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**The November 21, 1998 9:00 a.m.**

**General Meeting will feature:**

**Touchstone**

— **CheckIt98**

**MGI**

— **New Improved Photo Suite**

**The December 19, 1998 9:00 a.m.**

**General Meeting will feature:**

**No meeting**

— **Enjoy the holidays**

**The January 30, 1999 9:00 a.m.**

**General Meeting will feature:**

**Enfish Technology**

— **Enfish Tracker Pro**

**Computer Aided Investing**

— **VectorVest and others**

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- \* Free Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings/seminars to exchange tips and tricks and to solve problems.
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Wayne Ali*

## OCIPUG is not dead nor dying!

However, organizations are like people. There is a birth, growing up, learning, maturing and, eventually, death. OCIPUG has been through several of these stages already. Our birth was a very small group of active computer members who formed the Orange Coast IBM PC User Group. We have experienced growth along with the growth of personal computers.

We were unique among user groups in that we had a facility dedicated to our exclusive use. Most other groups meet either on a single day or they share several scattered places with other organizations.

Why did we move? I received a message from Ed Leckliter via the Internet about our vacating the Resource Center. Ed is out of the country on business but still in touch, as many of us are, via e-mail and was very concerned. Ed's points are well taken and I believe will be echoed by our members. My response to Ed will give you more information on the necessity of our recent changes.

"Ed - Thank you for your interest and feedback on our vacating the Resource Center. As you said, you do not have any of the facts. Perhaps a few are in order. OCIPUG has less than 400 members. Renewals have declined to less than 50% each month. SIG attendance has dropped to average less than 5 people attending each SIG. We have non-members conducting SIGs who feel they do not need to pay dues. Of over 400 e-mails sent to members requesting donations for the auction and assistance in moving the Resource Center, we received less than a dozen responses. We have tried passing the hat at general meetings with limited success. We have tried the options you suggested in your note without success."

Furthermore, personal computers are no longer expensive, complicated machines affordable only by businesses and understood only by geeks with pocket protectors. Today's PCs are appliances. People's expectations are that the machine will be no more complicated than operating their TV remote control.

We are evaluating what changes are needed to restructure our Group to meet our members needs. We have not lightly given up the Resource Center nor made light of any of the changes you will see. The Board, your elected representatives, has considered and will continue to consider what is best for our Group. If you have ideas, and are willing to work to implement them, please step forward, come to the 30 November meeting of the Executive Board, or call any member of the Board with your desires and suggestions.

We have had some pretty significant changes occur last month. We left the Resource Center on 29 November and moved our BBS. Thanks to Michael Springer and Preston Hill, our BBS is up and running, temporarily at Preston's house. The new number is 714-892-1291. Calls to 714-751-3242 will be forwarded to the new number but please use the new number to reduce the size of our telephone bill.

I thank all of you who helped move our equipment and furniture from the Resource Center. I have recently returned from several weeks out of town, without any on-line access, and could not help with the move. Please take a moment to read the Minutes of the Executive Board meetings and recognize the accomplishments of our volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, I thank those who worked on our auction: Richard Black, Tony Dopazo, John Gallie, Preston Hill, Chris Lloyd, Ed Miller, Rob and Tina Nelissen, and Bob Peringer.

What next? There will be more changes as we move to accommodate the needs of our members and the changing times. Bill Splitter is contacting our SIG leaders to establish meeting places for SIGs. When OCIPUG started, SIGs were held in many different places in the interest of economy and efficiency. We are looking into changing our General Meeting place that may better meet our needs.

We are still pursuing a host for our web page and a different Internet e-mail provider. We will also be revising our dues now the expense of the Resource Center is no longer a factor. Have you noticed the change in the format of Readme.Doc? This was done to reduce printing costs. What do you think?

How are all these changes going to be accomplished? That will depend on YOU! OCIPUG has relied on the volunteer work of our members for all the benefits you enjoy. Your elected Board of Directors has spent many hours these last few months making some hard decisions on our course. We have had several members step forward to help us complete some key tasks; do you know who they are and what they have done? Why not? Has OCIPUG grown too large for members to know and help each other with the mysteries of personal computers?

We are at a point where we need some members to step up and help us. Can you make some phone calls, send some e-mail, fill in the blanks in a form letter and mail it? How about reading an article for Readme.Doc to check spelling and grammar? Do you have experience in organizing and conducting meetings? We need a replacement for Chris Lloyd, our Program Chairman. Chris is available to help in the position but has resigned his position because of the demands of his new job. We also need someone to replace Norm Bergman as managing editor of Readme.Doc. A managing editor doesn't necessarily need to write anything for the publication. The position is that of an overseer who decides what content is in the publication, where it goes, and assures that material is received on time.

I have heard several people question OCIPUG's continuation. There have also been those who thought space flight was folly, one Meg of RAM was enough, and no one could ever fill a 5MB hard drive. Where do you fit in? If you support OCIPUG, we can reciprocate and help you. We do not need to be rocket scientists to enjoy the technology in today's PCs. We do need to learn from each other about these beasts. I'm sure you have spent a few hours at one time or another "fixing" your machine to bend it to your will. Can you share your success with us? Tell another member at a meeting. Post a note on the BBS about your success. I know the time I spent with one of our members on the phone helping him this weekend was good for him and me. He is also now a lot less frustrated, and more confident with his machine. I feel good that I did know enough to help someone solve a problem. Besides that, I always learn by helping. Hey! Isn't that a good reason to be in a user group?

## January Program

January 30, 1999 9:00AM

Random Access	8:30
President's Message	9:00
ENFISH	9:15
Announcements	10:15
Break	10:30
MEL MELLINI	10:45
Drawing	11:45
Adjournment	12 noon

### ENFISH TRACKER PRO

**Don't just file it, don't just find it  
Track it, automatically, with  
Enfish Tracker Pro**

Overloaded with information? Do you ever wish you had an automated assistant who could organize and file everything on your computer, so you could always find exactly what you need, when you need it? Life is easier when you organize it with Enfish Tracker Pro, a new software for Windows 95, 98 and NT PCs. The name Enfish is an acronym that stands for Enter, Find and Share — describing the ways in which people interact with information.

#### Trackers: A quantum leap beyond ordinary folders

Enfish Tracker Pro is the world's first information Tracker™ — a totally new paradigm for dealing with information. Instead of manually dragging icons into file folders, or manually searching for information, you just set up a Tracker in advance using the Enfish Tracker Wizard. Simply specify words, phrases and instructions that tell the Tracker what you're looking for. The Tracker constantly "watches" for new information that matches your personal interests in the documents, e-mail, newsletters, Intranet and Internet Web sites you choose to monitor. Finding something in seconds with a Tracker is as simple as (and even more powerful than) using a search engine.

Trackers are "virtual" - they just point to the information, they never physically move it. Thus, Trackers can "hold" almost any document no matter if it's physically stored on your hard drive — or it's halfway around the world on a web site. A single Tracker can "contain" e-mail messages, graphic files, spreadsheets, web pages, electronic

newsletters, personal database (PIM) records and documents that are stored on the company Intranet or LAN. Even if you delete a Tracker, the information is still there.

What makes this possible is Enfish Technology's patented DEX™ technology that automatically cross-references, indexes and links related information from many sources simultaneously.

#### System Requirements

Enfish Tracker Pro requires an Intel Pentium 166 or higher compatible PC running Windows 95, 98 or NT 4.0; 16 MB RAM (32 recommended, 64 optimal), a hard drive with 50 MB free disk space, 256 colors VGA or higher display card/monitor. Internet connectivity is recommended.

### COMPUTER-AIDED INVESTING

Our own Mel Mellini will present "HOW THE STOCK MARKET WORKS". He will demonstrate the new VectorVest ProGraphics investment software with its powerfully new add-on, "ProTrader's" and its many new features and money making capabilities in today's volatile market.

### OCIPUG General Meeting Report

31 October 1998

*Richard Black*

The October 31, 1998 General Meeting began with Michael Springer fielding questions from the members who were having problems.

The meeting was officially opened by Rob Nelissen, Secretary, as President Wayne Ali was out of town on business. Past President Preston Hill then welcomed the members and told them that OCIPUG has moved out of the Resource Center (aka SIG space) as of 29 October. OCIPUG could not afford the expense of the Center due to severely declining memberships, and the low turnouts at most SIG meetings. He also mentioned that the club is looking for a more economical site for the General Meetings because the college will raise the rent in 1999. As the last few meetings have had a relatively low attendance, a place to seat 100-150 attendees would be adequate.

Everyone was urged to seek potential meeting places for the General Meeting and SIGs.

Herb Huey followed with a reprise of previous presentations, included elsewhere in this publication. In a humorous way, he reminded us of the many potential follies of using computers along with some gems of computer insanity.

The annual auction and our membership dues are the two biggest sources of income for OCIPUG. The auction is also a chance for members to get great deals on software and hardware. Which is why I am perplexed at the relatively few number of members who came. Although there were only 60 to 65 members present, including the auction staff, OCIPUG managed to raise about \$2,600. If you weren't there, you missed out. For example, many of us paid a special User Group price of about \$50 for Micro 2000 Centurion board at the September meeting. Some lucky members paid just over \$30 at the auction. The starting bids were set at only one-third of estimated street prices. Now that is a deal! Some members even bid higher than the street price knowing that they would be buying the products anyway, plus sales tax, and a few dollars more aided OCIPUG. Thank you to all who purchased at the auction. You saved money and OCIPUG made some money to pay its bills. Can there be a better combination than that? I don't think so.

Don't forget, at the November meeting, to thank Karla Heider, Preston Hill, Herb Huey, Charles Schreiber and the other members who put this issue together. We no longer have a Newsletter Editor. No one has come forth to offer his/her time to edit the newsletter. That means there could be no more newsletters for a while. Bummer. One of the reasons I joined OCIPUG was because of the newsletter. I am optimistic. I renewed my membership at the October meeting. Anyone out there want to practice writing or editing newsletters? It can be a great way to learn. It may even look good on your resume.

See you at the November General Meeting. Note that the meeting is on 21 November. Please advise everyone you know of this date as the SIG Guide calendar had the wrong date.

## Herb's Hangout

*Herb Huey*

### **A Thief in the Night (A reprise)**

Technology is like the thieving magpie that steals a shiny object and leaves something of lesser value behind. Computer users are quick to embrace the next shiny new technology not realizing that we will lose something in return. An example is the tribal storyteller who recites long epics at the fire. Today with printed material so readily available such a storyteller would be branded as a lunatic.

Digital watches have made our kids less proficient at telling time. Kids tend to report time as 12:45 rather than a quarter of one. We face a loss of fine penmanship with the progression of quill pens, fountain, ballpoint and felt tip pens, typewriters and finally the word processor and printer. Kids can't do simple math in their head now that they have calculators. My 17-year-old daughter still can't figure out how much 10 dolls at \$6.95 will cost and add 8% tax to it. However, she can quickly tell me how much change I will get back from a \$100 bill — nothing!

Technology has its place. The microwave reheats our food quickly but microwaved chicken is still for the desperately hungry. VCRs & camcorders capture important events in our lives while many of us can't live without our pagers and cellular phones. Computers enhance our lives via word processors, spreadsheets, e-mail, databases and contact lists, etc. After all if it's done by a computer then it must be right!

Technology gives you convenience but seldom any extra time so don't be so quick to embrace new technology until it is proven. Technology gives you something and takes something away, just like the thieving magpie, it takes our innocence. Once you embrace new technology you can't turn back the clock.

### **The Computer Will Never Be the Servant of Mankind (Another reprise)**

We are slaves to the computer. Computers punish our frail human bodies. Repetitive stress injuries (RSI) such as carpal tunnel syndrome are widespread. Lesser injuries include headaches, eyestrain, and soreness in our backs and shoulders. We worry about

electromagnetic emissions from our monitors. There may be a cumulative effect, especially on pregnant women, from very low and extremely low frequencies (VLF/ELF).

New PBX switching software automatically dials phone numbers cold and switches to the next available telemarketer. Name one employer who is not interested in software that can double or triple worker productivity. Our pagers and cellular phones help us to never miss an important call but we are trapped in our 24-hour virtual offices. There is software that allows your boss to monitor your work or listen in your conversations. Video cameras monitor workers both inside and outside the facility.

Laptops and modems can liberate office workers and keep them productive in the field or after hours but when has the computer actually saved you time? Has your boss actually given you time off because the computer saved you time? Has your workload decreased? What the computer does is enhance your productivity. The downside is that increased productivity means more work for you. Whenever you raise the quality and quantity of your work that becomes the new standard. As a result, your job enrichment and personal growth will suffer. Computers are actually our masters! Feel the welts from the computer's whip. "Get back to work, human slacker!"

### **The Paperless Office Myth (Another reprise)**

Easy-to-use scanners and e-mail are tools that are hailed as bringing on the Age of the Paperless Office. This is a myth because we generate more paper than ever before. People like hard copy because it is solid and tangible and there is satisfaction in holding a paper copy of your work. We find it difficult to read a 50-page report or a 5000-cell spreadsheet on our monitors. We tend to make multiple copies of our latest report or presentation so everybody can also enjoy it. When your manager wants to review your work, he tacitly wants to see a paper copy.

Office machines generate more paper. Printers, fax machines and copiers sell in record numbers. They all require reams of

often-specialized paper. The OfficeMax catalog devotes 17 pages to paper products alone. Internet access also generates more paper when we print out the information that we are seeking or are sending that cool graphics to our ink jet printers.

Thick paper manuals are becoming passe but "How-To" books more than make up for the slight reduction in paper volume. My manuals take up 12 feet of shelf space and there are countless stacks of magazines and paper everywhere. Let's face it, "A paperless office has about as much chance as a paperless bathroom!"

### **The Real Truth Behind the Computer Revolution (A Third Reprise)**

I started Herb's Hangout in May 1991 but before that I submitted my Rules of Insanity that seem often to be true. Let's start with:

1. Insanity Rules!
  2. In case of disbelief, read Rule #1 again
  3. Optimistic Insanity: Don't count on miracles, rely on them!
  4. Pessimistic Insanity #1: A pessimist is just an informed optimist!
- Corollary: By definition, Murphy is an optimist!

For the Workplace:

1. Boss Insanity: Often wrong but never in doubt
2. Competency Dilemma: Today's incompetent could be your boss tomorrow!
3. Best Solution Insanity: The simplest solution is seldom the chosen one!
4. Job Security Insanity: Never enough time to do the job right, plenty of time to redo the job
5. Intelligence vs. Rank: Have you noticed how intelligence rapidly drops with rank?
6. Use me or abuse me!

Computer Related:

1. It always seems more believable if it is done on a computer
  2. Mass Storage Insanity: No matter how big your hard drive is, you will run out of storage space within a year
- Corollary: No matter how much RAM you have, some fool will create a Killer App that forces you to buy more RAM
3. Boot Up Dilemma: No matter how fast and powerful your computer is, it still takes about a minute to boot up!

## Networking: Upgrade that makes sense

*Ken Fermoye*

First came "sneaker networking" in the late '70s, early '80s, when we carried floppy diskettes from computer to computer. Then came "poor-boy networking," using simple switches, null modem cables, software like LapLink and MacLink to share printers and transfer files. Often we simply plugged and unplugged cables. MacIntoshes had the advantage of built-in network capabilities, although at just 230.4 Kbps transmission speed was slow.

I tried all of the above during the 1980s in my home office and as a partner in a small, pioneering publishing service bureau. A "real" network, with servers and client workstations, was out of reach.

Things have changed! Low prices, simple peer-to-peer networks, and support built into current operating systems now make it inexpensive and easy to link computers and peripherals in home or small business offices. Today you can enjoy the benefits of a true Ethernet network for under \$100 if you run Windows for Work groups (3.1.1); Windows 95, 98 or NT; or Mac OS (and want more speed than Apple Talk provides)

Adding a simple network is especially attractive if you are adding a new computer. Don't get rid of your old one. You won't get much for it, and it can still be a useful asset. How? By linking it to the new computer via a simple network. Consider these possibilities.

First, you can keep all your pet programs, especially "legacy" 16-bit Win3x and/or DOS apps, on the older machine and use them as you always have. Use only 32-bit software on the new computer to improve performance.

Second, you can eliminate duplication of programs. Why invest in a new word processor or spreadsheet, for example, if the ones you've been using still do everything you require? Save your new machine for up-to-date graphics, games or Internet-related programs that really benefit from better performance.

Third, you can use each of the two computers to back up the other one. John Bowen, honcho of the Black Lake Computer Club, Nipomo, CA, showed me some months ago how he and his wife do just that with their His & Her computers. It's probably the easiest way to do backups.

One thought here: If your old computer has its hard drive(s) filled to bursting, consider adding another one just for backup use. New multi-gig hard drives are really cheap now, and I suspect it's possible to find decent used 1.2 to 2.5 gigabyte drives for \$25 to \$50. (Part 3 of this Upgrades that Make Sense series will zero in on hard drives, incidentally.)

All you need to set up a network are the following:

- \* A Network Interface Card (NIC) for each computer and appropriate driver
- \* Thin coaxial or unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cabling in appropriate lengths
- \* BNC connectors and terminators, if you use coaxial cables
- \* Multiport hub, optional if you want to connect more than a handful of computers, necessary if you want a Fast Ethernet network (100 Mbps vs 10 Mbps for standard 10Base-T Ethernet), which is probably overkill for most of us.

Prices? Very reasonable! I've seen full-duplex, Plug-and-Play Ethernet cards for as little as \$15 to \$20; 5-port hubs run from about \$40 to \$100. UTP 10Base-T cables resemble ordinary telephone wire but use RJ45 connectors and have eight wires inside. Coaxial 10Base-2 cables look like those that connect TVs to VCRs, with similar twist-on BNC connectors. Prices vary by length, but a 10-footer typically sells for about \$11 to \$14 for either type. Use cables that meet Category 5 standards to ensure top performance and future expandability. For networks with more than a few computers or when using Fast Ethernet, experts recommend UTP cabling.

To connect just two computers, it's often cheaper and easier to buy a kit that includes two NICs, a 10Base-2 coax cable, connectors and terminators, driver setup software and detailed installation instructions. This is especially true for novice networkers. With a kit, you're sure that components match, and you have a single source to contact should you need

tech support. You can add one or two computers to this type of network later, daisy-chaining them with additional NICs and cables. Use a hub and UTP cables for bigger networks.

I've used the LinkSys ([www.linksys.com](http://www.linksys.com)) Network in a Box and StarTech Computer Products ([www.startechcomp.com](http://www.startechcomp.com)) Network Kit (under \$100) and they worked well. Make sure the NICs have both BNC and RJ45 connectors so you can upgrade to twisted-pair cables if you decide to add a hub and expand your network later. I haven't tried Netgear's starter kits (about \$120) that use UTP cables and a 4-port, externally powered hub, or a similar one from Linksys (two PCI NICs, 5-port hub, about \$95), but both are attractive, expandable options.

My entry to networking in 1996 came after buying a new HP inkjet printer designed for use with bidirectional parallel ports and IEEE-1284 cables. We already shared two printers, using A-B switches. I couldn't find a switch that was compatible with the IEEE-1284 standard, and I tried! Installing a network was the farthest thing from my mind, until I spotted Network in a Box from LinkSys. It looked simple enough (though I had grave misgivings) and the cost (then about \$90, now under \$70) was less than some of the switches I priced.

Physical installation was easy. Pilot error (I misread a key direction) created a few problems with the software setup. A little help from my friends at ASCC computers, my local computing life support system here in Woodland Hills, CA, solved that. Life instantly became much easier. My wife and I had easy access to the printers and each other's files. If I was working on a newsletter and needed a graphics file Liz created, it was a snap to import it from her computer.

I'm currently nearing the final stage of a major system overhaul, including one new computer as a server, upgrades to three others, adding another printer, and new modems. Instead of having just two computers linked I will have four on the new net via a 5-port 10Base-T hub and UTP cables. I'll fill you in on that project in a future column.

## Genealogy SIG

November 4, 1998

*Richard Baznik*

Wednesday was the Annual Beginners' SIG. Stan was able to find a meeting place as the OCIPUG Resource Center/SIG space was vacated 29 October. Unfortunately, this evening's site is not available in the future. The acquisition of a meeting room to hold future Genealogy SIGs is still up in the air. When a place becomes available, Stan will contact everyone on his e-mail list in the hope that those people will contact others who may be interested. There is a computer genealogy meeting at the OCCGS monthly meeting at the Huntington Beach library. Chris Hansen, Rod Bush and Stan rotate as instructors.

Currently, Stan rates Ancestral Quest as the best genealogical program for most users. His new second place choice is Legacy. Legacy's updates are available for download from the Internet. Family Tree Maker is Stan's third choice, with Family Origins ranking number four. All are Windows applications. This evening, Joy printed out an identical family history file, group sheets, and personal histories on three different genealogy programs for us to compare. Stan feels that a program's most important quality is ease of use. His second criteria concerns a program's features, or what it can do, but this value is all lost if the program is not easy to use.

Stan opened up his version 2.1 of Ancestral Quest on the screen. Although a beta of version 3 is circulating, it's main feature is that it is designed to be used with PAF 3.0 databases. If you are not using that database, version 3 won't be a great improvement over 2.1. From the top menu, if you click Help>About Ancestral Quest, you will see at the top an exact identification of the version of Ancestral Quest that you are using.

The database on the screen was Stan's own, so as to show what a filled-out pedigree chart should look like. But to show how an "empty" program looks before any data is entered, he began the process with an empty copy of Ancestral Quest. As you fill in your pedigree screen, Ancestral Quest will create all the files it needs to handle your family history, and it will create these

files transparently, that is, without your help. Using the File>Open menus at the top of the screen you create and name a subdirectory such as "Jones/Smith Families" and the blank pedigree screen with "Jones/Smith Families" at the top of the blank pedigree chart will appear ready for you to go to work.

Ancestral Quest, from the beginning!! You would start at the top, clicking the icon with a person's head with a + sign. This brings up the dialog box with which you fill in a new person. And often when you go to a new feature you get a "TIPS" screen. You can discontinue its appearance when you have learned what it has to say and can get it back later if you want it. Stan then filled out a form with his own information. Then the data goes into the pedigree chart automatically. A pedigree chart is a way of seeing individuals' data and their relationship to other family members such as their ancestors. When you add a father the program automatically inserts the surname (last name). You may change the surname of your father if it was different in the old country or he/she changed for some other reason. Then after your father, a marriage form comes up and then the wife's.

Then, back to the pedigree chart, there's a button for Spouse to produce a spouse's form to fill out. Buttons to add children are also available from the pedigree screen.

A Family Group Record shows husband and wife and their kids and most of the information on everyone. All programs do this. But after you have your family group record filled out after a visit to a relative, he strongly recommends you enter it into the computer as soon as possible, where you can then make copies in any quantity. When Stan receives any data on a floppy, he always runs a virus check on every disk.

There is one Preference that should be noted. Under Tools> Preferences>General tab is "Capitalize Surnames." Click this box "On." You will then type all proper nouns with an initial cap only, but Ancestral Quest will transform all surnames to FULL CAPS when displayed and printed. Thus, George Cleveland will be displayed and printed as George CLEVELAND, while Cleveland, Ohio will be entered as initial caps,

preserving the instant identification of all surnames as opposed to place names.

Right clicking on the highlighted individual on the Pedigree screen produces a menu from which you may choose several options pertaining to just that individual, such as Edit, Delete, Notes, Media, Descendancy, etc.

A question from the floor asked what good are Unlinked individuals in your database. Their value is in allowing you to list people that you are pretty sure are members of your family but whose link to your known family has not yet been established.

Stan keeps multiple copies of his backups on a series of floppy disks. Each time he backs up, it is to a different disk of the five he keeps. The logic is this. If his current database is somehow contaminated and he doesn't know it, and he dumps it into only one backup disk, then that disk becomes contaminated too because, since the file names are identical, the current contaminated information overwrites the old and they both become useless.

Stan has put twelve generations of his database onto the Internet. He limited its size to just under 5 MB because His Web site allows up to 5 MB free. This is a great way to publish.

## Meeting of the Executive Board of Directors

October 17, 1998

Pursuant to a determination that a quorum was present, a special meeting of the Executive Board of OCIPUG was called to order by President Wayne Ali at the Resource Center, 1520 Brookhollow Drive, suite #38, Santa Ana, California, at 10:12 a.m.

### Officers present:

Wayne Ali  
Rob Nelissen                      Larry Pearce

### Directors present:

Jeanne Levan                      Arlene Solomon  
Dennis Walz                      Bruce Williams  
(1 vacant Director position)  
Preston Hill, Past President

### Absent:

Don Testa                              Sue Hayes  
Leonard Robertson              Edward Wolf

Guests: Tony Dopazo, Kevin Moser, Dean Sowers,

### Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting (September 28, 1998) were dispensed with and not read at this meeting:

### President's Report:

President Wayne Ali presented a report on the serious declining membership of the club, related financial burdens associated with the declining membership, and the ability of the club to sustain the rent for the Resource Center at Brookhollow scheduled to increase an additional \$75.00 on November 1, 1998. The current membership levels make it necessary to vacate the Resource Center and return the premises to the landlord.

Vacating the premises requires planning to remove and store the club's equipment, furniture and BBS operation until a new location can be found as well as termination of telephone services. Prospective locations are being looked into at this time. In addition, Orange Coast College has

indicated that rent for the Science Hall at the college for OCIPUG General Meetings will increase an undetermined amount after the end of this calendar year.

Attempts to sublease the Resource Center by Arlene Solomon and Preston Hill, as provided in our lease, have resulted in only one inquiry for approximately 400 sq. ft. of the total leaseable space. Any prospective tenants for sublease must be confirmed before the end of the month.

InterNIC has not notified the President that InReach e-mail has been transferred and may now be in jeopardy because of the need to vacate the Resource Center and termination of telephone service.

Several key positions need to be filled in the club, including Readme.Doc Editor, SYSOP, Program Committee Chairman, and auctioneer for the auction at the General Meeting on Saturday, October 31, 1998.

### Financial Report:

Treasurer Larry Pearce confirmed the membership renewals were at an all-time low. Cash on hand in the operating account is \$789 with Resource Center rent now due and payable in the amount of \$1265.22 plus triple net expenses. Printing costs for two issues of the Readme.Doc totaling approximately \$1700.00 are unpaid. Other current expenses for the month of October have not been paid due to limited cash flow.

### Business:

Vacate Resource Center: It was moved (Hill) and seconded (Walz) to vacate the Resource Center at 1520 Brookhollow Drive, #38, Santa Ana, California no later than October 31, 1998 due to declining membership renewals and limited cash flow. Motion carried.

Action authorized: Dean Sowers and Kevin Moser are to assist in the preparation of a revised message for the club's hot line telephone answering machine for Reg Roberts. Rob Nelissen and Jeanne Levan are to begin moving some computers and equipment on Wednesday, October 21, 1998. Kevin Moser is to investigate temporary storage of OCIPUG property.

Tony Dopazo is to contact Richard Black to follow-up with Michael Moore regarding InReach Web page activation status. Preston Hill is designated coordinator for the move and vacating the Resource Center. Ed Miller is to act as auctioneer for the club auction on Saturday, October 31, 1998 General Meeting.

Terminate Telephone Service: It was moved (Hill) and seconded (Levan) to authorize Treasurer Larry Pearce to terminate the telephone service on or before October 31, 1998 as appropriate to vacating the Resource Center. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Board of Directors will be Monday, October 26, 1998 at the Resource Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rob Nelissen, Secretary

# Meeting of the Executive Board of Directors

October 26, 1998

Pursuant to a determination that a quorum was present, a regular meeting of the Executive Board of OCIPUG was called to order by Secretary Rob Nelissen at the Resource Center, 1520 Brookhollow Drive, suite #38, Santa Ana, California, at 7:07 p.m.

## Officers present

Rob Nelissen                      Larry Pearce

## Directors present

Jeanne Levan              Leonard Robertson  
Arlene Solomon              Dennis Walz  
Bruce Williams              Edward Wolf  
(1 vacant Director position)  
Preston Hill, Past President

Absent : Wayne Ali              Sue Hayes  
            Don Testa

## Guests:

Tony Dopazo, Kevin Moser, Max Lockie  
John Lunsford, Reg Roberts

## Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting (September 28, 1998) were approved as recorded and submitted. The Minutes of the Special meeting of the Board of Directors (October 17, 1998) were approved as recorded and submitted.

## President's Report:

Chief Financial Officer Larry Pearce distributed copies of the President's message in response to member Ed Leckliters's e-mail regarding vacating the Resource Center, copies of the letter from the Brookhollow Leasing office demanding payment of rent and \$1023.33 in additional triple net expenses from the prior year, and three-day Notices by the landlord to pay or quit as posted on the premises.

## Secretary's Report:

Secretary Rob Nelissen reported on correspondence, auction items and member renewals received during the month, with member renewals continuing to show significant declines.

## Move Report:

Past President Preston Hill reported vacating the Resource Center is nearly

complete. The BBS has been shut down and most of the equipment and furniture removed from the premises. A dBASE SIG meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, and Thursday all remaining items will be removed, telephones turned off and keys will be delivered to the Leasing office finalizing voluntary surrender of the premises. Temporary storage space has been rented to receive most of the furniture and other items removed from the Resource Center, sensitive computer and projection equipment is temporarily stored at the home of Preston Hill.

## Financial Report:

Chief Financial Officer Larry Pearce reviewed the financial report for the month of September, and preliminary data for the month of October, 1998. No bills have been paid in October because declining member renewals and other receipts produced insufficient cash-flow to pay all bills currently due and payable.

A membership report completed on October 24<sup>th</sup> was also reviewed reflecting a paid membership of 380 members, down 115 members from December 1997 (10 months). In addition, communication has been received from Orange Coast College reflecting meeting room and equipment rental rates for 1999 representing a substantial increase over current 1998 rental rates with a minimum of 50% increase in rent for the same facilities currently being used for OCIPUG's General Meetings. Summary reports were distributed to the Board of Directors.

## Auction Report:

Rob Nelissen and Preston Hill reported that approximately 58 items have been delivered to Chris Lloyd for the Saturday fund-raising auction, with an additional 6 items added today. Richard Black and Ed Miller will serve as auctioneers with various members identified as assisting in the tasks to be done.

## Business:

Payment of Bills: It was moved (Hill) and seconded (Wolf) the following bills be authorized for payment before the end of the current month, subject to receipt of sufficient funds during the month:

Science Hall Rent (Orange Coast College) \$200.00  
Print masters (September printing -- Readme.doc) 89.55  
West Coast Internet (October e-mail) 25.00  
State of Calif. Statement of domestic Stock 10.00  
Pacific Bell (October telephones) 130.00  
U.S. Postmaster (Nov./Dec. Readme.doc mailing) 70.00

Motion carried (Unanimous)

**December General Meeting:** It was moved (Wolf) and seconded (Walz) that in consideration for the limited numbers attending the General Meeting in December, the December General meeting is canceled, and any presentations currently scheduled for December be rescheduled to a meeting in 1999.

Motion carried (unanimous)

Orange Coast College General Meeting Facility: It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Wolf) to terminate use of the Science Hall at Orange Coast College for OCIPUG General meeting due to the declining members attending and increased cost of the facility beginning in January, 1999, and to negotiate with the college to rent the Fine Arts building #116 with a capacity of 125 on a month-to-month basis at the rental rate of \$188.00 per month beginning in January, 1999. Motion carried (unanimous). Additional efforts will continue to locate other facilities.

## Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 30, 1998 at a new meeting place to be announced.

Respectfully submitted  
Rob Nelissen, Secretary

## 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. The review becomes the property of OCIPUG and may be edited and reproduced by the product donor and other user groups. The reviewer's name will be used as author of the article. Upon submitting a satisfactory review article to the Editor, the registration materials and product will become the member's personal property. A balanced evaluation should point out the product's good points as well as its shortcomings. The reviewer agrees to observe OCIPUG's rules and will not share software or other products with others. *The reviewer will be given a copy of Guidelines for Product Reviews* to assist in preparing the report. If the reviewer will be unable to complete a review as scheduled and agreed, the materials must be returned to the Editor or any OCIPUG officer or director, or other arrangements made with the Editor. Returned product will become available for review by others.

Be sure to ask about the computer requirements for the software. Most of these require a CD-ROM drive and some require Win95 or later, or 32bit systems.

1. **McAfee: WebScanX** Protects against viruses from the Internet.
2. **Viewpoint: LiveArt.** Digital object library that you can resize, relight, spin around, draw in familiar artistic styles.
3. **MGI Software: MGI VideoWave 4.0** Capture video and images, do special effects, add narration and sound effects.
4. **PowerQuest: Power Tools** (Two copies available.) Thirty-day trial of PartitionMagic, Drive Image and DriveCopy.
5. **Globalink: Language Assistant** translates French, German and Italian text to/from English.
6. **Mijenix: Zip Magiac98** Use zip files without unzipping, save disk space web and e-mail features.
7. **Mijenix: PowerDesk Utilities98** An alternative desktop to Win95. Move, copy, zip and view files and many other utilities.
8. **Caere: PageKeeper (Standard)** Organize and find scanned and electronic documents in your computer.
9. **Jasc: Paint Shop Pro 5** Easy image and photo editing for presentation and Web graphics

# 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.-11p.m. except Sunday  
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Rex Sutton—9 a.m.-10 p.m.....949-786-5862

## dBase Programming

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

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## Excel

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## Fortran

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## FoxPro

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Anytime Wkends.....774-3115

## Genealogy

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

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## 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-F .....951-1892

## QModem/ProComm

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## Quattro Pro

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

## QuickBooks for Windows

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

Richard Baznik—9 a.m.-6p.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.

## People and numbers to know

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