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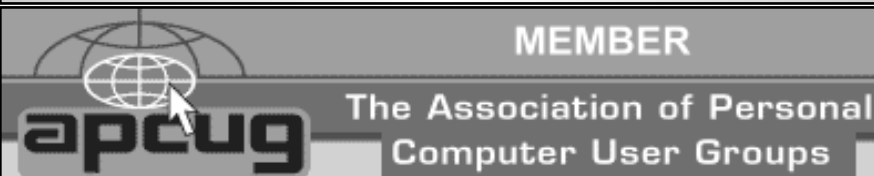
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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Charley May, KIPCUG

August

This month finds me filling in for the Program Director, as it was either this or carrying a lot of furniture a long ways to a new house. I heard the rumor about how much furniture there was and quickly decided that I could do the filling in thing rather than the lifting thing.

You probably will remember this month's Guest Presenter from last year's (November) presentation of the Holiday Electronics Expo by CompUSA. Mr. Klayton Cone was one of the three presenters.

Klayton Cone is Louisville's Apple Solutions Consultant based out of the CompUSA Jeffersontown store. Klayton is also a published Comic Book Storyboard Artist, Political Cartoonist and Sci-Fi Novel artist. He will be talking about some of Apple's hottest products and how they can work hand-in-glove with your PC equipment.

The hardest part of this assignment is to try to fit all of the information on these hot products into the space allotted.

Many of you or someone in your family may be using the first product Klayton will cover. It is called the iPod, already in its second iteration with more power and a smaller size.

While I will not steal Klayton's thunder by giving you all of the details, I will tell you that this exceptionally useful device, while being very good at what it does and extremely powerful, is also good looking and has a full complement of accessories available directly from Apple. When you purchase (and I do mean when) you will have the ability to plug it into an Apple iPod Dock and conveniently charge and sync via USB or FireWire. The Dock also has a stereo line out connector and a connector for viewing slideshows on your S-video-equipped TV, all of this from one self-contained accessory.

You have choices of sound systems for use with the iPod: a Bose SoundDock, Klipsch iFi speaker, Altec Lansing iM 3 Speakers. If you want the sound all to yourself, use Apple iPod Remote and Earbuds with the capability to conveniently change volume, pause

and resume play and more. If you are in a high noise location and do not have to be aware of your surroundings, you can always use the Shure E2C Sound Isolating Headphones that have studio-quality sound and excellent isolation from background noise.

If you have the need to do a little or lot of recording, you can plug the Griffin iTalk into the top of your iPod and suddenly you have a world-class voice recorder with thousands of hours of recording time. With Pod Casting starting to become more wide spread, Klayton will give us the details about how we can use the iPod to download Pod Cast of our favorite programs for use later.

Klayton will cover iTunes version

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Scrapbooking Hobby/Craft Rescues Baby Boomer Memories

By Gabe Goldberg, APCUG Advisor and Columnist, AARP Computers and Technology Website and APGUG Editorial Committee

If you've collected a box of unorganized pictures; if you're falling behind in preserving your and your family's memories; if your photos suffer from being folded, fading, cracking, and being badly mounted -- the hobby and craft of "scrapbooking" can get you organized and preserve / share your memorabilia.

As a baby boomer, I'm hardly unusual in having a large box of photographs in my closet. Also likely common is my photos' diversity: fading Polaroid baby pictures, travel shots, family gathering commemorations, images of people and places I can't identify, some professional photography, and quite a lot of etc. In addition, I have a few photo albums -- created when my parents thought I was cute and when I worked to record and remember vacations.

But the years have generated a lot of unorganized pictures, and I'm falling further behind in making sense of them. Worse, the photographs suffer from improper storage: being folded, fading, cracking, sticking together. Even the ones

supposedly preserved in albums are being damaged by invisible hazards.

An antidote to my generation's mistreating photographs and neglecting family histories may be "scrapbooking". This inclusive term can mean anything from arranging pictures in scrapbooks (what albums are called when they contain pictures) to using computers. Whether high- or low-tech, it includes rescuing pictures from hostile environments. Old-style photo albums with adhesive corners or sticky pages can damage pictures. Scrapbookers use acid-free archival-quality paper and supplies (photo-safe adhesives and pens), aiming to produce material that lasts for generations.

Some people come to scrapbooking with organized materials, with pictures already sorted and documented. Others are in my camp, with a chaotic and ever-growing stash of family snapshots. Either way -- and especially if starting from scratch -- there's a fleeting opportunity for this, as memories and generations are lost.

I'm told that most scrapbookers are women, many of whom start as girls, assembling books about friends and activities, then continue as young mothers recording their children's growth, and as grandmothers making scrapbooks about their extended and extending families. But technology also draws men into the hobby, especially with improving capabilities and lowering costs of digital equipment such as scanners, cameras, and printers. Pixifun's [<http://pexagontech.com/pixifun/>] child- and budget-friendly

kits for creating keyrings/magnets/stickers/badges/CDs include software and parts for creating instant photo keepsakes.

Scrapbookers develop unique styles and personalities, matching goals and resources available. Some keep things simple, using pictures, decorations, and a little labeling to tell visual stories. These scrapbooks are great for documenting oral history and reminiscing. They can follow themes such as genealogy, school events, family milestones, travel, etc. Beyond pictures, scrapbooks can contain anything meaningful, such as mementos, postcards, clippings, cartoons, tickets, etc. This can be supplemented by decorations made with tools such as circle-cutout tools, edge scissors, and lettering stencil templates; accessories including colored and patterned pages, border trims, themed stick-ons; and stamped images. Some enjoy feeling connected to the past by producing final works from physical memorabilia rather than working with images.

Scrapbookers call telling a narrative story "journaling", finding this a way to create meaningful and long-lasting collections. Examples are keeping chronological scrapbooks of and for family and children, and creating time-capsules for events such as the new millennium. Pages can combine photos, captions, and decorative material so that each tells a visually appealing story. Alternatively, some people build pages with single images surrounded by cutouts, stickers, decals, lace, etc. -- less interested in telling

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a story than creating a picture. There's no rulebook, no single right way to scrapbook!

Scrapbooks can be wonderful gifts, conveying connections and feelings beyond those of any store bought gift. A dedicated scrapbooker I know is happy that her children will be able to leave home with their own history books.

Higher-tech approaches include using a digital camera or scanning original images into computer files, using photo-editing software to improve their visual characteristics or create effects such as the antique look, creating photo-montages blending multiple scenes, and producing "scrapbooks" on printed pages, CDs, or the Web. This technique protects precious -- and often fragile -- records, while allowing viewing and handling easily recreated digital replicas. And we've all seen "mini-scrapbooks" produced by technology: photo collages used as family holiday cards. Digital technology lends itself to producing multiple scrapbook copies -- for wedding guests, for example, or even as commercial ventures.

Techno-scrapbookers often use Adobe [www.adobe.com] Photoshop Elements and Photoshop software products; the vendor features kid- and adult-friendly tutorials. Click the link and search for "scrapbook". Other popular software includes Corel photo products [www.corel.com], Macromedia Dreamweaver [www.macromedia.com], and Pinnacle Systems Studio 8 [www.pinnaclesys.com]. As photo capture/editing/printing demands

increase, so do hardware requirements. One 20-year veteran scrapbooker suggests a flatbed scanner with minimum 600 ppi (pixels per inch) without interpolation; a slide scanner for negatives and slides; 80 GB hard drive; 512 MB RAM or more; high-end graphics card with expandable non-shared memory; CD/DVD burner and minimum P4 processor. She uses a multimedia PC, digital camera, and camcorder to go beyond photo basics, adding design touches like antique finish and repairing defects such as tears and scratches.

Useful resource sites are Scrapbooking Top50 [www.scrapbookingtop50.com], Stamping Top50 [www.stampingtop50.com], and Digital Scrapbooking [www.digitalscrapbookplace.com]. Stores frequently mentioned are Michael's and Craft Country.

People discover scrapbooking by accident or design -- some take classes at community colleges or recreation departments, others discover commercial sites such as Creative Memories [www.creative-memories.com] or see friends' scrapbooks. Whether your taste runs to scissors or scanner, paper album or CD, narrative or decorative scrapbooks -- get out those picture boxes and preserve those memories!

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Search Engine Tips and Tricks - Part 1

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Part 1: Google

I don't have to tell you about Google, which has for many years been the search leader. Aside from the quality of its searches, a big plus is that all Google's paid listings are clearly distinguished, and do not even appear in the same part of the page. This is unfortunately not the case with other search services such as Yahoo, which intersperses undifferentiated paid and unpaid listings.

Newbies will want to know they can initiate a Google search at www.google.com. All the services I'm recommending here, most of them from Google but a few from other sources, are entirely free.

Google Toolbar

If you don't already use the Google Toolbar, you're missing a terrific navigational aid. Its features are really too numerous to detail here, but I find especially useful its ability to readily

- bring up a parent Web page,
- search within a website,
- find pages similar to what you're looking at,
- find sites linking to that page,
- translate a page into English,
- browse by name (if you don't know the URL),
- highlight search terms on the page,
- find on the page your search

terms or any other terms (more handily than with your browser's "Find" function),

- fill forms, and
- block pop-ups.

(There are better pop-up blockers and form fillers, but Google's may suit you fine.)

The toolbar enables most of the standard Google tasks, including some described in the next section. Not only are all these tasks easily accessible, but you won't have to retype your search terms (for example, when you search for an image after a standard search).

I strongly recommend version 3, which adds many useful tools, the best of which will allow you to spell-check what you've typed on a Web form by clicking a toolbar button, bring up a map page (using the impressive new Google Maps-see below) just by clicking on an address, and track a delivery by clicking on its tracking number.

Since it's still in beta, version 3 is not publicized, and won't automatically replace your present Google Toolbar. To get it, go to www.toolbar.google.com/T3.

Other Google Goodies

Google Maps and Google Local

Google has recently introduced its own map system that's head and shoulders above the competition. It's available as a stand-alone service at <http://maps.google.com> and as an adjunct to the more established Google Local, at <http://local.google.com>.

Compared to other online maps, the area of a Google map is huge, taking up more than half the screen, and expanding to fill any additional space (for example, if you move to a full-screen view). Zooming (in or out) is very quick, and re-centering is instantaneous. A new feature brings up a birds-eye view if you click on "Satellite."

Google Maps and Google Local are now pretty much the same service: A page brought up by Google Maps has a link to "Local Search," which provides the local data on the same page; and a page brought up by Google Local includes the map (which, although smaller, can be expanded with one click). The local data includes the names, addresses, phone numbers, and websites of businesses, and, often, third-party reviews (like restaurant reviews).

You can now get to Google Maps by typing a location in the standard Google search bar. And you'll find a link to Google Local at the top of every page of Google search results.

The Best of the Rest

The following are in my experience the most useful (or most interesting) of Google's non-standard services. You do not need the Google Toolbar to employ them:

Google's image search at www.google.com/imghp, touted as the Web's most comprehensive, indexes (according to Google) over 880 million images.

Google will give you a business address and phone number. The easiest way is through the ResearchBuzz! form at

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www.researchbuzz.org/archives/001408.shtml.

Google will bring up one or more definitions for nearly any word. In the Google search box just type "define:" (without the quotes), followed by the word of interest. This service is now multi-lingual.

Reverse phone directory. In the search box type the area code and phone number (with a space between them), and there's a good chance you'll bring up at the top of the results page not only the person or company name for that number, but also the address.

Google offers special searches, limited (for example) to U.S. government or to Microsoft. Go to www.google.com/options/specialsearches.html.

For those who like to purchase through the use of catalogs, Google's catalog search is at <http://catalogs.google.com>.

Google will enable you to view a page that's been removed from the Web. Look for the "Cached" link after the description of the page in a search result. (Or click the Page Info button on the Google Toolbar.) This function will give you access to many closed-down sites not yet available via the Internet Archive. (The Internet Archive - not a Google service - is at www.archive.org.)

The Google Directory at <http://directory.google.com> combines the Open Directory Project (the Web's largest human-edited directory) with Google's proprietary ranking system. Use of the directory is helpful to narrow down what might otherwise be an overly broad search. (This tool is also available

from the Google Toolbar.)

Google Answers at <http://answers.google.com/answers> is a paid research service, but users are free to browse previous answers, which can be quite helpful.

Weather forecasts are easily obtained, by typing in the Google search bar the word "weather" followed by the city of choice (for example, "weather canoga park.") The forecast will speedily appear at the top of a page of search results.

Froogle, a comparison service for online shopping whose listed vendors pay neither for inclusion nor placement, is at <http://froogle.google.com/froogle>.

Google Print gives you access to books' contents and lets you search within those books. Look for the "book results" entry in standard search results, accompanied by the Google Print logo.

Google Suggest, at www.google.com/webhp?complete=1&hl=en, appears and acts like the standard Google search, except that as you start typing your search request, Google types its own suggestions. These could save you time and also point you to related searches.

Google Desktop, to search files on your own computer, can be downloaded from <http://desktop.google.com>. Unfortunately, it's available only for users of Windows 2000 and Windows XP.

Gmail, which on 3/30 started offering rich text formatting, has as of 4/1 doubled its storage capacity to a whopping 2 gigabytes. (For a full discussion of Gmail, see my

February Keywords article.) Gmail is not yet open to the public, but invitations can be obtained from various sources, including this writer.

Note that without retyping you can extend your standard Web search not only to Google Local but to Google Images and Froogle (as well as to Google Groups and Google News), by clicking on links at the top of every results page. Or you can skip the Google entry page and go to Xtra Google at www.xtra-google.com for a selection of twenty Google tools, all tied to one search box.

Google Tips

Toolbar tips

Use Alt-G to enter search terms in the search box.

For your news search, don't enable the separate news button, but instead use the Search News option in the drop-down Search the Web menu. That way you'll be able to use the Alt-G shortcut to enter your news search query, and to use the same query for news and general Web searching, without retyping.

When using the word-find function, hold down the control key to find the exact whole word, and similarly use the shift key to move backwards.

Other Google tips

For academically oriented results (often the most useful), try typing site:edu either before or after your search terms. This will eliminate commercial sites, and limit results

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to those from educational institutions.

Although Google now implements "stemming" (automatically searches for variants of words as well as the words themselves), you can cover still more bases by using the tilde [~] symbol right before a search term (leaving no space). This will tell Google to use synonyms as search queries. For example, a search for ~food ~facts will turn up cooking information.

Don't worry too much about misspelled words. With any search engine, a search query with a misspelling might get you some good results that you wouldn't see otherwise! Google will suggest a corrected spelling along with its search results, but if the initial search comes up empty will correct the

spelling on its own and rerun the search. Google will ignore some common short words (like a, on, and by) in your queries. The best way around these so-called stop words in most cases is simply to enclose the phrase in quotes, which will force Google to search only for the phrase as given. (A phrase search will of course come in handy on other occasions as well.) Otherwise, you can precede a suspected stop word with the plus sign (for example, +on).

Google recognizes the OR operator, or, in its stead, the vertical line. So if you're seeking search results concerning cats or dogs (but not both), you could type "cats OR dogs" or "cats | dogs" [without the quotes]. Use the minus sign right before a search term for "not." ("Animals -dogs" [without the

quotes] would ignore dogs in the search.) For complicated queries, you can, if necessary, group search words within parentheses.

Instead of clicking on the main link at the top of each Google search result, try clicking on the word Cached. The page that will come up will now have your search words highlighted. (Don't use this technique if you need to see the most recent page revisions.)

Google supports word wild cards. That is, you can in your query use the asterisk [*] as a stand-in to represent any word. (This won't work in Google for parts of words.)

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Search Engine Tips and Tricks - Part 2

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Part 2: Beyond Google

As helpful as is Google, it's a mistake to overlook the other search services. There's nothing wrong with turning first to Google (or another search service of your choice). It's a good idea, however, to pick out and bookmark at least a few competitors, for special situations. A good place to start is the search comparison chart at www.infopeople.org/search/chart.html.

Both MSN Search and Yahoo! Search have undergone major recent changes, and both merit special attention. MSN Search (search.msn.com) now affords access to Encarta Encyclopedia, with a two-hour "free pass" that will be renewed with every new query. Check out also its Near Me option (akin to Google Local), that will point you to services and events in your area or another area you specify.

Yahoo! Search (search.yahoo.com) has brought out My Web to track past searches. My Web will save both the links and the actual pages (so you'll still have access should the page be removed from the Web). Yahoo will organize these saved pages as bookmarks. For

details, go to myweb.search.yahoo.com/myresults/benefits.

Many of the following search tools are in beta, and so may become even more useful after further development. All are free to individuals.

Comparing and Augmenting Search Results

You might be surprised to learn that if you compare the top ten results from any two search engines, fewer than half of those results will likely be found at both. An excellent way to see what either Google, Yahoo, or Ask Jeeves comes up with (that your standby didn't!) is to use the Jux2 tool, at www.jux2.com.

Yagoohoo!gle (yagoohoogle.com)

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presents side-by-side Yahoo and Google results.

Another way to go is to type in your query at Topic Hunter (www.topichunter.com), and then click on the names of any of the sixteen search engines Topic Hunter supports.

Copernic Meta is the free successor to what formerly was a fee-only download. A Windows Deskbar or browser toolbar will facilitate simultaneous searches on multiple search engines. www.copernic.com/en/products/meta

Special-Purpose Search Engines

Shopping

When it comes to shopping, the Web can do far more than take your money. To help you decide how to spend it, a new search engine still in beta, Become (www.become.com), zeroes in on buying guides and product reviews (although you will find merchant links also, generally farther down).

Once you have a better idea of what to buy, you'll want to use one of the multitudinous price comparison sites. Pricing Central (pricing-central.com), acts like a clearinghouse, utilizing the resources of many price search engines. For books, music CDs, and videos, AddALL (www.addall.com) and Books Price (www.booksprice.com) figure in shipping costs for your location. AddAll has a slightly larger bookstore database, but Books Price will calculate costs for multiple purchases.

If you like to shop by catalog, take a look at Catalog City (www.catalogcity.com). For specials at local

brick-and-mortar establishments, try Cairo (www.cairo.com) or ShopLocal (www.shoplocal.com).

Other Special-Purpose Engines

For straightforward answers to simple questions, check out Brainboost, at www.brainboost.com. Promoted as an "answer engine," Brainboost asks you for plain-English questions (not search words), and its results are answers, not links. (A link will accompany each answer, for further research.) Another popular tool for factual information is Answers.com (www.answers.com), which de-emphasizes links even further and gives more extensive answers. An optional free download lets you bring up Answers.com results by alt-clicking any word on your screen, on or off the Web.

For deciphering acronyms, you can't do better than Acronym Finder (www.acronymfinder.com), with definitions for over 398,000 acronyms. Optional tools (for various browsers) will allow you to view a definition almost instantly.

To take advantage of Amazon's Search Inside the Book capability, you may want to use A9 Search, at <http://a9.com>. (A9 also features search history tracking.)

For news, there are many good choices. BBC News at news.bbc.co.uk is excellent for international news, as is World Press at www.worldpress.org. For old news (as early as 1990) without the fee charged by other sources, try The Seattle Times, at archives.seattletimes.nwsource.com/web/index.html. For the most up-to-date news, AlltheWeb Advanced at

snipurl.com/eljf is excellent, and will let you sort and filter results prior to your search. CNN.com (www.cnn.com) and the revamped Yahoo! News (news.yahoo.com) are good general-purpose news sources. Most or all of these allow you to set up news alerts to email you of new developments in issues of interest.

Toolbars

These days almost every search engine and its cousin have an associated toolbar for free download. In addition to the Copernic Meta toolbar (covered above), a few you might want to consider are:

Y!Q DemoBar. I really like this one, in part because it's small enough to fit easily on the same line as my Internet Explorer address bar. (To squeeze it onto that line you may want to "unlock" the IE toolbar, using the right-click menu, and shrink the address bar. You can adjust Y!Q's size, using its options menu.) The DemoBar's sole function is to enable context-based searching. Clicking it will yield results related to page text you've highlighted, optionally modified by text you've typed in its search box. yq.search.yahoo.com/splash/demobar.html

Earthlink Toolbar. This is available to anyone (not just Earthlink subscribers). Its major innovation is its Scamblocker option, to guard against phishing. It also offers a Google search box, a pop-up blocker, and clickable changing news headlines. Like Y!Q, it can be shrunk down to fit on the same line as your address bar. www.earthlink.net/home/software/toolbar

MSN Toolbar. Features pop-up

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blocking and search term highlighting. Can be expanded to implement desktop search and form filling/password management. toolbar.msn.com/default.aspx

A9 Toolbar. Gives you the ability to add notes to Web pages. Also includes pop-up blocking, search history tracking, online bookmark creation, search term highlighting, and site info. (Some have found it difficult to use.) toolbar.a9.com

Yahoo! Toolbar. The big brother of the Y!Q DemoBar. Includes the DemoBar's functionality, and in addition facilitates Yahoo's My Web (see above) and spyware protection. beta.toolbar.yahoo.com

Google Addenda

Overall, the best search engine is still Google. (See Part 1.) Here are nine more Google tips and tricks:

An adaptation of Google Maps will search for rental and for-sale housing around the country, in a price range you specify. For each result, you'll be told whether a picture is available. Then if you choose, you can link to the original listing (which is from Craigslist). Go to www.paulrademacher.com/housing.

Google's Search by Number feature will give you information about numbers you type in the search box. The most useful example of this was covered in last month's article--entering a phone number to use Google as a reverse directory. But other numbers can also yield valuable information. For instance, entering just the area code will bring up a link to a map of the area. You can also get information by entering UPS, USPS, and FedEx tracking

numbers, Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs), and even UPC codes.

The Google Calculator can do anything your stand-alone calculator can do, and a lot more. It's especially useful for conversions, by employing the operator "in." For example, to find the number of teaspoons in two cups, you'd type "teaspoons in 2 cups" [without the quotes] in the Google search box. For myriad other uses go to www.google.com/help/calculator.html.

The best way to use Google News is via its Advanced New Search, at snipurl.com/elhs. This allows you to sort by date, limit by news source or location, specify the date range, and easily modify your search in other ways.

When typing a phrase into the search box, as with other search engines, you enclose the phrase in quotation marks. To save yourself keystrokes when there's no text following the phrase, omit the ending quotation mark. (Google will fill that in for you.)

Google Maps (covered in Part 1) can be re-centered by double-clicking, but more useful is the user's ability to drag the map area--thousands of miles if necessary!

In using Google Local (also covered in Part 1), be sure to click on the links for the establishments of interest, to disclose useful data about them (which can vary considerably). Also: You can limit your Google Local searches as you please. For example, you might enter "restaurant inexpensive view," to find a low-cost restaurant with a good view.

Google's new My Search History will from any computer let you view by date or easily find anything you've ever searched for after signing up. Together with each of your past search queries you'll find the links you used from that search's results. (Cf. Yahoo's My Web, above.) For details, go to www.google.com/searchhistory/help.html.

Some of you who attempted to implement the minus sign as a stand-in for NOT, in accordance with the suggestion in Part 1, may have had a problem resulting from the line break in the printed article. This will be resolved if you make sure there's no space between the minus sign and the (following) search term to which it applies.

I've been asked why in Part 1 I described how to use Google to find a business but not a residence. The answer is that the syntax for locating a residence is rather complicated. You'll find it at www.google.com/help/features.html#wp. Three points, though: (1) The necessary elements must be typed in the order given. (2) Don't insert extra elements (like a street address, even if you know it). (3) In spite of what Google lays out, don't bother inserting commas between the elements. Note that both the business and residence search will include handy Google Maps links with your results.

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Windows: Better Safe (Mode) Than Sorry

By Gabe Goldberg, APCUG Advisor and Columnist, AARP Computers and Technology Website and APGUG Editorial Committee

Though the Windows operating system isn't usually dangerous, it includes a special "Safe Mode". This is a handy way to boot a PC to investigate and fix problems. You may have read advice about when to use this, and even how to run it. But scarce and fragmented Safe Mode information can make it sound more exotic than it is.

Windows XP books' indexes provided surprisingly few entries for "Safe Mode". I found the best coverage in two O'Reilly books [www.oreilly.com], "Windows XP Pro: The Missing Manual" and "Windows XP Home Edition: The Missing Manual". Naturally, Google found a gazillion hits. But they're mostly "just the facts" writeups targeting people who already know "what" and "why" and just need "how" information. So this article provides background for this built-in Windows facility.

Over the years, as it became more powerful and reliable, Windows grew significantly from its slender 1992-era Version 3.1 self. There's no free lunch; learning new tricks required more software. But that complexity gets in the way when problems occur. Just as doctors rarely diagnose patients through heavy winter coats, Windows needs to shed layers to expose problems' causes.

Safe Mode slims Windows down, only loading and running specific pieces needed for basic operation. So your video display looks strange

in Safe Mode because Windows doesn't load the monitor's specific driver program. This lets you recover from problems caused by buggy drivers you may have just installed. There are other restrictions: you likely can't get online and may not be able to print. But Safe Mode lets you perform tests, fix problems, and install/uninstall programs.

If you think your PC may have a virus or spyware, it's worth installing the antidote in Safe Mode, since some malware prevents installing anti-virus software. If installed anti-virus software can't remove a virus, Safe Mode may let it succeed. (Some experts recommend always running virus/spyware scans under Windows in Safe Mode.) If defragmenting your hard drive [www.aarp.org/learntech/computers/howto/Articles/a2004-06-16-defrag.html] never finishes, Safe Mode may remove programs that keep interrupting it. And it lets you erase files that Windows normally says are in use (though only do this when you're sure what you're doing).

Windows XP defines two kinds of user accounts: "administrator" and "limited". An administrator can install/remove software, change settings, etc., while a limited user can only run programs and use facilities. Even if only one account is defined, a secret companion called Administrator is available. Booting in Safe Mode lets you access this account, handy when normal accounts won't work -- for example, uninstalling software that doesn't want to leave.

Enter Safe Mode by repeatedly pressing F8 as your PC boots, just

after BIOS information displays; then select Safe Mode from the options list. Leaving Safe Mode is simple -- just reboot via the Start button and your usual procedure; Windows will return looking normal again, not holding a grudge for being run in diagnostic Mode.

Here's an important point: It's worth practicing booting into Safe Mode when you're relaxed and your PC is working properly. Consider running a PC in Safe Mode to be like starting your car's engine with the hood up at a service station. It's routine; there's nothing alarming about it. But just as you wouldn't want to open the hood for the first time (Where *is* that latch release?) when something is wrong with your car, you shouldn't first use Safe Mode when you're already worried about a PC problem.

And a PS: It's sometimes hard picking between a dozen competing books on a topic. A helpful technique for evaluating choices is searching for a few topics -- like Safe Mode -- in the books' indexes and judging them on coverage.

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Lightscribe Drives and Media

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG

WEBSITE:

<http://www.lightscribe.com>

<http://www.verbatim.com/LightScribe>

http://www.lightscribe.com/bebold/stepbystep/step_101uses.aspx

I recently purchased a new computer for one of my daughters, and this computer had an intriguing new component with which I was unfamiliar. The 16x (16-speed) dual format DVD drive (DVD+R and DVD-R formats) was labeled as a "Lightscribe" drive. I had heard some things about Lightscribe drives at CES in Las Vegas last January, but had no first-hand experience with them.

A quick visit to our local electronics and office supply stores indicated that almost all of them stocked Lightscribe DVD and CD drives and some of them carried CD and DVD media labeled as Lightscribe compatible. The blank discs themselves, while labeled with conventional speeds and formats, and a statement that they can be used conventionally in any CD or DVD burner, had a smooth golden colored top layer, substantially devoid of any labeling. These golden discs were available locally made by Verbatim, and available online made by Verbatim and other manufacturers. The pricing on the discs was slightly higher than the more conventional discs available from the same manufacturers. While these discs can be burned in any conventional burner, their full functionality requires a Lightscribe compatible drive. What makes these discs so special, and possibly worth the

small premium in price, is the fact that the same Lightscribe drive used to burn music, data, images, or video to the discs can also be used to burn a professional appearing and permanent image into the golden top layer of the disc, negating the use of paper labels or marking pens. Lightscribe compatible drives can also be used to burn conventional media, but cannot label non-Lightscribe compatible discs.

The Lightscribe slogan "Burn, Flip, Burn" describes the simplicity of the process. Data is burned to the CD or DVD media using traditional appearing software, the same way as many of us have been doing for years. With a conventional drive and media, burning the disc is the only task of the drive, and requires a paper label or marking pen to show the contents of the disc. Marking pens can smear, and look unprofessional, while stick-on paper labels can peel, jam a drive, or cause balance problems and potential hardware damage if not perfectly centered. After that content is burned with a Lightscribe drive to Lightscribe compatible media, the disc is removed, flipped over, and reinserted, exposing the golden top layer to the laser beam. Using the software provided either with the drive, or from several third party publishers, professional looking silk screen quality labels can be permanently burned directly on to the discs by the drive. These labels can be created as the user desires with monochrome graphics, titles, content directories, or any other content desired using a "WYSIWYG" (What You See Is What You Get) interface that shows the label on the screen before it is burned. The label is fully customizable by the user,

and content can be added to blank areas of the label at a later date, but once burned, the label cannot be erased.

Lightscribe ads another option for those interested in burning CDs and DVDs. While some media on the market has an inkjet or laser printer printable surface that can be printed on directly by an appropriate printer, Lightscribe offers the ability to burn labels directly onto the disc, without the additional expense, time, and headaches of printing to media with a specialized printer. In terms of cost, at my local stores, Lightscribe media was priced competitively with the printable discs. When considering the cost of paper stick-on labels, ink, and "stomper" kits to center the paper labels, Lightscribe media is still competitively priced. In my opinion, labels burned directly to the surface of the compatible disc on a Lightscribe drive look more professional than most of the paper or printed labels, and are far more resistant to smearing and damage than paper labels or marker pen.

The Lightscribe compatible drives are available locally and online from the traditional sources, and are manufactured by several makers. The review of local shops, as well as online "e-tailers" showed that there was little or no premium in price for Lightscribe compatibility when purchasing a new name brand drive. One local store had a name brand internal Lightscribe drive, 16x DVD dual format, 40x CD speed drive for \$99, which was about the same price as similar non-Lightscribe drives.

Since Lightscribe drives work perfectly fine with conventional DVD

Lightscribe Drives and Media (cont.)

and CD media (less the label burning capability), and are priced about the same as other similar name brand drives, but offer the option to produce professional looking, silk screen quality monochrome labels on compatible media, I would choose a Lightscribe drive for my next computer or peripheral upgrade.

Details on Lightscribe drives and

media can be found on the Lightscribe website at www.lightscribe.com. For those who would enjoy a little humor with their computing, the Lightscribe website has a very funny list of "101 Uses for Your Permanent Marker" at www.lightscribe.com/behold/stepbystep/step_101uses.aspx. This "tongue-in-cheek" satire lists silly things to do now that markers are

now obsolete for labeling discs with Lightscribe technology.

If considering a new DVD/CD burner for an existing computer, or when purchasing a new computer, seriously consider a Lightscribe drive. It would be great to have the capability to professionally label discs in the drive, without external accessories.

Membership

Please welcome KIPCUG's newest members. This list has not been printed for awhile so you may already know some of these members.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Hardware SIG	2 General Meeting	3	4 Visual Basic SIG	5	6
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14 Articles for Magazine Due 8/14	15 Genealogy SIG	16 Real Estate SIG New Users Daytime SIG	17	18 Webmasters SIG	19 Advanced Users SIG	20
21	22 Intermediate Users SIG	23 Technical Mkt Analysis SIG Digital Photo SIG	24	25 Utilities SIG	26	27 Hands On SIG 2:00
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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 ajbirch@bellsouth.net or 429-0506

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

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

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

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 - Meetings on Hold - 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

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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

With the blink of an eye another summer has gone. I hope you have enjoyed the long days and warm weather. Now that vacations and summer activities are starting to end and your schedules will begin to get back to normal, I know you will want to take advantage of one of the many SIGs that KIPCUG has to offer. I work in the field of computer technology and I frequently see people who need just a little help or guidance with their home PCs. Most individuals would like to try and fix the problem themselves if they only knew how. Even those who don't want to get into computer repair in their free time would like to be able to save some money on repairs. Some of the simplest repairs today could cost a couple hundred dollars. Where else do you know that an expert in their particular field will invite you to come and listen to them give free support information. At the HANDS ON SIG, you can even schedule to bring your computer in and have the group work on your problem. What a great opportunity we have as a community of computer users to share our mutual knowledge to help

each other. We also have the great fortune of being able to help others out who don't have the skills that you may have. Whether you are a computer geek from way back or just getting started, whether you are looking for some help with your computer issues or enjoy helping others, KIPCUG is the group for you.

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 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.)

ACCESS

PROGRAMMING SIG

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. Include ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG in the subject line of your email.

ADVANCED USERS SIG

The discussion topics for the August 29 meeting of the ADVANCED USERS SIG, which meets at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at Christ Church United Methodist, will be announced through the email list.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG explores software and hardware topics of interest to people that are very comfortable with their computers 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 or contact Tom at tpscan@iglou.com. Please use ADVANCED USERS SIG in the subject line of your email.

BASIC ACCESS SIG

The next meeting of the BASIC ACCESS SIG is August 13 at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center at 10:00 AM. The topic will be sent by email to the members on the contact list.

At the July 9 meeting, we reviewed queries. The June meeting was on reports as well as going over members' problems and questions.

The BASIC ACCESS SIG uses the tools that are available in Access without programming. If you have topics that you would like discussed, please contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at ajbirch@bellsouth.net 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.

BASIC EXCEL SIG

This SIG has been suspended due to low attendance. We hope to restart this SIG 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. Include BASIC EXCEL SIG in the subject line of your email.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG will not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 23 at Advanced Grinding and Machine, Inc, 4644 Illinois Ave. in Louisville at 6:30 PM. There will not be another meeting until January 27. Even though the meetings 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 to people in need. We are always looking for donations. Even if you think there is no value in your old computer, contact us

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and let us take it off your hands. We also welcome people willing to help restore computers for redistribution.

This SIG has provided PCs 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 odd-numbered months except November. To be added to the SIG's advance mailing list, contact TEAM MEMBER Beverly Setree, beverly@advanced-grinding.com. Place the words COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG in the subject line of your email.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

The next meeting of the DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG will meet August 23 at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library. We will continue looking at the camera equipment we already own or hope possibly to purchase in the future and 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 Chojnowski using the free program The GIMP.

Any questions on cameras, software or printers will also be wel-

come. 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 at bedwardsna@sbcglobal.net. Be certain to put DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY in the subject line of your email so that it is not destroyed as SPAM.

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 SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org and type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG" in the subject line.

GENEALOGY SIG

The next GENEALOGY SIG Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on August 15 at our regular location, the LFPL Eline Branch. The presentation will be a review of the basics of The Master Genealogist and the creation of Custom Tags. Custom Tags are additional tags (events or notes) that you can use to add additional facts to your data. Custom Tags like the Standard Tags can include date, location, memo, citations and witnesses.

The July GENEALOGY SIG Meeting was a presentation on Sentence Structure. Sentence Structure is a feature of TMG that allows you to control the wording that TMG uses to convert the facts that you have entered into sentences. There is suggested wording built into the program but you can change it to suit your needs. A report was demonstrated to capture the original format of the sentence structure just in case you decide that you really do not like your modifications. Therefore, you can play with your changes and see if you can improve on the suggested wording built into The Master

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Genealogist.

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.

GENEALOGY II SIG

The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next meeting on August 11 and will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library Jeffersontown Branch.

The GENEALOGY II SIG had its last meeting on July 14.

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.

HANDS ON SIG (NEW)

Our next meeting will be on August 27 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. The group can also help you build/upgrade your own PC in just one weekend. It may not always be possible to work on every machine that is not expected, but we resolve most issues by the library closing time.

There is no fixed topic to discuss, just a chance to find some assistance and learn more about your PC. You will need to bring your complete system, monitor, keyboard mouse, cables and processor. Should you need help getting it up to the meeting room, members will assist you.

At the July 23 meeting, we worked with a severe problem that came in the door. The offending computer's hard drive had given its last gasp (those nasty click clicks). A speedy look at hard drive specials on the Internet, determined a quick trip to a local computer store (where hard drives were on sale), was in order. Within minutes, a purchase was made and returned to the Library, where it was put in the computer and we started to reload the OS. We did the upgrades and

program reinstall, a long process, and eventually a happy camper was on the road home.

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 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 to the subject line of your email.

HARDWARE SIG

On August 1 at 6:30 PM, we will have further wireless networking with emphasis on why you might

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want to use a wireless Bridge. We meet in the second floor meeting room of the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews.

This year the fourth of July fell on the first Monday of the month so there was no meeting of the HARDWARE SIG in July.

Once again, this year, we will miss our September meeting as it falls on Labor Day.

On October 3, we will look at the many uses for a new scanner. Find out how to set one up and we will include an overview of the best software for use with your scanner.

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 our next meeting on August 22, the topic will be announced by email. 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.

For the July 25 meeting, we went over the released Microsoft AntiSpyware program.

The SIG focuses on the various versions of MS Windows software, its features, methods 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 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 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 August 11. 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.

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

NEW USERS SIG

Come join us at the August 8 meeting 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. You will find the learning curve easy enough for anyone to join in at any time. We will take our second look at setting up and maintaining a file system that will help you easily find your data, years from now. It will help keep you organized for years to come and will be easy to keep backed up by almost all backup programs.

The Q&A session follows the presentation each month. 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). Come find out about our new NUS Group on the Internet, where you can get answers between meetings by email or on the Internet.

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 on the screen in the front of the classroom.

TEAM MEMBERS Susan Moore and Tom McArdle 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.

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)

For August, we will meet at the TUESDAY time, so our next meeting will be August 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Computer Lab, Room

222, at CCUM. As we are having new learners along with some of our regulars, we try to meet the needs of the individual. We practice working and saving documents. We practice moving folders and cutting and pasting information. We work on the differences between dragging and dropping and cutting and pasting.

Some have learned to insert pictures, backgrounds and colors on their documents in Word. The computers have been improved and all now have Word installed. Some genealogy programs have been discussed and one member learned how to install his GEDCOM in Roots Magic. Genealogy is not usually included or discussed in our SIG, as there are many different programs.

We discuss and practice some of the lessons offered by 599CD's. If Word is a challenge, these lessons offer assistance. The 599 Company is extremely slow in sending their CD's. I am still waiting for one I ordered the last of May. If you want to use one of my CD's to practice a skill, please bring a set of earphones. I have numerous ones to explore and this is an excellent way to decide if you want the CD's.

If you are just starting out, finding your programs, opening and closing programs and using your mouse, this SIG tries to give you as much help as possible. We are hands on!

We meet from 2:00 to 4:00 on the third Tuesday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM.

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Important! Starting in September, please mark your calendars with the new day for our NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG. It will be the third MONDAY of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM.

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. If you have a handheld device, we want to hear from you.

This SIG plans 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)

The REAL ESTATE SIG will meet August 16 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222 at CCUM. The SIG will continue its analysis and development of software for record keeping and management of Rental Properties. SIG LEADER Bill Buzan will monitor the discussion and lead the membership in its quest for the simplest and most comprehensive program to do so.

The REAL ESTATE SIG met July 19 to begin in earnest the development of the program for the management of Rental Properties. The focus will continue to use the PC to save time and resources in growing our property assets.

The mission of this SIG is to provide property owners and investors the opportunity to gain a greater insight into their transactions by interaction with others, so that they can protect and guide their endeavors more effectively.

Future meetings will continue this theme and expand into other aspects of this important subject. If you have any subjects related to Real Estate that you would like to have on the agenda for future meetings or would like to be added to our mailing list, please send your request to Bill Buzan at re_sig@insightbb.com.

The REAL ESTATE SIG meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the 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 KIPCUG web site at www.kipcug.org.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

At the August 23 meeting, we will use our technical indicators to try to determine the near term direction of the market, and to hone our skills using these indicators with everyone's input. We use a group discussion format to answer everyone's questions and let everyone tell how they use the indicators.

Additional information will be announced by email to all members on our list. With the late date of the SIG meeting and potential market fluctuations, email is the best way to inform all of our discussion topics.

The July meeting continued our ongoing discussion of mathematical analysis of market trends. Members shared the tools that they have found to be successful in analyzing today's market.

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.

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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 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.

UTILITIES SIG

On August 25 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM, Co-SIG Leader Charley May will show us some really neat (free) Utilities that help you determine what is running on your computer when you start up, before you do anything. Yikes, is all that stuff running on my computer on start-up? Find out how to turn off some of these offenders, how to monitor your RAM memory in use and how to easily release and defragment that RAM without having to shut-down your computer. It is really efficient.

When we met on July 28, Co-SIG Leader Tom McArdle presented Disk Keeper from Executive Software. This hard disk defragging is faster than similar programs and it can be configured to run by itself when needed, run at fixed times or intervals, or run on demand. We also discussed the problems members are having with DVD creation and other PC problems.

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 or Charley May at sig@win.net. Please put the words UTILITIES SIG in the subject line of your email.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The August 4 meeting at 6:30 PM at the Bon Air Regional Branch of the LFPL, 2816 Del Rio Place, will continue our look at SIG LEADER Martin Campion's latest game and we may take the opportunity to review the progress on a multi-page Web site Martin is developing called WesternPeaksCal.Net. The group will continue its work on the SIG project.

The July 7 meeting consisted of a dedicated drawing program, which allows the user to create elaborate drawings out of pre-defined re-sizable parts. The final result is a game board for an auto-racing game called "Speed Circuit". The program allows the printing of the drawing either full size to a plotter or scaled down to a letter-sized sheet. The members were particularly interested in the means for saving the drawing data between sessions and bringing it back into the program, a process called serialization and deserialization in VB.Net.

Also of great interest was the process of printing the drawing through an object called the `PrintDocument` and an event called `PrintPage`. The newest things were the ability to change the size of the printed sheet and the ability to print the legend at a 90-degree angle. This program can take as input a hexagon size and either a sheet size or a number of rows and columns. Then it can calculate either the rows and columns that can be fit on a sheet or the size of sheet needed for

The SIG Scene (cont.)

the number of rows and columns. It can then print the sheet on an appropriate printer or plotter.

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. Add the words VB SIG to the subject line of your email.

WEBMASTERS SIG

Pictures, Images and Photos on the web!

On August 18, the WEBMASTERS SIG will meet at 6:30 PM at the Win.Net offices. We will explore how to resize and optimize photos. Learn what file formats to use, how to cut a photo into sections and how to save images to your web site. While this topic could take a semester and still not be complete, we will try to offer simple solutions to use pictures on the Internet.

On July 21, John Henderson discussed affiliate and reseller programs and what the differences are between them. John covered where to find them and how to set up links on your site. There was also a discussion of what works and what does not.

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.

See www.inetwebmaster.com for information on the current topic, a map and summaries of our recent presentations.

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 and include the words WEBMASTERS SIG in the subject line of your message.

WINDOWS OS SIG

The August 12 meeting at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM will give us a chance to complete an upgrade from Windows ME to a current Windows XP operating system. SIG LEADER Bob Rose will show the group the problems that occurred at our Friday the 13th attempt in May and what is needed to resolve such issues. If you are running with Windows 98 or ME, join the group and see just what is involved in this

upgrade before trying it on your machine.

July 8 meeting had to be cancelled because of a scheduling conflict.

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@techemail.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. Check the KIPCUG web site at www.KIPCUG.org for a map to the meeting site. To be added to the email list, please contact SIG LEADER Bob Rose, britdude@techemail.com and put the words WINDOWS OS SIG in the email subject line.

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YOUTH SIG

Targeted to return this fall, your input is requested. We hope to include KIPCUG and CCUM members in 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. 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. Please include YOUTH SIG in the subject line of the email.

This SIG's mission is to develop the computer skills of middle school or advanced elementary school students. It will cover topics beyond those basic skills taught in the school system. High school age students can volunteer to assist in this SIG.

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4.9. You can now browse, find, sample and subscribe to thousands of free Pod Casts - radio shows delivered over the Internet to your PC or Mac computer - then sync them to your iPod and listen anytime, anywhere. Throwing iTunes in the mix with your iPod really kicks things in gear, giving the ability to use either your Windows machine or a Mac to access one of the best music download stores with both free and paid music. You can even use iTunes to play music, wired or wirelessly from your PC or Mac on your home stereo or powered speakers. The ability to select from more than 1.5 million tracks from all four major music companies and over 1,000 leading independent labels is awesome.

The ability to add, delete and rearrange your music on your iPod, on the fly and to create your own mix for personal use is easy and quick. You have the capability to find out what is playing on more than 1,000 radio stations around the

United States. You can get good music, download a free song and even an audio book related to a movie or see a music video and get the track. It's remarkable for a device as small as an iPod.

Finally, yet importantly, I want to acquaint you with the Apple Mac mini, Model # M9687LL/A. Now be sure that you are sitting down, not operating machinery, do not have a mouth full of food or drink, because I am going to tell you the size of this computer. It is only 6.5-inch square and 2-inch tall, no that is not the power supply, that is the Computer. This Computer, roughly the size of 2 kitchen match boxes side by side, contains a 1.42 GHz PowerPC G4 on the motherboard, 256 MB DDR SDRAM, 80 GB IDE Hard Disk, CD-RW: 40x (read), 16x (write), 10x (rewrite); DVD-ROM: 12x; Mac OS X version 10.3 Operating System and even the software. Out of space! What can I say but that it is small and it works.

This Presentation will follow the Back to Basics presentation by Tom



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Scanlan on The Control Panel topic Automatic Updates. In addition, we will also have the User to User session. Please be sure to bring your written question to the meeting. Some of our member may be able to help answer your questions.

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 \$300 please

do not be a wish-I-had-been-there member.

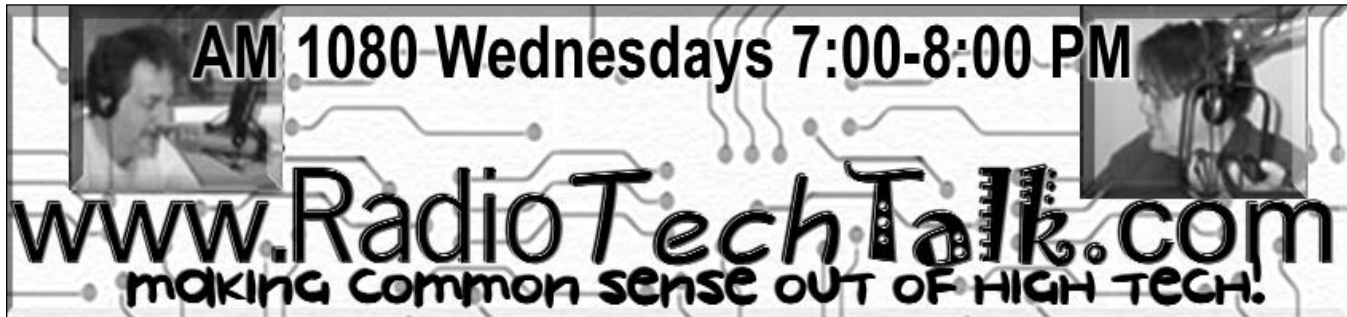
in the locations Brian covered and we all look forward to the expansion into future areas.

July

A BIG Thanks to Brian Oldham from Appriss for his excellent presentation on Metro Louisville Free Wireless Initiative. It was extremely interesting to find out about all of the advances made in the wireless technology areas and its availability

Future Meetings

Remember, Gene and Linda Barlow will be here in September and have a lot of new software to show us. You do not want to miss them, so write it on your calendar now.



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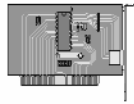
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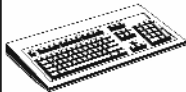


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