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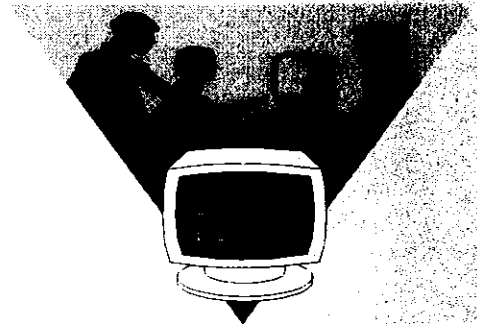
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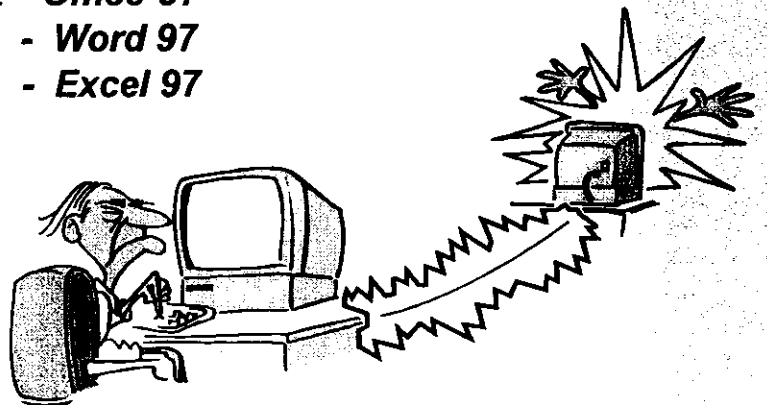
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PC Handyman
Crash Guard
John Goodman—PC Basics



**The April 26, 1997, 9:00 a.m.
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US Robotics-Modems
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Microsoft - Office 97
- Word 97
- Excel 97



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Kamber

The month of April is the month that most of us look at our financial records and determine how much we can help our country. Fortunately for our club, Anita Pearce has donated her time and prepared the tax return for OCIPUG back in February. We need more volunteers like Anita.

Although OCIPUG has been adding new members each month, even more members have been choosing to leave our club. The net result has been a fairly steady loss of members over the last two years. In the past, we have had a big influx of new members that were recruited in the spring, such as those who joined at the Microsoft Windows 95 roll-out program. No similar event will happen this spring. It is going to take the efforts of all our members to stop our net membership loss. We have to invite people who can benefit from our club to our meetings. We are going to have to wear our badges and welcome people without badges to join our club. The best way to get them to join is to tell them about all the opportunities that our club offers it's members.



Dave Lorenzini sent me an Internet E-mail message that indicated one of the benefits that he received from OCIPUG. I had invited Dave to talk about Microsoft Word at three of my Microsoft Office SIG meetings, before he moved to the east coast. Although I consider Dave to be an expert in Microsoft Word, he expended many hours preparing for his three presentations. The message that I received from Dave indicated that he felt that the time he spent preparing for the three Microsoft Office SIG presentations was instrumental in his receiving a 5-figure contract to write a document for a professional organization. Dave wrote the entire document with Microsoft Word using much of the material he learned preparing for the three Microsoft Office SIGs.

Some of the advantages of our club were pointed out to me at the last North Orange County Computer Club Meeting. Their President, Cathy Grammer-Margolin, was gracious enough to announce to the group that the president of OCIPUG was present at the meeting. After the meeting a gentlemen came over to me and asked me where and when the Genealogy SIG meeting would be. North Orange County Computer is a great club but they don't do genealogy. Since we have two Genealogy SIGs, I asked him which one. It turned out that he had attended the SIG that had Stan Sabin as the SIG leader. The gentleman said that the SIG was good enough to justify his joining OCIPUG. Since it was true, I couldn't argue with the gentlemen. I didn't have any SIG guides so I asked him if he were on the Internet. When he stated that he was on the Internet I was able to refer him to our web home page. Our web home page will give him the day and the time of the SIG meeting as well as the address and a map showing him how to get there.

Our web home page is so useful it is hard to believe that we functioned without one a couple of years ago. It is really great. Go to <http://www.ocipug.org> and read about some of our membership benefits.

The MS Office SIG watched a video covering some of the features of Microsoft Office 97. We were amazed by the clarity of image on the screen. I want to thank Kim Kymblicka,

for the work his friend did on our VCR and for the work that Kim recently did on the alignment of our projector. His friend claimed that he couldn't find anything wrong with our VCR so there was no charge. Kim has a good friend. I think the VCR works better.

Part of the improved image was due to having a darker room. Milt and Mitzi Nielsen have installed a curtain, at their expense, to shield the SIG space from the light for the restrooms. It is great to see volunteers just go ahead and do things.

One of our members informed me that he had a problem with stairs at our general meeting and that he had requested last year for some seats on the ground level to be reserved for the handicapped. The request was reasonable, and was within budget, so I spoke to the Program Chairman. Alan Liebschutz agreed to reserve some seats for the handicapped at all future meetings.

I would like to remind people that our speakers are our guests and request that they be treated as guests. We want them to keep coming back. I personally save more money on product "deals" extended by our speakers than I pay in dues each year. This is not to say that you can't give the speakers information they would rather not hear. This is just to say you should be polite and treat them as guests.



Membership Information

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Bordes
Joanne Farley
Camilla Powers

Evelyn Powers
Joseph Powers
Katia Powers

Mae Powers
Victor Rivera

We hope your association with us proves very rewarding. OCIPUG is based upon *sharing*. You will have many opportunities to learn from and to share your knowledge with other members. Don't be timid about asking advice. The only stupid question is the one not asked! No one of us knows everything.

OCIPUG is unique among user groups in that we have our own facility with specialized rooms to fit our special needs such as Special Interest Group (SIG) seminars. So — come join us at one or more of the SIGs described in the SIG Guide insert to Readme.doc.

You get out of *your* Club what *you* put into it. Volunteers make our Club successful, effective, and *fun!* Your participation on a committee is encouraged and is most welcome. So — please contact any official to offer your services in whatever capacity you can.

EXPIRING MEMBERSHIPS

If your name is on the list, won't you consider renewing your membership and use the features and advantages of OCIPUG.

If you see the name of a friend on the list, won't you encourage your friend to renew.

Names are listed by month of expiration.

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April Program

April 26, 1997 9:00 AM at the Orange Coast College Science Hall

Alan Liebschutz

General Meeting Schedule — April
 •Q&A — Springer et al — 8:30 a.m.
 •President's Message — 9:00 a.m.
 •Microsoft Office — Microsoft staff
 •Modems — US Robotics
 Meagan Meany
 •Announcements
 SIG Leaders
 Committee chairs
 •Drawing

Microsoft Office 97

With the newest office suite, Office 97, Microsoft augments its user friendliness and becomes more automated, more Web-oriented and integrated. Several major areas of change stand out:

- *New Outlook* — Outlook is the new hub of Office, replacing both Schedule+ and Win 95's Exchange Inbox with innovative messaging, scheduling, lists, and groupware tools. Added are built-in e-mail and new collaborative features, as well as better integration with the other Office applications.
- *Improvements to Word and Excel* — Substantial revisions to these two applications have resulted in better formatting tools and more automation of common tasks.
- *Improvements in PowerPoint* — A revised AutoContent Wizard now provides 23 content-specific templates, but it is not as user-flexible as Freelance. Also in line with the other Office applications, PowerPoint has built-in tools allowing Web presentations, and a wizard helps creation of HTML-format shows and animations. Also PowerPoint files are automatically compressed/decompressed on saving/launching- with no perceptible speed hit.
- *Built-in Web tools* — Rather than have add-ons as in Office 95, Office now has wizards for creating HTML documents and options for directing files to a Web server. Office 97 also comes with the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser.

- *Animated help* — The Office Assistant is an entirely new and different help system, with cartoon characters monitoring what you are doing and offering tips and instructions. *Shades of BOB?* This feature has gotten mixed reviews in the computer magazines.

Although Office 97 is more feature rich than ever, with important usability and style improvements, the price of all these *bells and whistles* is the requirement of over 120 Mb of disk space for a normal installation; with Access over 150 Mb. Of course this is still less than Corel Office Professional 7, which requires 350 Mb.

Still missing, however, is real protection against Microsoft Word macro-borne viruses; they first appeared years ago. The only defense is to disable the macros completely, a less than satisfactory solution. Compared to Lotus SmartSuite the document sharing features are reported to be weak, and, although there have been many Internet features added, improvement could be made in Web integration.

Word 97

One of the most useful changes in Word 97 is its attempt to be a complete writing coach. Word 95 flagged your misspelled words and automatically corrected some common errors as you typed. Word 97 now instantly corrects single word typos such as *teh*, my most common nemesis, and fixes common multiple word errors, changing "*int he*" to "*in the*".

Word now has a grammar checker that marks the offending sentence with a wavy green underline. With a right click you get Word's proposed corrections. The idea may be good in principle, but the implementation appears faulty and not really a viable substitute for writing skills.

Microsoft has also tried to make Word's wizards interactive, as it tries to provide the correct wizard based on what you type. For example, if you type *Dear Bill*, Word asks if you want to use the Letter Wizard, which automatically inserts dates and addresses and automates design. Beginners may like this

feature rather than choosing the wizard from the menu, but this may be annoying to the experienced user. Still the wizards have been improved — for example, the fax wizard, which now takes you step-by-step through the entire process from choice of cover page to sending the fax.

Word 97 has acquired the characteristics of a desktop publishing package, with flexible text frames, a table drawing tool, and other new layout features.

The Style list in the Word Command Bar previews the font, style, and size that will be used when you apply a style to a text block. New formatting tricks such as embossing, shaded text, and text animation — shimmering and sparkling — are useful if used with taste sparingly.

Word 97's new HTML tools now include a wizard that helps beginners create acceptable Web pages using a Web Page Wizard. An Online Layout view now gives you a preview of how Web pages will look without the necessity of opening a browser.

Some new advanced features in Word simplify working with long documents:

- *Document Map view* — This creates a list of your document's major divisions and topics on the left side of the window; click an item and Word jumps to that section.
- *AutoSummarize* — This option creates a quick executive summary at the beginning of the document or in a separate file.
- *Visual Basic for Applications* — Word now joins Excel and Access in using a common macro language.

Excel 97

Although Excel 97 offers no new blockbuster features, such as 5.0's *pivot tables*, Excel 97 makes progress in usability and power. For example, you now get a more intuitive wizard for turning data ranges into charts, multiple undo levels, and a button that shrinks a dialogue box out of the way when you select a range just like Lotus 1-2-3.

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Excel 97 formulas can now, like Approach, use *English* input; you can type `=cost/sales` instead of using cell references or named ranges. Another example is if you have a table of data labeled *January* the formula `=SUM(January)` will calculate the column's total with no need for range names.

Formula Autocorrect handles 15 common formula errors; however, although Excel 97 can fix basic syntax errors, it won't detect logic flaws that can easily be at the core of serious spreadsheet problems.

Excel can save and open spreadsheets in HTML format, like Quattro Pro, but Excel's Web features go way beyond Quattro Pro in several ways. For example, you can use a Web browser for basic spreadsheet editing, with the ability to open Excel spreadsheets directly from a Web server, recalculate formulas, rearrange pivot tables, and perform data filtering using Microsoft's free browser applet. Microsoft has made significant advances in both usability and features in Excel 97.

US Robotics

Meagan Meany will present the entire modem product lines, including the WinModem, Voice and ISDN terminal adapters, and the US Robotics Pilot, PDA, which will be demonstrated. US Robotics has long been known for their *Sportster PC Modems* and now they are introducing their *X2 Technology* with download speeds of up to 56k. Most of these modems feature Plug and Play software.

Another product that will be shown is the *Big Picture VideoFun*, a high quality color camera and video card that permits you to capture, create, edit, send, and receive bright, clear video images with your PC. The full package includes a 33.6K voice/video fax modem with an extensive collection of communications software.

- *Conference Link Speakerphones* telephony includes professional duplex or multimedia speakerphones with built-in microphones. These speaker telephone computer peripherals make it possible to connect your home with your office 24 hours a day.

- *Pilot Connected Organizer* is a pocket-sized organizer that fits in your hand and is compatible with Win 3.1 or Win 95. It is constantly in touch with your PC. Applications include a **Data Book**, **Address Book**, **To-Do List**, **Memo Pad**, and **Calculators**. It can hold 2500 addresses, 2400 appointments, 500 to-do items, and 500 memos.

US Robotics will be offering special pricing to OCIPUG members. For further pricing and detailed information, visit US Robotics Web Site at "<http://www.usr.com>."

145th General Meeting

February 22, 1997

Harv Haight

Michael Springer returned as moderator of the "Random Access" that started at 8:30 AM on 2/22/97 and lasted to 9:03 AM. A lot of bad vibes aired about InterNet "cookie" files and how they tell tales to a contact. Similar discontent shown about WIN modems and how they lean upon Windows for support otherwise supplied by hardware.

President Ken Kamber came next with remarks about front row seats for handicapped members, praise for election winners and losers, and the abundant use of WEB pages by Orange County businesses.

Matt McCann from Parsons Technology got close attention to his presentation of "Family Origins," "Address Book," and "Atomic Clock." These are all inexpensive (\$29 or less) solutions to problems many members have. Matt regards "Atomic Clock" as a fantastic boondoggle, but fun: nitpicking to an extreme. The programs seemed quite friendly, but Matt himself made even more points by his rapport with the OCIPUG audience. Lots of sweet cut-price deals from Parsons were detailed in pamphlets available at front and at the door.

After a break, Intuit's Andrea Williams gave an effective pitch for "Turbo-Tax," using many of the videos the program provides in the application of its "interview method." Intuit assures successful electronic filing by a return message to indicate receipt.

Director Preston Hill moderated next reports and announcements of changes by SIG and Committee leaders. Ex-President Bob Basaraba got into the act by an extended talk about OCIPUG's InterNet homepage, welcomed by most members.

To end the meeting, Jerome Man led a drawing of names for prizes that came from presenters at this meeting, and from others in the past. OCIPUG thanks all who gave! Winners took their choice in the order of names called. They included Richard Bentley, Anthony Depazo, John Donan, Stuart Koziol, Len Leonard, Anthony Mellini, Margaret Morgan, Jerry Newman, Leslie Potts, and Charles Schreiber.

A correction to note: POWERQUEST donated copies of "Partition Magic V3.0" at the end of the last meeting, not DATAQUEST. Alan Liebschutz (got the name right?) caught me and the editors redhanded. These damned nitpicking engineers!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO US, MICROSOFT?

I bought Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 with the idea that this will be the breakthrough version that will make NT great much like version 3.0 did for Windows. I thought that the marriage of the Windows 95 graphics interface on a much more stable operating system (OS) will catch corporate and single user interest as the OS of choice. It is true that NT 4.0 is migrating onto more and more desktops but Microsoft still treats NT as an afterthought and not as its premier OS. Microsoft promised a high degree of compatibility with Windows 95 but a serious lack of drivers makes NT unappealing for many people.

Microsoft used to have a Windows 95 certification process where software vendors had to insure their products will work with NT as well as Windows 95. This was back in the days of NT 3.5 and many products that worked in version 3.5 will not work in NT 4.0. I found many cases myself. My most recent case is Corel WordPerfect v6.1. Imagine my surprise when I tried to upgrade my old Novell WordPerfect v6.1 (which works just fine in NT) with the Corel version and received a fatal error that WordPerfect works only in Windows 95. To compound my surprise, my installation attempt trashed my good copy of Novell WordPerfect. I was forced to submit the last Herb's Hangout in plain ASCII text because I could not immediately find my WordPerfect floppies and serial number.

The compatibility problem also exists in the hardware realm. Many vendors state that their product is Windows NT compatible but fail to retest the product under NT 4.0. My suggestion is to carefully read the NT 4.0 Compatibility List, which is curiously larger than the User's Manual, before installing your new hardware. Of course, you have to buy NT 4.0 before you can determine whether NT 4.0 will work in your PC.

Have you tried to install a scanner under NT 4.0? NT 4.0 supports only the HP ScanJet IICx and supplies an older version of the driver. A check with various scanner suppliers reveals that few vendors have

Herb's Hangout

Herb Huey



addressed the problem of getting their products to work under NT. The list of printer drivers is not as bad. Fortunately my 300-dpi Brother HL-630 laser printer is on the list. However, I had a chance to get the 600-dpi Brother WL-660 cheap (like virtually for free) but the driver is not on the list. The Brother Web page was absolutely no help so I had to pass on the opportunity. I also have been drooling over the new generation of photo-realistic color ink jet printers. Unfortunately, few vendors have written NT drivers that take full advantage of the enhanced feature set of these printers. These drivers exist for Windows 95 but not for NT 4.0.

There is light at the end of the tunnel when NT 5.0 is released either late this year or early 1998. NT 5.0 will use the Windows Driver Model (WDM) which will also come out in a future version of Windows 95 (97?). This will allow vendors to come up with drivers that will be compatible with future versions of Windows 95 and NT.

Meanwhile, I bought Windows 95 for the software that works exclusively in Windows 95. I also bought System Commander so I can safely boot between different OSs. I currently run Windows 95 and NT as well as MS-DOS 6.22 on my Pentium Pro. I use

Windows for Workgroups v3.11 (WFW v3.11) and Windows 95 on my old 486DX2/66 and WFW v3.11 on my laptop and office computers.

So this solves my software compatibility problem, right? Not exactly. Windows 95 and NT 4.0 use different registry systems while WFW v3.11 does not even use a registry system. When you load in new software, it generally works only in the OS that you installed it on. To solve this problem you can try multiple installations within the same directories if this is even possible without a high expectation of success or in different directories that will gobble up your hard disk space.

Meanwhile, Microsoft is debating whether to release Windows 97 with the advanced FAT-32 (file allocation table). FAT-32 supports large hard disks with a single partition as high as two (2) terabytes as opposed to the current FAT-16 limit of 2.048 Gb. An OEM release of Windows 95 has FAT-32 but previous Windows 95 users must save their hard drive contents because the hard drive will be reformatted. There is currently no upgrade path for current Windows 95 users. Microsoft must also retest Windows 95 to ensure that FAT-32 is compatible with a large number of hardware devices. Windows NT 4.0 users have a choice of FAT-16 or NTFS which is a different 32-bit file system. NT 4.0 has a built-in utility that allows users to convert between file systems.

SIGNING OFF

Well, Santa was a couple of months late as the new Pentium 200 CPUs and motherboards arrived at work. Unfortunately, nobody checked all our department computers for compatibility. We have a large number of AST and Compaq systems with proprietary designs that prevent installation of these motherboards. We had to order 10 new tower cases so we can install the rest of the motherboards. Our procurement people also had to return all the internal Iomega 100Mb Zip drives and most of the 1-Gb Jaz drives for external versions.

Fortunately, my old PC was able to have the motherboard swapped out. We tested the power of the new CPU by running one of our simulations. One run took 10 minutes,

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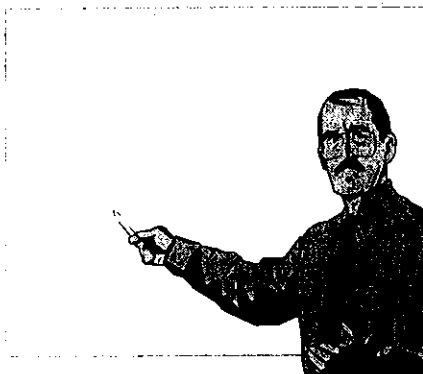
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24 seconds on a Pentium 100 and only five minutes, 31 seconds with the Pentium 200. Another co-worker made a run of three hours, 31 minutes on his 486DX4/100 system that took only 55 minutes on the Pentium 200.

I also had an extra drive bay for an Iomega 1-GB Jaz drive. Unlike Rudy Wolfe's unfortunate experience with Jaz drives, my installation was smooth. My experience was so favorable that I decided to get an external Jaz drive at the Computer MarketPlace Swap Meet at Buena Park for only \$417. I also purchased two Jaz cartridges at \$74 each. The combination of the Jaz and Zip drives makes it a breeze to carry large amounts of data between work and home.

My brother has been flaming me via e-mail about the advantages of the SyQuest 1.3-GB SyJet drive. The product just hit the shelves at only \$399 in a recent Fry's ad for the external version. Fry's sells the Jaz for \$499 in the external version. The SyJet cartridges go for \$99 each which is lower than the \$125 price at Fry's. If the SyJet can also be discounted like the Jaz it may catch more attention. Iomega seems to have ironed out the Jaz quality control problems and is selling both the Jaz and Zip drives like hotcakes. The Iomega Zip and Jaz products have two advantages over the competing SyQuest products; earlier introduction and greater customer acceptance. SyQuest products have never enjoyed a high level of success with their riskier Bernoulli technology. My prediction is that once again the product with the superior specs (SyJet) will fall victim to the more popular product (Jaz).



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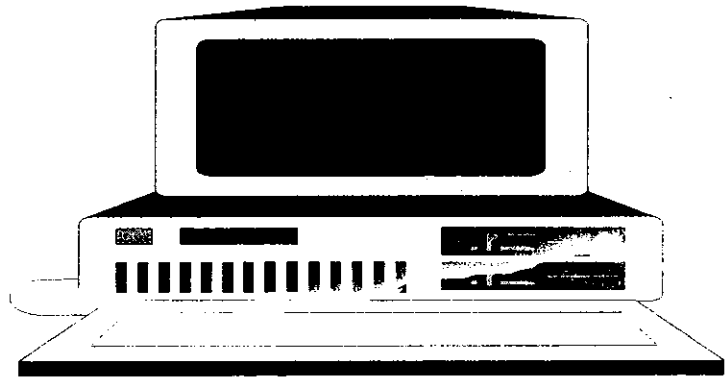


The Irvine Unified School District is taking major steps to bring Vice-President Gore's "Information Highway" to high schools in Irvine.

At Irvine High School, the "Life Center" now houses sixteen special DELL Pentium computers and the Library supports fifteen more. These, as well as similar individual stations within some classrooms or departments, and at the desks of key administrative personnel, connect to a Novell-based network located at the District Office. The network not only makes available to students at Irvine High the major features of the InterNet, but also allows Coastline ROP an opportunity to teach youth or adult classes how to utilize features of Netscape's "Navigator."

The network has features, other than connection to the InterNet, that should make necessary routines of the teacher and classroom more efficient. Students are blocked from these features, and for access to the InterNet must have written parental commitment to respect equipment and to bann participation in chatrooms or other InterNet features not consistent with scholastic goals. The actual wording includes "no derogatory statements, no damage to property, and no interference with the work of others." The district intends to extend such facilities to Woodbridge and University High Schools, with whatever changes follow from its experience at Irvine High.

Incidentally, in this instance, in my offsite browsing, I used both the Version 2.1 of NETCOM's "NetCruiser" and the newly released NETCOM "NETCOMplete." The new release utilizes "Netscape V3.0," with far superior results. Smart move, NETCOM!



The homepage of the district can be reached at [<http://www.iusd.k12.ca.us/>], and shows many details about district structure, organization, and individual schools at all levels. From the homepage one can go to student-operated homepages such as ... /schools/irvine/, that let you see what gifted students have produced. At Irvine High, the IHS Digital Imaging Club's Sam Willis and Ryan White have fabricated a WEB page of considerable merit. Two talented students, Tolga Tarhan and Garrison Draper, have actually been recruited by the district as part-time hires; both sharp and motivated to help!

Those members who feel they must assemble their own computers may choose to buy the second edition of "Build Your Own PENTIUM PROCESSOR PC," by Aubrey Pilgrim, McGraw-Hill, 1996. Call out ISBN 0-07-050184-X at a technical bookstore and plunk down about 18 bucks plus tax. Coverage is excellent, in simple language, although some homespun comments left me cold. The man is evidently an old-timer who's been there, but he does ramble on a bit; he's not the professional teacher that John Goodman is, for sure! The inch-thick book's worth the dough for the would-be adventurer, but half

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Introduction

Tony Dopazo

The Las Vegas Comdex Fall '96 event was attended by six OCIPUG representatives: Terry De Witt, Tony Dopazo, Paul Fuller, Ken Kamber, Roberta Klein, and Doug Nowlin. More than a computer convention with crowds all mingling to see the latest computer technologies, the vendors plying their wares, and folks buying or planning their buys — for OUR representatives, Comdex presents a gathering of user group officers. A unique opportunity to share our experiences with other user group leaders, to learn of their successes and challenges, and to take these ideas home for the benefit of OCIPUG.

The arrangements for these opportunities are made possible through APCUG, Association of Personal Computer User Groups, of which OCIPUG is a member. Our representatives do enjoy some free time to check out the many Comdex events, but their trip as representatives of OCIPUG is a continuation of their efforts at home to learn and do for OCIPUG that which they feel can benefit our membership. This year was no exception.

This is the initial part of a series of reports that are intended to keep the membership informed.

COMDEX-APCUG

Ken Kamber

Future directions— The only thing certain to happen in the future is change. The clubs *Future directions* The only thing certain to happen in the future is change. The clubs that were growing seemed to identify the needs of the potential members in the area and tried to fill them. There were some comments that clubs that did not change officers seemed to stagnate.

Membership Numbers— About two-thirds of the PC clubs indicated they were growing. The remaining third were losing members. Although it wasn't discussed in detail, I had the impression that many of the clubs that were losing members were the larger ones.

Talking to the President of NOCCC, I learned they were losing members but were still close to 1000. They grew to the thousand mark a couple of years ago. Members of Winners PC Club indicated they were having slow growth. I joined them two months ago and received a membership number that was so low growth has to be really slow. I heard one person remark that it was far easier to attract new members than to keep old members. My conclusion was to work harder to retain present members and to work much harder attracting new members.

I belong to four user groups in our area. They all offer different things so I don't see competition between them. I think OCIPUG offers the most for the money. I have never said anything bad about the other clubs, and I have not heard them say anything bad about OCIPUG. I believe our best chance for survival or growth is to work together.

Liability - Internet— This was a frightening session. Some of the clubs are ISPs (Internet Service Providers). The Melbourne, Australia Club indicated that 30% of their income came from their ISP activity. Another club had a lawsuit because of being an ISP. It seems there is a person on the Internet news groups who makes inflammatory statements to get defamation of character responses. When he gets them, their team of lawyers goes after the individual and the ISP.

Liability - BBS— I talked to Paul Davis, Wildcat Software, to see how they handle the liability problems from their very large BBS. He said they had one person who checked each file uploaded really carefully. Paul didn't seem to like my question about whether that person was 99%, 99.9% or 99.99% accurate. Paul thinks that just using files on shareware CDs would reduce liability. He also indicated that the Version 4.2 software was capable of limiting file areas to members only. This would reduce liability, but I don't know if we want to do it. I think new members and renewing members are more concerned about what we have to offer them than about our liability.

Clubs Dropping Their BBS— Most people seemed to think the Internet was affecting their BBS. Only about 10% indicated they were going to eliminate their BBS because of the Internet. The Melbourne and Houston Clubs indicate a strong recommendation to keep both. They indicated that the BBS gave a sense of community to their clubs that the Internet didn't. Also, they indicated that file transfers occurred far faster on the BBS than on the Internet.

Vendor Support to USER Groups— In a meeting with about 15 vendors, it was learned that all had decreased budgets this year. Adobe is questioning, because of the Internet, if they should have any user group support. I learned, indirectly, that IBM is down to one part-time person for user group support.

Starfish Software— These people are trying something new. Instead of spending money on newspaper and television ads, they are putting their resources into freeware which is available on the Internet and on BBS. Their Internet Utilities Lite has all the functionality of the commercial product except for printing. If you try it and like it, I believe the full product is only \$19.95. It seemed to be a great way of using bookmarks with both Netscape and the Internet Explorer at the same time.

Partition Magic— PowerQuest Corporation indicated joy in having Quarterdeck Corporation come out with a competing product. Now Partition Magic can be "Best in Class" and "Editor's Choice."

Newsletters— A small number of clubs have done away with their newsletters. It seems to be a major expense with all clubs. One club gave up their newsletter, BBS, and General Meeting and was able to reduce their dues by half. One question from the group was, "Why do you have a club?"

Rich's Ramblings

Rich Schinnell

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XT and AT class systems are still around and are probably more than enough to perform the work that some members need to do. Running WordPerfect 5.1 on anything faster than a 256 AT class machine is really not that big an improvement. (Except if you're placing graphics in your document) The AT runs faster than anyone can type. I believe that, in the past, I've tried to express the opinion that, "if it's working, don't upgrade," or in plain English, if the machine you are using does what you want it to, then forget all the hype about the multimedia whizbangs that are out there being advertised. Don't read *PC Magazine*, *Computer Shopper*, or some of the other magazines which tell you that you're not a fulfilled computer user if you don't buy the latest and the greatest. Not everyone needs the latest Pentium Pro 200.<G>

Of course, I won't bring up one of many "Rich's Rules": "Any computer that does not communicate with the outside world is less than a whole computer." There is another world out there for those of you brave enough to get your modem fired up. You'll find software patches for your programs that have that elusive undocumented feature (i.e., bug) that some World Wide Web page has the fix for; and real neat add-ons for your regular software that will amaze you and make you wonder how you ever got along without them.

Many people are scared to download files to their computers primarily because someone told them once that he received a virus from downloading a file. That's another myth that keeps cropping up. Not that you can't get a virus from a program, but if you get your files from reputable sources, you're pretty safe. Besides, you do use the latest anti-virus

program, don't you? If not, then download the latest free (for home use) F-PROT from MIX BBS. That should give you a reasonable warm fuzzy when you download files.

What is most important is that your computer must be reliable. It should be there when you want it and works the way you expect. Those of you who have to install every darn program that comes down the pike must expect your machine to just give it up at some point in time. I have seen users' AUTOEXEC.BAT files that would drive many of the techies wild. The best solution sometimes is to boot to the A: drive with a floppy and type `FORMAT C: /S`. (Big Grin here)

I had a member call me and complain that his computer would not allow him to install some program. I found out by asking the correct questions that he had most of his files in the C: root directory, and it already contained the maximum number of allowable files in the root directory. It took a long time to finish a `DIR C:` since there were over 500 files in the root. There isn't any such limitation for files stored in a subdirectory. For ease of use and for your own sanity, I suggest that you install programs in logically named subdirectories. Many of the newer install programs suggest a directory name, and I recommend that you use the suggested name.

Once, I helped a member with his computer, and none of the directory names meant anything logical to me. DOS was stored in a BIN directory, and Windows 3.1 was in a directory called GW (which stood for, as near as I could figure, Graphic Windows <G>). The BIN subdirectory was named that because most of the files that come with DOS are binary files. Strange logic, but there are some who will violently disagree with me. But you are welcome to write your own column if you wish.

KISS means Keep It Simple Stupid
That advice is never more logical than

with computers. Creating a monster of an AUTOEXEC.BAT file will eventually get you to the point where you won't remember what the heck each of the lines you put in that file mean. The smaller and less garbaged up your main two files (CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT) are, the easier it will be to troubleshoot when you have problems.

Ignore all the lines that have SET in front as these lines are setting environmental variables for some program. Unless you start running out of Environment space, these lines really don't matter much to other programs or interfere with normal operation. The default 256 bytes of Environment space for your system usually is enough, but if you ever get the message "Out of Environment Space", then you will have to put the following line in your CONFIG.SYS:

```
SHELL=C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /
P/E:512
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(The 512 is the new environment space allocation; you can put 1024 in there if you wish.)

Make sure that you have a copy of COMMAND.COM in your C:\DOS subdirectory.

Some people run out of environment space due to a PATH statement that has almost every subdirectory in the hard disk listed. Also, some install programs append their own subdirectories to the PATH statement, like the following:

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PATH=C:\NEWPROG;%PATH%
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This line puts the NEWPROG path at the front of your existing path. Some programs demand to have their home directory in the PATH statement, but not all really require it.

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Special Interest Group GUIDE



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DAYTIME SIGs are being considered. Advise Preston Hill (714-893-2403) of topics desired.

For latest meeting dates and topics, check Hotline (714-662-2939), BBS Bulletin #5 (714-751-3242), and WEB page (<http://www.ocipug.org>).

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Orange Coast IBM-PC User Group (OCIPUG), a non-profit all-volunteer organization, was formed in 1985 and has grown to become one of the most respected user groups in the country. Our purpose is to provide computer enthusiasts with an opportunity to gain related knowledge and to offer assistance when needed.

An individual, family or student (verified 12 undergraduate units or 6 graduate units) membership includes:

- a subscription to *Readme.Doc*, OCIPUG's monthly newsletter
- discounts on public domain, shareware and commercial software
- access to OCIPUG's online services: a local bulletin board and our World Wide Web site at <http://www.ocipug.org/>
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- eligibility for the drawing at the monthly general meeting
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OCIPUG is a valuable resource for computer users. Help is readily available to assist with software or hardware problems. You will get answers to your questions, learn more about computers or a particular program, attend Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings and exchange ideas and information on related issues.

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OCIPUG's online services include a BBS, (714) 751-3242, which runs at speeds up to 14.4Kbps, and a World Wide Web home page which contains useful information about the group and its educational resources. We also carry a full line of public domain and shareware software available on disk at our general meetings and as downloads from our BBS.

OCIPUG publishes an award-winning newsletter, *Readme.Doc*, which contains insightful and informative articles and product reviews by OCIPUG members and interesting reprints from other user group newsletters from around the country.

OCIPUG has more than twenty-five SIGs that meet at various times during the month. These SIGs focus on specific areas of computing and often host speakers with expertise in that field. It would be difficult to find such an abundance of knowledge anywhere that is so readily available to all our members.

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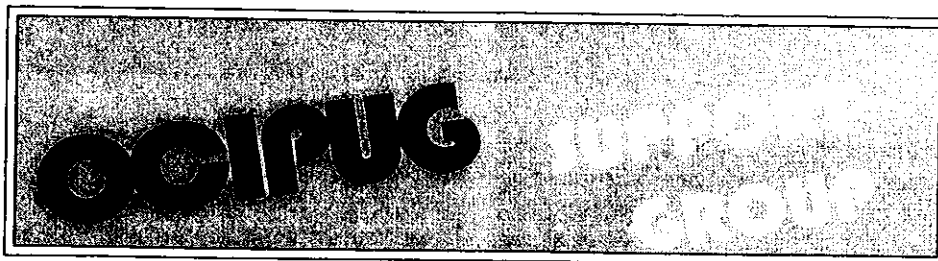
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■ The times listed are when these volunteers are available to assist you. Please respect their times by limiting your calls to the hours indicated.

■ Your questions should be specific and reasonably brief. Consult your manual, tech support, etc., first, so as not to take up their time needlessly.

■ All of our volunteers have expertise in the areas shown, but nobody knows everything, so be understanding by not expecting them to know everything.

■ This service is free, available to our members only. Our volunteers are not doing this for personal gain, but as a service to benefit their fellow PC users, thereby making OCIPUG a stronger organization.

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Corel Draw 7

Tony and John Dopazo

The opportunity to review Corel Draw 7 is indeed an awesome opportunity. Our initial inspection reveals this suite as exceptionally comprehensive and powerful. This suite is designed for Windows 95 and Windows NT. System requirements include a Pentium 60 minimum and a 120 recommended. Minimum acceptable RAM of 16 Mb with 32Mb preferred. Free hard disk space of 40Mb is recommended to install CorelDraw, help and filters. An SVGA monitor is preferred, and a CD-ROM drive. We are reviewing this program using a multimedia 200Mhz COMPAQ Pentium, with 32 Mb of RAM. A 3.8 Gb drive with sufficient free space to accommodate greater than the minimum acceptable. Additionally, this system has an 8x CD-ROM, an internal 33.6Kps modem, a 17" SVGA monitor, and Windows 95 to review this 32 bit program.

Overview— Seven utilities in addition to the three main applications: CorelDRAW, Corel PHOTO-PAINT, and CorelDREAM 3D, will necessitate a follow-up article for proper review of this multi-faceted suite. The utilities include: Multimedia Manager (a visual file manager), Texture (for creation of simulated textures of marble, wood, etc.), a Scan utility, Depth (an advanced capture utility), a Script Editor, an OCR-Trace utility, and a Memo utility allowing the attachment of notes. In addition to the aforementioned main applications and utilities, this four CD-ROM set includes 32,000 clipart images, 1,000 photos, 450+ draw templates, 250 3D models, and 750 floating objects. Three manuals complete the set, with one devoted entirely to the available clipart.

Installation— Given minimum system requirements indicated above, users may customize an installation by choosing among these options: COMPACT, TYPICAL or CUSTOM. With an intent to review all main applications, and all possible utilities to provide readers a valid appreciation for this suite, we elected for a Custom install. Loading the custom version, but accepting a warning to go easy on font loading, we achieved a successful load in 35 minutes. This allowed for some thought and easy following of

directions, while filling 212 Mb of hard disk. We opted to not load fonts in addition to those presently available on our system. Loading notations indicated a Compact load would require 44 Mb, and a Typical selection required 211 Mb.

Corel TUTOR— Getting Started With program loading complete, we elected to check out the new Corel TUTOR. The tutor is a step-by-step guide to completing 50 relevant tasks within CorelDRAW and Corel PHOTO-PAINT. The introduction was very basic. With minimum computer literacy this was not necessary. In a sample tutor of about 10 minutes a new user is acquainted with the CorelDRAW 7 vector based application, and the CorelPhoto-Paint 7 bitmap application. Both of these main applications can accommodate conversions to vector or bitmap.

Management of files functions like that of most programs. One can sort by Name or Date saved, Attach notes, Assign key words or save files in a format usable by other versions of CorelDRAW. By using the right button of the mouse we learned how to access Shortcut Menus, access the What's This? Help, View Tool or Object Properties, Copy and Fill Outlines, make copies or fit text to a path. In mentioning text, we hasten to note the inclusion of new writing tools. The Spell Checker, Thesaurus, and Grammar Checker found in Corel WordPerfect Suite 7 have been added to CorelDRAW 7.

Object manipulations are also accomplished with right button mouse control. One to four clicks of the right button allows for the sizing of an object, rotation, distortion, and perspective manipulations. Speedy and easily controlled this right button feature makes for rapid design changes without the necessity for repeated accessing of the tool bars.

Sampling PHOTO-PAINT exercises proved equally rewarding. We found the exercise for removing "Red Eye" from scanned photos worked extremely well, and easy to follow. This demo lasted about 8 minutes and wetted our interest to return to this application again and again. The blending tutor was another exercise which methodically stepped us through the masking and blending of two photos into one. We blended a photo of a pyramid with a fish circling above, and the sun shining through a water surface. A most

interesting blended picture emerged with little tutoring. At this point we not only gained an appreciation for the powerful performance of this suite, and the tutor, we also concluded an examination of the tutor by a new user is essential to grasp the quality features of this latest release.

Moving through the tutor we examined the capability to customize the work space. The work space may be customized to save time reading through menus, of which there are plenty. You can add keyboard shortcuts, make changes to menus, the color palette, tool bars, roll ups, and status bars.

The *calibration tutor* was next. This tutor allowed for synchronization of the color palette, used to create a project, to conform with the intended output device. In essence, your monitor and printer colors come out the same. WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU PRINT.

Another session customized system memory for faster running of the Corel suite. The guided steps were readily understandable and upon completion graphics displayed more quickly and more smoothly.

A *Scrapbook* feature allows the designer to store works of art in an easily accessible area for addition to future work. Favorite clipart, scanned photos, and objects from previous designs can be stored to the scrapbook and be readily accessible for further utilization.

The *Options Dialog* allows the set up of some very useful options. One option in particular is UNDO. We suggest the default level of four be changed to a higher level, especially for the novice designer. This would permit greater experimentation with more control for undoing. Movement of an object through use of the arrow keys may be accomplished using functions called Nudge and Super Nudge. These functions allow for small incremental moves, and moves of multiple increments which also are set as options.

Working with the Text Tutor— The designer can create simple shadows and realistic blurred shadows to text or objects to create an illusion of 3D to 2D objects and text. The creation of gold lettering adds an exciting look to projects especially if planned for web

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pages or presentations, and fitting text to a closed path allows for following curves and shapes. Drop caps can be used in creation of newsletters, brochures, books or to just add pizzazz to any document. The tutor employs creative ways to use this function. Tutor creation of a brochure teaches the basics of this production. The extensive library of clipart and photos allows one to start out with professional results. Artistic achievements utilizing beveled text provides an additional aspect of professionalism. Other sections cover fitting text into objects, shaping text to envelopes, and linking paragraph text frames. After a brief tutoring session we elected to test ourselves in the creation of a business card to include importation of clip art. We found the application easy to coach our way through creation, and to print some rather professional looking cards. Albeit, we did not employ quality card stock for this test run.

We have not completed our review of the tutor and already we are space limited. As we continue to work with this new release we will provide further review.

**Now, What Do I Do?
SIG**

Karla Heider

The " Now, What Do I Do? " SIG met at the SIG space on Feb. 20 with about 10 in attendance. SIG leader John Donan began by assembling a list of questions and problems to discuss. They ranged from general configuration issues to specific software problems. Michael Springer, the evening's guru took over to resolve as many as possible.

As often happens, the lively discussion that followed brought forth even more questions and more layers of complexity to seemingly simple situations. For instance, a small printing problem led to a thread that showed us what really happens when you ask your machine to print something. How are the characters on the page represented in the application software that you are using? What

PRODUCTS FOR REVIEW

Norm Bergman

The following materials have been received by OCIPUG for evaluation. Qualified members can try them out and upon submitting a satisfactory review to the editor may be given the registration materials and the product may become the member's personal property subject to approval by the OCIPUG Board. The reviewer shall agree to observe the club's rules on not sharing software with others. One should keep in mind the wide range of interests of club members and if, upon inspection, the product does not coincide with one's own interests, it should be returned to be reassigned. The reviewer should keep in touch with the editor if he/she runs into difficulties or delays. The reviewer shall agree to return the product if, in the editor's judgement, the review is not submitted in a timely manner. A balanced evaluation should point out the product's good points as well as it's shortcomings. The review becomes the property of OCIPUG and maybe edited and may be reproduced by the product donor and other user groups. The reviewer's name will be used as author of the article. In accepting the product the reviewer agrees to these stipulations. The writer will be given a copy of *Guidelines for Product Reviews* to assist in preparing the report.

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CSC	Express			
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conversions have to take place to have your printer accurately represent what you see on your screen? What really happens if you change to another font style? How do you separate the hardware functions from ones in software? Other questions concerned the proper contents of a rescue disk , pros and cons of disk compression and memory management to avoid an "out of memory" message.

Most attendees left with either an answer to their specific problem, or at least an understanding of how to proceed . This SIG is always an interactive and very informative experience. Bring your questions and, if possible, copies of your configuration files or anything which will help illustrate your problem. Then you'll find out: "Now what do I do?"

Delphi Beginners

Maurie Seymour

In February, we continued developing the timer-button component. When we click on a button, it starts counting down from the specified start time. Another click will cause the timer to pause. When the timer reaches zero, an event is triggered. We have the ability to cause special processing based on that event. For March, each of us is to improve the component and the way it is used.

DOS & Utilities

Tom Tersigni

The March DOS SIG convened for an informative session on the DOS DEBUG command. Presentations were made by John Snyder and Bill Phillips. Michael Springer was on hand to provide technical expertise on the inner workings of the PC in response to input commands. He solved one member's long-standing problem of his computer hanging when redirecting a script file into DEBUG. A DEBUG script must have an <Enter> after the <Q> command to quit DEBUG! Mike recommends pressing <Enter> twice.

Richard Black conducted a Q&A session that covered a wide range of topics discussed by the group as a whole, yet each subject contained some element that rendered the discussion relevant to the fundamental PC disk operating system, DOS. The group discussion provided several solutions to a question raised by John Snyder on editing changes to a DOS batch program, after which John made his presentation on a batch file he wrote, DEBUILD.BAT, to transform a DEBUG script file into a DEBUG executable .COM file.

The primary agenda item for this meeting was a presentation of DEBUG by Bill Phillips. The presentation of this highly technical material that operates deep in the heart of the PC was facilitated by a handout from Ed Miller. The handout defined all the DEBUG commands for all those who did not bring along a copy of one of John Goodman's books on DOS.

Bill Phillips made his presentation of DEBUG with technical assistance from Michael Springer and with Red Davidson sitting in his usual seat near the club computer.

Davidson exercised custodial care and protection of the club computer by coaching each presenter to do all their computer work in the D: partition, and then deleting everything from D: partition when finished.

When Phillips seemed a little hesitant and cautious about deleting all the files on a drive, Springer offered the most popular DOS Tip of the day. Before issuing a DEL(ete) command for a whole group of files by use of a wild card (or cards), first issue a DIR(ectory) command to see a screen display of the files addressed. If the listing is what you expected to see, type DEL at the DOS prompt followed by <F3>. DOS will then reenter the remainder of the line and an <Enter> will execute the *DELETE*. This avoids retyping the entire line with possible new errors.

The next DOS SIG will meet on the first Saturday of the month, April 5. The topic will be System Commander by V Communications of San Jose, California. The club computers use this program to enable many operating systems to be loaded selectively.

Desktop Publishing

March 6, 1997

Norm Bergman

John Donan brought examples of a newsletter he just put together for the Horticultural Society of Orange County. This is his first experience using MS Publisher 97. He had earlier tried an older version of Publisher but was quite underwhelmed and put it aside for several years. He found Publisher 97 to be a vast improvement over ver 2.0. He is also enthusiastic over the manual. In putting this newsletter together he used a flatbed scanner to good advantage, copying logos and drawings of plants. He also used OCR to insert text from another publication. He used the box drawing function including the address box of the front cover. He experimented to good advantage with different borders settling on a leaf pattern that was very appropriate. In putting together the newsletter John used 1, 2 and 3 column formats. He italicised the Latin plant names and found more than one way to convert these words from his standard body text of Times New Roman 10pt. He used 14pt bold for headings. Donan also used clip art found in Publisher 97 and imported other illustra-

tions. He experimented with globally changing fonts and used dingbats as bullets. He told us he found the sounds associated with different actions to be obtrusive and turned them off.

Publisher 97 comes in around \$65 which is relatively cheap when compared to Pagemaker. He found mastering it to be intuitive and easy to master. The dialogue boxes are mostly in graphic form which simplifies their use. He noted that there is only one level of 'undo.'

Charles Schreiber, the SIG leader, imported Wordperfect files easily into various column formats in Publisher 97. He showed how to use the 'pitcher' and the autoflow methods of filling adjacent columns or pages. Our consensus was that we successfully explored the product and found it to be easy to use and worth the money.

John included this quote from Robert Frost in his newsletter and I cite it here: "A jury consists of 12 persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer."

Genealogy II

John Squirrell & Preston Hill

The February meeting was honored with the presence of Wes Landen, the author of Pedigree Pursuit (PED). Wes brought his latest version, PED3.56, dated 2/7/97 which Preston installed in a new directory, PED356.

PED is shareware. It is a DOS-based program that uses the same database as do DOS-based Personal Ancestral File (PAF) and Windows-based Ancestral Quest (aka PAF for Windows). PED uses drop-down menus and has many Windows characteristics. PED data can be exchanged with other programs, such as Brother's Keeper and Family Tree Maker, by use of the GEDCOM protocol that was discussed after the break.

PED program disks may be freely copied and distributed. Unregistered copies will display a reminder screen every few minutes. Initial registration is \$50. Once registered, upgrades within the 3.5x series are free. Upgrades to the latest 3.5x version by registered owners of the 3.0x series are \$20.

Preston generally accepted default configuration settings. He chose "set note options" and then accepted the new feature of keeping Marriage Notes in a separate Notes file rather than with either or both spouses. Staying with one or the other spouse can be awkward when there are numerous marriages.

PED can allow the use of a word processor for editing or adding Notes by using a single keystroke to move to and from a DOS-based word processor. The default is WordPerfect but others may be used by specifying the exact full path plus the program's executable file name.

Names may be entered in "Classic" PAF format — 16 characters maximum in each of several specified sub-fields such as surname and given name(s) or city-county-state-country; Freeform where personal names are separated by spaces and place names by commas within the major field; or Long Name with up to 32 characters. However, Long Names are truncated to 16 characters when using GEDCOM to transfer data to another genealogy program.

Verifying entry of names and places. A trick here is to visually verify for accuracy and then enter a <> rather than retype the entire name. Preston and Wes advised against typing names in ALL CAPITALS. Names should be typed with initial capital only, except for McHenry and the like. Therefore, Preston chose to have the program PRINT surnames in ALL CAPITALS.

As PED presumes that you look for individuals by name rather than by number, a sorted name list is vital. During installation you can choose to have names sorted automatically whenever a significant number of records are added or choose to do so manually. Manual sorting can be done at any time by choosing <U>tilities <R>egenerate when viewing the pedigree or family screen.

PED uses the Soundex convention to sort so as to group Smythe with Smith, for example. You can choose to ignore prefixes by selecting <P> so "de Gotari" would sort under the "G" rather than the "d". Unfortunately, this is not always desirable so further actions have to be taken using the Name Operations features.

GEDCOM files are in standard ASCII for-

mat so can be read by any ASCII viewer. But, only a genealogy program will convert to the pedigree or family format used by such genealogy program. The GEDCOM file format differs somewhat depending upon the type of data involved. Social Security Death Benefits Index records use a different format than do those from the LDS Ancestral File or the LDS International Genealogical Index (IGI) files, for example.

Preston used <F>ile <G>EDCOM/Name Transfer to import records from two GEDCOM files that he had copied from the LDS Ancestral File at an LDS Family History Center. Only some 200 records may be in any single file, however. Therefore, Preston had eight or nine GEDCOM files on one floppy disk that dealt with the same surname. PED allows you to select one or more, or all, of these to import. It also asks if you wish to import from another disk.

After importing, Preston tried to search for an individual but had to <U>tilities <R>egenerate Sorted Names first. He noted that there appeared to be duplicate records for certain individuals by highlighting those with the same name and comparing details. This is slow and cumbersome! Therefore, he demonstrated matching and merging.

Preston demonstrated non-automatic matching with manual decision as to merging. Similar names such as Ann Smith and Anne Marie Smythe would be presented as potential matches, even though the names were not identical. You can compare parents, siblings, spouses, birthdates, birth places and other factors to decide whether they were duplicates. If duplicates, select which name or other item to keep and which to discard. If everything is the same except for birthdate you might merge. In this case, Preston recommends that you enter a note giving BOTH birthdates and why so recorded.

Preston had several examples in his records. Ebenezer Bliss born 25 November 1722 and Ebenezer Bliss born 7 April 1724 are not the same person with the same parents because the first child died 24 January 1723. Further proof was that the second Ebenezer died 20 October 1787 after fathering ten children.

A feature unique to PED is the ability to add a common note to every record imported via

GEDCOM. If you got a disk with 3000 names from Aunt Sally, it could be a horrendous task to manually enter a note citing Aunt Sally as the source. However, with PED, you enter a note just once and that note is then incorporated in each record when imported. The length of such a note is not limited.

Internet (Day)

Dale Wendland

12 February, 1997

"Bigfoot?" What is that? SIG members were definitely wondering what was going on. A demonstration followed as <http://www.bigfoot.com> on the Internet educated all. We realized "Bigfoot" was a site where one could get a free lifetime E-mail address regardless of where one gets his/her E-mail. If you are one of those trying new providers and are tired of ever-changing service, this site may be for you. They offer protection from junk E-mail and have one of the largest and most accurate list of names and addresses on the net. This will be one site many will want to make a bookmark.

By selecting the option "do not show graphics", the site will let you view only text narratives without the graphics. This has the advantage of speeding up delivery for those who want to get to the "heart" of the material without the "glitter." Those who enjoy the pictures and have the time to wait for the download of the graphics may prefer to download and view the file fully. Discussion continued; how could we stop graphics from disappearing while on the World Wide Web?

Once a site has been contacted and a file downloaded one can use the "back" or "forward" keys to return to previously presented pages or to move ahead. Thus, you do not have to reload the transmission to review the material. Attendees recognized this as a time saving tool.

We contrasted "Providers" vs "Browsers." Providers are defined as commercial companies that allow users to contact the World Wide Web. Examples are AOL, CompuServe, Prodigy etc. Original providers had proprietary software and extra services. Many current providers merely allow Net access and E-mail with no other services.

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Browsers allow individuals to read and translate the language while at the site on the web. Examples are Netcruiser, Netscape, and MS Internet Explorer.

Most providers have "Access Phone Directories." These directories list available numbers to use locally or others when traveling out of the area. Checking with one's provider is advisable to determine appropriate numbers to use to keep costs down.

"Bookmarks" or "Favorite Places" was demonstrated as a tool to use in marking Internet sites. These are sites that one may want to visit again or regularly. Once tagged or marked the site can be more easily accessed without having to remember and retype the address each time.

The last demonstration was the retrieval of the latest McAfee Anti-Virus files from the Internet. The SIG visited <ftp://ftp.mcafee.com/pub/antivirus/english>. From this site the current version of *dat* files needed to update McAfee software were downloaded. We were shown how to unzip the *dat* files and copy them into the current McAfee directory, replacing the old files. The key files identified were *scan.dat*, *clean.dat* and *names.dat*. We were encouraged to run the new antivirus program on our own computers and to bookmark the McAfee site for future returns.

Linux/UNIX SIG

James Clymer

At the February SIG, Jim Clymer demonstrated the installation of two distributions of Debian Linux, the Infomagic Debian Ver. 1.1 and the Linux Labs Debian Ver. 1.2. Both use the Linux Kernel Ver. 2.0. The Debian distributions are the work of about 120 volunteers tied together across the Internet. They have named their organization "Software in the Public Interest". Some of the features of these distributions are well thought out and, as a whole, this one has more promise for the future than some of the others. One of the drawbacks is that they require several floppies to install (Ver. 1.1 requires 5 disks and Ver. 1.2 requires 6). Both had minor problems with the install scripts, however, Ver. 1.1 was completely installed by the end of the evening. This distribution should be a great bargain in the future and

should become a very strong product in the next year. Jim was able to obtain a few CD-ROM's containing all three of the latest versions of Red Hat, Slackware and Debian distributions which he sells for \$4.00..

WordPerfect

Jeff Sinn

The February 1997 meeting of the WordPerfect SIG began with the usual Q&A session. One interesting tidbit to emerge involved the Windows Clipboard. When you Copy <Ctrl+C> a selection, it is placed in the Clipboard and is available for Pasting <Ctrl+V> an unlimited number of times. However, the next Copy operation will overwrite (in the Clipboard) the previous selection. If you want to append a selection to whatever is in the Clipboard, use Edit | Append from the pull-down menus, then use the Paste feature as usual.

Richard Baznik then presented the basics of using Tables in WordPerfect 6.x for Windows. Dick started by showing how tabular columns can easily be converted to a table. First, select all of the entries in the tabular columns; then use Table | Create | Tabular Column from the Menu bar. It is very useful to take some time before you convert the columns to a table to be sure there is a single Tab between columns. Many times I have seen users line up columns by inserting several Tabs after shorter entries. This will produce unpleasant results in the converted table. The time spent in properly placing tab stops and removing extra tabs will more than pay off when creating the table. Once it is in Table format, you can use all of the powerful spreadsheet-like features to create formulae, change the borders, decimal align the entries, or modify the cell justification. Of course it is even easier if you start out by creating a table before you enter data—from either the Menu Bar or the Power Bar.

George Austin then continued with a more advanced look at Tables and used a table to produce a chart. First, George used Tables to create an amortization schedule. He utilized one of the built-in financial functions to compute the future value of loan at various time periods. This formula was then copied to other cells, paying particular attention to absolute and relative references. You

Lotus and Excel users out there will be interested to know that we can still use the dollar sign (\$) to indicate the absolute references but WP changes it to square brackets around the appropriate cell reference (e.g. \$A1 becomes [A]1 and \$A\$1 is [A]1). Creating the chart with WP Draw (or Presentation, if you have the Suite) is simple. George then went on to show how you can modify just about everything, including the type of chart, the legend, titles and even how to add text annotations along a curved path.

WINDOWS 3.1

Richard Hunter

We started the February Windows 3.X Sig with random access and potpourri. We discussed the CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT files and how to organize them and what to include for Windows 3.x. We also discussed problems and how to proceed when it is necessary to reload Windows.

We then looked at some shareware programs. DLLMAN is a shareware program for Windows to help you discover relationships among executable files and Dynamic Link Libraries. We also looked at FDDLDS which helps you find unused DLLs on your system by finding, sorting and classifying Windows executable files. We also demonstrated CHECK a shareware program to check two of more files, comparing the CRC (Cycle Redundancy Check) to determine if the file are identical. Check provides two 16 bit CRC check and one 32 bit CRC check. A member pointed out that PKZIP can be used to compare file since it too calculates the CRC values. We attempted to run Rummage, another shareware program, but we were missing the VBRUN200.DLL, so we will hold that program for the March SIG.

Finally, we copied the files mentioned above for those members that wanted copies of these files. We included CMOSAVE which was copied for members in January, but failed to include the COM file. So, next month, anyone wanting copies of shareware discussed at the meeting should bring a disk for loading the programs.

Next month, we will review the material from the February meeting, run Rummage, and run CleanSweep, from Symantec.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

February 24, 1997

Morris Fier

A quorum being present, the meeting of the Executive Board of OCIPUG was called to order by President Ken Kamber at the SIG space, 1520 Brookhollow Drive, Suite #38, Santa Ana, California, at 6:30 p.m.

Officers

Ken Kamber, President
Doug Nowlin, Vice President
Morris Fier, Secretary
Larry Pearce, Treasurer
Ed Lee, Past President (absent--resigned)

Directors

Tony Dopazo
Preston Hill
Jim Kirkpatrick (absent)
Alan Liebschutz
Reg Roberts (absent)
Richard Black
Richard Hunter
Dean Sowers

Ten additional OCIPUG members were also present.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 27 were approved with the following corrections: (1) Committee Reports/Policies and Procedures: the word "landmark" in the sixth line should read benchmark; (2) Larry Pearce's motion under Membership Accounting should read: ...to the front door and the club office door; (3) Secretary's report should read: Doug Nowlin moved, seconded by Tony Dopazo and carried, that the secretary update the list of users as well as the list of functional positions; (4) Under Good of the Group: Bill Krehbiel had not requested reappointment as BBS Sysop, but requested the opportunity to help on the BBS Committee in any way that he could.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The club received OS/2 WARP software from APCUG, to be used by Steve Schiffman. The board discussed handling of correspondence and newsletters received by the club. The president requested that incoming newsletters be circulated to all board members and listed in the secretary's report.

Preston Hill asked Richard Baznik, in his capacity as chairman of the Membership Accounting Committee, to contact David Carroll regarding his nonpayment of dues.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board received the treasurer's report. Preston Hill questioned the amount of interest received on the checking account. Larry Pearce agreed that funds could be transferred from that account to one paying a higher rate of interest.

MOTION: Doug Nowlin moved, seconded by Alan Liebschutz and carried, that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Kamber stated that he had presented his report on the BBS (conference 16-2242) rather than include it in the board packets. He said page 30 and the following page of the board packet should be marked as being a BBS message dated 2/20/97 from Larry Pearce to all members of the board of directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policies and Procedures Doug Nowlin, seconded by Richard Black moved that the report be accepted as read. It was carried.

Events Specialist The board discussed Maurie Seymour's report on the calendar. Bob Basaraba said dates are ordinarily set at the beginning of the year. The secretary expressed a preference for material to be submitted to him in hard copy.

MOTION: Doug Nowlin moved, seconded by Alan Liebschutz, to accept the calendar as presented. It was also stated that the deadline for the Board Packet in May will be May 21. The Packets will be left in the SIG Space by the Secretary because of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Membership Accounting The president commended Richard Baznik for his work on a graph presentation and, following a discussion on the method used, said the information may be shown in any form — line, bar, chart, or whatever way he chooses.

Publications Committee The Board noted that Max Miller's correct title is Advertising Committee Chairperson rather than Advertising Manager. With respect to the request for action regarding the HP Laserjet

and the Minolta copier, Tony Dopazo said he would discuss the matter with Red Davidson since these two items were not in anybody's sphere at the time the budget was formulated. Both are included in the publications budget. Red Davidson said he sees only that the equipment is supplied with paper and toner. The board discussed the need for repair and whose responsibility it is to maintain the printer. At present it is two years and four months old and the warranty period has expired.

MOTION: Doug Nowlin, seconded by Richard Hunter, moved to accept the publications committee report as corrected. This was carried.

SIG Operations Committee Regarding Dave Carroll, the record shows he has not paid his dues for two years. SIG leaders must be members of OCIPUG according to our policies and procedures. Dave Carroll brought in 10-15 new members in conjunction with Bob Weil and his SIG is one of the best. Yet he is not a member. Letters have been sent to both Dave Carroll and John Lunsford for payment of dues. Dave Carroll did respond after a telephone call from Bob Basaraba. The president raised the issue of recognition for SIG leaders. Richard Baznik has contacted both of the above by letter and he will also contact them by phone. It was suggested that Richard Baznik contact John Lunsford. Larry Pearce said expired memberships should be excluded.

Preston Hill suggested that the AOL account be switched from Paul Fuller and Roberta Klein to those currently performing the functions of APCUG representative and Readme.Doc editor. Five free hours of access are provided with these accounts. The board discussed whether or not these should or can be in functional names rather than individuals'. Time beyond that allotted for free usage would be paid by the individual names so designated. The purpose of an APCUG representative's receiving this benefit is so he/she can access the APCUG data base and be able to obtain the many resources or data the club can use. Another benefit of the service being offered is to cut down on the cost of long distance phone calls and postage required by Alan Liebschutz in the pursuit of his duties as Program Committee Chair.

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Minutes and Announcements

Membership Promotion MOTION: Preston Hill moved that Reg Roberts, Chairman, Membership Promotion, be authorized to establish a booth at the Orange County Community Fair on March 18 and the one to be held in the summer, subject to budget limitations.

The motion was seconded by Tony Dopazo and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Doug Nowlin did not have a formal membership directory report to make. He asked again that people get back to him with their comments regarding a phone and e-mail directory for members.

The question was raised and discussed as to whether or not family members should be excluded from drawings. The two terms, family member and family membership, were defined for the purpose of discussion. Richard Baznik said he always includes blank labels so as to accommodate persons who are members via a family membership. He wanted to know how many labels he should print. Tony Dopazo cited Ed Lee's memo on the subject, which in turn cited the code of the Department of Corporations. Tony Dopazo also noted that family memberships get only one vote and one Readme.Doc. But it is OCIPUG policy that each family member is entitled to participate in the monthly drawing provided he or she is present when the drawing takes place.

Policies and Procedures: Committee report was received.

MOTION by Tony Dopazo: Be it resolved that the OCIPUG Policies and Procedures Manual will not be posted to the OCIPUG Web page without the express approval of the OCIPUG BoD. The motion was seconded by Richard Black. Alan Liebschutz made a friendly amendment that it not be put on the Web in its present form. Tony did not accept the amendment. Richard Hunter said before it is put on the Web the board would have to accept it. The president said the board doesn't want a unilateral decision. The vote was 6 for, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP

Bob Basaraba provided a non-public Internet

access as follows: <http://www.webcom.com/ocipug/mbrpromo/benefits.html>.

Brochures used by Apple and NOCC were passed around as a good, though inexpensive promotional idea. Another suggestion was made by Dean Sowers, who said a walkathon at Volunteer Center is promoting "The Great Human Race." People pledge to walk in Dominguez Hills. Nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of the monies collected from participants in the walkathon. The center is located in Torrance; there is a satellite in Westminster as well. For every dollar collected by our participation in the walkathon, to take place on May 10, we would get 75 cents.

Alan Liebschutz has secured a discount at cost plus 12% for members of OCIPUG from COMPUSA in Mission Viejo.

Another project suggested by Dean Sowers is for the club to distribute rebate coupons from the retail stores, to those who attend our SIGs. These would be placed in computer stores as well as in the SIG space or wherever possible.

Ed Miller suggested having a lunch truck outside the building or in the parking lot at the general meeting but this would have to be approved by OCC's Community Services Director.

Richard Black raised a question as to magazine subscriptions and rebates for members as has been done in the past by the former C.O.R.E. Committee.

The board discussed scuttlebutt concerning a proposed merger of OCIPUG and NOCC. This was deemed an infeasible possibility for many reasons, legal and otherwise.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Dean Sowers moved that the membership list be distributed to the board of directors and committee chairmen on the BBS as database files in ASCII. The motion was seconded by Alan Liebschutz. Names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and status (i.e. Director, SIG leader, committee participation, etc.) The vote was tied.

After several friendly amendments and much discussion, the motion failed.

MOTION: A motion by Dean Sowers to use colored paper to publicize OCIPUG on college campuses was deferred until the next meeting. He decided to withdraw his motion and consult with Reg Roberts.

Dean suggested that a library of manuals, etc. be added to the collection of parts available to members.

There was a discussion about the type of minutes that should be taken at the Board meetings. The consensus was that they should be accurate and concise rather than verbose. They should be available to the Board members for their perusal well in advance of the Board meeting and possibly on the BBS. They should not be altered other than for typographical or punctuation errors.

APPOINTMENTS

Tom Bailey to Property Committee

Max Miller as Chairman,

Advertising Committee Chairman
Member, Publications Committee

Rex Combs as Member,

Advertising Committee

Karla Heider as Member,

SIG Operations Committee

Bob Peringer as Member,

Publications Committee

Audrey Wolden as Member,

Publications Committee

Richard Hunter as liaison for Membership

Richard Hunter as Chairman,

Long Range Planning Committee

Establish OCIPUG Human Race Walkathon

Committee with Dean Sowers as
Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting will be held Monday, March 31, 1997, at 6:30 p.m.

Alan Liebschutz moved for adjournment, seconded by Tony Dopazo, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Morris Fier, Secretary

These draft minutes prepared by the Secretary become official only as adopted by the Executive Board. (Editor)

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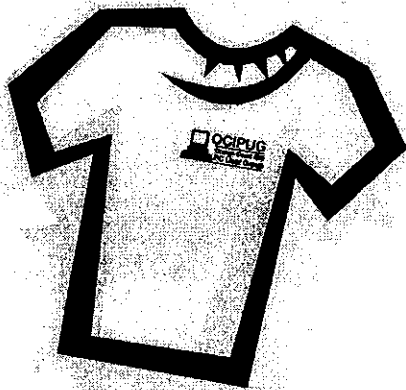
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- ☆ March 22
- ☆ April 26
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