the Elections to be held at the Annual Business Meeting during the General Meeting on June 7. The nominees are:

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## **President**

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### **Charley May**

Charley has been a KIPCUG member since 1995 and began his computer experience at Speed Scientific School with IBM punch cards and FORTRAN. He has a BSC in Management from the U of L Business School and an MBA. A retired industrial purchasing manager, Charley enjoys working on computer hardware, reviewing software and teaching at LFPL and KIPCUG SIGs. He also maintains a small computer service business for selected customers. A Co-LEADER of the HANDS ON, HARDWARE and UTILITIES SIGs, Charley is also the Leader of the NEW USERS SIG. Drafted by the KIPCUG Board to fill a mid-term vacancy as the SIG DIRECTOR, he has been elected five times to the KIPCUG Board, serving as president since June, 2002. His continuing goal is to add more SIGs, boost attendance and attract more individuals and companies to become KIPCUG Members.

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## **Vice President**

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### **Bill Buzan**

Bill is a Realtor of both Residential and Commercial proper-

ties. He has been married for 45 years with four grown children. Bill joined KIPCUG in the late 80's, and he has watched the evolution of computers and the software companies. He spent a term as Director of Volunteers and then he was drafted into several terms as Vice-President. Bill continues to work in that capacity to help the organization grow and prosper.

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## **Secretary**

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### **Barb McGee**

Barb McGee is a relatively new member of KIPCUG and is very impressed with all the organization has to offer members. She has been an employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for over 25 years and currently works as an administrative assistant at the Kentucky Board of Nursing. She has been on the Board of the Crescent Hill Community Council for years as a District Representative, as well as Historian. She looks forward to serving on the Board and getting new members.

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## **Treasurer**

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### **Rosemary Viele**

Rosemary has been a KIPCUG member since the late 90s, and was appointed Treasurer in October '04. She has a BS in Business from U of L where she majored in accounting. After working as an executive secretary at General Electric for 9 years, she retired to raise a family. Rosemary served as president of the PTAs at Audubon, Highland and Atherton. She has volunteered for

the Heart Fund, and is currently an active volunteer at her church and Baptist Hospital East.

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## **Director of Programs**

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### **Judy Lococo**

Judy is returning to an active position on the Board. Some of her former APCUG positions include President, Vice President, Advisory Board Chair and Advisory Board Vice Chair. Some of her former KIPCUG positions were President, Vice President, Program Director, Membership Director and Volunteer Coordinator. This list is probably not complete, as my memory isn't either. The key to them all is the term, "past". I'm still not sure how I managed to get recycled.

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## **Director of Membership**

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### **Tom Denning**

Tom joined KIPCUG in 1991. He retired from public service, most recently at the Louisville Free Public Library. An educator with a number of community contacts, he has been instrumental in coordinating KIPCUG's partnership with LFPL that has resulted in securing numerous SIG locations across town. Tom will continue his service on the Board this year and looks forward to promoting our reputation as the premiere PC group in the metro area.

# Slate for the Board of Directors (cont.)

## **Director of Volunteers**

### **Tom McArdle**

Tom moved to Louisville in 1993 after a career in retail management. He is a Marketing and Distributive Education graduate of the University of Wisconsin system. Currently Tom is employed by the Jefferson County Public School system. His first business contact with computers came in the early 80's when he introduced point-of-sale terminals and an inventory management system at Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Tom's first home machine was a Commodore 128 and he now works with an Athlon XP self-built custom PC. A member since 2001 and elected to the Board in 2003, he looks forward to seeing the organization continue to provide resources to meet the needs of the membership.

## **Director of Special Interest Groups**

### **Brian Miller**

A member since 1999, Brian has been an active participant in KIPCUG's WEBMASTERS and WINDOWS OS SIGs. Holding both MCSE and A+ certification, he has worked as an 'IT' professional for the past six years and has been active in PC applications for over fifteen years. He is currently the desktop support technician for Summit Energy Services. Brian is also a partner in the web hosting company Hostaroo.Com. He brings hands-on and current experience to his second year on the Board. He

will continue to develop the SIGs as our membership evolves.

## **Director at Large**

### **Doc Viele**

Doc has been a KIPCUG member since 1986, INVESTMENT SIG LEADER since 1992, and a magazine distributor since 1998. He has served on the Nominating Committee. Doc was appointed as Director at Large in November '04, after coercing his wife to become KIPCUG Treasurer in October. He has a BSME degree from Carnegie Tech. He worked in a Physics Research laboratory for 10 years before joining GE where he worked with large databases. Retired now, his hobbies are the stock market, and reading science and history.

## **Director at Large**

### **Beverly Setree**

Beverly has been a member of KIPCUG since 1999 and attends various SIGs during the month. After attending Purdue University, she now manages Advanced Grinding & Machine, Inc. where she regularly uses PC's to process information on personnel, inventory, sales and other data. A computer user since 1986, she is familiar with many of the applications needed to keep the family business running at a profitable pace. She is a real estate investor and member of KREIA, a previous board member of the Kokomo, IN Welcome Wagon and charter board member of the Louisville chapter of National

Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). Beverly is currently Membership Director and looks forward to remaining on the board as a Director at Large.

## **Director at Large**

### **Charles Russman**

Chuck has had an interest in computers since 1966 when he managed a Data Processing Department for S&T Industries. He has an undergraduate degree from Bellarmine College in Accounting and a graduate degree in Business. He also took courses in U of L's graduate school of Information Systems. Currently he is Controller and System Administrator for Cardinal Industrial Insulation Co., Inc. His hobbies include tennis, cycling, sailing, bridge, information technology and the stock market.

## **Director at Large**

### **Ken Hubler**

Ken has been a member of KIPCUG since 1993. After a tour with the U.S. Air Force, he worked in the engineering lab of the Jasper Electronics Division of Kimball. For two years, he worked for NASA, at Cape Kennedy, during the Project Apollo mission tracking weather satellites. Following this, he worked for the Department of Defense for four years on missile component testing. After working 30 years, he retired from Contel/GTE/Verizon in 2001. He has been interested in computers since working for NASA.

# Directory of KIPCUG Leaders

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## For Your Information

**Changes for mailing address, email address or telephone numbers** should be sent to Beverly Setree, Director of Membership. You can send the change to the KIPCUG mailing address printed on the back of this Magazine or by email to [membership@kipcug.org](mailto:membership@kipcug.org).

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**All Monday-Friday Meetings are at 6:30 PM.**

**All Afternoon Meetings are at 2:00 PM.**

# KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory

**ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG - Meetings on Hold** - Meets at a date and location to be determined. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

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

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG** - Meets on the 4th Friday of specified months at Advanced Grinding and Machine Inc, 4644 Illinois Avenue. Contact TEAM MEMBER Beverly Setree at 452-9851 or beverly@advanced-grinding.com

**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 sigs@kipcug.org 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 sigs@kipcug.org 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 sigs@kipcug.org 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 or 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

**HANDS ON SIG "NEW"** - Meets 2:00 PM 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. Contact Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May at sig@win.net or Grant McCormick at gmccormick@win.net or Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com

**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 at a location and time to be determined. 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

**PDA 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 sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

**REAL ESTATE SIG "NEW"-New Date/Location**- Meets 6:30 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 Bill Buzan at re\_sig@insightbb.com or 639-7647

**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

# KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory (cont.)

**UTILITIES SIG - New Date/Time** - 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 2nd Friday 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 Bob Rose at britdude@techemail.com or 241-1604

**YOUTH SIG - Meetings on Hold** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Friday of the month at CCUM. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

## The SIG Scene

By Brian Miller, KIPCUG

### Where to find the scoop on your Special Interest Group **HEADLINE NEWS**

Be sure to stop by the SIG table at the next General Meeting. We will highlight three SIGs each month. This is your chance to ask some questions about each SIG and find out what they have that may interest you. Take that opportunity to get on their mailing list for updates on their meetings. This month the featured SIGs will be GENEALOGY, REAL ESTATE and NEW USERS. If you are a SIG LEADER or TEAM MEMBER of a SIG and you would like to schedule a month to highlight your SIG, be sure to send me an email.

Would you like to help KIPCUG to grow? YES, WE MEAN YOU! No need to wait for a personal invitation because this is it. Most of the help we need only involves a few hours a month. You see most of the same people helping a lot of the time and we want to see you too. If you could volunteer just 2-3 hours per month, we could spread the work out. We need people to take notes, send emails, assist with setup and write the SIG articles. PLEASE help KIPCUG!

Would you like to hear about the cruise that some of our members are planning? Eight members of the GENEALOGY SIG, and other family members, will spend time on a cruise as they learn more about genealogy, relax and have fun. Wholly Genes the developer of The Master Genealogist is sponsoring the cruise. This is the database used by the GENEALOGY SIGs. Come to either the GENEALOGY or the GENEALOGY II SIG to hear all of the details.

Whatever your current area of interest is 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 all guests.

If you do not see one that peaks your interest, then email me and 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 sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892. Locations should hold 12-24 persons and Internet connections and, if possible, computers for the attendees would be a plus.

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

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## **ACCESS**

### **PROGRAMMING SIG**

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The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG has been suspended due to conflicts with the meeting location. We hope to resume meetings when a new meeting location is secured. The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG assumes a good working knowledge of Access and focuses on programming and advanced techniques.

If you would like to be notified of the restart of this SIG, you can contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at [sigs@kipcug.org](mailto:sigs@kipcug.org). Include ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG in the subject line of your email.

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## **ADVANCED USERS SIG**

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On May 20, the AVANCED USERS SIG will continue discussing ways to unlock the settings on a PC to maximize performance and to protect your machine from unwanted intrusions. SIG LEADER Tom Scanlon will keep the members up to date on the latest news impacting PC users and answer questions the group might bring up.

The April 15 meeting focused on a few utilities Tom discussed in the Back to Basics session of our April General meeting. Tom reviewed monitor testing software and new utilities that can unlock secured

areas in memory and in the CPU clock. The freeware and shareware programs are mentioned on the groups Yahoo web site. These programs are powerful and Tom warned everyone that the user must read and understand the accompanying documentation before installing them on a PC.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG explores software and hardware topics of interest to people that are very comfortable with their computer and who want to know even more. We encourage everyone to share their experiences so we can all learn and grow in areas we would not normally explore on our own.

We meet in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM) on the third Friday of the month. Add yourself to our email alert list by self-registering at [groups.yahoo.com/group/KIPCUGAdvUsers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KIPCUGAdvUsers) or contact Tom at [tpscan@iglou.com](mailto:tpscan@iglou.com). Please use ADVANCED USERS SIG in the subject line of your email.

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## **BASIC ACCESS SIG**

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Please watch for an email with the details for the May meeting if you are on the email list. Otherwise, call the SIG LEADER at the number listed below.

The BASIC ACCESS SIG uses the tools that are available in Access without programming. If you have topics that you would like to discuss, please contact SIG

LEADER Alan Birch at [abirch52@excite.com](mailto:abirch52@excite.com) or 429-0506. If you have some tips and tricks to share, we would love to hear them. We meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to Noon at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

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## **BASIC EXCEL SIG**

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This SIG has been suspended due to low attendance. We hope to restart this group if enough KIPCUG members express sufficient interest.

If you would like to be notified of the restart of this group or to express your interest in helping to lead the SIG, you can contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at [sigs@kipcug.org](mailto:sigs@kipcug.org). Include BASIC EXCEL SIG in the subject line of your email.

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## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG**

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Please watch for an email with the details for the May meeting if you are on the email list. Otherwise, call the TEAM MEMBER at the number listed below.

There was no meeting of the COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG in April. We will begin a new schedule of meetings which will be announced. Even though the meet-

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

ings will no longer be on a monthly basis, we still can accept donations by appointment when necessary.

The **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG** has been designed to take donations of computer equipment and restore it to working condition. These computers can then be distributed out to people in need. We are always looking for donations. Even if you think there is no value in your old computer, contact us and let us take it off your hands. We also welcome people willing to help restore computers for redistribution.

This SIG has provided PC's to disadvantaged residents of the area and will continue to provide a valuable service to the community. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The SIG meets at Advanced Grinding and Machine, Inc, 4644 Illinois Ave. in Louisville at 6:30 PM on the fourth Friday of specified months. To be added to the SIG's advance mailing list, contact **TEAM MEMBER** Beverly Setree, [beverly@advanced-grinding.com](mailto:beverly@advanced-grinding.com). Place the words **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG** in the subject line of your email.

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## **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG**

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The next meeting of the **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG** will meet May 24 at 6:30 PM at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library.

At the April 26 meeting, Matt

Chojnowski showed us how easy it is to get the latest version of the free image-editing program The Gimp updated on a Windows computer. We will continue with the program format similar to the general meetings where we have a section of the time reserved for basics and questions with the remaining time for improving the quality of your pictures. At the May meeting if anyone is still confused on how to update Gimp on their own computer, they should bring it and we will try to accommodate them, time allowing. Remember our goal is to learn and enjoy. We will continue looking at the camera equipment we already own, have just received or possibly hope to purchase in the future. We will continue to see how pictures we have taken or wish to take can be optimized first in the camera and then by the computer. Software will be discussed including continuing examples by Matt using the free program, The GIMP.

Any questions on cameras, software or printers will also be welcome. Bring those nagging questions, pictures on which you need help (on disk), cameras (with the user manuals), and if you have special software be certain to bring it also.

The specific purpose of this SIG is to examine the software and hardware topics that will make your photographic efforts more fun and rewarding. Members at any level of experience and owners of any type of digital camera are welcome. Again, please be certain to bring your camera, manual and photo CD and we will all increase our ability to understand how digital photography is different from using film.

The **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG** meets monthly at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library. To get advance notice of this SIG, contact Bill Edwards by email at [bedward-sna@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bedward-sna@sbcglobal.net). Be certain to put **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY** in the subject line of your email so that it is not destroyed as SPAM.

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## **EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG**

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The **EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG** assumes a working knowledge of Excel and familiarity with most of the Excel icons. There are 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 SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at [sigs@kipcug.org](mailto:sigs@kipcug.org) and type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG" in the subject line.

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## **FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG**

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The **FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG** will not be meeting for

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the immediate future due to the 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 email SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org and type FLASH MANAGER DATABASE SIG in the subject line.

## **GENEALOGY SIG**

The next GENEALOGY SIG Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on May 16 at our regular location, the LFPL Eline Branch. The presentation will be Creating a Genealogy Web Site. Both the benefits of a web site and tips to help you prepare the content will be discussed. Come find out how easy The Master Genealogist makes the process.

The April GENEALOGY SIG Meeting met at our regular location, the LFPL Eline Branch. The presentation was How to Set the Parameters to Find Duplicate People. Plenty of examples were presented in addition to changing the parameters to refine your search. TMG enables a quick match system to identify your potential matches.

We also started analyzing the solutions needed to correct a member's project where the same dataset had been loaded into the project twice and then some individuals

had been updated as well. We identified the records that had been changed out of the over 2000 people entered.

Since TMG version 6 is now available, we have switched to version 6. Now is the time to jump in so that you get all of the tips and tricks.

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

## **GENEALOGY II SIG**

The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next meeting on May 12 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](http://www.win.net/mooresk) and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

## **HANDS ON SIG (NEW)**

Our next meeting will be on May 28 at the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Mathews. We start at 2:00 PM and will work with you to get your machine back up and running at top speed. There is no topic to discuss, just a chance to find some assistance and learn more about your PC.

In April, we dealt with problems that came in the door. We worked on updating machines to Service Pack 2, securing networks, installing network interface cards, utilized diagnostic software and diagnosing OS installation problems. It may not always be possible to work on every machine that is not expected, but we resolved most issues by the library closing time. You will need to bring your complete system, monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables and processor. If you need help getting it up to the meeting room, members will assist you.

If you are not comfortable going at it alone, email us in advance and the group will be ready to help you help yourself. Gain confidence and improve your knowledge base in just a few hours. Members with repair experience are encouraged to drop in and help other members solve nagging problems. All levels of experience are welcomed and we

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will share our abilities with one another.

Our location has a high-speed web connection and driver updates and patches can be downloaded quickly. We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM in the second floor meeting room at the Eline Branch of the LFPL. We often run well into the afternoon to assure your problems are resolved.

If you have a problem machine, contact the Co-SIG LEADERS listed below in advance of the next meeting so that time can be allocated to address your problems. For an advance notice of this SIG, please contact Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May at sig@win.net or Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com. Please type the words HANDS ON SIG in the subject line of your email.

## HARDWARE SIG

If you are interested in what it takes to build a "multimedia killer machine", come to the May 2 HARDWARE SIG at 6:30 PM, in the second floor meeting room of the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews.

At the April SIG meeting, we covered the topic that was intended for the March 7 meeting when Grant McCormick was unable to be at the meeting. Grant covered wireless networking and proxy servers. We assembled one showing all of the settings.

In addition, we discussed additions to the list of future topics for the 2005 meeting schedule. Be sure to continue to bring, on paper, your suggestions for future projects to add to the list! As usual, we had our general Q&A session.

Do you have a desire to expand the capabilities of your existing system? Do you want to be comfortable with adding your own hard drive, audio or video card, memory module, DVD burner or building your own computer from the ground up? Learn the tips and techniques necessary for a successful hardware upgrade.

Does your machine need help? Contact us so the Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May and Grant McCormick can be ready to assist you with your computer. Do not surprise the group. Let them know in advance that you are bringing your unit. With advance planning, you may not need to bring your complete system to the meeting.

The HARDWARE SIG meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM, in the second floor meeting room of the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews. If you would like a reminder of the next meeting and its topic, send an email to Co-SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net. Be sure to put HARDWARE SIG in the subject line of your message.

## INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

For the May 23 meeting, we will do a demo of networking your PC's. Using the example at our Computer Lab and a Linksys Broadband Wireless Router, we will see examples of networking your home PC's. Questions will be taken and topics for future meetings will be asked.

For the June meeting Jim will not be in town; therefore, we will have a Q & A session. SIG attendees may decide not to have a meeting. If so, this will be in the June Computer User News.

At the April 25 meeting, we went over networking/file sharing. We went over why you would do this, what is needed for both hardware and software. Questions were answered and topics for future meetings were noted.

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meets in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at 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.

The 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 usually become future meeting topics. This SIG is for users who are

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comfortable with the daily use of their computer and want to learn more. In other words, you have mastered your fear of computers and you 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](mailto:jim.travelstead@louisville.edu) and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting. Do you 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.

## INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTING SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. The next SIG meeting will be on May 12. 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

With the loss of our meeting place, the LINUX SIG is presently in a state of limbo. At such time that new arrangements can be made, notice of future meetings will be posted in the Computer User News and emailed to list members.

Want to be notified about meeting subjects or do you have a suggestion for future meeting topics? Please send an email to TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at [redoscar3@yahoo.com](mailto:redoscar3@yahoo.com) and type "LINUX SIG" in the subject line.

## NEW USERS SIG

Come join us for our new updated series (third meeting) on May 9. You will find the learning curve easy enough for anyone to join in at any time. Please bring your questions to the meeting for answers that will help you and be of interest to the others in the SIG. The Q&A session follows the presentation each month. We will continue covering the basic things you need to know about your computer. You will be able to see and touch the innards of a computer, learn how each of the various components work together and how to take care of them and optimize them to get top efficiency from these components and how to make your computer run more trouble free! Do you have a question? Jot it on a piece of

paper and bring it with you for an answer you can understand. Questions go into a drawing for a prize(s).

At the April 11 meeting, we continued discussing the selection process for picking a new computer and how you can determine what hardware and software is needed. In addition, we discussed how you determine the level of quality/features of the different components that must work with the software you pick for your next computer.

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.

If you want to review or if you are a new PC user, you are invited to join the NEW USERS SIG. We don't go too fast so everyone can follow. We start with the basics and gradually build up your knowledge base and skill level. Each member will have a computer to follow Charley through every step of every feature. This hands-on experience will give you the opportunity to follow the lessons as projected in the front of the classroom.

Assisted by TEAM MEMBERS Susan Moore, Dick McGavic and Tom McArdle, they will help members follow the presentation and master the skills at every meeting. Join us in a comfortable environment that makes learning easier. We invite all those attending to join us for a mini PIG SIG after the meeting for a brief time, to address any personal PC questions.

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To join our mailing list, send an email to Charley at sig@win.net and be sure to include NEW USERS SIG in the subject line. We will send you a reminder of our meetings and the topics to be covered a few days before our next meeting.

## **NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG (NEW)**

At the next meeting on May 17, we will review general topics of the NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG for beginning learners. We will practice skills that new users will need to know to operate their computers and have fun. As we are having new learners each time, we try to practice the needs of the individual person. Come, play and practice. If you wish to learn about shrink-wrap in Word, now is the time.

In April, we practiced saving documents and moving them to folders and many other beginning skills. Beginners have problems learning the differences between copying/pasting and dragging/dropping files in other folders. We also looked at some genealogy programs and talked about saving gedcom's for different programs. Some were interested in inserting pictures in the Word program.

We meet from 2:00 to 4:00 on the third Tuesday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. Lois Dean Mallrich will also be there in May. If you are just starting out on the computer-this

would be a good time to come, as we may be able to do some one on one.

A new day is being discussed for fall. Please watch the announcements in the magazine. Our Tuesday meeting starting in September will NOT BE AVAILABLE. The present plan is to change it to the third Monday of the month. Please watch and tell your friends about the change. We would not want anyone to make the trip only to find out that the SIG is not available.

To be added to the email list, please send SIG LEADER Winnie Miller an email at winnie.miller@att.net.

## **PDA SIG**

There are currently no meetings scheduled for this SIG. Members are requested to let our SIG DIRECTOR know their ideas for this group.

This SIG was created to review and explore the hardware and software of Personal Desk Assistants, Smart Phones and like devices. SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller encourages all members that are interested in this group to contact him. We expect to cover all versions of PDA's including the newest combination units with phone, PC and photo capabilities.

Members using these devices or that are considering the purchase of a PDA are asked to contact Brian at

sigs@kipcug.org. You will be added to a contact list for advance notice of future meetings, topics, times and location.

## **REAL ESTATE SIG (NEW)**

When we meet on May 17 at 6:30 PM at CCUM, SIG LEADER Bill Buzan will review the record keeping necessary in the ownership and operation of rental property, current market activity and trends in the industry. Spring is a time that both flowers and Real Estate listings grow as both buyers and sellers look for opportunities.

The April 19 meeting's topic was property inspections. Bill and his guests discussed the techniques and procedures and answered questions from the group.

The mission of this SIG is to provide property owners and investors the opportunity to gain a greater insight into the transaction so they can protect their endeavors more effectively.

Future meetings will delve into all aspects of property ownership, both buying and selling. Most everyone is living in a home owned or rented and has interest in their future with real estate. Make plans to join us at our up-coming meetings. I can promise that we will be discussing subjects that may be of great interest to you and your family.

The REAL ESTATE SIG meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the

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Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM at 6:30 PM. 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](http://www.ccum.net) and on the KIPCUG web site at [www.kipcug.org](http://www.kipcug.org). To be added to our email list to receive advance notice or to request SIG activities, contact Bill at [re\\_sig@insightbb.com](mailto:re_sig@insightbb.com) or call 639-7647. TEAM MEMBER Steve Cassin will be assisting Bill with this SIG.

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## **TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG**

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At the May 24 SIG meeting we will continue our ongoing discussion of the mathematical analysis of market trends. Additional information will be announced by email to all members on our list. With the late date of the meeting and potential market fluctuations, email is the best way to inform all of our discussion topics.

The April 26 meeting allowed us to use our technical indicators to try to determine the near term direction of the market, and to hone our skills using these indicators with input from everyone. Members were able to discuss the impact of tools introduced at our March Special Meeting. We use a group discussion format to answer attendees' questions and let everyone tell how they use the indicators.

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](mailto: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 discuss 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 your ideas to SIG LEADER Myron Smith at [mjslks@insightbb.com](mailto:mjslks@insightbb.com).

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## **UTILITIES SIG**

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On May 25, Co-SIG LEADER Tom McArdle will lead a discussion on newsgroups and newsreaders. The newsgroups remain the 'wild west' of the internet; yet, can provide the average user with quick answers to problems or put him or her in contact with many other users around the globe with similar

interests.

In April, the UTILITIES SIG investigated add-ons to the Microsoft Office Suite. CO-SIG LEADER Charley May brought a number of utilities that members found helpful. The groups' web site can be found at the following URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KIPCUGUtilitiesSIG/> and contains links to these and-ons.

Members are kept up-to-date with timely messages and answers to their questions at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KIPCUGUtilitiesSIG/>. You do not have to be a member of the group to view the messages, but you will need to sign up (free) with Yahoo for full access. Links to sites discussed in our previous meetings are posted there.

Examining a mix of freeware, shareware and retail programs, this SIG hopes to make your computer experience more enjoyable. Members may bring blank CD's to exchange for free and trial versions of featured utilities.

This SIG meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. To be added to our advance notice list for this SIG, sign up at the Yahoo Groups site or contact Co-SIG LEADERS Tom McArdle at [usersig@insightbb.com](mailto:usersig@insightbb.com) or Charley May at [sig@win.net](mailto:sig@win.net). Please put the words UTILITIES SIG in the subject line of your email.

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## VISUAL BASIC SIG

On May 5, The VB SIG will look at a multi-page web site SIG LEADER Martin Campion is developing called WesternPeaksCal.Net. The group will continue its work on the SIG project and begin discussing a program that changes a VB6 Procedure-Oriented Program into a VB.Net Object-Oriented Program.

Our April 7 meeting started with a question from a member to SIG LEADER Martin Campion about printing a picture using VB 5 or 6. After some discussion, and checking of online help, we concluded that a series of pictures could be displayed using Image Controls (allowing them to be automatically resized). Then when the user had chosen a picture to print, the chosen printer could be loaded into an invisible PictureBox Control, which would allow it to be printed using the Printer Object's PrintPicture method, which requires a picture in a PictureBox as its argument. Martin remembered after the meeting that he had used exactly this system on a program about 5 years ago.

The group moved into the SIG's project, a simple program with multiple aspects. We had previously designed a very simple Windows application, which took two numbers from the user, multiplied them by another number from a database and gave the user a result, called the estimate. We followed this program step-by-step, noting the way the DataAccess class we had used

worked.

We discussed various ways the program could be made more complex, but we decided that instead of making it more complex, we would demonstrate how this program could be turned into a Web Application using VB.Net and ASP.Net.

Starting a new Web Application program, we put appropriate controls on the web page to make it look just like the Windows application and then copied the DataAccess class from the Windows Application and the Programming of the "Get Estimate" button. The self-checking editor accepted all the programming.

Only one more thing needed to be done. Six lines or so were added so that the server could find the database, which was located in the same folder as the executable in the original program, but had to be located in a special database folder on the server. We demonstrated that the whole thing actually worked before adjourning. All the demonstrations were accompanied by a discussion of what was going on behind the scenes at the browser and at the server.

The VISUAL BASIC SIG meets monthly on the first Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Bon Air Regional Branch of the LFPL, 2816 Del Rio Place. To be added to the email list for a reminder of meetings and topics planned, contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at [mccampion@aol.com](mailto:mccampion@aol.com). Add the words VB SIG to the subject line of your email.

## WEBMASTERS SIG

On May 19, SIG LEADER John Henderson will show the members how to Password Protect a Web Site. John will use our own KIPCUG.ORG to explore how a webmaster can use passwords to protect sections of their web site. Stop in and learn how to secure company information for outside access and learn how to limit viewing to a select few.

We will not be writing scripts or XLM code yet will demonstrate how KIPCUG blocks a section of its site for the use of "Members Only!"

The April 21 WEBMASTERS SIG focused on Microsoft's Share Point Services. Members learned how to store event calendars, contacts, web links, announcements, discussion points and issue lists with clients or within their own organization. Entry level and intermediate web designers found new information in this presentation by Robbie Gibson of [www.hostaroo.com](http://www.hostaroo.com). The SIG continues to follow the trends in current web site design and stays abreast of changes in the web development community.

Every WEBMASTERS SIG includes design tips and tricks. There is usually time after the main presentation for Q&A. Every meeting contains web design elements or tips for both the beginner and the more advanced web site creator. KIPCUG members are encouraged to ask for a review of their web site.

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See [www.inetwebmaster.com](http://www.inetwebmaster.com) for information on the current topic, a map and summaries of our recent presentation.

Non-SIG members interested in building a web site or just learning how the Internet works are invited to any of our meetings.

We meet at 6:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Win.Net offices. To be added to the mailing list for notices of this SIG's activities, please email TEAM MEMBER Roger Klingeman at [roger@klingeman.win.net](mailto:roger@klingeman.win.net) and include the words WEBMASTERS SIG in the subject line of your message.

## WINDOWS OS SIG

On May 13, we will continue our discussion of how Windows 'ticks'. SIG LEADER Bob Rose will show the group how to update an existing Windows ME computer to Windows XP Operating System. We hope to discuss the latest Windows XP 64 operating system at this date as well. Reported to be released on April 25, this OS will give a stable and dependable platform for the 64 bit CPU's.

Our April 15 meeting joined SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan's ADVANCED USERS SIG and reviewed some small software packages that provide the user with detailed system information and the ability to 'unlock' features in a variety of computer chips. SIG LEADER Bob Rose joined Tom in

examining the benefits the new software could provide to the average user.

The group will focus on maintaining and updating the various Windows OS's to keep them performing at peak efficiency. While our direction will be forward, questions and topics for older formats will be part of the topic list we intend to cover.

The SIG includes topics covering Windows Operating Systems from Windows 95 through XP- SP2, with an emphasis on changing technology. Time is always reserved to resolve problems and answer questions members bring to the meeting. To be sure we can get to your particular issue, please contact SIG LEADER Bob Rose, [britdude@techmail.com](mailto:britdude@techmail.com), by email a few days before the meeting so he can have members prepared to address your problem.

The WINDOWS OS SIG currently meets at 6:30 PM on the second Friday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM, 4614 Brownsboro Road, US Hwy. 42 at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. Directions are on the CCUM web site at [www.ccum.net](http://www.ccum.net) and on the KIPCUG web site at [www.KIPCUG.org](http://www.KIPCUG.org) for a map to the meeting site.

To be added to the email list, please contact SIG LEADER Bob

Rose, [britdude@techmail.com](mailto:britdude@techmail.com). Please put the words WINDOWS OS SIG in the email subject line.

## YOUTH SIG

Your input is requested as we explore the restart of this SIG. Consideration is being given to offering a computer gaming or an 'Instant Messaging' focus to this group to stimulate youth interest. If you have children or grandchildren with a desire for some additional computer activities, we want to hear from you. Please continue checking the KIPCUG web site for the latest information at [www.KIPCUG.org](http://www.KIPCUG.org). Saturday meetings are the likely dates for this SIG.

To sign up younger members or to volunteer your assistance, contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at [sigs@kipcug.org](mailto:sigs@kipcug.org). Please include YOUTH SIG in the subject line of the email.

This SIG's mission is to develop the computer skills of middle school age students. It will cover topics beyond those basic skills taught in the school system.

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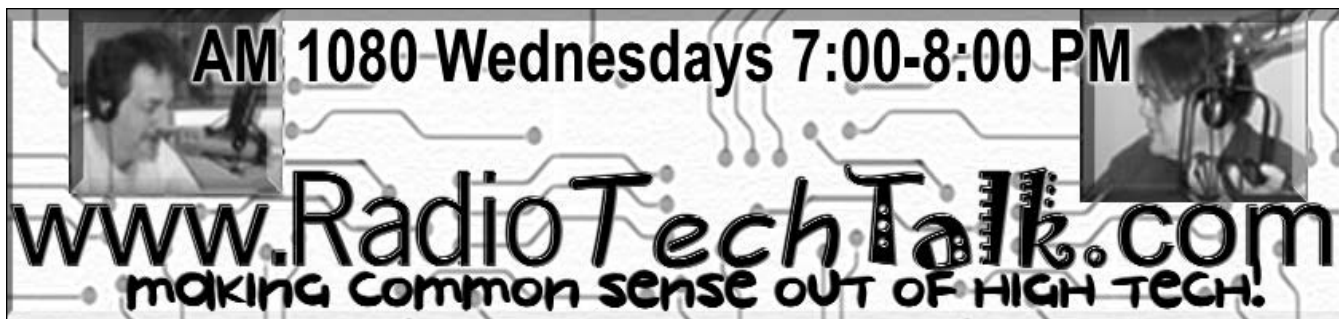


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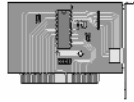
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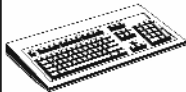


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