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— *Navigating the Information Tsunami*

Mijenix
— *PowerDesk 98*



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— *OmniPagePro*
Optical Character Reader

Trellix
— *Trellix*
One Step Web Publishing



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Preston Hill

—VOTE—VOTE—VOTE—Please be sure to return your ballots that are the center insert. A quorum of returned ballots is necessary to have a valid election—so every ballot counts. Don't hesitate to call candidates if their statements are not enough for you to decide.

Speaking of elections, I send my congratulations to Terry Currier, a former member of OCIPUG, on his election as President of North Orange County Computer Club (NOCCC).

I am happy that Wayne Ali consented to run for President. He has shown great initiative and contributed much to the Executive Board this past year. Tony Dopazo and I will help him in every way possible. I am confident that Wayne will incorporate policies, procedures and operations to make OCIPUG a better, useful and friendly organization.

During the next two months I intend to devote much of my time to helping the new officer and director candidates become familiar with their functions so as to provide a smooth transition to the new Executive Board, to getting a replacement for my nonpresidential function of SIG Operations Chairman, and to helping the Readme.Doc staff when necessary.

I thank Allen Ashley and cohorts for their outstanding dedication in support of the Santa Ana CANO Headstart school. Allen and others repaired donated computers as well as taught youngsters and parents how to use the computers. Now we must assure that their efforts over the past two years are continued. I ask everyone to seek a replacement for Allen, who has resigned as Chairman of the Community Outreach Committee.

Ways to reduce costs continue to be examined. Using the telephone company voice mail system does not appear practical nor feasible, especially because our present Hotline system provides FAX service not available from the telephone company.

On 23 June I had a lengthy personal conversation with Bruce McClure, Periodicals Specialist for the USPS. He believes that

Readme.Doc probably could qualify as a "periodical" and receive mailing rates lower than we currently receive. OCIPUG, as well as Readme.Doc itself, must meet certain specific requirements before we can be approved. We will work with the USPS to obtain the lowest rates commensurate with reliable service. Please advise me and/or Mike Conway (714-962-2194) if you receive your Readme.Doc late—or not at all.

Regarding our e-mail service, West Coast Internet hoped to have restored service. Unfortunately, InterNIC did not accept the requested modifications so we are still temporarily stymied. West Coast (Lorena) and I are in contact with InterNIC to resolve modifications necessary to resume service. The OCIPUG.ORG domain name is NOT affected.

Please help recruit new members by distributing our "tri-fold" brochures to anyone who shows the slightest glimmer of interest—at the library, book store, computer store, or supermarket. You will find two tri-folds behind your ballots as well as a supply in the rack in SIG Room A at our Resource Center.

To paraphrase a saying of the 1930's (you won't remember), "Member, can you spare an hour?" Your new team especially will need persons willing and able (a problem, true) to help with various small tasks—supporting your community such as was done for CANO, newsletter editing and layout, recording meeting minutes, preparing correspondence, coordinating SIG activities, facility and equipment maintenance and control, membership and other data base entries, advertising, distributing brochures, and many other tasks to keep your club running efficiently. Call any Board member (see list in Readme.Doc) to offer your services.

As small drops of water wear away the mountain, so can your small donations grow until we can acquire a new PORTABLE projector, such as now used by several presenters, or a portable tablet such as NOCCC so kindly loaned us a few months ago. Or are you pleased with the OCC overhead projector as well as ours? If not, dig deep and

throw a few bucks into the donation/suggestion boxes at the membership table or in SIG Room A.

When and where do we have time to chat informally and leisurely with one another—as friends as well as fellow computer users? Not at our General Meetings or even our SIGs—so I again invite all members and guests to join me for lunch after the General Meeting. Let's make lunch an enjoyable visit with friends. Bob Blakeley has arranged with Soup Plantation (Adams and Harbor) for lunch immediately after the General Meeting. At the start of the meeting, please let us know who will attend so the restaurant can arrange a large enough place for our exclusive use.

This is not the end—bring your family and friends to our POTLUCK on Saturday, 25 July, after the General Meeting. Please call Connie Hoepner to coordinate food, supplies, and the like. (See box)

I am anxious to improve our operations and staffing. We have many talented members who should find an hour here or there to contribute these talents. Your suggestions are greatly desired.

Let's be proud of our accomplishments so far—but not complacent. There is much yet to do.

SAVE THE DATE

Who: Current, Former and Prospective Members and Families
What: OCIPUG POTLUCK
When: July 25 @ 1:00 PM
(After General Meeting)
Where: Resource Center
RSVP: Connie Hoepner
949-673-8258
E-mail: CRHoepner@aol.com

Membership Information

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No New Members Since the last Issue. Pass out the trifolds so that this notice will not appear in the next issue

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 most welcome. So please contact any official to offer your services in whatever capacity you can.

Your membership badge will be available at the membership desk at the next General Meeting. A New Member kit is also available. This kit summarizes the various activities and resources of your club. A diskette contains several useful shareware programs. You are introduced to the use of the OCIPUG electronic bulletin board system (BBS) at (714) 751-3242.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDERS

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. **If you have renewed recently, we thank you.**

Please renew early to save your club the expense of mailing a renewal notice.

July

John Adjutant
George Austin
Werner Belke
Donald Bixler
Bernard Brodwin
Lester W "Bill" Bunning
Patrica Bunning
Karl Cook
Dan D'Urso
Nancy Davis
Michael De Tomaso
Michael Earls
Peter Earls
Rose Edwards
Calista Anne Engebretsen
Rocky Ford
Henry Guttentag
Guillermo Jones
Marjorie Jones
John Koval
Rudy Kundig
Joseph Lebovitz
Lois Levine
Stan Levine
Cynthia Lidyoff
Edward E Lidyoff
Sandra Lucas
Helen W Maravich
Theodore Maravich
Anthony "Mel" Mellini, Sr
Tom Millard
David Nasby

John Panico
Jon Renna
Dale Robinson
Jerry Rounsavell
Zac Sidawi
Lam Stotelmyre
Harold Vejakaja
James Wilks

August

Jim Allen
Robert Blayden
Dale Bruckner
Dennis Carroll
Charles W. Cook
Floyd Craft
Richard De Lapp
Farrell Eagle
Jack W. Ellis
Allan Foodym
Allan Forster
Bob Fulkerson
Steven Garner
Andrew Gilcrest
Fred Haney
Alvin Hart
Roger Hartman
Edmond Hoy
Richard Hunter
Rusty Hupy
Winston E. Jewson
Robert Ketterman

Bill Krehbiel
Les Matson
Bob McCracken
Richard Montano
Roger Norris
James Olsen
Ken Post
Pano Rezinias
Reg Roberts
Ron Ross
Robert Schmiedeke
Maurice Seymour
Jeff Sinn
Thomas Skudlarski
Carl St. John
Art Stolins
Bill Taylor
Herbert Tellefsen
Donald Testa
Larry Thomas
Patricia Thomas
Patrick Thomas
Chuck Trom
Robert Walker
Lillian Wilks
Yoshimi Zemba

September

Gerald Bangert
Richard Baznik
Richard Bentley
Norma Borden

Dale Budlong
James Clymer
Norman Commodore
James Creager
Paul Dotterer
Viola Ellington
Gary Falagrady
Jim Hicks
Russell Hoffman
Robert Johnson
Hank Kunczewski
Louise McCain
Gary Minnis
Margaret Morgan
Ralph Morgan
Richard Nelson
Tony Nikae
Franklin Olson
Joyce Scott
Jenny Weddle
Josephine Wilde
Yvonne Young
Joe Zebrowski

August Program

August 29, 1998 9:00 AM at the Orange Coast Science Hall

Chris Lloyd

161st General Meeting Report

Robert Nelissen & Audrey Wolden

Random Access	8:30 - 9:00
President's Message	9:00 - 9:15
Caere-OmniPage	9:15-10:15
Announcements	10:15-10:30
Break	10:30-10:45
Trellix	10:45-11:45
Drawing/Auction	11:45-12:00

CAERE -- OmniPage Pro

OmniPage Pro uses optical character recognition (OCR) technology to accurately and easily convert scanned paper documents and image files (such as a fax file) into editable text for use in applications such as word processing, page layout and spreadsheet programs

OmniPage Pro retains the following elements of a document during OCR: Graphics (photos, logos and drawings), Text formatting (font types, sizes and styles), and Page formatting (column structure, paragraph spacing and placement of graphics). OmniPage Pro is NOT a handwriting recognition program - it only recognizes machine-printed characters such as laser-printed or typewritten text. However, it can retain handwritten text, such as a signature, as a graphic element of your document.

OmniPage Pro offers two options for processing an image - an OCR Wizard or AUTO. The OCR Wizard guides you through the entire process by asking questions about your document and selecting the appropriate settings. The AUTO mode will process a new document from start to finish with no questions asked as it uses various settings already configured through OmniPage Pro options screens.

After scanning a document, you can either check for errors directly in OmniPage Pro and compare to the actual scanned image or you can, alternatively, check for errors in Microsoft Word 7 or Word 97. In OmniPage Pro you can see the actual scanned image compared side-by-side with the OCR converted text. The accuracy of the OCR conversion process is uncannily high. However, the accuracy rate is affected by the quality of the source document being scanned.

TRELLIX -- Your future on the Web

Trellix is the next generation of software for making Web pages. It is the first desktop productivity application specifically designed to make it easy for the everyday user of office suites to create professional quality Web documents. It enables you to communicate directly online with a map of your document. It is fast and easy.

The revolutionary document map allows you to envision the whole document, showing you the structure of the document, allowing you to move to the areas of the document most relevant. All this by just pointing and clicking to the area of interest, the area of most relevance to the reader.

Not only is it easy to work, but it has an online tutorial. This program lets you create a fantastic Web document with its One-Step Publishing to HTML or E-mail. Trellix exports to standard HTML. The documents you create can be attached to your e-mail also. Trellix Won Best All-Around Application at the '97 Fall Comdex in Las Vegas. Trellix Corp was founded 1995 by Dan Bricklin.

Guru Michael Springer was on hand as usual to answer questions at 8:30am. The first question concerned changing a CD-ROM setup from responding to both H and I drives. Michael suggested the user save the I drive and eliminate the H. Further, he suggested using a high number, X, Y or Z, for the CD-ROM to avoid problems when adding other drives later.

Another question concerned the nature of Fat32, a disk management system, and the use of folders versus partitions. Mike favors the latter rather than overload the root directory with more directories.

At 9:02, president Preston Hill opened the meeting with announcements about lunch, an excess inventory sale, "tri-fold" brochures, candidates for election, and a forthcoming "potluck" social after the July 25th General Meeting.

Chris Lloyd at 9:10 introduced Alisha Sigler from Microsoft to speak on Windows 98. She cited its main features: Internet connection, maintenance, quality and access.

Connecting to the Internet is now easier than ever with the Connection Wizard in Internet Explorer 4.0. The browser is integrated with the desktop and the task bar now has icons to quickly launch an application. You can type in the name of a Website without the complete syntax of the URL. For example, typing "microsoft" will automatically be entered as <http://www.microsoft.com>.

Maintenance of the Operating System is easier than ever. A Maintenance Wizard will find and fix any erased or corrupted system file when it encounters a "Cannot Access" message. It will ask you to insert the Win98 CD-ROM and will automatically reinstall all needed files. No more reloading the whole OS all over again. There is also a registry checker, "an all knowing data base." When the registry becomes corrupt it is self-healing; it can restore a good copy automatically from memory. The registry

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will update once a day to the latest successful configuration.

For those people who wait and wait for Windows to start, Windows 98 claims to be faster — there is now a System configuration utility. The system no longer uses “start up” but instead will show you what is being launched so that you may prevent unwanted programs from loading by merely unchecking a box. There is also a TuneUp Wizard in maintenance whereby you can set up an optimization procedure that will erase all empty directories and disconnected application files, defrag, check for viruses and give you a summary of all it has done. You can schedule the time of day or night you wish it to run.

Windows 98 now supports over 12,000 hardware devices. However, for any new or updated drivers it is now unnecessary to call or connect to the manufacturer's WebPages. Microsoft maintains a WebPage with all drivers for supported hardware. When logging on, it gives you the option of scanning your hard drive for any new or updated files available and gives you the option to download them. You can also store a backup of the current driver in case of a problem with the new one. Online help can be printed out. A troubleshooting and conflict manager wizard is also available.

The system has high fidelity video and audio capabilities. With a TV Tuner Card you can view cable TV or WebTV on a large or small window, bring up a program guide that includes detailed information such as ratings, or search for a particular program by name, time, or by day even a particular movie. Microsoft claims a crystal clear picture without snow. At the same time you are using this program, you can access other programs as well. “Good for the office,” someone commented.

Windows 98 supports USB (Universal Serial Bus). Alisha demonstrated it by hot-swapping a scanner into her laptop computer. A dialogue box popped up on the screen saying that Windows had found new hardware and was installing drivers for it. No reboot necessary. She then proceeded to scan a picture successfully. However when trying to show a video clip of “Barney” in media player, all that was seen by the audience was a black screen. It showed on Alisha's laptop but for one reason or an-

other not on the projector screen. Somebody suggested maybe that it was “Barney at night.”

Regarding accessibility, Alisha brought up a family photo on her screen to show its clarity. There is a magnifier that allows you to bring up several levels of magnification. As before, you may listen to music with a new improved CD-Player Program while you work on other programs. You can also use two monitors with one computer, run two different programs and see one application on one monitor and the other application on the other.

Win98 requires at least a 486DX2-66 with a minimum of 16 MB RAM and up to 170 MB of hard drive space. Upgrades from Win3.1 or Win95 are generally available for \$89.95. MicroCenter on Edinger and the 55 in Santa Ana has a special discount in effect for OCIPUG members.

Since Windows 98 uses Fat32 it uses the hard drive space more efficiently. The upgrade includes a utility to convert non SR-2 versions of Windows 95 from Fat16 to Fat32. You can dual-boot WinNT 4.0 with Windows 98, but cannot convert partitions from Fat16 to Fat32. WinNT 5.0, expected to be out the first part of 1999, will support Fat32. You can preview it at <http://www.microsoft.com/socal>.

Alisha also showed Microsoft 98 Plus Pack with its many different desktop schemes, screensavers, games, McAfee VirusScan with 6 months of free updates and a fancier CD-Player program. Before leaving she referred us to Microsoft Homepage for free upcoming events in Southern California. She received another OCIPUG mug for her collection and left to hearty applause from an enlightened and enthusiastic audience.

After a short break, the second presentation was by Barbara A. Renick on “Surfing and Searching the Internet.” The subject of her discussion was how to find what you're looking for and how to use search engines, including a description of some of the more popular ones. Her subject of primary interest is genealogy.

Search engines can find information on a subject from particular countries down to the county level. One search engine is “Word Cruncher,” at \$9.95. It categorizes

and indexes mail, and lets you do proximity searches. It works with all the major software browsers.

Another useful program is NewsRover which allows you to create a multiple keyword list. It reads user groups, uses Boolean searches, and eliminates previous searches. Keywords are highlighted throughout the document. NewsRover is available on their Website at www.newsrover.com and retails for \$29.95.

The most famous browser software is Yahoo!, which navigates the World Wide Web and contains a directory of Web sites. With Murphy's law the way it is she strongly suggests using bookmarks, or you may never again find whatever it is you have located. She also touched upon search criteria using Boolean criteria such as (and, or, not) to narrow searches.

Another engine, Alta Vista, is best for genealogy research. It has translation services for free from a variety of languages. It is also case sensitive. Excite will search for general terms or subject matter, not just exact words. There are Global Site and Euro Seek, which access a number of languages. Among some weird sites she mentioned was an Amish Web site, which has a “Poopets Online Catalog” to sell figurines composed of manure. Other good sites are “OneLook” (a dictionary online), Health A to Z, CompareNet, and AskJeeves.

For genealogists, she mentioned Websites such as Cyndi's List, and magazines such as Everton Genealogy Helper Magazine to help search for information. Also when on the road and you are in need of Web access, stop by the local library or high school.

Before leaving to thunderous applause from a delighted audience Barbara graciously donated two copies of her book, “The Internet for Genealogists; A Beginners Guide.” for the drawing. She is a very dynamic speaker. For those interested, her book may be ordered through her Website at <http://www.compuology.com>.

Following the presentations, President Hill turned the meeting over to Morris Fier, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who introduced those present running for office as follows:

President Wayne Ali (not present)

Vice President Don Testa

CFO/Treasurer Larry Pearce

Directors (4 positions are open)

Sue Hayes Jeanne Levan
 Leonard Robertson Bruce Williams
Not present Michael De Tomaso
 Rusty Hupy Dennis Walz

Nominations from the floor were requested. No nominations were made so Ed Miller moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Richard Armenteros, and approved unanimously. Write-in candidates will be allowed on the ballots that will be the centerfold insert in the August *Readme.Doc* to be mailed July 7.

Drawing Prize winners were as follows:

1637 Jim Stolp	Genealogy book by Barbara Renick
2737 Richard Hunter	Genealogy book by Barbara Renick
3485 Bob Schmidt	Talking Watch
2574 Rob Nelissen	Talking Watch
724 Linda Leydekker	Talking Watch
1896 Marsha Boslow	Talking Watch
3273 C.Edward Wolfe	Talking Watch
2097 Bill Reinhardt	WebScan(X)
2057 George Austin	WildCat software
1364 Rex Combs	HotDocs software
3199 Bruce Williams	Microsoft Surprise
2562 Jim Rogers	Microsoft Surprise

In his earlier announcements, President Hill invited everyone to join him for lunch at the Soup Plantation on Harbor and Adams in Costa Mesa to get to know each other. For those who couldn't make lunch today a potluck is being put together by Connie Hoepner (949-673-8258) after the July 25 General Meeting. All willing and able to help organize, prepare or cleanup are asked to call her.

All members were invited to the Resource Center at 2:00pm to buy software and hardware in excess of OCIPUG's needs. What is left is to be donated to the Salvation Army or put in the Dumpster.

Preston then pointed out that the June *Readme.Doc* has a removable two-page insert (aka "trifold") with information about our club to give to anyone showing a glim-

mer of interest. He also reminded us that a donation box was in the lobby of the auditorium and also at the Resource Center. Any and all tax deductible donations are welcome.

For those interested in shareware or freeware, Bob Blakeley, our Library Committee honcho, can order just about anything through Pacific Software.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - President

Wayne Ali 714-972-4695
 I have been a member of OCIPUG since 1989, and serve as your current secretary for the group. My experience as a manager for a large company has given me the organizational and people skills necessary to plan, organize and direct organizations to achieve their goals. We are faced with challenges to increase and maintain membership. I believe we must rely on individual contributions of effort from our members. Whether making phone calls, writing letters, maintaining a database, or serving on a committee for a project, your contribution to our success will be a rewarding experience. Please vote for Wayne Ali for President and invest in the continued success of the Orange Coast IBM PC User Group.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Vice President

Don Testa 714-840-5300
 I will work with you to make OCIPUG the best it can be.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Secretary

No candidate.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - CFO/Treasurer

Larry Pearce 714-543-5661
 I am running for Treasurer because I believe OCIPUG is unique in its benefits, SIG meeting facilities, and member capabilities. I ask for your approval and support to continue this uniqueness. If you like what we have, let us see you, hear you, and serve you as members of potentially the best computer User Group in California!

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Director

Michael De Tomaso 714-556-5534
CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Director

Sue Hayes 714-373-6931
 I offer myself to serve as a Director on behalf of OCIPUG. Since first using a com-

puter about 1988, I have helped my children, grandchildren and many others learn to use their computers and have upgraded several computers myself. I've taken many adult education classes involving the use of computers, especially data entry. I would like to offer my experience and, as a relatively new member of OCIPUG, provide a fresh insight to the Board of Directors.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Director

Jeanne Levan 714-545-6140
 Since my retirement as an elementary school teacher. I have been increasingly interested in computers. With my first computer, an Apple 2E, I learned how to turn it off and on — that I needed some kind of software and lots of help. I joined OCIPUG and graduated to the XT, Lotus and WordPerfect. And then the 386 and Windows 3.1, and now Pentium II and Windows 95. At each step knowledge of the innards' workings, operating systems, software, etc, increased. I must admit there is a lot for me still to learn. Hence my continued interest in OCIPUG. Hopefully, I will be of some help to the team of dedicated people who guide OCIPUG and to all those neophyte computer users who still are in need of that little extra help.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Director

Leonard Robertson 949-855-3030

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Director

Dennis Walz 714-545-1762
 I have been a member of OCIPUG since 1991. I have benefited from attending the General Meetings, several SIG sessions, and help from some knowledgeable members. I hope that, as a member of the Board of Directors, I can give something in return. Before retirement, I was an engineering and program manager for the Collins Communications division of Rockwell International.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - Director

Bruce Williams 949-551-5357
 I solicit your support for the position of Director. I bring many years of experience in technical and management positions in large and small organizations for the benefit of OCIPUG. I have served in several positions in other user groups. I am looking to contribute to the growth of our group.

Tech Tips



On June 23, I completed the full set of AATP classes offered by Coastline Regional Occupational Program (CROP) to prepare for Microsoft Certification; it started October 27, 1997 and went on at three days a week, four hours each day.

I took the classes primarily to have access to Microsoft information not otherwise readily available. Without the field experience of instructor Ted Turner, my fellow students and I would have floundered quickly; as it is, I and most of the others passed all "Transceiver" tests to get certificates of course completion. The "Transceiver" tests are harder than the actual Microsoft tests, according to those of us who took both. For now, a difference of opinion between the IRS and me about self-employment has restricted the availability of funds; I will have to be satisfied with CROP certificates.

I fear that Microsoft writers go by a specified pattern of writing; I don't think much of them as teachers. They seem to like "PowerPoint" presentations, full of graphic techniques and showmanship. I like the style of our John Goodman, whom I regard as way ahead of most teachers for rapport with his "pupils." I've written government specifications much in the pattern used by Microsoft, text presented point by point in a specific pattern. It covers the ground but it places a high premium upon requiring formal memorization of what the book states. What the hell! If the book is right, the resulting training has succeeded. If a good deal of marketing ploy is included, the student has effectively been brainwashed. I could discern the difference; less experienced students might miss this. Fortunately, young or old, by the end of the first third of class sequences those who survived showed they had a lot of field proficiency.

These survivors were fascinating as individuals. Two were experienced hackers just short of high school graduation; a third was a year or so out of high school and employed already, based upon his hacking skills. Another was a mid-thirties Hindu accredited laboratory technician, with a programmer husband and two fine sons; my, was she smart! A fourth was a handicapped nurse who attended class with a special facial filter; this one learned fast enough to establish with few funds a full-fledged Windows NT4 network in her home. Both women amazing overachievers!

Next to me, an Israeli ex-officer in his early twenties worked hard and successfully; our talks impressed me with just why the Israeli army has worked wonders with so few people. I kidded him about a basic attitude, using the Yiddish term "chutzbar" (brazen); he was flattered and not offended ... "My aggressiveness kept my troops alive; in Israeli conflicts a "loser" often ends up dead!" My bet is that he'll succeed in American technical management.

Bottom line to all this ... if the profession offers you promise, go for it at CROP; the classroom at Presidio Square in Costa Mesa is getting better and better as CROP administration starts to realize its value and the value of teacher Ted Turner.



Shareware '4' U

Beverly & Bob Blakeley

Drop by the library table and have a look at hard-to-find freeware and shareware programs. If you are looking for a particular program, let us know and we will see if we can help. We intend to provide a regular column with a selection of current programs. ALL files are checked twice for virus.

Here is today's sample:

Cherry Delight: The newest of the slot machines is a nine wheel that has an 8 pay lines. Less expensive than a trip to Vegas. It requires VBRUN 300.DLL

Pagoo 20: This very interesting program will deliver phone calls to your desktop while you are on line. Your friends call the 800 number and leave a voice or numeric message, which you receive a few seconds later. It keeps track of all your new mail.

Get Right: This utility gives you a big advantage over the standard download capability that is built into your Web browser.

Above and Beyond: An excellent Personal Information Manager (PIM) with superb dynamic scheduling. It features pop-up alarms and more.

Win Zip for Win 95: The best there ever was. Compatible zip and unzip are built in. It provides a point-and-click and drag-and-drop interface for extracting, adding, running, deleting and more.

Addicted Screen Saver: For all you flower children out there, here is a screen saver that will take you back to the 60s.

Lots more to look at.

THE COMPUTER SWEET SPOT

Back in November 1994 Herb's Hangout looked at two popular price levels that I call the PC buyer's computer sweet spots. They were the under \$2000 level and the \$3500 plus level. Technology changes rapidly in the PC business and so do the two sweet spots. It used to be if you bought at the \$2000 level, your computer would be outdated within 2 years while the \$3500 level would be good for 3-4 years. With the rapid price reductions in Pentium and now Pentium II chips, you can buy 400 MHZ Pentium II systems at the cutting edge of technology for only \$2500 instead of \$3500! For only \$1500 you get very capable 266 MHZ Pentium II systems.

PC NOSTALGIA

Let's take a nostalgic trip through the PC magazine ads and rediscover what the user could actually buy at the high and low price levels since 1989. I will concentrate only on desktop systems since it's too messy to try to factor in laptops and servers. In order to maintain consistency, I will focus on a single vendor, ZEOS International from 1989 to 1994 and Micron Electronics, who bought out Zeos International, for the 1998 prices.

October 1989

Low Price System — \$1890

High Price System — \$3490

Bring back memories? Back in 1989 we had only 286 and 386 machines with tiny hard disk drives and one MB or less of RAM. How did we ever cope? Remember back in 1983 when we only had 8088-based XT's with 10 MB hard disk drives and 256K of RAM!

October 1990

Low Price System — \$1995

High Price System — \$3695

The 386SX became widely available in 1990. Many people said the 386SX was a big step backwards in capability just like the 8088 was a step backwards from the 8086. Eighty-MB hard disks are common

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Herb Huey



and graphics is a step up from the year before — offering up to 1024 color palettes.

October 1991

Low Price System — \$1995

High Price System — \$3095

In 1991, the 486 is the new standard for high end systems with 4 MB RAM. Intel introduced the DX label in 1991. Hard disk capacity has jumped to 130 MB. Low end systems have faster 386SX CPUs. Graphics resolution improved to 1024 x 768 pixels.

October 1992

Low Price System — \$1995

High Price System — \$3695

In 1992, 386 CPUs are gone. Intel took another step backwards with the introduction of the 486SX. Local bus systems are now common. High end systems have 16 MB RAM standard and 340 MB hard disks.

October 1993

Low Price System — \$1995

High Price System — \$3595

In 1993, pure 486 systems have taken over

and EISA based systems are now affordable. A similar high price system based on a 486DX2/66 with VL Local Bus offers 16 MB RAM, a 540 MB hard disk and a 15" SVGA monitor. The low price system is now good enough to run Windows decently with 4 MB RAM and a 214 MB hard disk.

October 1994

Low Price System — \$1995

High Price System — \$3738

What a surprise in 1994! The low price system is based on a 486DX2/66 MHZ with 8 MB RAM and a 528 MB hard disk. The high priced system Pentium-90 system is starting to look like a 1998 system with full multimedia capability and a 17" SVGA monitor.

For June 1998, we switch to Micron Electronics. I picked the two configurations from their Website, <http://www.micron.com>.

June 1998

Low Price System — \$1479 Millennia 266

High Price System — \$3309 Millennia 400

The low priced Millennia 266 is a very capable machine that can whip my two-year-old Pentium Pro system. We find the new low price sweet spot is \$1500 and the standard 400 MHZ Pentium II machines go for \$2199, but it is easy to configure to the older high end \$3500 sweet spot as evidenced by the \$3309 Millennia 400.

SIGNING OFF

My daughter just flew in from Orlando, FL and she is looking for a new computer. I guess she finally realized that her old 286 wouldn't hack it on the Internet. I am going to test that \$1500 sweet spot at one of the chain stores. Since I'm lousy at long distance computer repairs I need to get the computer from a store that also exists in Orlando. I believe that Best Buy is my best choice to get a 266 MHZ Pentium II system. I thought about doing mail order but I have one more criteria that negates the big mail order stores, Tracy's grandmother will throw out all the computer boxes within a day of their arrival. Wish me luck!

The Tim Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

of the
Orange Coast IBM PC User Group

Larry Pearce

Orange Coast IBM PC User Group is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community service and education. OCIPUG is chartered to further public knowledge and enjoyment of personal computer technology.

This scholarship honors member Tim Smith, an OCIPUG Executive Board member whose dedication and service to the computer user community exemplified the principles on which the group was founded.

The scholarship is made possible by donations to OCIPUG from its members, and is awarded to a candidate that has demonstrated a desire to excel in the field of computer information systems.

1998 Scholarship Presentation

It was the end of the semester and Orange Coast College had scheduled their 40th annual Student Honors Night at the campus theater. As the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of OCIPUG, I was invited to attend the event to present the OCIPUG \$500.00 Tim Smith Memorial Scholarship to a deserving, Computer Science student. I arrived at the campus early because I was not familiar with the procedures and protocol. After receiving my "Presenter" credentials, I entered the theater and looked for the area of seating designated for the donors and presenters.

I spotted a "little old lady" sitting by herself in the designated area, and decided to sit next to her. I introduced myself and found Mrs. Anderson a delightful seat-mate for the evening's program. She was very informative and explained the proceedings as they unfolded.

The program began with the usual formalities. The welcome by the President of Orange Coast College, introductions of dignitaries, trustees and special guests. Presentations of Awards for exemplary leadership

and service were made, including a number of "special" awards to individual students for various activities (Student of the Year categories, etc.). Several prestigious awards were presented to students with incredible scholastic and academic achievements by the Past President of the College, Dr. Robert Moore. These students were not only recognized for their outstanding achievements at Orange Coast College, but also for top state and national level academic achievement.

Mrs. Anderson, I discovered, lost a son in the Vietnam war after he graduated from Orange Coast College before completing his studies at California State University at Long Beach. I had also graduated from Cal State Long Beach, and we continued to chat at great length about her son and his ultimate demise in Vietnam. She also pointed out many of the students she knew who were receiving various and in some cases multiple awards during the evening. When the Scholarship Awards were being presented, I realized that Mrs. Anderson was a large contributor every year in memory of her son, Kent Stuart Anderson.

There were numerous corporations, associations, groups and individuals awarding scholarships to Orange Coast College students. I noted a large number of scholarships in the \$300 to \$500 range. There were a dozen that totaled \$1,000 each, and a few, very selective awards for \$5,000 to \$15,000. Some students received more than one scholarship, subject to their scholastic achievement and the number of awards available from donors. Mrs. Anderson was very helpful in explaining the various categories and achievements being recognized.

The scholarships were presented alphabetically by name of the scholarship. Not all of the donors made the actual presentation, leaving the college administration to present the scholarship in behalf of the donor. When the Tim Smith Memorial Scholarship was announced, it was my pleasure to personally present a delightful Vietnamese student, Ngoc-Huong Vu, with the OCIPUG Tim Smith Memorial Scholarship of \$500. She was completely surprised and very humble. She was the top Computer Science student at Orange Coast College scholastically, and

OCIPUG made the top scholarship award for Computer Science students. There were a lot of scholarships awarded for theater science, microbiology, chemistry, marine science, environment and various other categories, very few, however in Computer Sciences.

The experience of Honors Night at Orange Coast College was near overwhelming to see the students recognized for their effort and achievement. And to realize that our own OCIPUG members made it possible for one student to continue her studies or to cover expenses for attending college was more than satisfying. Thank you members, from me, and from Huong Vu. (Ms. Vu wrote her own letter to personally thank all of us for the scholarship she received).

Recipient's Letter

Ngoc-Huong Thi Vu
Orange Coast College
2701 Fairview Rd.
Costa Mesa, CA 92628

Tim Smith-Orange Coast IBM PC User Group
Attn: Mr. Lawrence E. Pearce
1500 Adams Ave., PO Box 105
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Mr. Pearce,

It is a great honor for me to be named a recipient of the \$500 OCIPUG Memorial Scholarship. I am very grateful for the scholarship which will greatly help me to complete my education. Besides the financial means, this scholarship also provides me a moral reward, seeing that my hard work and dedication are valued by others. This certainly motivates me to work even harder so that I will not disappoint those who have helped me to fulfill my potentials. I will prove that I'm worthy of being a recipient of your scholarship. Thank you for helping me in my quest to complete my education.

Sincerely yours,

Ngoc-Huong Thi Vu

PRODUCTS FOR REVIEW

Norm Bergman

The products listed below have been received by OCIPUG for evaluation by qualified members. Contact the Editor if you want to evaluate any of these products. Also, please let the Editor know of any products that you think we should review and the Editor will try to get them. The reviewer should recognize the wide range of interests of club members and, if the product does not coincide with the reviewer's own interests, promptly return the product to the Editor for reassignment.

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1 Connectix	Agent 95	11/96	12/97	2/98	5/98	Rusty Hupy
2 Coriolus Gp Books	Graphics Programming	10/97	available			
3 CyberMedia	Oil Change	3/97	3/98	6/98		Al Hart
4 Deltapoint	QuickSite 2.5	7/97	10/97	1/98	@	Deb. Abernathy
5 G & A Imaging	PhotoRecall	12/97	available			
6 Goldmine	Goldmine	3/98	4/98			Marshal Boslow
7 GreenSoft	GreenForm	9/96	3/98	6/98		John Donan
8 GreenSoft	GreenDesk	9/96	3/98	6/98		John Donan
9 Microsoft	FrontPage	11/96	3/98	6/98		Karla Heider
10 Lotus	ScreenCam 2	1/96	available			
11 MGI Software	MGI VideoWave 4.0	3/16	available			
12 Murach	Crash Course MS Word 97	1/98	3/98	5/98	5/98	Tony Dopazo
12 Murach	Crash Course Excel 97	1/98	3/98	6/98		Len Leonard
13 PowerQuest	Drive Image 1.0	12/97	available			
14 PowerQuest	Power Tools	3/98	available			
15 Single Track	Fine Print	5/97	8/97	11/97	@	Bill Bogart
16 McAfee	WebScanX	4/98	5/98	8/7		Dean Sowers
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19 askSam Systems	askSam database	4/98	available			
20 Globalink	Web Translator	4/98	available			
20 Globalink	Language Assistant (Sp,Port) 4/98		reserved			Jack Starbird
20 Globalink	Language Assistant (Fr,Ger,It) 4/98		available			
20 Globalink	Translator Power	4/25	4/25	6/5	6/20	James Graham
21 Qualcomm	Eudora Pro CommCenter	6/98	6/10	9/10		Charles Schreiber

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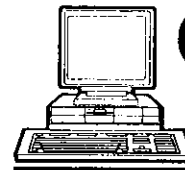
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For latest meeting dates and topics check the following:

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To donate funds and/or equipment for our Resource Center, call:
Facilities Improvement and Maintenance Committee Chairman Red Davidson, at 548-0413

Visitors are always welcome, please join us!

CALENDAR SYMBOLS

A SIG Room A
B SIG Room B
E Equipment Room
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As a member you will have many opportunities to benefit from OCIPUG:

- **FREE** technical assistance from members who are knowledgeable about various aspects of computing.
- **FREE** vendor hardware and software presentations. Not only do you learn from the vendors, but questions from members often reveal information that proves helpful.
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- **FREE** OCIPUG Internet e-mail.
- **FREE** Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meetings to discuss and share information on various computer topics.
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- **DISCOUNTS** from vendors on computer related items and other products are available to members.
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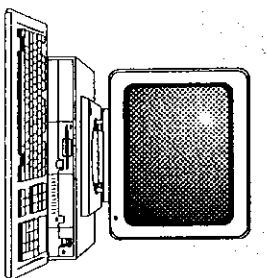
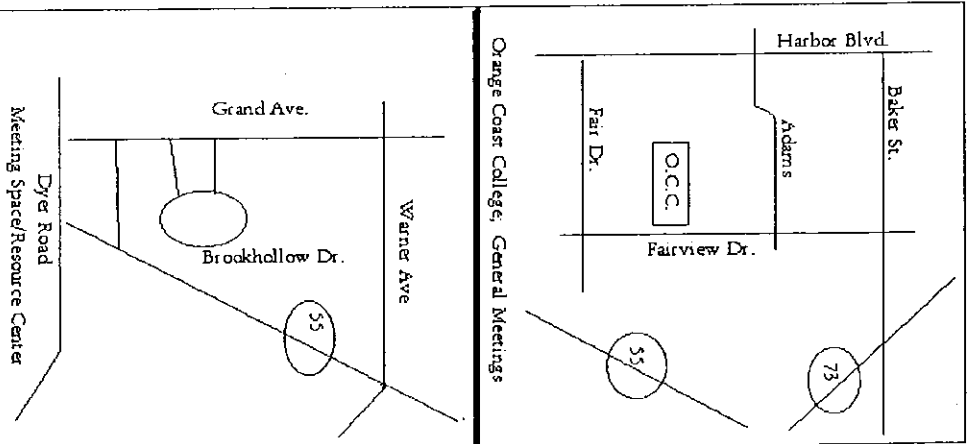
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Special Interest Group Meetings

3D Studio	3 rd Sat.	10 a.m.
Computerized Sewing	2 nd Sun.	1 p.m.
dBASE	4 th Wed.	7 p.m.
Desktop Publishing	1 st Thu.	7 p.m.
DOS and Utilities	1 st Sat.	1 p.m.
Genealogy	1 st Wed.	7 p.m.
Genealogy II	3 rd Thu.	1 p.m.
Hardware	4 th Thu.	7 p.m.
Internet & Page Design	1 st Thu.	9:30 a.m.
Internet	2 nd Fri.	7 p.m.
Investing	2 nd Wed.	7 p.m.
Microsoft Office	2 nd Thu.	7 p.m.
Modem	2 nd Tue.	7 p.m.
Network	4 th Wed.	7 p.m.
New User/New Member	1 st Sat.	9 a.m.
Now What Do I Do?	3 rd Thu.	7 p.m.
OS/2	3 rd Tue.	7 p.m.
OS/2 Warp	4 th Fri.	7 p.m.
Personal Finance	4 th Tue.	7 p.m.
Programming	2 nd Sat.	9 a.m.
SCOUg	3 rd Mon.	7 p.m.
Windows 3.X	3 rd Wed.	7 p.m.
Windows 95	2 nd Mon.	7 p.m.
Windows NT Workstation	1 st Tue.	7 p.m.
WordPerfect	1 st Mon.	7 p.m.

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General meetings are held at Orange Coast College, Science Hall on the last Saturday of each month at 9 am.



**** Invitation ****

Would you like to know more about your computer or your computer programs? Attend one of our general meetings or one of the special interest group meetings to see what help you can get from OCPUG.

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Election of Officers and Directors for terms commencing 1 September 1998

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the Bylaws, adopted 24 August 1996, Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph - a, annual elections of Directors and Officers shall be by written ballot. Such ballot shall be mailed no later than 7 July 1998 per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph - b. Voted ballots shall be received by the Election Committee no later than 7:00PM on Thursday, 6 August 1998 per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph - d.

In accordance with the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, the OCIPUG Executive Board shall be composed of four elected Officers and eight elected Directors. In accordance with the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, the officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Chief Financial Officer.

The Officers shall be elected each year by written ballot and shall hold office for the period 1 September 1998 through 31 August 1999 per Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2. Four Directors shall be elected annually and shall hold office for the period 1 September 1998 through 31 August 2000 per Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, par - b.

Eligible voters and candidates are those with valid membership as of the 30 June 1998 record date. Family membership, individual regular or individual student memberships each constitute a single vote.

Instructions

Remove the centerfold insert Ballot and complete as follows:

1. Mark your ballot by voting for one (1) each of the following OFFICERS:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Financial Officer

2. Mark your ballot by voting for four (4) of the candidates for DIRECTOR.

3. **Print** your name, as shown on the membership list, on your Return envelope.
If a pre-printed return address label is attached, correct any errors, and attach to your Return envelope.

4. Print your membership number on your Return envelope.
If a pre-printed return address label is attached, verify your member number.

5. **Sign** your name on your Return envelope in order to validate your ballot. Valid envelopes will be opened and ballots separated so as to avoid correlating ballot to voter.

6. Place proper first-class postage on your Return envelope and mail to the exact address below in time to be received by 6 August 1998. Ballots must be returned by mail. Ballots received after 6 August 1998 will not be counted in the election.

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(To be opened only by Elections Committee)
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(Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2)

Vote for no more than one (1) candidate for each office. Votes for more than one (1) candidate for an office will invalidate all votes for candidates for that office.

President:

Wayne Ali

_____ (Write in)

Secretary:

_____ (Write in)

Vice President:

Don Testa

_____ (Write in)

Chief Financial Officer (aka Treasurer):

Larry Pearce

_____ Write in)

DIRECTORS for term 1 September 1998 through 31 August 2000.

(Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph - b)

Vote for no more than four (4) candidates for Director. Votes for more than four (4) candidates for Director will invalidate ALL votes for candidates for Director.

Michael De Tomaso

Sue Hayes

Jeanne Levan

Leonard Robertson

Dennis Walz

Bruce Williams

_____ (Write in)

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Visitors are welcome at all SIGs and monthly General Meetings.

Network **4th Wed** **Aug 26**
 7:00pm **Room B**

Leader: Leader needed
Leader: Ken Kamber 637-4496

We review network basics with an overview of the various networking systems. Call SIG Leader for specific topics and details.

New User/New Member 1st Sat **Aug 1**
 9:00Am **Room A**

Leader: John Lunsford 995-0947

Selecting applications software — Matching what you want to do against the shrink-wrapped boxes. This last of a repeating 4-part series will explore applications software and the differences relative to use with various operating systems such as DOS, Windows 3.x and Windows 95. You can begin with any part.

Now What Do I Do? **3rd Thu** **Aug 20**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: John Donan 633-6616
Guru: John Goodman 537-6400

Learn how experts in different areas solve present and future PC-related problems that you and others bring. We have an expert-of-the-month. Bring your questions, preferably on disk or paper, and a blank (1.44MB) diskette. Call SIG Leader for details.

OS/2 **3rd Tue** **Aug 21**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: Steve Schiffman 531-0376
Guru: Gary Granat 731-0457

We will demonstrate various utilities and other features to help you manage OS/2. Call SIG Leader for specific topics and details.

OS/2 WARP Connect **4th Fri** **Aug 24**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: Steve Schiffman 531-0376

Features of OS/2 Warp Connect are discussed with emphasis on connecting to the Internet and local networks, including generating HTML documents. Call SIG Leader for specific topics and details.

Personal Finance **4th Tue** **Aug 25**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: Max Lockie 720-8170

A Q&A session will cover Quicken, QuickBooks and other DOS and Windows programs for managing your personal and small business finances. Call SIG Leader for specific topics and details.

Programming **2nd Sat** **Aug 8**
 No meeting

Leader: Neil Swan 536-4385

SIG discontinued for lack of interest.

SCOUG **3rd Mon** **Aug 17**
 7:00pm **Rms A & B**

Leader: Steve Schiffman 531-0376

SCOUG (Southern California OS/2 User Group) is sharing OCIPUG SIG rooms. Visitors are welcome. SCOUG General meetings continue at the IBM facility.

Windows NTW **1st Tue** **Aug 7**
 7:00pm **Room B**

Leader: Ed Leckliter 310-540-1696

We plan to explore more features of NTW 5.0 Beta 2, if the Beta is released in time.

Windows 3.1 **3rd Wed** **Aug 15**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: Richard Hunter 968-6362

We will have the usual questions and answers, and an open Potpourri to include discussing trouble shooting techniques for solving Windows 3.X problems.

Windows 95 **2nd Mon** **Aug 13**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: Frank Disparte 960-7494
Guru: Rudy Wolf 528-3715

Share your problems and solutions for installing and using Windows 95. Send e-mail to <rudywolf@pobox.com> for problems to discuss. Call SIG Leader for specific topics and details.

WordPerfect **1st Mon** **Aug 3**
 7:00pm **Room A**

Leader: Jeff Sinn 775-2390
Leader: Richard Baznik 669-8974
Leader: George Austin 310-375-7213

We review basic and advanced features of DOS and Windows versions of WordPerfect. Call SIG Leader for specific topics and details.

General Meeting **Last Sat** **Aug 29**
 9:00am **OCC Science Hall**

Leader: Chris Lloyd 894-4837
Leader: Jim Kirkpatrick 642-8795
Leader: Jerry Man

Caere **OmniPagePro**
OmniPage Pro uses optical character recognition (OCR) technology to accurately and easily convert scanned paper documents and image files (such as a fax file) into editable text for use in applications such as word processing, page layout and spreadsheet programs

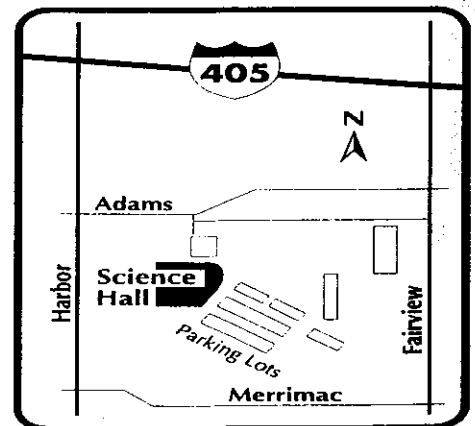
Trellix **Trellix**
Trellix is the next generation of software for making Web pages. It is the first desktop productivity application specifically designed to make it easy for the everyday user of office suites to create professional quality Web documents. It enables you to communicate directly online with a map of your document. It is fast and easy.

Monthly General Meetings

Orange Coast IBM PC User Group (OCIPUG) meets in the Science Hall of Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California. Random access question and answer session begins at 8:30 am, and presentations begin at 9 am on the Last Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

Ample free parking is available on campus lots off of Adams, Merrimac and Fairview (see map at right). All facilities and parking are handicap accessible.

Visitors are *always* welcome — please join us.



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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.

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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.

OCIPUG monthly general meetings are a great place to see new product demonstrations and the latest releases of established products, often prior to initial shipment. At these meetings we often host the industry's top-of-the-line manufacturers such as Microsoft, Novell, Lotus, IBM and others who send their representatives to demonstrate their latest products. Some of our guest speakers provide significant insight into current hardware and software issues that affect the industry as a whole.

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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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Product Review

Power Translator 6.0

James Graham

Manufacturer - Globalink, Incorporated
9302 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22031
Phone Number - (800) 255-5660 Toll Free
Website - <http://www.globalink.com>

Suggested Price \$159.95

System Requirements
486-66Mhz or higher
Windows 95, NT Version 3.51 or higher
CD-ROM Drive
8mb ram (16mb recommended)
Mouse

Overview Power Translator is a bidirectional package. It will translate both to and from the available foreign languages. You can type text into the program or import it from your word processor. It even comes with a Web Translator for translating Web pages as you surf.

Installation I found that the users guide was easy to use and recommend that you read at least the first chapter before you start to install so that you know what options to select. Installation has easy step-by-step procedures with options to load only the applications and languages you want to use. You even have the option of having a translate menu added to your word processor as you install the program.

Documentation The users guide is laid out very well, with easy to find indexes, and instructions that were simple enough to be understood by someone without an English degree. It has quite a few screen pictures in each section to familiarize you with the different windows.

Technical Support I called them on the phone and got a representative within one minute. When calling, you will need to have the following information available: version and serial number, and your system specifications. He was very courteous and answered my question about why the program wouldn't let me select a different language after the first translation. It actually will let you change to a different language

if you choose the direction option whenever you translate. Which I could have found out if I had read the users guide. He told me that as long as you are a registered owner support will be available.

Performance This program is very good and could be very useful to anyone who might need to translate French, German, Italian or Spanish. It has many options to update and edit the dictionaries in all these languages with accents, inflections and phrases. All commands or options are menu driven and **HELP** is available at all times. You can use Power Translator by itself; it has a built-in word processor that is similar to a stripped-down version of MS Word. I preferred to use MS Word and chose the option to load it upon installation. So I was able to use the **TRANSLATE** from the menu bar, without transferring into Power Translator. It will prompt you for source or original to target language that you wish to translate to.

NOTE: It translates all text from the cursor to end of file.

Features It has a word scan that searches for words in the dictionary; if it does not find a word it will prompt you to either add, change or ignore. You can set the translation for feminine or masculine and formal or familiar. It even has reference charts for nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns and prepositions.

Summary It did a good job of converting from English to both French and Spanish. I used a basic article about the Long Beach Harbor. The French translation was much more accurate. The Spanish translation needed to be edited although it was readable. Now this translation was done using the default settings without any editing or updating of the dictionaries. It converted all the cities and trade names, which I could have prevented by pre-proofing and marking the text before doing the translation. The people I showed the comparisons to told me that this program did a very good job also.

Reviewed by - James Graham - OCIPUG Member #3510

Book Review: Web Publishing with Microsoft FrontPage 97

Review may be a day late & a dollar short...but not the book!

Ken Fermoye

I know, I know, FrontPage 98 is out already, so why review a book on FrontPage 97?

First, a lot of people are still using FP 97. Second, a new edition that includes coverage of FP 98 will still be substantially similar to the 97 version, but with extra added attractions. Third, author Martin S. Matthews establishes his credentials in this earlier book...to the extent that I would buy the new one sight unseen.

I started using the FrontPage application first, then got the book to review. Reversing the procedure would have been a smart move. FrontPage is not an extremely difficult program, but it is more capable - and thus more complex - than Web building programs I had used before (e.g., Adobe PageMill). The structure of the book would have helped me approach FrontPage in a much more organized fashion.

As the author says, the book "leads you through the planning, creation, deployment, and maintenance of both Intranet and Internet web sites with FrontPage." Matthews includes generous helpings of real-world examples and step-by-step instructions.

Two criteria I always use in judging the quality and usability of any software user's manual are: how well it's illustrated (with figures, not pretty pictures), and whether or not it is well indexed. This book scores high on both counts.

Figures, mainly screen capture shots, are used profusely and illustrate the instructions clearly. With them, you always know where you are in any procedure. You also know when you've gone astray because your screen display won't match the one in the book. Figures blend with the step-by-step instructions very well, making the steps easy to understand and follow.

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The index covers more than 15 pages of rather small type (keep reading glasses or a magnifier handy if you have tired old eyes like mine), and there is a goodly amount of cross-referencing.

The early part of the book contains basic information, as the chapter headings indicate: Exploring FrontPage, Using Wizards, Using Templates, Creating & Formatting a Web Page from Scratch, Using Tables & Frames, Working with Forms. The first chapter is packed with interesting and informative detail about the Net and the Web. Matthews' explanations of terms and concepts are extremely clear. His explanation of TCP/IP is one of the best and easiest to understand that I've read.

Further along, the book delves into more advanced topics: Using WebBots, Importing & Integrating Files, Working with HTML, and Databases and Security on the Web.

Then comes 'Activating Your Webs' and, a bit later, 'Publishing Your Web Pages', critical areas for novice site builders. Most of us have had at least some experience with creating pages for print, but moving pages onto the Web instead of a printer is a whole 'nother ballgame! Matthews' step-by-step instructions on how to post your pages to a Web host are detailed and easy to follow. He covers posting both to hosts with FrontPage Server Extensions installed and to hosts that don't offer such extensions.

One thing I liked very much about this book is that it very successfully covers a wide range of users and types of Web sites. It includes information to help novices build sites of simple to medium complexity, as well as help for experienced users whose goal is to create more exotic sites for their businesses. I know from experience that this is not easy to do. Of course, the fact that Matthews has almost 700 pages to work with helps a lot.

Summing up, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this book or later editions from the same author and publisher. It has earned shelf space in my office.

Title: Web Publishing with Microsoft FrontPage 97 Author: Martin S. Matthews Publisher: Osborne McGraw-Hill (www.osborne.com) Price: \$29.95 USA

Microsoft Publisher 98

*Clint Tinsley
Idaho PC Users Group*

I have been a long time owner of Microsoft Publisher since its 1.x days and have almost routinely updated as the product has grown in power (I held off on 2.0 for a while). I used 3.0 (The first Windows95 version) which was followed by the real Windows 95 version. Then came Publisher 97 and now the Publisher 98 incantation. I thought Publisher 97 was a quantum leap over the previous version with the ability to create outstanding web sites such as ours among other new features. Publisher 97 pales in comparison with the leap in functionality offered by Publisher 98. This month marks our first month for publishing our Newsletter in Publisher 98.

Publisher 98 now takes on more of the look and feel of Office 97 with the same toolbars, on-the-fly spelling correction (Spell-It and AutoCorrect), the animated help assistants, and multi-level undo. It even one-ups Word 97 with a new table feature that can split a cell diagonally AND apply different formats to each half. Publisher's file menu now has a command that allows you to open almost any text file in Word for editing and when you close Word, the revised text appears automatically in the Publisher file.

Add to this 1,600 professionally designed templates, ten thousand clip-art images, 1500 photographs, 175 fonts, plus 1000 Web-art graphics, 340 animated GIF images and sounds and you get some idea of the value in this \$99.99 package!

A few months back, I reviewed iPublish 2.0 and was a little surprised at some of the similarities. Design intelligence is a term used to describe both products and even the naming of their clip art sites are similar. The Microsoft version of iPublish Live is called Clip Gallery Live. Both products emphasize the use of color for effect and have similar functionality such as in Publisher 98 having 60 color coordinated color schemes which can be selected and applied at any time, 20 smart objects, plus the template wizards that let you make global look and feel changes at any time. Publisher 98 even has some "Design Sets" of stationery that provides a consistent look across your publications. And just as in iPublish, Pub-

lisher 98 will take a print-centric document such as a newsletter and automatically turn it into a web site using AutoConvert. AutoConvert is the engine that makes global changes in size, layout or publication type all happen.

Beginning with the opening catalog shown at the bottom of the previous page, Publisher 98 really does make it easy to create professional business quality newsletters, flyers, brochures, business cards, web sites, letterheads, and the list goes on.

Formatting & Design Tools

Publisher 98 has an array of formatting and design tools. In the font area, you can now add the effects of emboss, engrave, outline, text color fill including shading or gradient fills, and custom rotate text. There is even a Logo Design Wizard! You can also use Microsoft Draw to create complex art from within Publisher 98.

Another new feature is AutomaticCopy fitting which sizes fonts to make it fit the layout. There is a Design Checker which alerts you to empty frames or frames that might have slipped out of the print boundaries. Design Gallery provides a multiplicity of mastheads, pull quotes, Table of Contents, and Sidebars for you to use in your publication in addition to the borders and all the graphics which come with the program.

Downside Observations

As with all upgrades, I take a document that I had made in the previous version of the program and see what it looks like in the new program. Publisher 98 failed a little in this regard in that I had to re-layout some of the boiler plate that I have been using for a long time, even the masthead needed a little work. Don't know what all they did but there does seem to be more white space now as some of my printed text fell off the edge of the "earth" and was no longer viewable so kerning and line spacing must not be as tight as it was. Also, fonts don't always appear the same. The font I use at the top of the meeting announcement is now much thinner, - must have gone on a diet.

One feature that seems to come up broken is the ability to copy and paste clip art from Word into the Publisher document which I could do in Publisher 97. Publisher 98 tells me that "copy" in the clipboard is corrupt

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or is in a format that it doesn't recognize. To get Steve Curtin's clip art into his article, I had to use the other computer which has Publisher 97 still on it to accomplish the task. I consider this a pretty severe problem as the newsletter submissions come to me in many different formats and not being able to cut and paste graphics... Also, we had a graphic that we printed every month in Publisher 97, a GIF file image. When printed in Publisher 98, it was really looked bad and was unreadable. I had to replace it with a line art copy. It wasn't a great graphic and as you can see in this newsletter, graphics are well supported!

As I have mentioned before in using Windows 95 applications, you need lots of desktop space (screen acreage) to use this product. 800x 600 resolution is okay but 1024 by 768 is the minimum if you want to be productive. Otherwise, you spend a lot of time scrolling around and toggling the zoom function.

As a long time user of Publisher, I did have to go looking for some tools but the online help was very good in guiding me and with Office Assistants, help was never far away. I understand that a lot of people don't like the assistants to the point of considering them almost harassing but I like having them around. They can be entertaining and do break the monotony.

Final Comments

Publisher 98 is an incredible publishing tool that does get more powerful but without bringing on more complexity. Microsoft does in fact make it easier. With a street price of \$79-\$99, it has no competition. If you want to read more and see what others are saying, visit the Publisher 98 home page at <http://www.microsoft.com/publisher>. They also offer a 30-Day free trial.

System Requirements

Windows 95 or later or NT version 4.0 or later. Microsoft says 8 megs of ram for Windows 95 or 12 megs for NT... Clint says 32 megs is good and 64 is even better. Microsoft says a 486, speed unspecified, Clint says a Pentium level chip, 200 Mhz or better. Hard disk space, 109 MB typical install but keep in mind all those graphics and over 225 MB of Clip Art plus 175 fonts.

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Wavetable, MIDI, and All That

Leo Kuehn

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Here are explanations of a few terms related to digital music and sound cards in general, so that you have some knowledge and ammunition when shopping around.

Catch the Wave Wavetable synthesis is the method used by newer sound cards. It converts the actual sounds of instruments to a digital code; when you play back a composition, the sounds are authentic because they were derived from the actual source. Your sound card stores these samples of actual instruments in either on-board ROM or RAM, and plays the instrument when instructed by a program, which also contains the information for changes in duration, pitch, etc.

Wavetable replaces FM synthesis, with FM standing for frequency modulation. FM synthesis relies on the sound card computing its music and effects internally, and tends to be shrill and tinny. FM synthesis is going the way of the Beta VCR and is not suitable for serious multimedia development. In addition to wavetable cards sounding more genuine, most of these cards allow you to upload your own samples, allowing you to replace a factory supplied instrument with one of your own, or your voice, or your dog barking, or whatever. The only limitation is the amount of onboard RAM that your sound card can hold.

Of Memory and Music Another memory barrier that had to be dealt with was storing the sounds you create. One solution invented by keyboard manufacturers in the 1980s was MIDI, a musical protocol that standardized the industry. MIDI doesn't store the actual sound but it does contain instructions about what note to play, for how long etc., so that the onboard chip of whatever electronic instrument (or sound card) will generate the sounds directly from the code of instructions.

General MIDI takes it one step further in making sure each device in a musical chain plays the same part each time, on a different piece of equipment. For example, on every General MIDI device, program number 73 is a flute. Every MIDI-compatible

sound card will play a flute when playing a MIDI file with that program number. MIDI also allows different pieces of studio equipment (and sound cards) to communicate with each other. These MIDI files take up little space—as few as five kilobytes per song—letting the chip's stored samples do the work. The drawback is that different cards have different samples of the instruments they are trying to emulate. Some cards have better sample sets than others, so some sound better than others. Quality is thus often a matter of personal taste, which is why one of the major considerations in buying a sound card should be to listen to it yourself. Only you know what sounds good to you. Also check for the number of MIDI voices or channels the card can play. This refers to how many instruments can be played at once, and how they will affect the quality of musical pieces using many instruments. A good number to look for is 32 wavetable voices. Also be on the watch for how many original instrument samples are supplied. The more there are, the fewer substitutions will be made. Of course, no matter how great the sound card, it's only going to sound as good as your speakers. Think about investing in a set of high fidelity speakers, preferably with a woofer and a tweeter.

What if you want to record your own sounds or mix vocals with the instruments on a MIDI file? An actual digitized recording of the sounds you make is saved. On the Windows platform this is called a wave file. These sound the same no matter which sound card you play them on. The catch here is that a one minute recording can take up five megabytes, versus five kilobytes for an equivalent MIDI file.

Full duplex is the ability to play and record, or talk and listen, at the same time, by using two different DMA channels. Musicians can use this feature to add vocals while they listen to a musical track, or play alongside an already written piece. For the majority of multimedia users, this will make another huge step towards a truly interactive system. You could issue commands vocally to your computer while getting instant feedback. Gamers could talk with characters in realtime.

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Ten Cents A Minute

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Ten cents a minute? Five cents a minute on Sundays! Free long distance on Fridays? Chances are you've heard pitches like these on television for the big long distance carriers. How does the thought of free long distance calling anytime you want grab ya? It's possible using the Internet but the technology still has a way to go before it becomes a part of our everyday lives.

When you think about it, Internet telephone isn't all that radical of an idea. You already know that connecting to the Internet is a local call for you (or no call at all if you're connected to the Internet through the office network connection at your place of employment). And you already know that the Internet uses standard-albeit high-speed-phone lines to connect you to the four corners of the globe.

So if you can send your cousin in Spain an e-mail message for free, why can't you send her a voice message for free, too. And if you can communicate in real time with text characters using Internet Relay Chat (IRC), why can't you communicate in real time with your voice? You can.

Now, don't run out and cancel your long-distance phone service. There are a few things you need to know, the least of which is that you need some special stuff to make this all work right. In other words, you need the right hardware and software.

On the hardware side, you have to start with a full-duplex sound card. Do you remember how on some old speaker phones, if you started talking, you couldn't hear what was going on at the other end! That's because those old speaker phones were only half-duplex. Full-duplex means that sound can travel both directions-to you and from you-simultaneously just like it does on a regular telephone. You should check your sound card's documentation to make sure it's full-duplex.

Of course, if you're going to hear anything you need speakers. Fortunately, most of today's multimedia computer systems include speakers. I wouldn't recommend re-

lying on your PC's dinky built-in speaker for Internet telephony.

The other piece of equipment you'll need, but may not already have, is a microphone so you can actually say something. The good news is that just about any \$20 or so PC microphone will do the trick; you don't have to spend a fortune.

I should take a moment to tell you that a couple of companies have manufactured what are being billed as Internet telephones. Basically what these companies have done is to take a cheap little speaker and a cheap little microphone, slap them into a plastic housing that looks like regular telephone, and run a two-plugged cable out the other end. One of the plugs goes where you'd normally plug in your regular speakers and the other plug goes in your sound card's microphone jack.

If you never, ever plan to use real speakers, say for all those audio and multimedia CDs that are probably stacked up on your desk, and you never, ever want to use your microphone for anything other than making free long-distance calls, maybe one of these Internet phones would be worth it for you. However, if you stick with regular speakers and a PC microphone, you'll be able to make those free calls, and you'll be able to take advantage of all the other uses this equipment provides you, too.

OK, so now you have all the right hardware. The next thing you need is software.

Imagine for a moment a world where you could only make telephone calls to other people who had the same brand of phone as you. Fortunately, regular telephone service is based on common standards, so you don't have to worry about this.

Such is not the case with Internet telephony. To make a free long distance call to your cousin in Spain, your cousin has to use the same software as you. So what software should you use? All other things equal, it only makes sense to use software that is common and/or readily available to just about anyone.

Two packages that come to mind are NetMeeting, which is part of Microsoft's Internet Explorer suite, and Netscape Con-

ference (formerly called CoolTalk), which is part of Netscape's Communicator suite of Internet tools. Actually, either of these is more than you need to make a simple phone call; both include video and whiteboard capabilities in addition to voice. The good news is that both can be downloaded from their company's Web sites (<http://www.microsoft.com> and <http://www.netscape.com>, respectively).

There are many other publishers of Internet telephony software out there. In fact, you can probably find at least a couple of titles at your local software store. However, as I already mentioned, the person at the other end of the call has to be using the same software. That means you need to choose your software wisely.

Even if you get all the pieces in place, there's still a down side-in fact, a couple of them. For starters, you can't just dial an Internet phone and have someone's computer ring at the other end. Both users have to be connected to the Internet already to negotiate the telephone connection.

That means you usually have to plan your free calls ahead of time.

Next, even with the best equipment at both ends, you're not going to get near the sound quality you get during a regular telephone call. That Internet phone call has to make quite a few hops and jumps through various computers as it makes its way around the world, and it has to share bandwidth with all that other data that bounces around the Internet. In short, you're likely to get more snaps, crackles and pops than a bowl of Rice Krispies.

Right now, Internet telephony is a valuable tool for companies to use on their intranets (high-speed internal networks based on Internet technology). For the home user, it still hasn't passed the hobbyist level, and probably won't for some time. However, if you're interested in trying it out and you know someone somewhere else who is willing to experiment with you, give it a try. Getting something for nothing can be great fun but patience prevails.

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Digital Photography and Scanning

Rex Sutton

The second meeting of the Digital Photography and Scanning SIG was held June 25 at 7:00 PM using the subject of scanning. Twenty three persons including four guests were present. Chris Hansen did an excellent job in presenting information about the entire field of scanning, even demonstrating his Logitech hand scanner and his hand scanning guide. He explained and showed that the speed of movement of the hand scanner is important in producing a good result. Chris said his experience is that he gets good results 80 - 90% of the time on his first try. Most of his scanning has been done with the hand scanner because of its portability. Chris doesn't use the rather large scanning guide he owns and showed because he is able to get good results using a transparent notebook cover to protect the item to be scanned and the notebook plastic binding as the guide for the scanner.

The Logitech handheld scanner comes with Foto Touch Color and OmniPage Direct software. These are relatively simple but adequate programs that can process either black and white or color images. His Logitech scanner does not provide color output but later models will. Chris has Microsoft Picture It (which he discussed later) also but seldom uses it as he finds FT Color to be sufficient. He demonstrated how a distracting trellis can be easily removed from an old picture he had copied and said that the picture took him about two hours total to convert the picture to a more complimentary white background. From a 35 MM color film he had sent to Seattle Film Works, he received a diskette, his slides and another roll of film. The diskette contained images of several relatives. One of the pictures from the diskette was used to print the upper body and face of a grandfather and he touched up a green background on this image. They were excellent examples of how simple the FT Color software is to do picture post processing.

Chris showed the Microsoft Picture It software program which has a very complete set of features. Picture It has an ability to

remove long fold marks blending adjacent colors. It can touch up and frame pictures, prepare slide shows and do similar picture background improvement as that done by FT Color.

He has a Microtek E3 scanner which he considers to be an excellent scanner but uses it very little primarily because of the portability of the Logitech unit. Rex Sutton commented on the Microtek Scan Wizard for Windows supplied with the E3 scanner. This very capable software provides control of the area to be scanned on the scanner bed, the type scanning like Line Art or halftone or color, the scanning resolution, brightness and contrast, has a histogram feature to display and control white and black level and adjust midtones, also several other controls including Unsharp Mask. The importance of using Line Art if scanning text that is to be processed with Optical Character Reading (OCR) software was repeated several times.

Mike Springer made several very helpful comments. One was about how much Resolution Enhancement Technology, RET, introduced by HP for their laser printers had improved the capability to produce smooth edges on printed images and how high printing resolution does not necessarily produce smooth edges. Mike also made a strong point of the importance of verifying sample copies of pictures made by a particular printer before submitting them to be printed in a book by that particular printer.

Genealogy

Wednesday, June 3, 1998

Richard Baznik

As usual, while Stan was waiting for the official starting time of 7:00 pm, he accepted questions from the floor.

One of the first questions asked was, "What is a good way to back up everything?" Stan expressed his personal preference for tape backups. Floppies, for example, may need to be shuffled often during an extensive backup. Fairly new on the market, from Imation, is the 120 MB Super Disk, a floppy

that may be used interchangeably with regular 1.4 MB floppies. Called the LS-120, the drive costs about \$100 after rebate, with the 120 MB floppies going for about \$20 each. Like all innovative products, they are expensive during the introductory period but if the product survives, it soon comes down in price because of improvements in manufacturing know-how and increasing unit output.

To open the meeting, Stan made the usual health and safety announcements and mentioned his soft drink ice chest and his shareware disks, all of which he makes available as a convenience to all.

Stan then brought Ancestral Quest to the screen. He explained again that, by group vote, the original program of choice was PAF, and later, with the enormous popularity of Windows, Ancestral Quest was voted by the group to be the primary genealogical program for the SIG. Although Ancestral Quest is the backbone program, other programs are discussed regularly and feature the unique character that each may exhibit.

Stan demonstrated each step in backing up an Ancestral Quest data file: Click on File in the menu bar at the top of the program, select Backup and indicate in the dialog box provided the destination of the backup. By default, the dialog box shows the current file on the hard disk where the files currently reside, and usually this address is *not* where one would want to put the backup. If this is the case, the user indicates the floppy drive or tape drive or Zip drive where the backup will be stored. After making the destination selection, just click OK and the files are transferred.

Stan then reiterated the strategy of using as many as three or four different backup disk sets. One should back up to disk(set) #1, then on the next occasion back up the entire file onto a second disk, and on a subsequent occasion backup to a third and possibly even repeat this on a fourth disk. Each backup in the set contains the complete set of data files. In this case, the fifth occasion to backup the data would be put onto the first disk, the sixth occasion the data would go to the second disk, etc. The reason for this is rooted in the fact that copying a file or files with exactly the same file names as

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are already on the disk from an earlier backup results in the second backup *over-writing* the first. That is, the new file content completely replaces the old. If the current set of files in your computer becomes *corrupted*, that is, if they have been rendered defective, producing inaccurate files or no files at all, these corrupted files automatically replace and thereby ruin the files already on the disk from the previous backup.

Restoring files from your backup medium to the hard drive is similar to backing up. Click *File* from the menu bar at the top, select *Restore*, and indicate in the dialog box that appears *where* the backup files are located and *where* they are to be placed.

The Notes Selector screen allows you to narrow the focus of which notes you want to work on. If you want to see all notes for an individual, choose *All*. If you want to work with just the notes of a particular topic, say *MAILADDRESS:*, then select that tag from the list, and click *OK*. If you entered notes from one of the 4 main event fields (birth, christening, death or burial) of the Individual Edit screen, only tags associated with that field will be initially presented to you. You can see the full list at this point by clicking the *EXPAND LIST* button.

A question allowed Stan to point out that *PAF* and *Ancestral Quest* use the same database. Another very basic question prompted Stan to remind everyone that the November SIG is the *Beginners SIG Night*, which is reserved each year for presentation of basic *Ancestral Quest* information for beginners. It would be unfair to the majority of the group to inflict basic beginner information on them each month all year long. Experienced users are encouraged to *stay away* from the November meeting to guarantee room for new *Ancestral Quest* users.

If you click *Help* on the *Ancestral Quest Menu* bar, then *About*, the window shows a total of individuals and marriages in the current data base.

One quick access to an individual's *Notes* may be had by right-clicking on that individual in the *Pedigree* screen, then selecting *Notes* from the drop down menu.

In making a *GEDCOM* file, the user has a choice of including *Notes* or not. When it is appropriate to include notes, but for reasons of privacy or for other reasons certain notes should be omitted, depending on whom you are making the *GEDCOM* file for.

Next Stan turned to *Family Heritage Deluxe* (original list price \$49.95), which now sells for \$19.95, plus \$2.95 shipping via fourth class mail. It requires a CD-ROM drive and *Windows 95*. A complete description of the program plus on-line purchasing is featured on their URL, <http://www.mindscape.com>. From the home page, click on *Family Heritage Deluxe* to see the page which explains the program's main features.

The key features are *Powerful Source manager*, *Advanced Search Facility*, *Expanded Support For Web Publishing*, *Superior Report Graphics*, *Multimedia Capabilities* and *Compatibility with other Genealogy Software*. But here's the kicker. It also includes *Family Publisher™*, *Corel Photo House™*, *Ancestry®*, *Genealogy Library™*, *Social Security Death Index*, *Over 200, 000 Surname Histories*, *Family & Friends™*, *MasterClips®*, *Borders*, *Backgrounds* and *Photos and Fonts*. One member of the group commented that the program would be worth \$19.95 even if the main program was never used.

Stan then brought *Family Heritage Deluxe* on the screen. The basic screen contains slots for information on an individual with tabs all around it for accessing related individuals. It contains all the usual stuff but in slightly different places. *Family Heritage Deluxe* also makes really nice *Fan Charts*. Another nice feature is a query window that automatically searches the included *Surname Histories* index mentioned above. To operate this feature you obviously must keep the CD-ROM in its drive. The user may pick many features to be incorporated in a report, written or printed. There are great opportunities to individualize graphics as well as content. The fan charts are better than the one in *Family Tree Maker*, which, unfortunately, can get the successive boxes slightly out of line from one generation to the next.

To underscore the graphic possibilities of *Family Heritage Deluxe*, Stan turned up the lights and showed hard copies he had printed out in advance. The print-outs all showed incredibly sharp type, even in the smaller sizes.

Then Stan showed transparencies that *Family Heritage Deluxe* can print on a special transparency material for overhead projectors. The program features a *Photo Album* format to bring in any pictures and text that are appropriate and a more structured *Family Group Sheet*, organized, oddly enough, as a family group.

From *Ancestral Quest* and *PAF* you may do a direct import to *Family Heritage Deluxe*, but from *Family Tree Maker* you *MUST* use the *GEDCOM* route to convert.

Stan then turned to a demonstration of how to install a shareware program, the *BCM Diagnostic set*, which comes on a set of three *PKZipped* floppy disks. Because *Zippping* and *UnZippping* is a tool all genealogists must master, Stan went through all the steps of *UnZippping* the disks, and loading them into a folder on the hard disk. From there the program is activated to perform the standard *Windows 95* program loading procedure. He then reversed the activity, showing how to *Zip* data files onto one or more disks for storage or sharing with others.

As an interesting aside, Stan noted that if you have *PKZip* for *Windows 95* installed on your computer, you can go to the zipped file, double click on it and the *PKUnZip* program starts automatically.

Now, getting into *BCM Diagnostics* itself: the program evaluates the structure and operation of most parts of a computer, and provides a valuable introduction to the inner working of a computer, valuable stuff when you've run into a snag and nothing works. You can also use the program to test various functions of your computer including graphics and sound functions. Stan also mentioned that this shareware version of *BCM Diagnostics* is an evaluation copy with a 30 day trial life after which it self-destructs. It is a product of an Orange County company and a full commercial version is available.

A very full evening of valuable information closed at about 9:45 pm.

Genealogy II

Chris Hansen

The topic for the June 18th afternoon meeting was Genealogy Sites and Queries on the Internet. We began with a discussion of the hardware required for genealogy research. A 486 or Pentium with at least 75 MHz is a minimum system. Of course, if someone is buying a new system, it would be hard to find anything less than a 200 MHz Pentium. It is a bit analogous to the "muscle" car era of the 60's and 70's; genealogists don't really need speed as much as they need time to do the research.

The differences between an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and an Internet provider such as AOL, Compuserve, and Prodigy were discussed. The advantages of a local provider and a national provider were also discussed. I prefer a national provider because I travel to Louisiana and Texas to do some of my research.

Some extensions on Internet addresses are: .com, Commercial; .edu, Education; .gov, Government; .net, Networks; .org, Non-profit Organization. A sample of country extensions are: .fr, France; .uk, United Kingdom; .ie, Ireland; .de, Germany; .dk, Denmark; .au, Australia; .se, Sweden; .us, United States.

How and where to post Genealogy Queries was discussed next. There are many, many sites to post your queries, but I have found the US Gen-Web Project sites to be the most productive. All states in the United States have active Gen-Web sites and most counties have a volunteer to answer basic questions. Very few will do your research for you, but they are a big help. Some states have searchable databases available now and many have work-in-progress on databases. Queries should be brief and ask for specific information. Do not start the query with *Adam and Eve* and proceed through your progenitors. Almost weekly, I receive responses to my queries that are helpful. Some are outstanding.

The following is a list of genealogy sites that I have found helpful: *Family Tree Maker's Genealogy Site*, <http://www.familytreemaker.com/>; *Ancestral*

Quest, <http://www.ancquest.com>; *Genbook*, <http://www.foothill.net/~genbook>; *USGenWeb Project*, <http://www.usgenweb.org>; *US GenWeb Quick Links*, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~kygenweb/usgwlinks.html>; *California USGenWeb Project Page*, <http://www.compuology.com/cagenweb/>; *Genealogical Database Index*, <http://www.gentree.com/gentree2.htm>; *Roots-L*, <http://www.rand.org/personal/genea/>; *Cemetery Registration*, <http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Ecemetery/registry.html>; *The Genealogy Home Page*, <http://www.genhomepage.com/>; *Whittier Area Genealogy Society (WAGS)*, <http://www.compuology.com/wags/>; *Orange County California Genealogy Society (OCCGS)*, <http://www.occgs.com/>; *Southern California Genealogical Society*, <http://www.cwire.com/scgs>; *Barrel of Genealogy Links*, <http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/mark.html>; *Cyndi's Main Genealogy Site*, <http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/>; *RootsWeb*, <http://www.rootsweb.com>; *Library of Congress Home Page*, <http://www.loc.gov/>; *National Archives and Records Administration*, <http://www.nara.gov/>.

Note: URLs do change. The above list may not be 100% correct. Many, but not all, were checked out on 6/16/98.

The next meeting will be held on July 16 at 1:00 pm at the Resource Center. The main subject will be Ancestral Quest 2.1. Sue Hayes will also show Legacy, a new genealogy program by Millennia of Duvall, Washington. At the August 20th meeting, we will discuss Gen-Book and the book functions of Ancestral Quest and Family Tree Maker.

Now, What Do I Do ?

Karla Heider

Do you have something that is not working properly, or don't know how to do something or fix something? Here is a SIG where you won't be told that your question belongs in another meeting! (THIS SIG will accept anything except Income Tax problems.) The purpose is to learn to cope with a variety of problems and to apply basic trouble-

shooting techniques to keep our systems up and running.

Why not reserve the third Thursday of each month to attend this omnibus SIG. We can all learn from the experiences of each other under the calm and very knowledgeable guidance of John Goodman and John Donan.

On June 18 a rather small, but interested, group met, including as a guest former hardware SIG leader, Dan Likins (member no. 175), who made a number of important contributions during the course of the evening. Everyone participated in the dialog, offering different suggestions or remedies.

There were a variety of questions ranging from solving Dial-Up problems to help in finding a suitable modern video card to support a favorite older program, which performs best when using a nonstandard screen resolution. Then an interesting discussion of some frustrations when dealing with some vendors' customer service departments ensued. There was also a very informative discussion of Internet protocols, URLs, and domains and how they all work together to connect us properly to the Internet. Dr. Goodman explained, in plain language, the necessity of having the primary and secondary DNS (Domain Name Server) address properly installed in our Dial-up program so that we will be connected to a specific and unique server, which will be our gateway to the Internet.

Other topics included: How to simplify or cleanup your start menu and what this means to the computer performance; What happens when Windows 95 seems to hang-up during the shutdown phase; What is the best way to add a larger hard drive and then transfer your programs to it; Suggestions about how to operate two pointing devices, a mouse and a digitizing pad, at the same time; How to best improve your system by upgrading your CPU, memory, video card, etc. ; What is coming soon - latest types of memory.

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Windows 3.X

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Richard Hunter

For those attending the Windows 3.X SIG and using Windows 3.X, we made copies of Netscape Communicator 4.05. This is a ten floppy set using Pkzip for compression. This program offers many new features and for the price — free — it is a good buy. By making copies, the members saved about 1½ hours of download time since this is a 13,798 KB application.

We then, at the request of our guest, discussed the hardware changes that are occurring in the industry. Windows Magazine, July issue page 184, has a summary on chips, chipsets, and motherboards.

One member had difficulties removing files. We then demonstrated how to add a file, change the attributes, and finally to remove a file, using Windows 3.1. The member's problem may have been because of how the files were being removed.

We discussed association and a freeware program, WinfileX. This program is an addition to Filemanager which fixes two problems: First when you encounter files such as Read.me or Readme.lst, which have no association, you may open the file by using the right mouse button to start and open the default application; Second when you encounter a file such as Readme.doc, but it is a simple text file, again by right clicking the mouse you can open the file with the default application, such as Notepad.

Next month we will have the usual question and answers. Since Windows 3.X is a mature program and nearly no one is installing this program anymore, we will discuss those Windows issues which are of interest to the group.

WordPerfect

June 1, 1998

Jeff Sinn

We started off the June meeting of the WordPerfect SIG with an update on the current version 8 of WordPerfect. Corel has Service Pack 4 available as a free download from their Web site, www.corel.com. This corrects a number of problems and will bring you up to Build 484. You might have to order an updated CD from Corel (\$10 S&H) if your existing version is older than Build 225.

George Austin then started the program with a follow-up to an item that we discussed last month — Spell-As-You-Go and Prompt-As-You-Go. George likes a clean screen and does not want to see the hashed red lines under words that the dictionary does not recognize. This is easy enough to do by turning off Spell-As-You-Go under Tools | Proofread. However, George realized that he did not have the very handy Prompt-As-You-Go combo box on his Property Bar.

Property Bars turn out to be very interesting because they are context sensitive — they change depending on what you are doing. For example, entering text, selecting text and tables all have different Property Bars. By contrast, whatever Tool Bars you have showing will remain fixed.

To get the Prompt-As-You-Go combo box on the Property Bar for entering text, first make sure that the bar is showing — if not, go to View | Proofread and check the Property Bar box. Then, right click on the Property Bar and go to Settings. Highlight Text and click on Edit. From here, pick the Tools feature Category and add the Prompt-As-You-Go button. If you are using Build 484, you will notice that there are two entries for Prompt-As-You-Go — one inserts the box and the other places a button on the Property Bar to enable or disable the box. The box will then display words not in the

dictionary in red, synonyms in black and, if you have Grammar-As-You-Go enabled, grammatical errors in blue.

George then showed us how to use the drawing features of WordPerfect to create an inclined plane for a school project — showing the plane, a block, as well as ropes, pulleys and the force vectors using arrows.

Dick Baznik then finished up the evening by expanding on George's introduction to Property Bars.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 29, 1998

Audrey Wolden

Lacking a quorum at the regular meeting time, the board held an informal discussion until the arrival of Arlene Solomon, following which the meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of OCIPUG was called to order by President Preston Hill at the Resource Center, 1520 Brookhollow Drive, Suite #38, Santa Ana, California, at 7:50 p.m.

Officers Present:

Preston Hill, Tony Dopazo, Larry Pearce

Absent: Wayne Ali

Directors Present:

Richard Black, Richard Hunter, Donald Testa, Arlene Solomon

Absent: Dean Sowers, John Gallie, Chris Lloyd, Ed Wolfe

Guests: Chris Hansen, Michael Moore, Kevin Moser

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony Dopazo moved, seconded by Richard Black and passed, that the minutes of May 29 be approved as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ReadMe.Doc may qualify for periodical status according to Bruce McClure. This would reduce its mailing cost and would relieve us of some restrictions on advertising. We need to change our official data record with InterNIC to West Coast.

The president made the following appointments:

Bruce Williams as Chairman of the Marketing Committee

Bill Splitter as SIG Topics Coordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board received the financial report. Larry Pearce said we are over budget, particularly on printing and publication costs. The board discussed ways of cutting them

down. Other problems are the drop in membership and lack of advertising. The long-range planning committee, chaired by Richard Hunter and composed of the president, vice-president and treasurer, will meet to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year.

MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTING REPORT

Chris Hansen presented his report, noting that he is still awaiting a replacement. He will, however, supply the labels, etc. until one can be found.

Ways of increasing the budget were discussed, such as requesting nonmembers who attend SIGs and/or the general meetings to make avoluntary contribution. Another suggestion was that classes be offered rather than informal discussions or workshops.

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

No one was present to make a report.

BBS

We are looking at a new internet service provider which would include e-mail as part of the package. Richard Black asked how long it will take to get West Coast to transfer our name to the new provider. InterNIC considers it a formal transfer according to Michael Moore. The computer is rejecting a change of name made necessary by an error made in 1996. Larry Pearce noted they were talking about two items: the services that InterNIC will provide to us and the transfer document. Preston Hill said that we need a contract between InterNIC and OCIPUG and also between the two with Internet. He noted West Coast is successor to Caero. West Calypso will be known as West Coast. The president directed Michael Moore to get a written agreement or specification sheet from West Coast for board review and approval. A special board meeting will be called to discuss the matter and sign the agreement. He noted that it is valid for OCIPUG to change providers, the prob-

lem so far being the name change from Orange Coast IBM Personal User Group to Orange Coast IBM Users Group.

INVENTORY

Kevin Moser proposed that, barring other suggestions, unneeded inventory be donated to Good Will or disposed of in the dumpster. None of the items available can be used nor are they needed by CANO.

Motion: Richard Hunter moved that the inventory committee be authorized to dispose of all club equipment as appropriate and have it removed from inventory. The motion was seconded by Richard Black and carried unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

In Chris Lloyd's absence, no report was available.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The president has created a ballot based on the one used in 1996. The date of record will be June 30 pending confirmation.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Bruce Williams to replace John Gallie as a director was deferred. Nor was action taken regarding complimentary membership.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, July 27.

Submitted by Audrey Wolden
in the absence of the Secretary

OCIPUG SUPPORT

The members listed below have generously offered to serve as resources for other members in need of assistance with specific hardware or software problems. They are there for you, but please bear a few things in mind:

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.

Abraxas

Kevin Post — Anytime.....969-9495

AccPac Simple Accounting

Ron Collins — 6-10 p.m. M-F

Wkends after 9 a.m. 493-6520

Christian Malm — 9 a.m.-9 p.m. M-F

Anytime Wkends..... 966-5339

Ami Professional

Stan Sabin — 5 p.m.-9 p.m. M-F 968-7307

Richard Sinor — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. 951-1892

Approach

Maurie Seymour-9 a.m.-9 p.m.M-F 633-2914

BBS (Bulletin Board Service)

Preston Hill — 9 a.m.-9 p.m.....893-2403

Dean Sowers 10 a.m.-9 p.m.531-0477

BASIC

Herb Huey — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. 525-1608

Borland Delphi

Maurie Seymour — 9a.m.-9p.m..... 633-2914

Champion Business Systems

Kevin Post — Anytime..... 969-9495

Clipper

Bob Wendorf—Anytime.....892-1031

Corel's Ventura

John Goodman — 2 p.m.-12 mid....537-6400

(Preferred):john@agoodman.com

dBase IV

Preston Hill — 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 893-2403

Digital Photography and Scanning

Ken Martin—8 a.m.-11 p.m. except Sunday

.....637-5577

Rex Sutton—9 a.m.-10 p.m...949-786-5862

dBase Programming

Tom Toner — 10 a.m.-8 p.m..... 537-9175

Disk & Memory Management

Harv Haight — 9 p.m.-11 p.m.....546-0820

John Goodman — 2 p.m.-12 mid....537-6400

(Preferred):john@agoodman.com

Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily 645-8561

DOS

Harv Haight — 9 p.m.-11 p.m.....546-0820

Herb Huey — 6:00 p.m.-10 p.m.....525-1608

John Goodman — 2 p.m.- 12 mid...537-6400

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Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily 645-8561

Excel

Herb Huey — 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. 525-1608

Fortran

Herb Huey — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. 525-1608

FoxPro

Stan Hetrick — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. M-F

Anytime Wkends 774-3115

Genealogy

Stan Sabin — 5 p.m.-9 p.m. M-F 968-7307

Preston Hill— 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 893-2403

Hardware

John Goodman — 2 p.m.-12 mid 537-6400

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Harv Haight — 9 p.m.-11 p.m. 546-0820

Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily.....645-8561

Internet

Richard Armenteros—6pm.-11pm....378-9311

MAS 90

Christian Malm — 9 a.m.-9 p.m. M-F

Anytime Wkends..... 966-5339

Microsoft Word

John Goodman — 2 p.m.-12 mid....537-6400

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Microsoft Works

Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily.....645-8561

PC Tools

Preston Hill — 9 a.m.-9 p.m.....893-2403

PageMaker

Preston Hill — 9 a.m.-9 p.m.....893-2403

Paradox DOS/Windows

Jim Samuelson — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. 472-9822

PerForm

Richard Sinor--6 p.m-10 p.m.M-F951-1892

QModem/ProComm

Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily.....645-8561

Quattro Pro

Preston Hill — 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 893-2403

QuickBooks for Windows

Cathy Hall — Anytime 434-7307

Max Lockie—6 p.m.-9 p.m.720 -8170

Quicken

Preston Hill — 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 893-2403

Ron Ross — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. M-F

Anytime Wkends 964-5137

Quickpay

Ron Ross — 6 p.m.-10 p.m. M-F

Anytime Wkends.....964-5137

Real Estate Software

Stan Sabin — 5 p.m.-9 p.m. M-F ... 968-7307

Stacker

Harv Haight — 9 p.m.- 11 p.m. 546-0820

John Goodman — 2 p.m.- 12 mid ... 537-6400

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Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily.....645-8561

Visual dBASE

Max Lockie— 6 p.m.-9 p.m.....720-8170

Windows 3.x and 95

Richard Hunter--9a.m.9p.m.M-Sa968-6362

Bill Krehbiel — 24hrs daily.....645-8561

Bill Phillips—9 a.m.-9 p.m.....281-8171

WordPerfect

Preston Hill— 9 a.m.-9 p.m.....893-2403

Richard Baznik—9 a.m.-6 p.m.....669-8974

Note: If you would like to be listed here as a volunteer to help with any PC-related subject, please call Preston Hill (714) 893-2403 or leave a message on the BBS. We need volunteers in many more software and hardware areas. The success of this program depends on your help.

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Bulletin Board	751-3242
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