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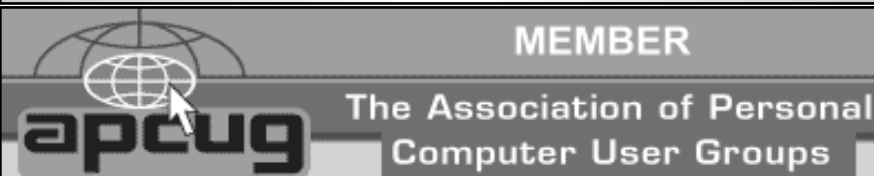
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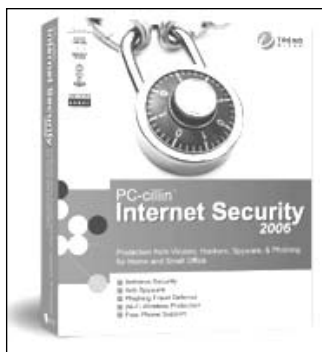
By Judy Lococo, KIPCUG

May

As of this writing, we will have major events happening next month at the General Meeting. So come on down, bring the family and friends.



We will have another national vendor coming in to present. Either Dave Perry or Mark Lewis will be here to give us the latest from Trend Micro, aka PC-cillin. You can never be too thin, have too much money or enough online security nowadays. It's definitely going to be an opportune meeting.



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Also, we will have a Back to Basics that you've all been wanting, and that is Wireless Security by the Dynamic Duo of Tom and Wayne! This will supposedly be a warm-up for things to come in a few months when I can convince them to do a more in-depth treatment of this topic.

As usual, in User to User, we will entertain all the problems, questions, haven't-a-clue enigmas that you have encountered this month on your computer. I could probably fill the basket with all my technological mysteries. I do believe my computer is kin to Lance Burton or David Copperfield, as it can certainly amuse me with all the tricks and slights of hand it plays on me.

April

You missed an outstanding April presentation by a lady from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, by the name of Evelyn Watts, who showed us a ton of ways WordPerfect can make our lives easier. We also got to see some of the other parts of this office suite, such as Paradox, Quattro Pro and Presentations. And because she is such a versatile Canadian, she also demo'd the latest version of Corel Draw! It's not often you can find someone who can do both practical office presentations as well as graphics. She was also quite memorable at the PIG SIG afterward, so hopefully, when she

comes again, we can fully appreciate her expertise. Now all we have to do is slow her down a tiny bit! ;-)

Hope to see you next month.

Back to Basics Topic

Wireless Security

**Presented by
Tom Scanlan
and
Wayne Perkey**

MEETING DIRECTIONS

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Election for 2006

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

When you check-in at the May General Meeting you will receive a ballot to vote for the next Board of Directors since we have more than one nominee for some of the positions. Ballots will be available from 6:00 PM until 7:15 PM.

At the April General Meeting, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Dick McGavic, presented the slate to the Membership. Nominees are:

President

Bill Buzan

Vice-President

George Buehler

Secretary

Winnie Miller

Treasurer

Rosemary Viele

Director of Membership

Tom Denning

Director of SIGs

Charley May

Director of Programs

Jack Forbes

Director of Volunteers

Tom McArdle

Directors at Large

Sharon Kinney-Romeo

Susan Moore

Flave Reising

Doc Viele

The floor was then opened for nominations. Additional nominees are:

Judy Lococo nominated

Vice President

John Henderson

Directors at Large

Robbie Gibson

Roger Klingeman

Brian Miller

Wayne Perkey

John Henderson nominated

Director of Programs

Judy Lococo

The election must be held during the second quarter of the year at the Annual Business Meeting. Previously this has been conducted at the June General Meeting. This year, since a motion was passed that the election take place during the May Meeting, a notice was required to be sent to each member eligible to vote in the election. The separate notice was required since there was not enough time to include the notice in the magazine. The notice must be received by the members at least 10 days before the election.

Due to time constraints, Sharon Kinney-Romeo has withdrawn her name from the slate.

To be eligible to vote, a member must have been in good standing 30 days before the election (April 2) and at the time of the election. Anyone whose membership expired March 31, 2006, or before and who

had not renewed by April 2, 2006, or whose membership expires April 30, 2006, and who does not renew by the May meeting will not be eligible to vote. No proxies shall be accepted.

The bio's for the nominees follow on the following 4 pages.



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Slate for the Board of Directors

President Bill Buzan



Bill spent a term as Director of Volunteers and several terms as Vice-President. Bill has worked in that capacity to help this organization grow and prosper. He is a Realtor of both residential and commercial properties since 1974. Prior to that, he worked for Rohm & Haas in their Pharmaceutical and Medical Lab Testing divisions. His sales career began with NCR in the late 60's where he trained in sales and marketing. He has been married for 47 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.

Vice-President George Buehler



George has been a KIPCUG mem-

ber for the past 11 years, attending a majority of meetings – where he always learned something new. George retired after 37 years from an international chemical company, where he was Vice President and Global Business Unit Manager. George is currently a part-time instructor for the Jefferson County Public Schools Adult Education, and Greater Louisville Bonsai Society Editor, writer, and publisher of clubs' monthly newsletter. He has been married for 38 years and has 2 daughters and one grandson.

John Henderson



John joined KIPCUG in May, 1997, holding Board Positions twice, as well as being Magazine Editor. He is KIPCUG's current Webmaster, SIG Director for Webmaster SIG and Past Chair for the Board of Directors Long Term Planning Committee. He has attended APCUG's National convention and spoken at APCUG User Groups. As owner of INetMarketing.com, John builds successful web sites, does web site training and consulting, and has a successful professional speaking business.

Secretary

Winnie Miller

Winnie has been a KIPCUG mem-



ber since 1995. She has been KIPCUG Secretary, both elected and appointed for vacancies for many years. Winnie is a frequent contributor to the Computer User News and currently serves as SIG Leader for the New User Daytime SIG.

Treasurer Rosemary Viele



Rosemary has been a KIPCUG member since 2000, 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 schools. She has volunteered for the Heart Fund, and is currently an active volunteer at her church and Baptist Hospital East.

Slate for the Board of Directors (cont.)

Director of Membership

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 as Membership Director this year. During the past year, Tom has upgraded our membership software, improved the quality of our database information, and began a e-mail service to contact our members. He looks forward to promoting our reputation as the premier PC group in the metro area.

Director of Programs

Judy Lococo



KIPCUG Past President, Vice President, Program Director, Membership Director, Volunteer, Director, and member; APCUG Past President, Vice President, Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair are the major offices Judy has held. She has probably attended more board meetings than any other officer or officer-to-be, both in person, and online.

Director and Volunteer Coordinator

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 Lowes. 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 a self-built custom PC and laptop. A KIPCUG 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

Charley May



Charley has been a KIPCUG member since 1995. A retired industrial purchasing manager, Charley enjoys working on computer hardware, reviewing software and teaching. 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 a New Users SIG. Drafted 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. Charley returns to the SIG Director Position. During his last stint as SIG Director, Charley tripled the number of SIGs offered by KIPCUG.

Directors at Large

Robbie Gibson

Robbie has been a member of KIPCUG since 1998. He attends General Meetings with regularity and has served as a substitute SIG

Slate for the Board of Directors (cont.)



Leader for the Windows 2000 SIG and a presenter for the Webmaster SIG. He joined as a corporate member in 2002 with his business, Hostaroo.com, which is a web hosting company. Robbie have also served on the KIPCUG board in 2001 as the volunteer director.

Roger Klingeman



Roger has previously been Director at Large for four years. He has been a member of KIPCUG since 1991. He currently helps with the Webmasters SIG and helps with the distribution of the Computer User News. Roger graduated from Penn State in Mechanical Engineering and is currently licensed as a Professional Engineer in the state of Kentucky. He retired from GE in 2000. He is a licensed ham radio operator (WB4RLA), a Kentucky Colonel, and an assistant Coach for the Chess Club at Middletown Elementary School. Roger also remembers punching the

cards for his first computer program.

Brian Miller



A member since 1999, Brian has been an active participant in KIPCUG's Webmasters and Windows OS SIGs. For the past two years Brian has served as the SIG Director for KIPCUG. Holding both MCSE and A+ certification, he has worked as an 'IT' professional 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 the Board.

Susan Moore



Susan is currently Editor-in-Chief for the Computer User News magazine. Positions she has served on the KIPCUG Board of Directors include Director of Membership for

4 ½ years, Editor or Assistant Editor for 5 years and Director at Large for 6 months since joining KIPCUG in 1998. Susan has tried to use technology in an innovative manner in these positions, including moving from paper to electronic submission of the magazine and building a membership database that allows electronic check-in at the meeting. Susan has been SIG Leader for the Genealogy SIG since restarting it in 1998 and Genealogy II SIG Leader since 2002. She works for the State of Kentucky and in her spare time builds web sites and trains users on the use of their computers and programs. Susan is a graduate of Spalding University and Bellarmine College where she received her MBA. She has worked with computers since 1981. Susan enjoys genealogy, and she has spent the last 30-plus years working on her family research.

Wayne Perkey



Wayne is a Louisville native, owner and CEO of Perkey Computing. He holds numerous certifications, and is a Microsoft Certified Professional. He has been working with computers for over twenty years, and has experience in a wide number of fields in the tech industry. Many members will no doubt recognize the name Wayne

Slate for the Board of Directors (cont.)

Perkey from his father's 30 years on WHAS radio, from his own years as a talk radio producer for the Joe Elliot show, or from the afternoon drive time on WKJK. Wayne also spent several years working for the Public Radio Partnership, including a stint as the weekend news anchor. He is currently hosting the technology-oriented talk show Tech Talk on WKJK 1080am, where he does his best to promote KIPCUG and technology in general. Wayne has been married to his lovely wife, Annette, for ten years and they have three wonderful children. He joined KIPCUG in 2004 and was appointed to the Board as a director at large in 2005. Wayne has been serving as Master of Ceremonies at KIPCUG main meetings for the last year.

Flave Reising

Flave is a native of southwestern Indiana near Evansville and has been married for 45 years to Mary Jo, a retired business teacher. They have two children and one granddaughter. He has a BSEE from Rose



Hulman in Terre Haute and a MSEE from Purdue. He retired in 1999 after 40 years with GE. In Ft. Wayne GE Transformer Dept., he designed high voltage power supplies for Xerox copy machines. He began his work here at Appliance Park in 1977 in charge of power supply designs for the Appliance Electronics Operation and, in the 1980's and 90's, traveled extensively to Japan and Korea helping GE source microwave ovens. Flave has been an active participant in KIPCUG since retiring and has served as Co-Leader of Excel Basic SIG. He has written two software reviews for the Computer User News.

Doc Viele



Doc has been a Kipcug member since 1986, Investment SIG leader since 1992, and a CUN 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.

Clear Reading With ClearType

By Vinny La Bash, Member of the Sarasota Personal Computer Users Group, Inc. www.spcug.org

My students know why LCD displays are superior to CRT monitors. When one of them complained to me that he found text difficult to read on his new 21 inch LCD Monitor, I told him it was probably because the screen resolution made the text too small to read easily. He didn't think so because his teenage

granddaughter also thought the text wasn't clear. His comment made me think.

Flat panel LCD Monitors are designed to display information at a specific resolution known as the "native resolution". Manufacturers refer to them as "fixed-pixel displays" because they are limited to displaying only one resolution. If they receive an image signal that is either higher or lower than the

native resolution, they convert or scale the image automatically to fit the native resolution.

If the incoming source has more pixels than the display's native resolution, you will lose some visible detail and sharpness. Very often you will need to carefully compare the images side by side to see any difference. Only the most exacting applications will suffer from this small constraint.

Clear Reading With ClearType (cont.)

If the incoming source has fewer pixels than the native resolution, there is no benefit from the higher resolution. Extra pixels will not improve the appearance of a lower-resolution source.

Converting images from either a higher or lower resolution to the LCD's native resolution hardly affects the quality of graphic or video images, but it can make text appear blurry. Early LCD displays had no ready solution for this problem. All one could do was experiment with various font styles and sizes until an acceptable compromise was reached.

Microsoft didn't want to keep its customers waiting while it found an answer so it licensed TrueType fonts from Apple. The advantage of TrueType fonts was that text could be made larger or smaller with little distortion. Text became easier to read, and Microsoft made some improvements to the technology, but TrueType proved to be an interim response.

While Microsoft was working on Windows XP, it was also developing a new software technology designed to enhance text readability on flat panel LCD monitors, laptops, PDAs, Pocket PCs, indeed any device that used an LCD screen, no matter how big or small.

Microsoft claims that its development people spent two years studying typography and the psychology of reading to create ClearType. Instead of affecting individual pixels which are either treated as "on" or "off", ClearType works with a different type of pixel that is constructed of three individual pieces tinted with red, blue, and green

stripes. The technology varies the brightness of the sub-pixels, making the screen characters appear smooth, clean, and sharp around the edges.

Now that you know what it is, how can you use it? You have three ways to turn on or "enable" ClearType for your LCD display. Let's start with the easiest way.

Go to <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/cleartype/tuner/Step1.aspx>

Follow the online directions to enable ClearType on your system.

Another way is to download the PowerToy version of the online tuner. This lets you do the same thing that the above procedure does, but you do it by accessing the Control Panel and activating the ClearType settings from there.

Go to <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/ClearTypePowerToy.msp>

Follow the online directions to download, install, and use. It's easy.

Finally, for the propeller heads and bit twiddlers in the audience, you can access the Registry. To enable ClearType for all users of your system:

From the Start button, select Run and type Regedit in the Text box. (As if you didn't know).

Navigate to HKEY_USERS/DEFAULT/Control Panel/Desktop.

Create or Modify the Data Type and Value Name as detailed below.

Data Type: String Value

Value Name: FontSmoothing

Setting for Value Data: [Set Value to 2]

Data Type: Dword

Value Name: FontSmoothingType

Setting for Value Data: [Change Value to 2]

Exit Registry and Reboot

Enabling ClearType only for the current user instead of all users is identical to the above procedure except that instead of HKEY_USERS, work with HKEY_CURRENT_USER instead.

When you're finished, check the Desktop and examine the icon titles. Open the Start menu while you're at it and observe the readability of the text. You may find the text too small to read even though it is sharp and clear. If this is the case:

Right click on the Desktop

Choose Properties from the popup menu.

Click the Appearance tab.

Click the Advanced button and make changes there.

Decide which technique is best for you, and enjoy text that is clear, crisp and sharp.

Editor's Note: Vinny La Bash's email is vlabash@home.com. This article is distributed by the APGUG Editorial Committee.

New Hard Drives and XP Hard Drive Management Utility

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG Director

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With the oft mentioned convergence, where our desktop computers are now commonly used for more than traditional computing tasks, many of us seem to run low on hard drive space. A quick review of the newspaper and online ads for the electronics and office supply stores often show a selection of large capacity hard drives for very reasonable prices. Sometimes these hard drives can be purchased for an exceptionally low price after the application of high value rebates. Now that many of us are using our hard drives for the storage and editing of video (very large files), countless music files (typically a few megabytes each), and even recording and time shifting TV (huge files), it is quite easy for hard drive space to run short. This is an indication that it is time to somehow utilize an additional hard drive.

The aftermarket hard drives now so readily available come in a variety of packages. Generally the lowest priced drives are name-brand drives packaged as "OEM" intended for computer builders, and typically lack cables, installation software, instructions, brackets, screws, and other sometimes useful accessories. Commonly available at the retail stores, for slightly more, are drives packed in retail packages which usually include cables, detailed install instructions, partitioning and formatting software, technical support, brackets, and other paraphernalia. At the top of the price charts, but still sometimes bargain priced are external drives, already partitioned and formatted, and ready to

use by simply plugging one cable into a USB or firewire port, and connecting the traditional power cord, with no other hardware installation. External drives often come with a variety of utility software titles for creating backups, and other purposes. Since there are a variety of hard drive controllers (the device that physically connects the motherboard in the computer to the cable and drive) in use, the purchaser needs to be sure that any internal drives purchased are compatible with the controllers in the computer. Acronyms such as IDE, EIDE, and SATA are commonly used to describe the interface of the hard drives advertised. If the purchaser is not sure which type is correct, a knowledgeable salesperson or call to the hard drive manufacturer may help the buyer select the correct type.

Installing an additional hard drive in a desktop computer may be easy, and can be done by anyone with moderate mechanical or electrical skills. The retail packs often come with very easy to follow directions (and sometimes even a video!) showing the step-by-step process. Most typically, computers come with two hard drive controllers either built in to the motherboard, or on a separate card; each controller can usually drive two hard drives, or a hard drive and a CD/DVD player or burner, allowing for up to four hard drives and CD/DVD units in any combination without the installation of additional controller hardware. One proviso worth noting here is that if the computer is still covered by warranty, opening the case to install an additional hard drive may void the remaining balance of the warranty. There is no

warranty risk in using an external hard drive since there is no "hard" installation necessary.

Once a new internal hard drive is installed, it must be partitioned and formatted appropriately in order for it to function properly. If a retail pack was purchased, there will likely be a floppy or CD included that contains the necessary utilities; if an OEM drive was purchased, either a third party utility must be used (my favorite is Partition Magic), or a little know XP utility can be used. External drives, unless home built with a separate drive and case, generally do not need any utilities to make them function properly. Fortunately, users of Windows XP have a built-in utility that can be used for the necessary partitioning and formatting of new drives, as well as other hard drive and computer management tasks. Fred Langa, author of the very popular "Langa List" (www.langa.com) published a series of articles in early March documenting the availability and utilization of this integral utility. "Administrator" access is necessary to access this utility. While there are several ways to access the utility, one of the easiest ways is to right click on the "My Computer" icon on the desktop, and then clicking on "Manage". "Disk Management" is listed under the "Storage" heading. From this point, hard drives can be partitioned, formatted, have drive letters designated or changed, and a variety of other hard tasks can be accomplished. It is important to be especially careful not to partition or format existing hard drives with this utility, unless explicitly desired, as it is likely that existing data on the drive may be destroyed or otherwise become inaccessible. Other non-

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hard drive management tasks can also be utilized from this utility.

If a new hard drive is installed, it will show up as an "unknown" disk. Right-clicking on the new disk will open a menu with "partition" as one of the choices. Selecting this will open a wizard which will guide the user through the steps of initializing and partitioning the drive, and then formatting it with an appropriate

format. After the process is completed, the new drive should show up in Windows Explorer.

Since many of the new hard drives are truly huge in capacity, it may be more convenient in the long run to partition them as if they were several smaller hard drives, each partition with a separate drive letter. This makes disk storage more efficient, with less wasted space, as well as

easier to backup, maintain, defragment, and perform other tasks.

A new large capacity hard drive may be useful to improve the utilization of the computer as well as allow it to be used for the many new non-computing tasks that are becoming popular.

Editor's Note: Ira Wilsker is a Columnist for The Examiner, Beaumont TX and a Radio Show Host.

Why Settle, Do It Your Way

By Lee Alexander, Member of the Macon Users Group, Franklin, NC
<http://www.maconusersgroup.org/>

Icons

You can make your PC more colorful and distinguish folders by using icons other than the ubiquitous manila folder. Right-click a folder and select properties; under the Customize tab, click the Change icon button and you will see more than 250 icons to choose from. Actually, the file, Shell32.dll, contains 1484 icons on my system. A good many of these are duplicates in different sizes and color depths. Sizes range from 16 x 16 pixels through 96 x 96 pixels; color depths can be 16, 256, or True colors (24-bit for a range of 16,777,216 hues).

Using one of my favorite free utilities, IrfanView, you can view and do minor editing such as changing size, color depth, and rotating the image.

TIP: Open an IrfanView window and Drag the file Shell32.dll into it. You can then see previews of the icons, one by one. If you want to do extensive editing of folder icons, create a shortcut to shell32.dll on

your desktop. Then right-click on it and choose "Open With" - IrfanView.

I have created an Excel spreadsheet with a brief description of about 100 selected icons - Shell32Icons.xls.

Acrobat Reader

This free utility is much in demand of late as many program manuals are now written in the .pdf (Portable Document Format) format. A few handy keyboard shortcuts are:

Adobe uses <Ctrl> L (instead of F11 as in Microsoft products) to toggle full screen view.

Toggle the toolbars with F8.

Use the right/left arrow keys to advance/go back a page.

Adobe Photoshop, Etc.

You can hide the floating palettes in Adobe products (such as Elements), by hitting the <Tab> key. It is a toggle; hit it again to bring them back.

Word Toolbars

You can create a toolbar button for easily inserting a symbol into a document. Right-click a toolbar and select Customize and the

Commands tab. In the categories pane scroll down and click on All Commands. In the right pane, Commands, click on Symbol: and drag it to a toolbar. This will open the Symbol dialog box. Click the symbol to be attached to the button and click OK.

The toolbar button now displays the font name (Symbol) followed by the symbol number. Since this is not very friendly information, we can change the button's appearance. With the Customize dialog box opened, right-click the button and choose Name. To make the button resemble the symbol it's attached to, use the <Alt> key and the four digits on the number pad for that symbol. You can add a graphic to the button by clicking on Edit Button Image. You're then presented with a simple grid and color palette upon which you can draw simple shapes.

Tips on Digital Photography and a PC Windows Picture and Fax Viewer

This versatile (for photos) utility is often overlooked in the availability of photo editors. As it is included with the Windows Operating System it is a "freebie" readily at hand. Typically, unless you have set

Why Settle, Do It Your Way (cont.)

file associations otherwise, double clicking on a photo will open it in the Viewer. The toolbar at the bottom has some handy features that are not immediately intuitive. The Previous and Next buttons allow you to view all the images in the folder of the first photo you selected. The Screen icon will start an automatic slide show; the Zoom, Rotation, and Delete are self explanatory. However, the Print icon can surprise you - it opens the Photo Printing Wizard. As you step through the Wizard, the Layout Selection provides a variety of print configurations from 8.5 X 11 to a 35 print "contact sheet."

If you have set a file association to open your photos in an editor, you can create a shortcut to the Picture and Fax Viewer on your Desktop or in the Quick Launch Tray. Right-click in the area you want the shortcut and choose New | Shortcut. In the Shortcut wizard, enter C:\Windows\system32\shimgvw.dll (assuming your Operating System is on the C: drive). Name the shortcut and click Finish. On the first use you will have to choose the program, Picture and Fax Viewer, and check the box to "Always use selected program ..."

Note that if you right-click and choose Edit, you will open the Paint program. The next-to-last button closes the viewer and opens the photo editing program associated with the file type.

Harry's Filters

Harry's Filters 3.0 is a Photoshop-compatible plug-in which can be used in dozens of different image editing applications e.g. Photoshop, Paint Shop Pro, Corel Photo-Paint and many others. It includes 69

effect filters, an Animation feature, options for saving and opening presets and an instant preview feature.

Harry's Filters 3.0 is freeware. You can use them for whatever you like, but you aren't allowed to distribute them without the author's permission.

Be sure to read the instructions about extracting the zipped file to the folder containing your photo editor.

At this point, the website link I had entered is no longer valid. This brings up a salient point - rather than hold on to old links (the dynamic nature of the World Wide Web is in constant flux, always changing) it is better to Google the topic or subject to get the latest information.

LCD Usage with a Digital Camera

The disadvantage of using the LCD, as opposed to the optical viewfinder, the camera is not braced against a body part (your head). It is difficult to avoid camera shake when the camera is held at arms length. Try tucking your elbows into your sides and exhale before pressing the shutter release -- don't punch it.

Flash as a fill-in

Using flash as a fill-in in outdoor shots, such as when the subject is backlit, can reduce the shutter speed. If your camera has the ability, check the shutter speed and aperture after such a shot. When flash is forced, digital cameras typically compensate by lowering the shutter speed and/or increasing the aperture.

White Balance

If your photos have an overall cast of color it could be a function of the White Balance. In a photo editor, find a patch of near-neutral gray and

check the RGB color levels. They should be nearly equal in value. A free utility, Pixie, can check this for you. You can download the program from www.nattyware.com.

Color Management Schemes

Color schemes can conflict, if you use more than one of them. Select the color profile of either the printer or the photo editing software, not both. With inkjets, a greenish tone could indicate that no color scheme has been applied; a reddish hue may indicate two color schemes have been applied.

See More Thumbnails-Win Explorer

Hold down the <Shift> key when selecting the Thumbnail view to eliminate file labels = more pics per screen.

Auto-reduce Photo File Sizes

Windows XP has a neat feature to adjust the file size of photos for transmission over the internet. Select the photo(s) and right-click on one. From the pop-up menu, choose Send to and Mail Recipient. This will bring up a dialog box, Send Pictures via E-Mail. The radio button Make all my pictures smaller is selected by default. Click on Show more options to see 3 degrees of reduction.

Although it creates a message with the reduced file size photos as attachments, you do not have to send the message. You can right-click on an attachment and from the pop-up menu select Save as or Copy to put it on the Clipboard. You then simply delete the message without sending it.

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Hard Disk Disasters

By Dick Maybach, member Brookdale Computer User Group, New Jersey <http://www.bcug.com/>

Hard disk failure is the most serious PC problem, because it jeopardizes all your data. Even if everything else in your PC dies, if your hard disk is good, you can just move it to a new machine and be back in business as though nothing had happened.

The first problem is to recognize hard disk failure. Look for one or more of the following symptoms.

- A squealing or clicking noise - you will have to open your system case to find where the noise is coming from. Diskette and CD-ROM drives and fans can produce similar noises.
- A longer than usual time to boot up.
- A longer than usual time to open a folder or file.
- Spontaneous file or folder name changes.
- Frequent error messages.
- Missing or corrupted files or folders.
- Frequent "blue screens of death".

If these begin to appear, immediately copy your data files (most likely your My Documents folder) to another device, preferably one with removable media, such as a CD-ROM or a DVD. Do not turn off your PC and do not spend time trying to diagnose the problem before saving your data. Every second you delay increases the likelihood that more data will be lost.

Clearly, the best defense is to back up your data before you have a problem. However, few people do this, and even if you do, it may have been some time since your last backup.

If your hard disk fails before you can save your data, all is not lost. If your data is very valuable, for example if it's customer data, you can send your disk to a commercial firm that specializes in data recovery. This service will cost from several hundred to several thousand dollars, but usually there is no fee unless they are at least partially successful. If you decide to do this, shut off your PC immediately and contact the firm for instructions. If your data is worth less than this amount, there are two things you can try that may work.

- Remove the hard drive from the system unit and give it a light tap by holding a screwdriver by its blade and tapping the unit with the handle. Reinstall the hard drive and reboot.
- Remove the drive and place it in a freezer for several minutes, until it is cold to the touch. Reinstall and reboot.

If either of these works, move your data to a safe place immediately.

If you have only a partial disk failure, save as much data as you can; then try the following.

- Restart your PC, but before Windows boots get into the BIOS setup utility. If you watch the screen carefully, you should see directions on how to do this. Often you will press F2 or F10. Look for an area called Utilities or something similar and run any drive diagnostics available.
- Run CHKDSK. (Click on Start, then on Run, and at the prompt type `chkdsk x: /r`, where x: is the drive in difficulty. If C: is the problem drive, you will probably see a message that chkdsk can't check the drive now, but will offer to check it

the next time you restart. Answer "y" and reboot.

- Run diagnostics supplied by your drive manufacturer, or if you don't have one, use Western Digital's Data Lifeguard Diagnostics, available free from <http://westerndigital.com>. Versions are available for both Windows and DOS.

You can take some simple steps to prolong the life of all your PC components.

- Keep the system unit clean, especially if it sits on the floor. Once every month or two open the system case and remove any dust and debris with a vacuum. I prefer this to compressed air, which just moves the dirt to a new resting place.
- Don't move your PC while it's operating; especially, don't jar it.
- Use a power surge protector or preferably an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). The latter are widely available for \$100 or so. Besides reducing stress on your components, one of these will save your data if the power fails. I always had a UPS at work, and every so often I would see the lights blink and hear streams of profanity from other offices whose occupants did not have one.

Modern PC components are quite reliable, and the chances are that you will replace your computer before anything fails. However, you should have a plan in case there is a problem. Similarly, the chances are that you will replace your car without ever having an accident yet you still wear a seatbelt, and carry insurance.

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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

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

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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 - 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

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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

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NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG - Meets 2:00 PM on the 3rd Monday 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

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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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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

Over the past several months I have tried to keep you updated on the most recent changes in our SIGs, and informed on any new SIGs that were formed. However, at this time I would like to take a minute and recognize the fact that we have many SIGs that have been continuously providing the same high quality service month after month. I am not going to go through each one, because you can read through the list for yourself. KIPCUG has a great wealth of skilled people who are providing their time and expertise to a SIG in one way or another. I am honored to have been involved with each and every one of them in some small way. If you are a member of KIPCUG or just a member of this community and are not visiting the SIGs, then you are not getting the most "Bang for your Buck" as some may say. I want to thank every SIG LEADER for their service to this organization. They are overworked, underpaid and for the most part under appreciated. I for one would like to thank them personally for what they do and for letting me be a part of that over the past two years as the SIG DIRECTOR. I would also like to thank the membership for their support of me and our SIGs. As I turn over the position of SIG DIRECTOR to Charley May, it is an easy thing to do, knowing that he will do a far better job than I or anyone else could do.

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 with Internet connections and, if possible, computers for the attendees would be a plus.

ACCESS BASIC SIG

The next meeting for the ACCESS BASIC SIG is May 13 at 10:00 AM. We will meet at Java Brewing. That is in the point where River Road joins US42 in Prospect. That is 4.8 miles on the left, east on US42 from the Watterson or 1.6 miles from the Gene Snyder.

In April, we came up with solutions to various problems that group members had. Finis is working on a membership database and one problem was how to select only new members from the total membership. It can be done using a query that counts how many times someone has paid dues.

The ACCESS BASIC SIG uses the tools that are available in Access without programming. If you have

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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 Java Brewing (at least for now).

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 ADVANCED USERS SIG will meet again on May 19 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. Windows XP supports enhancements like network printing and wireless networking. Join us with your laptop as we establish a local network and experiment with XP's network features. We'll also discuss any hot security issues or other topics during our Q&A period as our SIG LEADER

updates us on IT news.

The April 21 meeting was a continuation of our recent meetings on networking and computer security topics. Custom security CD's, created after our previous meeting, were given out.

Please check out the KIPCUG web site to read details of past and future meeting topics, new announcements and Q&A threads. Visit www.KIPCUG.org and click the Forum tab to see the Advanced Users section.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG explores software and hardware topics of interest to people who are very comfortable with their computer who want to know even more. We encourage everyone to share their experiences so we can all learn and grow into 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 as the subject line of your email.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG will meet again on May 26 at 6:30 PM at Advanced Grinding and Machine, Inc, 4644 Illinois Ave. in Louisville. We will continue in 2006 on our bi-monthly meeting schedule. At the March 24 meeting, we continued to install

and test computers that were donated to KIPCUG. At the May 26 meeting, we plan to complete any computer installs that are left and prepare them to be given out. We will also continue to evaluate locations that have been suggested to receive computers.

We are still accepting donations. The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG has been designed to take donations of computer equipment and restore them 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 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 COMMUNITY OUTREACH 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 scheduled meeting of the DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

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will be Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 PM at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library. Please note that although we will be meeting in a different room for the May meeting, we will still be at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library. At the meeting, we will continue looking at the camera equipment we already own or hope to possibly 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 your new 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. Contact Bill Edwards by email at bedwardsna@sbcglobal.net to get advance notice of this SIG. Be certain to put DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY in the subject line so that it is not destroyed as SPAM.

EXCEL BASIC SIG

Our next meeting of the EXCEL BASIC SIG will be May 8 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. We will address creating forms and using built-in functions.

The pace of this SIG will be set by the members attending. Each session will start with member questions about home or work projects or last month's material. Feel free to bring in your data or existing spreadsheet. Next is the presentation of new material, followed by the opportunity to practice this material.

At last month's meeting, we examined a few sample user spreadsheets and created a macro.

The CCUM Computer Lab has computers for your use, but some people bring their laptops so they can practice and ask questions about their particular situation.

The EXCEL BASIC SIG meets at 6:30 PM the second Monday of the month in the CCUM Computer Lab, Room 222. To be put on the email list or if you want to send a question, email Jim Boneck at jboneck@yahoo.com and put EXCEL BASIC SIG in the subject line. Feel free to call him anytime at work 318-2079 or at home 258-0456.

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. In the meantime, you should attend the EXCEL BASIC SIG with Jim Boneck as the SIG LEADER. That SIG meets on the second Monday of the month at the CCUM Computer Lab.

GENEALOGY SIG

The next GENEALOGY SIG Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on May 15 at our regular location, the LFPL Eline Branch. The presentation topic will be Project Explorer and the Tools Menu - Part 1. The Project Explorer is a powerful feature of TMG that will display all of the descendants and their spouses for every individual in your dataset. The Tools Menu contains many helpful routines to aid in your research.

Presentation topics for future meetings will include: Master Place List, Research Log, Text Macros, Sources - Examples of Bibliography and End Notes, and Sources - Personal Knowledge. If you have a topic that you would

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like to see presented, please send me an email at mooresk@win.net.

The last meeting in April was a presentation of Sentence Structure and Custom Tags. You can change the format on Designing Filters for use with the Picklist or Reports to target specific types of research. By using the filters, it is possible to narrow the individuals that are selected, making it easier to edit your data or conduct your research.

TMG version 6.08 is the most current version available. Be sure to update your program with the free download, if you have not already downloaded it. Now is the time to jump in so that you get all of the tips and tricks. Since we have had new users join us in the last few months, you will not be alone if you are new to The Master Genealogist.

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 May 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 April 13.

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, please go to www.win.net/mooresk and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

HANDS ON SIG

Our next meeting will be on May 27, the fourth Saturday of the month, 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 previous meetings, we have worked with various members systems with problems like the

Operating System not booting up, slow systems and those with security problems. Our work was done without losing any of the programs or data on the computers, to the delight of the computer owners.

If you are not comfortable going 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 both Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May at sig@win.net and Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com. Please add the words HANDS ON SIG in the subject line of your email. Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May or Tom McArdle or TEAM MEMBER Brad Dudley and other knowledgeable KIPCUG Members will be there to help you with your problems.

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HARDWARE SIG

The SIG will meet on May 1 at 6:30 PM in the second floor meeting room of the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews. Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May and Grant McCormick, along with TEAM MEMBERS, will help you with the process of ordering what we have talked about the last two months. We will also review getting pricing, part numbers and URLs so you can purchase at the good prices from home. Then you can start assembling your new dream computer.

At the March 6 and April 3 meetings we reviewed the newest hardware accessories for your home PC. We also reviewed copies of the most recent advertisements and online specials and gave you our own assessment of what the best bargains were. We gave you pricing, part numbers and URLs to help you get started. Time was reserved for answering questions about member's hard drives at the end of the 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.

Our regular meeting time is 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

At the May 22 meeting of the INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG, which meets in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM at 6:30 PM, we'll have a Q & A session. Come prepared with your questions and we will try to answer each one.

At the April 24 meeting of the INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG, we looked at Microsoft OneCare Live. Windows OneCare Live is the comprehensive PC health service from Microsoft. Windows OneCare provides worry-free antivirus and firewall protection, PC maintenance, and file backup for your home or small business.

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.

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.

If you have any questions or suggestions for meeting topics, bring them to the SIG or email Jim at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu or leave them at the INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG area in the KIPCUG forum and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting or before.

Jim is updating his email list. Anyone interested in receiving an email about one week before the meeting should email him with "Add me to the KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting email list" in the subject line. Anyone at the May meeting will be added to this list.

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 11. Meetings consist of round table information exchanges on any economic subject

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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 and type "LINUX SIG" in the subject line.

NEW USERS SIG

The date and time of our next meeting will be announced in the SIG Scene when our search for a new meeting location is completed. SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller will also have the new location of this SIG announced on the website (www.kipucg.org). If you have any suggestions for an east side location that is stable, free and has computers for us to use, please contact Charley May at sig@win.net.

To join our mailing list, send an

email to SIG LEADER Charley May 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

May 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM will be our next class and the day after Mother's Day. Hope you aren't too tired to join our NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG. As always, we welcome the people new to computers. With practice we hope to make you feel comfortable using the computer at home. The computer won't bite...however I can't guarantee you won't want to bite it someday. Come to class and continue practicing your skills.

I will also bring some of the 599CD's in case you want to try out a program before you buy or practice some of the skills the group is not working on. Bring some ear-phones if you would like to do this as some of the computers do not have them.

Last month I spent time one-on-one with a KIPCUG member. Remember, all guests are welcome to come and see if our SIG has what they need. We look forward to meeting and helping computer users, and maybe they will want to join our group. If you know of someone who is interested in learning a computer from scratch.....let them know about our SIG.

If you are interested in a special

program, email me and I will let you know if we can help you.

We meet from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM on the third Monday of each month. CCUM is located at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. To be added to the email list, please send SIG LEADER Winnie Miller an email at winnie.miller@att.net.

NEW USERS SOUTH SIG

The NEW USERS SOUTH SIG is having its third meeting on May 4 at 6:30 PM at its new location, Resurrection Episcopal Church, 4100 Southern Parkway. The Computer Lab is on the second floor and you can enter from the back of the building. Please continue to bring your questions and topics of interest so that we can determine what you want to learn.

Our second meeting was on April 6 and started with a look at Windows Explorer and how it is used to manage your files. Our discussions covered how to use the find/search function of Windows 98SE/XP to locate a lost file. Our Q & A session covered some very interesting problems that attendees brought with them. They also took home an understanding of how to solve their problems.

With the NEW USERS SOUTHWEST SIG shutdown for the present and the NEW USERS SIG still searching for a new meeting location, we are very happy to have a meeting place half-way in-between. If you have any suggestions for an

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east side location that is stable, free and has computers for us to use, please contact Charley May, sig@win.net.

Our new location has 14 computers for new users to receive hands-on training. The training will be geared to the level of most of the attendees and others will be assisted to stay on track. We will start this third meeting with more information on how to get started, with time allotted for your questions. Questions on a card or paper are eligible for a door prize. Come visit with us and tell us what you want to learn.

The SIG meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Our meeting is held in the second floor Computer Lab of the Resurrection Episcopal Church located at 4100 Southern Parkway. Time will be reserved for answering member's questions at the end of the session.

If you would like a reminder of the next meeting and its topic, send an email to SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net. Be sure to put NEW USERS SOUTH SIG in the subject line of your message.

PDA SIG

Check out the INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG for information on PDA topics until this SIG is restarted.

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

The REAL ESTATE SIG will meet May 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.

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 mission of this SIG is to provide property owners and investors the opportunity to gain a greater

insight into the transaction, so that they can protect their endeavors more effectively. If you have any Real Estate questions, bring them with you and we will try to answer them for you.

The REAL ESTATE SIG meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM at 6:30 PM. CCUM is located at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. Directions are on the CCUM web site and are also on the KIPCUG web site at www.kipcug.org.

To be added to our e-mail list to receive advance notice of the SIG's activities, contact Bill at re_sig@insightbb.com or call (502) 639-7647.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

On May 23 at 6:30 PM the TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG will meet at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room. We will continue to examine the near and long term direction in which the market can be expected to move. We rely on the input of all attending to discuss their review of market indicators and explain the conclusions they have made. This format provides a quick hands-on understanding of the different tools available and which ones best fit your investment strategy.

Additional information will be announced by email to all members on our list. With the late date of the

The SIG Scene (cont.)

SIG's meeting and potential market fluctuations, email is the best way to inform all of our discussion topics.

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December, at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room.

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

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

The May 25 6:30 PM meeting of the UTILITIES SIG will be in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. Want a faster PC for free? From boot-up boosts to tweaking

your software, Co-SIG LEADER Tom McArdle will show you over two dozen steps to speed-up your home computer.

At the April meeting, Co-SIG LEADER Charley May showed the members how to crash-proof your PC, making your operating system ultra-stable.

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, 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 add the words UTILITIES SIG in the subject line of your email.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

On May 4 at 6:30 PM at the Bon Air Regional Branch of the LFPL, we will welcome back SIG LEADER Martin Campion to the group's monthly meeting. It's been

awhile since Martin has been with the SIG, but we anticipate he has some new ideas for the group to discuss. Thanks to SIG Member Tony Dattilo for keeping this group active in Martin's absence.

The April 20 discussions continued the examination of VB.net, VB6 and simple reviews of VBScript.

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

On May 18, the WEBMASTERS SIG will meet at 6:30 PM at the Win.Net offices. This SIG provides information on building and hosting web sites.

The April 20 meeting was based on what it means to be a webmaster. What software is used? What to charge? How to find clients? Who actually owns the creative rights to the site? What does the future look like?

The SIG consists of a main presentation or discussion, tips & tricks that a webmaster might build into their sites, and a Q & A session. Past presentations have included FrontPage, Dreamweaver, how to include video, JavaScript, cascading style sheets, image software, and "What's legal?"

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The WEBMASTERS SIG is one of 20 similar special interest groups that meet each month in the Greater Louisville area. This KIPCUG event is open to members and non-members that have an interest in creating web sites for personal or commercial use. Go to www.inetwebmaster.com for the current month's topics, a summary of past meetings, a map, and helpful links. To find out if a topic or presenter changes during the month, please check the web site www.info.win.net/training.html.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at the offices of Win.Net, 1048 E. Chestnut Street, second floor, at 6:30 PM. Please contact TEAM MEMBER Roger Klingeman by email at roger@klingeman.win.net and include the words WEBMASTERS SIG in the subject line of your message to be added to the mailing list for this SIG.

WINDOWS OS SIG

The next meeting will be May 12 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. VISTA is coming in a few months, and not in just 'two flavors'. Current plans are for at least five versions to be on the market in early 2007. Which one is right for you? Should I stay with XP, or an earlier operating system? At this meeting SIG LEADER Bob Rose will review the new lineup Microsoft will bring to the market and discuss the reasons why you may or may not consider a change. Stay ahead of the game and plan now to make the right decision for your PC.

In April, Bob provided links and solutions to a number of problems members were having with their PCs. The recent Microsoft Live Event had no significant O/S news and the planned topic was changed to an open discussion of tweaking current systems for optimal performance.

The SIG 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 by email at brittdude@techemail.com 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, brittdude@techemail.com and put the words WINDOWS OS SIG in the email subject line.

YOUTH SIG

Our host for many KIPCUG events, Christ Church United Methodist, will be working with us to restart this SIG. As CCUM expands its facility, we will work with them to offer this activity for members of both organizations.

We hope to hold a weekend meeting in the Computer Lab. 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 put the words YOUTH SIG in the email subject line.

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.

Being Online Brings Coincences and Lasting Trails

By Gabriel Goldberg, APCUG Advisor; Columnist, AARP Computer & Technology Website, www.aarp.org

A song written by Peter Mayer, a great singer I've just discovered, is titled "Earth Town Square." Describing how technology and travel have shrunk the world, Peter lyrically observes "Now it's feeling like a small town, with six billion people downtown, at a little sidewalk fair, in Earth Town Square". Even though all six billion of us aren't (yet!) online, the Internet as a meeting place is certainly one of the engines making the Earth seem smaller. While it was once exotic - or alarming - to have a long distance telephone conversation, chatting electronically with people half a world away doesn't raise my pulse.

A decade ago, early in my use of the Internet, I was astonished by its ability to create coincidences. This is a true story. I was consulting for an online service that gave me an e-mail address used only for their work. I received a note at that address with the intriguing subject, "I am you" from another Gabriel Goldberg. Nowadays, that's the sort of spoofed e-mail I'd likely delete without reading. He had checked his entry in the service's directory and found my entry next to his. We exchanged pleasantries, described ourselves, shared wonder at having found each other, and he mentioned that he was a music student in Boston.

Later that week, I received another note at my regular e-mail address, from a woman who said that she'd known a Gabe Goldberg years earlier, the last she'd heard from him he

was going to Boston to study music, and was I that person. I replied to her, copying the other Gabe, that either they were playing a joke on me or we had a mighty powerful coincidence. Truth is stranger than joke - they were former high school sweethearts who had drifted apart. In the same week they both found my name and two different e-mail addresses, and for very different reasons, they contacted me. I later heard from her mother, who thanked me for reuniting them! Remarking on the coincidence of names, the other Gabe wondered "how do guys named Jim Smith handle all the coincidences."

It's much better to avoid saying anything online that might return to haunt you, than try to clear the record after the fact.

Participating in mailing lists, newsgroups, and Web sites leaves online footprints and makes us visible. The bad news is that's one of the ways spammers find targets, but the good news is that being visible makes it easier for lost friends to track us down. Soon after 9/11 I heard a voice on the phone I hadn't heard for nearly 30 years: my college girlfriend. She'd searched Google (often called "Googling") for me, found me, and called. We've stayed in touch since, have gotten together several times, and shared news of our respective families. And just recently I used Google to contact an elementary school friend

after hearing of her taking a new job in San Francisco.

Amidst the fun of unanticipated connections and reestablished friendships, there's a cautionary note: information online has a long memory. Web sites like Google cache (retain) Web pages even after they're deleted from their original Web locations. Postings to mailing lists, Web forums, newsgroups, and other online venues are usually retained indefinitely. It can be unnerving to discover that items posted in the heat of the moment or as youthful indiscretions can be retrieved years later by potential employers or new acquaintances, or just be someone snooping for unpleasant reasons.

Just as it's worth checking your credit report periodically, it's a good idea to occasionally check out what online trails you've left. My current favorite surfing tool is Google, so I search for "Gabe Goldberg" and "Gabriel Goldberg." The quote marks bind the first and last names together so that only Web pages having the exact full name are found. I search on Gabe and Gabriel because I've used both names. If your name is closer to Jim Smith's - offering 56,000 hits rather than the more manageable 182 for my name - you can tighten the search by adding terms such as a middle initial, state of residence, hobby, employer, etc. But don't make the search too narrow or you may miss genuine references.

It's tedious to erase tracks from an online history. It requires contacting each site that hosts material you'd like to delete, perhaps following instructions and filling out forms. Some mailing list sites refuse as a

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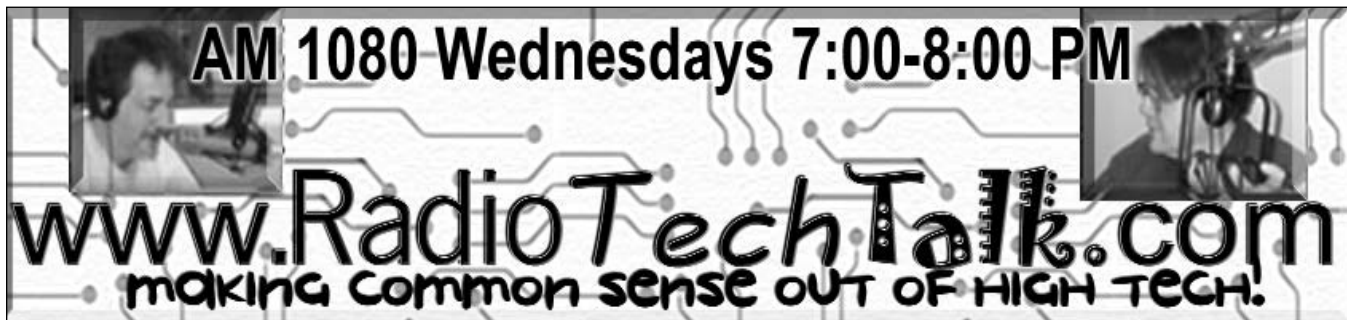
matter of policy to delete list postings, reasoning that doing so would distort a list's historical record. The government has made serious efforts to sanitize the Web by removing content deemed dangerous, such as plans for water and power systems. Even when successful, scrubbing data off Web sites often doesn't really make it unavailable; it just slows people from find-

ing it. It's much better to avoid saying anything online that might return to haunt you, than try to clear the record after the fact.

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