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General Meetings are held in the Costa Mesa Senior Center at the southeast corner of 19th and Pomona from 9:00AM to noon the last Saturday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

Speakers and Topics are described on page two of *Readme.Doc* and on the OCIPUG Web page: www.ocipug.org.

Meetings of the Executive Board will be held in the Costa Mesa Senior Center at the southeast corner of 19th and Pomona at 7:00PM on the following dates:

26 February 2000
25 March 2000
29 April 2000

All OCIPUG members are welcome.

Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are held monthly at the Costa Mesa Senior Center as follows:

1st Saturday, 1:00PM - New User
1st Wednesday, 7:00PM - Internet
2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM - Genealogy
3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM - Windows
4th Wednesday, 7:00PM - Digital photo
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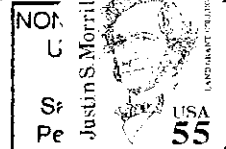
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Leonard Stein

Hi everyone! I was very glad to see the big turnout at our last meeting. The presentation was excellent and my thanks go to Bob Walker and the committee members. See what happens when a person volunteers and produces for the club.

My thanks also go out to Morris Fier for becoming our new publishing coordinator. He will try to get *Readme.Doc* out and will be glad to receive all the help you can give.

I still have a few books left of the Secret Guide To Computers at \$10.00 each. I will bring the books to the meeting on February 26th and will return the leftovers to the publisher. This is your last chance to get the book for yourself or as a gift for friends, family etc.

The new meeting place seems to be working out OK. I hope you will donate an hour a week to be a mentor on computers and share your knowledge with others. See you at the meeting.

BBS- BBS- BBS- BBS- BBS

Effective April 1, 2000 the OCIPUG Bulletin Board System (BBS) will be shut down permanently. The hard drive with the files and programs will be installed on the former Brookhollow 'B' space computer now in the first floor "Sun Room" of the Senior Center so club members will have access to them. The files and programs may be posted on the OCIPUG Web site if there is enough interest. Most of the material effected is DOS based, for which there seems to be little call. The BoD feels that the lack of use does not warrant the expense of maintaining two phone lines for something that is no longer used. It also a fact that material is no longer being uploaded to the BBS. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have an opinion please respond to the BoD.

SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS

General Meeting Report

January 29, 2000
Richard Black

OCIPUG's General Meeting was held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, the new venue for all OCIPUG meetings, and was attended by over 41 members.

From 8:45 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. Michael Springer fielded Random Access questions

At 9:00 President Leonard Stein announced that the next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, January 31 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 P.M., although the room may not be available until 7:30.

Vice President Red Davidson and the Special Interest Group leaders announced the up-coming SIGs. There are currently four active SIGs (Internet, Genealogy, Window, and Video and Digital Scanning), which meet on Wednesday evenings. In addition, the New Users series continues in the afternoon on the first Saturday of each month.

Webmaster Michael Moore, using Rex Sutton's projector and a laptop computer, showed OCIPUG's website (www.ocipug.org) to the attendees and discussed the uses of the site's parts. The message board is set up similar to the BBS for messaging. There is a chat room for live discussions, and more.

Michael Springer then discussed and demonstrated using OCIPUG's BBS (714-892-1291). Few people are currently using the board, but it is still available.

After the mid-meeting break, Bob Walker discussed some of the things he experienced at the Fall Comdex. Other members who were at Comdex also mentioned some of the things they found interesting at the show.

Robert Strader then talked about using the Internet, getting updates for drivers and software patches, free ISPs, search engines, metasearch engines and more.

After the drawing the meeting was closed at about 12:20 P.M.

General Meeting Topics

26 February 2000

Robert Walker, Programs Chairman

(All General Meetings will be held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on the southeast corner of 19th and Pomona from 9:00AM to noon.)

* Random Access 8:30 to 9:00.

* SIG Meetings reports.

* **Corel : Print Office 2000** — Designed with the small businesses in mind, Corel Print Office 2000 makes it easy to create polished documents and impressive Web pages. This comprehensive publishing package includes a powerful photo-editing application, spectacular images, ready-to-use templates, and support for digital cameras and scanners. Corel Print Office 2000 — an ideal publishing solution for your business.

* **Corel Draw 9 office edition:** Corel Draw 9 office edition is an easy-to-use business graphics solution for office and home users. Based on an intuitive user interface it contains hundreds of templates for creating newsletters, brochures, business cards, letterhead, and flyers. In addition it includes many easy to use features, like Organization Chart wizard, Publish to PDF wizard, Publish to the Web wizard and Web Connection Docker; and includes a Quick Tour CD which includes Quick time 3.2.

* **From Caere Corporation:** Special User Group Pricing for — OmniPage Pro 10.0, Image AXS Professional, PageKeeperPro 3.0, OmniPage Web 1.0 and OmniPage Pro Scanner Suite.

* **The Best of Web site reviews:** Search Engines, Demos by Michel More

* Drawing at 12:00

SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS CONTINUED

Special Interest Group (SIG) Topics

(All Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on the southeast corner of 19th and Pomona at the times noted below.)

Internet - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM

Michael Moore - 714-535-0608
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1 March 2000 - Call SIG leader

5 April 2000 - Call SIG leader

Genealogy - 2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM

Richard Hunter - 714-968-6362
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8 March 2000 - Call SIG leader

12 April 2000 - Call SIG leader

Windows - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM

Richard Hunter - 714-968-6362
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15 March 2000 - Call SIG leader

19 April 2000 - Call SIG leader

Digital Cameras and Scanning -

4th Wednesday, 7:00PM

Rex Sutton - 949-786-5862
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23 February 2000 - Review "A Few Scanning Tips" by Wayne Fulton. & discuss recent technology advances.

22 March 2000 - Call SIG leader

26 April 2000 - Call SIG leader

New User - 1st Saturday, 1:00PM

John Lunsford - 714-995-0947
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11 March 2000 - OPERATING SYSTEMS.

"You Can't Get Along Without One!"

(Note date change)

Review the why and wherefore of operating systems including differences between Windows versions and what every user should know about them.

1 April 2000 - APPLICATIONS.

"Doing Something Useful." Introduce different basic applications types, their gradation of complexity and cost, and their operating system/hardware requirements. Negotiating with software vendors will be covered as well.

6 May 2000 - Repeat first session to start a new cycle.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Reports

Digital Photography and Scanning *Rex Sutton*

On the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 26, we had a meeting featuring the use of histograms to improve our use of scanners. Many of us are in the habit of accepting the image that comes up after we press the "preview" button as the best image we can expect from our scanners. In this meeting we used the book "A Few Scanning Tips" by Wayne Fulton as our authority.

Wayne Fulton emphasizes the importance of pressing the reset button before we make a preview scan so that we start from a known and repeatable baseline. He also points out that we should provide the best scan the scanner can provide to your processing program by setting the scanner to produce its best output between the "preview" and "scan" operations. This adjusting has the big advantage that, whereas our computers usually are limited to 24 bit "true color", many of our home scanners read 30 or 36 bit color. Working on the image at this depth takes advantage of the high degree of detail available in the 30 or 36 bit color scanning process.

The point was made that 24 bit color permits 8 bits for each of the Red, Green and Blue colors and therefore a 256 division binary color scale. The 30 bit scanner provides a 1024 division scale and the 36 bit scanner a 4096 division scale for each of the three colors. Accordingly much greater detail is available in the 30 or 36 bit scanned image. All of this detail if not used between the "preview" and "scan" stages is lost when the information is transferred to the 24 bit "true color" image of the computer.

A distorted scan can result from not pressing the reset button before previewing. The 36 bit scanner provides 16 times as much detail information as the 24 bit image. So always press the reset button before previewing!! And always do as much correcting as possible on the "preview" image before pressing <scan>.

The histogram can help you adjust the image to have some true blacks and true whites. Some programs have histograms that permit adjusting the mid range some times called the "gamma". This is a very helpful adjustment as the human eye responds so well to the mid range.

We had excellent questions and responses by those attending. Our attendance is getting back to what it was at our Brookhollow SIG room.

At the February 24 7:00 PM meeting we will have a presentation by Bob Walker on "Curves", which is another even more powerful program for improving our pictures. I, for one, am really looking forward to this meeting. Hope you will join us and bring guests.

Ken's Korner

Ken Fermoyle

Commentary:

Steve Case Has Two Faces; Both Speak with Forked Tongues

I don't know how many hats Steve Case will wear in his new role as chairman of America Online (AOL) and Time Warner (TW), but he has shown at least two faces to the world over the years. He has always been more than willing to change positions drastically if it appears profitable — and I fully expect another major flip-flop as a result of the megadeal.

Case was one of the early and most strident critics who accused Microsoft of monopolistic practices. Then, of course, he made a deal in which AOL and Microsoft would include each other's software in customer offerings.

More recently, he has been a passionate advocate for open access to the Internet, with special emphasis on AT&T's burgeoning cable system (formerly TCI). AOL was the major financial backer of efforts to force such access across the U.S. Case & Co. have bankrolled major lobbying efforts to convince federal and local government officials they should require cable companies to allow access by Internet Service Providers (ISPs). In effect, Case wanted government to intervene on his behalf.

If the merger goes through as planned, and apparently it will, Case will have access to a high-speed network in Time Warner's Road Runner cable modem service. My first thought when I heard news of the deal was: "What will Case have to say about open access now?"

Surprise, Surprise! Within a few days of the announcement, consumer groups who had joined in the open access effort noted a change in attitude from AOL.

"America Online has been a terrific advocate of open access . . . but [AOL Chairman] Steve Case now is being very ambiguous," said Erik Sten, a city commissioner in Portland, Ore. Portland is trying to force cable operators to open their networks to rival

Internet operators. "So this merger underscores the fact that government action is absolutely needed to ensure open access and a fair playing field."

Now, instead of asking local governments to help open cable access, spokespersons were talking about taking the open-access debate "out of Washington and out of City Hall" and putting it in "the marketplace."

Open-access advocates were alarmed. AOL "has spent millions of dollars to lobby city councils, the Federal Communications Commission and Congress on open access," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Washington office of Consumers Union. "This is clearly a pullback from their previous stance."

As expected, Case and cohorts protested and pledged to open Time Warner's cable networks to rival Internet providers and to back open access.

But when it comes to open access to AOL Instant Messenger, Case speaks out of the other side of his mouth. There, too, he asserted his support of standard protocols for instant messaging — but that was as far as it went. Read on...

He is fond of telling us that AOL believes fervently in building a "global medium... a service that could bring people together to share common interests and passions and to build communities based on them. We've worked hard to make it as easy as possible for people to stay in touch, renew old ties and form new relationships."

Great sentiment, that. But does he really mean it? His idea of bringing people together appears to stop at AOL's boundaries.

When Microsoft and Yahoo released instant-messaging software in July 1999, Case and AOL moved quickly to block access to their 40 million users of AOL Instant Messenger (AIM). When AT&T released its IM Here instant messaging service in December 1999, AOL again threw up barricades to "protect" its customers from communication with the outside world.

This is a great way to bring people together, right?

AOL issued blizzards of press releases claiming "it only wants to preserve its customers' privacy" and that efforts by other companies to create interoperable messaging services amount to "hacking into AIM." This is utter hypocrisy. The only thing Case wants to preserve is AOL's dominance of instant messaging for as long as he can.

If this isn't so, why has AOL dragged its feet on joining the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) efforts to develop standard protocols for instant messaging?

Again, Case has said AOL supports the concept but there has been no action to back up his words. An Open Letter sent to Case in July 1999 by eight companies (AT&T, Activerse, ExciteAtHome, Infoseek, Microsoft, Prodigy, Tribal Voice and Yahoo) requesting AOL to join an effort to create a single industry-wide standard for instant messaging failed to draw a positive response. Result: a big zero.

Personally, I expect AOL's support for access via Time Warner's cable networks to evaporate. Except for AOL and CompuServe, which is part of the Case empire.

To sum up this Case, an expression from the old cowboy-and-Indian westerns seems to fit best: "He speaks with forked tongue."

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Ken's Korner

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CD-RW Drives Unseat Other Media For Removable Storage, Backup, Archives

The king is dead! Long live the king! (Until a successor ascends the throne.) The "dead king" in this case is the traditional 3.5-inch floppy disk drive and its cousins: Zip drives, Super Drives, tape backups and other removable storage media.

The new king is the CD-RW (Compact Disk-ReWriteable) drive. The successor, already waiting in the wings, is the DVD-RW (Digital Versatile Disc or Digital Video Disk, depending on your orientation). Portable USB hard drives may be pretenders to the throne.

Of course I'm exaggerating a bit. You can't count out the lowly 1.44-megabyte floppy drive just yet. It is adequate for typical word processing and other applications that don't produce big files. Prices are low enough for both drives and diskettes to keep them alive for the near term. Shipments should peak in 2001, then start a slow decline.

Iomega's Zip and Jaz products, Super floppies, tape drives and their kin won't disappear overnight either, but they all have drawbacks that will make it hard for them to compete with CD-RW drives in the long term. Generally, they have more limited capacity, higher media costs, and aren't priced all that much lower than the CD products. (Note that Iomega recognizes the inevitable and introduced its own CD-RW drive, the ZipCD, in June 1999.)

For example, a 100MB Zip drive costs about \$100 to \$130, depending on type (internal, external, SCSI, parallel, USB). Disk prices range from about \$8 to \$15 as this is written in mid-January, 2000. A 1GB Jaz drive costs about \$200, with disks going for \$90 to \$100. By comparison, CD-RW drives hold 650MB and sell for anywhere from \$170 to about \$400, with most in the \$200-250 range. That means their disks hold as much as 6.5 Zip 100 disks and roughly 66% as much as the 1-gig Jaz disk. The kicker is the cost of media.

CD-R disks cost just \$1 to \$2 each. You can only write files to them once, no rewriting, but you can write to them in increments, adding files until the disk is full. This makes them ideal for permanent backup or archiving files. They are easily portable, since they are

compatible with all CD-ROM drives of recent years. And they're so cheap you can use a lot of them without busting the budget.

CD-RW disks cost more, about \$5 to \$6, but you can write and rewrite to them just as you would a floppy or Zip drive. Generally there are more compatibility issues than with CD-R disks; they may not be readable in any CD-ROM, or even other CD-RW, drives. They are best used for day-to-day backup.

The nice thing is that a CD-RW drive gives you the best of both worlds, since you can burn CD-R disks or use CD-RW disks in one.

Let me tell you about my experiences with two quite different types of CD-RW drives I've been using for four months, since Sept. 1999. One is a Verbatim brand, Model 4420a (4X Record, 4X Rewrite, 20X Read): the drive itself is made by Mitsubishi. The other is more exotic: a Compro external drive from ACS Innovations. Made specifically for use with notebook computers, it weighs just over a pound and connects to a notebook PCMCIA slot or USB port.

Necessity led me to the CD-RW drives. I was preparing to do my Media Workshop in Orlando, FL last fall and realized the PowerPoint slide show I use to support my presentation was far too big to fit on a floppy. Putting it on a CD-ROM disk was the logical way to go. I began by investigating CD-R (record only) drives. They were cheap (\$160 or less) but I learned this was because they were being phased out. I was advised to go for a CD-RW drive instead — and settled on the Verbatim 4420a as one of the fastest in my price range.

Installing it was simplicity itself. I merely disconnected my existing CD-ROM drive and plugged in the new drive in its place, using the existing cable. It came with just!burn software from CeQuadrat (taken over by Adaptec in mid-1999), which I found very easy to use after an initial goof. I ruined several disks by trying to format them not realizing that they were preformatted by Verbatim!

The just!burn Wizard makes it easy to create backup, audio or data disks. The CD-ROM disks I've burned with the CeQuadrat software have been readable by every CD drive in which I have tested them. The tests have included drives in a half-dozen desktop computers and three notebook computers. I should mention that none of the drives was more than 24 to 30 months old. I can't vouch

for compatibility with older drives.

The Compro notebook CD-RW drive is a real gem, the world's first CD Rewriter with CD 4X recording, 4X rewriting and 20X reading function all in a slim 23mm height housing. Bare drive weight is only 18 oz. Other weights are: battery pack w/5 AA batteries (Alkaline or NiCAD and NiMH 1.2V rechargables), 7 oz.; AC adapter, 8 oz.; PCMCIA card/cable, 5 oz.; USB cable, 4oz. Current price is \$269.

The whole works adds up to 42 oz., but one normally would use either the PCMCIA or USB cable so actual weight, including a few disks, is less than 2.5 lbs.

The amazing thing is how well this little drive works. It performs so well I don't use it only with my notebook. It is connected via USB port to one of the desktop machines in our office when I'm not travelling.

The Compro slimline came with Adaptec's Easy CD Creator, which most experts consider the top CD creation program. It includes DirectCD, which lets you treat CD-RW drive like a floppy drive. You can copy information in small packets and erase separate files ("random erase") instead of having to erase the entire CD. Packet writing allows sending of small amounts of data or "packets" to CD-R and CD-RW drives without wasted overhead and without risk of data transfer interruptions (buffer underruns).

Easy CD Creator makes it simple to create music, photo, video, and data CDs. You can even make bootable CDs. I have V.3.5 but plan to upgrade soon to V.4.0 which has some desirable features added. (Check it out at www.adaptec.com/products/overview/eccdc.html)

As always, your comments and experiences with these or similar products are welcome. I also invite you visit my website: www.zyworld.com/wordsmithken.

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Is Comdex Imploding?

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The 1999 Comdex in Las Vegas was my 14th. Back in the beginning it was exciting because you would see things BEFORE anyone else would. This was the place companies would announce and show new products. Now it is very rare for that to happen. Products are released to the press and shown on the internet before Comdex even starts. Comdex stands for COMputer Dealer Expo, which meant companies fell over themselves to be there and show their products. This was THE show, and if a company did not come it meant that they were having financial problems. This was the show where buyers and vendors got together to show new things and place purchase orders for large quantities. Now everything is different for two reasons, internet and cost. With the internet, companies no longer have to come to Comdex to show the products, the people will come to them - or at least that seems to be the thought. After all, people only have to do a search on the internet for a product, and search engines will present to you all the different manufacturers and reviews.

It used to be you had to search to get a free pass into Comdex. In an effort to pump up the attendance numbers for Comdex the free passes flowed and the crowds came pouring in. So while Comdex was telling the vendors attendance is up each year, it turned out to be the wrong crowd they attracted. It was like having an open house in a multi-million dollar home and having 50% being only looky-loos. The exhibitors did not like that, and started dropping out. You take some of the biggest ones such as IBM, Intel, Lotus, Compaq, and Corel dropping out and you have a lot of empty space. Two years ago Comdex was all the Las Vegas Convention Center and the Sands Center. Last year in the back of the LV Center there was a job faire. This year the job faire was again there and Microsoft had a large area showing Windows 2000. This and the bottom of the Sands Center was empty.

The cost of showing at Comdex is huge one vendor told me that for a 40'x40' space it cost them \$100,000. At that cost they could (and

will) not come back, rent 2-3 rooms at an hotel and send limos to get the people they want to come and see their products. Intel had the Rivera Hotel setup like a command post. People came in checked with the desk for who the appointment was with. They radio or called the Intel person who came to get the person waiting. I thought it worked very well.

Other side events I enjoyed very much are the press parties for vendors to show the products to the press. Some of the best ones: Showstoppers, Silicon North West, ImageScape, DigiFocus. The PR companies do an excellent job on these with the vendors showing the products, and not the convention center crowds or noise. While for APCUG members not for the press, the Sunday Vendor night is always a good opportunity to meet vendors. While not a press party I have to also mention the Pat Meir Luncheon at Piero's, always good food and interesting exhibitors. At the cost of exhibiting with Comdex more and more vendors will be dropping out of the conventions center and going with press parties or exclusive hotel rooms. Companies want maximum exposure for least amount of money. At the most within two years they will not need the Sands Center at all. So what can, will or should be done? Well it won't come from only one side. Yes Ziff Davis Events charges a bundle of money for the exhibits, but I'll bet that the city charges a lot to rent the center. Both have an invested interest in getting exhibitors back. Simply put I think both have to cut back on the amount they charge to exhibit. Also the city has to work with the hotels not to gouge the conventioners so much. They added 25,000 new rooms since 1998 and yet still charging up to double the regular rates. Driving to LV they were actually advertising on the radio of rooms available at the Hotel San Remo for \$60 during Comdex. With attendance down and more rooms available companies will be able to demand reasonable rates. 1999 Was the first year they ever admitted attendance was down. The TV news commented that Comdex brings in up to \$400 million in revenue to Las Vegas. Instead of trying to kill the goose to get all the golden eggs all the ZD and Las Vegas are going to have to work together to make sure they keep getting some at all.

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QUALITIES OF RESPECT

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Six qualities of respect that we can all share:

- **Dialogue** - We move through misunderstandings and anger to reasoning and reconciliation. In other words, we encourage *real* communication.
- **Attention** - We are fully present, sometimes engaged in vigorous conversation, sometimes bearing silent witness.
- **Curiosity** - We are genuinely interested in others. We want to know who they are — their thoughts, feelings and fears.
- **Healing** - We nourish feelings of worthiness, wholeness and well-being in others.
- **Empowerment** - We offer knowledge to other that will enable them to make their own decisions as well as nurture self-confidence and self-reliance.

Netscape Address Book Sync for Palm Pilot User Guide

John Goodman, PhD

Netscape Address Book Sync allows you to transfer data between Netscape address books and your Palm Compatible Platform device. For information on HotSync setup, consult your palm organizer Handbook.

Getting Started

Requirements

- Netscape Communicator 4.5.
- Any Palm Compatible Platform device (e.g. Pilot, PalmPilot, Palm III, WorkPad).
- Palm Desktop 2.0 or greater installed on your PC. If you have an older version, get the upgrade from the Palm web site (www.palm.com).

Installing Netscape Address Book Sync

1. If you already have data in your Palm Desktop, you should perform a HotSync before installing the Netscape Address Book Sync. This will insure that all your current address book information will be synchronized with the Netscape Address Book.
2. To run the Netscape Address Book Sync Installer:
 - Click the Start button to bring up the Start menu
 - Select the Programs option
 - From the Programs menu choose Netscape Communicator
 - From the Netscape Communicator menu select Palm Tools
 - From the Palm Tools menu select Address Book Palm Sync Install and follow the instructions on the screen
3. If the HotSync Manager is running, the Netscape Address Book Pilot Conduit Installer will prompt you to restart the HotSync Manager. To restart press the Restart HotSync Manager button.
4. You have successfully installed the Netscape Address Book Sync tool. This installation replaces the Palm Desktop Address Book sync with Netscape Address Book Sync. Know when you sync using the Palm HotSync Manager your Palm Connected Organizer will sync directly with your Netscape Address Book.

You can revert to using the Palm Desktop Address Book sync at any time by following the Uninstall Netscape Address Book instructions below.

Uninstalling Netscape Address Book Sync

1. If you have existing data in your Netscape Address Book that has not been synchronized you should perform a HotSync before uninstalling the Netscape Address Book. This will update your Palm Connected Organizer with the latest Netscape Address Book information before you disable the Netscape Address Book Sync.
2. To uninstall the Netscape Address Book Sync:
 - Click the Start button to bring up the Start menu
 - Select the Programs option
 - From the Programs menu choose Netscape Communicator
 - From the Netscape Communicator menu select Palm Tools
 - From the Palm Tools menu select Address Book Palm Sync Install
 - Select the Uninstall button from within the Netscape Address Book Pilot Conduit Installer dialog box
3. If the HotSync Manager is running, the Netscape Address Book Pilot Conduit Installer will prompt you to restart the HotSync Manager. To restart press the Restart HotSync Manager button.
4. You have successfully uninstalled the Netscape Address Book Sync tool. Your previous Palm Address Book sync has been enabled. If at anytime in the future you would like to enable your Netscape Address Book refer to the installation instructions above.

Advanced Features

Configuring Netscape Address Book Sync

You can use the "Customize..." feature of the HotSync manager to configure the Netscape Address Book Sync to synchronize, copy the Netscape Address Books to the Palm organizer, or do nothing. By default, the Netscape Address Book Sync is set to synchronize data between your Palm organizer and Netscape address books. It is also possible to manually configure Netscape Address Book Sync to ignore specific Netscape address books.

This is done by editing the "nabcnd32.cfg" file. This file can be found in the same directory as "netscape.exe" and is in the format of a standard Windows .ini file. To exclude specific address books from being synchronized with the Palm organizer, edit the [SyncExclude] section and add a line for each address book you wish to exclude.

For instance, to exclude the address books "Top Secret" and "Old Addresses" the "nabcnd32.cfg" file should contain:

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[SyncExclude] 1=Top Secret 2=Old Addresses
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By default, Netscape Address Book Sync attempts to synchronize all Netscape address books.

Preparing Netscape address books for Sync

Personal address books do not need any preparation. To synchronize LDAP directories you must make sure you have configured them for "Offline" access. To do this, select the directory you want to synchronize, display the properties for that directory, select the Offline Settings tab, and check "Select this Directory for download".

Synchronizing your palm organizer for the first time

Is your Palm organizer address book empty?

- Follow the instructions for your Palm organizer and synchronize. Your organizer address book will then contain all of the records from your Netscape address books. Each Netscape address book will be a category on the Palm organizer.

Is your Netscape Communicator address book empty?

- After synchronizing, all "Unfiled" records will be filed in a category. This is due to the mapping of categories to Netscape address books. By default, Unfiled records will get added to the "Personal Address Book" in Communicator and filed in the "Personal" category on the Palm organizer. If you do not want these records to get filed in the "Personal" category then you will need to manually file them before synchronizing.

- Follow the instructions for your Palm organizer and synchronize. Your Netscape Communicator address book will then contain all of the records from your Palm organizer. An address book will be created for each category on the organizer.

Do you have records in your organizer and in your Netscape Communicator address books?

- Categories & address books

- Netscape Address Book Sync will only attempt to synchronize the first 15 address books due to the Palm organizer limit of 15 categories. Before you synchronize you need to make sure that the total number of categories plus the total number of Netscape address books you want to synchronize does not exceed 15. Categories with the same name as Netscape address books will be merged and you should only count them once.

- A common problem is that all 15 categories on the Palm organizer are used and when you synchronize there's not any room to add the Netscape address books. You can fix this by either removing categories from your Palm organizer or by making sure that the Netscape address books you want to synchronize are named the same as an existing category on the Palm organizer so that they get merged.

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- Be aware that records that exist in a category and in a Netscape address book with the same name will get duplicated. The most common occurrence of this is records in your Netscape Personal Address Book and in your Palm "Personal" category. It is your choice whether to avoid this before synchronizing by deleting/refiling records, or to clean up duplicate records after the synchronization. ○ If you have an offlined LDAP directory that has the same name as a Palm organizer category, all of the Palm records in that category will get re-filed in the "Personal" category and added to the Netscape Personal Address Book. To avoid this, rename the category on the Palm so that it is different from the LDAP directory name.

- Follow the instructions for your Palm organizer and synchronize. All records on the Palm organizer will be copied to Netscape Communicator and all Netscape Communicator records will get copied to the Palm organizer.

Limitations

- LDAP directories that are not offlined cannot be synchronized.
- A maximum of 15 address books will be synchronized.
- All Netscape fields with the exception of the Notes and Address fields cannot contain multiple lines. When synchronizing, field values on the organizer that contain multiple lines will be changed to single line entries with each line separated by ", ".

Synchronizing with Different Netscape User Profiles

Once you have successfully synchronized using a specific User Profile, there are 2 choices for synchronization when you change to a different User Profile. You will be given a choice during sync to decide which type of synchronization you desire. You may choose to synchronize with the new profile and merge all of the Pilot records with the Netscape address books in the new profile - this employs the same logic as [Synchronizing your palm organizer for the first time](#). If you have existing records in your new profile, this may cause duplicate records which you will have to manually delete. The second choice is to copy the new profile to the Pilot. This will ERASE ALL records from the Pilot device and copy the address books from the new user profile to the Pilot.

Printer Paper What's the Difference?

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You've finally got a great color printer with 600 to 1200 dpi (Dots per Inch) capability for text and graphics and you can't wait to start printing. According to the manufacturer it should be able to print photo quality graphics and crisp text files. However, when you actually print something, it seems the print quality is no better than with your old printer. Eventually, you look with envy at your friend's printouts and sigh "Someday I'll be able to afford a high quality printer like theirs." But wait, maybe the problem isn't the printer... perhaps it's the paper.

Let's take a look at the basics of different printers: An impact printer uses a mechanical hammering device to produce each character by forcing a metal or plastic form against an inked ribbon to produce an image on paper. The characters may be on a moving bar, a rapidly rotating chain, a rotatable ball, or even a spoked wheel. A dot matrix printer uses a matrix of tiny pins that, when struck, impart a set of dots to form a wide variety of characters. Graphics may be created by using different dot combinations. Bubble-jet printers (or ink-jet printers) squirt heated ink through a matrix of holes to form characters. These small ink droplets are electrostatically sprayed from a nozzle onto the paper. Laser printers form an image of the output on a selenium-coated drum, using laser light according to data from the computer. The image is then transferred to the output from the drum using photocopying techniques. Thermal-wax-transfer printers and dye-sublimation printers use heat to transfer color pigment from a ribbon to a special paper to produce photographic-quality color images.

Inkjet (bubblejet) printers are very affordable for home use. In the store the printouts may look incredible but when you get home, somehow the printer just doesn't seem to have the same print quality. Most of the time the problem is not the printer, it's the paper. Most people try out several different kinds of photocopy, laser printer, or inexpensive inkjet papers. When an inkjet printer sprays onto these papers, the ink is wicked by the

fibers causing an effect known as bleeding. Some inks spread to the sides or the back of the paper making the image less sharp. When the ink bleeds, it isn't all on top of the paper, some has soaked in. This is easy to check by turning the sheet over. If the ink is starting to come through or the front appears lighter, grayed-out, or feathered, as though you were printing with diluted ink, you probably have the wrong paper.

To get good quality printouts with an inkjet printer you need to use coated paper stock. A single coated paper is not enough, as it is formulated to keep the ink from getting into the paper fiber but doesn't have the best ink adhesion or reflectivity. Quality printouts need a second coating on top of the ink barrier coating. The second coating optimizes viewing by reflecting light back to set off the colors. The second coat also provides a base to adhere the ink. To put it more simply you need a primer coat and a finish coat to generate a quality printout.

Two options controlled by most inkjet printers are configuration for the "Media Type" and "Print Quality". "Media Type" controls the amount of ink set down on the media. It DOES NOT control or affect the resolution. "Print Quality" controls the "Resolution" of the images printed.

Now you know what type of paper to use, lets see what some of the other manufacturing terms mean!

Basis Weight - the weight of a ream of paper in the Basic Size for that grade (e.g. 500 sheets of Sub. 20 Bond paper in its basic size, 17x22 in., would weigh 20 lb.)

Bond Paper - paper manufactured usually for stationery, letterheads or forms. Distinguishable in the more popular grades by a watermark and excellent writing surface.

Brightness- the measurement of a paper's light-reflective qualities that affect contrast and halftone reproduction.

Coated Paper - paper with a coated surface that gives the paper a smooth finish.

Finish - the special characteristics of a paper's surface, which differ from grade to grade. High, low and textured finishes, for example, exhibit varying degrees of smoothness, ink receptivity and printability.

Ink Holdout - the ability of the paper to keep ink on its surface rather than absorb it into the sheet (e.g., paper with good ink holdout would require less ink and exhibit less "feathering" than a highly absorbent paper).

Ink Receptivity - the degree to which a paper resists or accepts ink penetration based on variations in its size and coating.

Laser Papers - papers suited for optimum performance on heat fused, high-resolution, laser printers used in desktop publishing. (Not recommended for inkjets)

Ream - 500 sheets of paper, regardless of size.

What are some of the specialty papers available for inkjet printers?

HIGH RESOLUTION: Coated 24lb paper provides distinct crisp details and colors for graphics, text and photographic images. This paper has a non-resin coating and provides exceptional results at an economical cost.

ULTRA RESOLUTION: Coated 27lb paper provides a sturdier platform for intense graphics and color applications which would saturate lighter papers. It provides a thicker media while maintaining an economical cost.

PHOTO GLOSSY: Photographic coated paper provides a heavy surface for "true" photo applications. Gives images a glossy photographic appearance. This paper may also be obtained with an extra coating that bonds with the ink to provide a waterproof image.

OPAQUE WHITE GLOSSY FILM: Synthetic film providing a durable media for Photo applications. A thin polyester material provides stability for hostile environments and also provides for exceptional color and detail.

CLEAR TRANSPARENCY FILM: A clear polyester base coated with a specifically formulated quick dry emulsion for optimum performance. Produces bright colorful overlays and presentation foils.

T-SHIRT TRANSFER: An iron on product that utilizes a "cool-release" process to maximize image detail and color transfer. Look for an easy to use product with easy peel backings and machine washability.

ULTRA-VIOLET-T-SHIRT TRANSFER: This product provides a unique transfer. In addition to color transfers, the Ultra-Violet transfer actually changes color when exposed to sunlight! When sunlight is removed the image returns to the natural state.

SILVER REFLECTIVE FILM: A polyester based silver film. The metalized film is excellent for monochrome as well as color graphics

CANVAS: An artist grade canvas that is pre-stretched and gives an elegant look to portraits and artist renderings. Provides excellent color reproduction.

POLY-SILK FABRIC. (ADHESIVE BACKED): A woven polyester base that looks, feels and gives the appearance of real silk. An adhesive backing provides for transfer to fabric or textiles.

WATERCOLOR PAPER: An artist grade paper that provides the feel and appearance of watercolor texture. Provides excellent format for reproduction of renderings and other artistic applications.

BACKLIT REVERSE PRINTING FILM: A UV resistant polyester film designed for most light box applications. Produces bright vibrant colors with a superb light diffusion quality. Reverse printing or viewing through the base allows for single sided lamination.

WINDOW DECAL FILM: Polyester based transparent film with self-adhesive backing to allow mounting directly to windows or other substrates.

Some of these specialty papers are difficult to locate and prices vary considerably. For economy, print your images on inexpensive 20-24 LB paper until you are satisfied with the composition, then switch to the more expensive media. Try printing the same image on several types of media, you'll be amazed at how different they look.

To acquire various types of specialty papers go to the web sites of paper manufactures and distributors such as Hammermill, Mead, Hewlett-Packard, or Kodak and request sample packets.

Most of all, have fun and experiment with different paper media, you'll be amazed at what your inkjet printer can do for you!

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DO IT YOURSELF CPR

Preston Hill

You are home alone when your computer crashes and you have not saved your work! Or, you are driving home alone when you start experiencing severe chest pain and begin to feel faint. In both cases you are too far from a hospital or emergency services, you have about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. What to do? First, pull out of traffic and stop. Then administer CPR to yourself.

An article in Health Care, Rochester General Hospital, advises you to cough repeatedly and vigorously while taking a deep breath before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and the coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, a heart attack victim (you) can get to a phone and, between breaths, call for help.

A Web Site for Everyone!

Stephen Morgan

Isn't it incredible? The number of Internet users is growing by 20-30% per year. In just a few more years, the industrialized countries will have 80-85% of all their citizens connected. But with all the excitement over the number of people joining the Internet, it is easy to overlook the gigantic number of web sites that are being created!

Personal home pages, business home pages, news articles, retail sites, government sites, the figures are mind boggling! From November of 1997 to November of 1999, total web pages grew from 320 million to 830 million! And the number will continue to grow exponentially as more people gain Internet access. One of the reasons for this vast increase is because people are creating their own personal web pages like there is no tomorrow! I believe that within 3 years, most people connected to the Web will have their own personal website. Admit it, haven't you at least thought about having a web page with your name on it? Imagine it, big as life! www.<yourname>.org, your portal to prestige, convenience and networking possibilities!

Personal web pages can be used for current addresses, resumes, life history, goals, pictures and any other information that you want others to have. Or create an extended family website that would be a 1-stop information resource where all family members could keep information current, show their pictures, tell what they are presently doing, show where they are living and talk about what they are working on. Each family member would have a subdirectory linked to the main page, such as www.<familyname>.com/<yourname>, along with an email address <yourname>@<familyname>.com. Privacy can also be assured by requiring a password before anyone can view your site.

But think, what is the one thing that every one of these web pages needs? Bingo! an unique address! And this is where trouble appears. Believe it or not, your name is probably already registered to someone else! While there may be thousands of John Smith's, there are currently only a few easy ways to set up a web page called Johnsmith. The main ways are with a .com, .net and .org.

Additionally every nation has its own designation such as .uk for the United Kingdom, or .to for Tonga. Some countries require that you live there in order to use their designation, while others see it as a lucrative revenue stream to sell the designation to people desperate for an easy to remember address.

Finding a good web address is made even more difficult since many organizations will register all permutations of their name to prevent imitators and gripe web sites. I first came to grips with this when I tried to register Morgan.com. It seems that the J.P. Morgan corporation has taken all of the morgan.com, net, and org site names out of availability. And lets face it, look in the phone book and there are hundreds of families named Morgan in there. Based on how hard it is to find any available name with Morgan in it, these people are gobbling up web addresses like there is no tomorrow! And who can blame them? Once someone registers a web address, they can keep it as long as they keep on paying the yearly registration! They do not even need to have a web site up!

But cheer up! If you are flexible, there are other ways to get a good web address. Your Internet provider will often host your web page and include 5 to 20 megabytes of web space as a member benefit. The downside is that your name is just a part of the provider's name, such as users. <ISP name>.com/<yourname>. If you belong to a smaller provider, you will be able to get a name that is very similar to your own. As the provider becomes larger, the competition for popular names gets fierce. There are also several commercial web sites on the internet that provide up to 20 megabytes for storage of your personal web site, but they will force anyone browsing your website to look at the floating advertising box that is on every page. Another problem is that your web address will have about 10-20 subdirectory names, which is too many for people to easily remember.

OK, you are now in a panic to find out if someone out there is using your name. How do you find out? ICANN, or the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, is the official non-profit corporation that keeps the Internet naming system in order.

But they let other companies actually do all the work. There are hundreds of companies that will check out the names you want and tell you if they are available; most of them also offer web-hosting services for your newly acquired web name. One of my favorite's is a Canadian Company called Net Nation at <http://www.netnation.ca>, There you can find out if any of the .com, .net, .org, .to, .nu and .cc suffixes are available, just by putting in the name you would like to search for. If the name you want is taken, it will even tell you who currently owns it! Once you have decided on a name, registration cost varies depending on what country you are registering with, and what company is registering your name. I have seen a low of \$17.00 per year and a high of \$50.00 per year. The site you are registering with might also charge an additional fee.

So go and register your name now! With 20,000 domain names registered every week, you can't afford to wait! Next Month we will talk about some great low-cost ways to get a web site address, followed by the last article dealing with some of the easy, and not so easy ways to create content for your web site.

Reserving your web site NOW!

Web site growth is on an incredible tear right now. Total web pages grew from 320 million to 830 million during the last 2 years. There are personal web sites devoted to everything from Jimmy Stewart (<http://members.aol.com/JimStewAC/home.htm>), to watching dancing hamsters (<http://hamsterdance.com>). Want to join in? It's a lot easier than you might think!

There are several ways to create your own web site, and we will discuss many of the options. But first you need to make an important decision. Where do you want to put your Web Site and what kind of web address meets your needs? Here are 4 alternatives

1. Place your web site with a commercial company that will insert advertising on all your pages. Companies like geocities, afreehome, and cybercities will give you up to 50 megabytes of space for your web site. All your visitors have to put up with is the advertising, and all you need to put up with is an address that can be up to 50 characters long.

2. Internet Service Providers (ISP's) usually provide free space to members. Offers range from 2 to 20 megabytes. There is no advertising on these pages, nor are you allowed to use the pages for advertising your own products. The address is usually just a subset of the ISP's, such as `http://users.earthlink.com/<yourname>`, so the address is a little bit easier to remember. Don't worry about not having enough space! I have put up several web sites for friends that chose this option. With minimal graphics, it is easy to put up a 20-page website in 2-3 megabytes of space.

3. Pay a monthly fee to have a commercial site host your web pages. This is where you can create your own web address, hopefully something easy to remember. But first you need to check to see if anyone else has already grabbed it. Be prepared to change your dream name a little, perhaps by adding a number to the name. After all, with 20,000 domain names registered every week, good names are getting scarce. This option also allows you to have email that incorporates your web site name, such as `yourname@yourname.com`. Many of the companies that host web sites will allow you 3-10 email names per site, this is great for family members or employee's to have personal email address's that are tied to the web address. A good site to check out this option is `www.register.com`. Register.com also has competitive web site hosting prices of \$25.00 per month, and free sign up, for 40 megabytes of space and 10 email accounts. There is also a charge of \$40.00 to \$100.00 to register your web address for 2 years.

4. Pay to Register your own web address, and use it to redirect people to your free web address. This solution is a great way to start up your web site, and the one I recommend for people just beginning their web sites. Since most web sites start small and then build on the original foundation, you can go months or years without paying a monthly fee for someone to host your web site. Wait until you grow your web site over the limits of your free web space before paying to have a commercial site host your web pages. For an example of this, check out the "personal identity account" at `www.domaindirect.com`.

For a fee of \$70.00 they register your web address for 2 years, and will automatically forward anyone who types in your personal address to any other site you designate. In other words, you can have your personal domain name and use it with your free web site.

I am a great believer in registering your own web name. In a world that is increasingly faceless, it is a way to be unique, a way to say: Here I am, this is me! I also think it is important to get one right now. There are not enough good website names out there, make sure that you register your personal name before someone else gets it first. Then a small yearly fee is all it takes to retain that name into the future.

Next month we will conclude this series with several easy (and some not so easy!) ways to create content for your website.

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USING YOUR CALCULATOR

Candy Baker

Windows comes with a calculator that can do both regular and scientific calculations. To bring up the calculator, click on Start, Programs, Accessories and then Calculator. Click on View and select Scientific to use the scientific calculator.

Right-click on any of the buttons and click on "What's This?" for an explanation of what a particular button does and the key strokes you can use instead of clicking on the button with your mouse.

When you have completed a calculation and want to use the result in another calculation, store the results of the first calculation in memory by clicking the MS (Memory Store) button. You'll see an M in the gray box above all the "M" buttons when something is stored in memory. When you are ready to insert the result of your last calculation into a new one, click on the MR (Memory Retrieve) button. Clicking the M+ (Memory Plus) button and then on the MR button will add the currently displayed value to the value stored in memory. The MC (Memory Clear) button clears anything stored in memory, and clicking on the MS button overwrites anything stored in memory. To create a Desktop shortcut to the calculator, right-click on the Desktop, select New and click on Shortcut. In the "Command Line" box type "CALC.EXE" (without the quotes) and click on Next. Type "Calc" (without the quotes) and click on Finish. You can drag the Calc shortcut onto the Quick Launch bar just to the right of the Start button.

When you have more than one icon displayed on the task bar, switching between them is easy. Just press the Alt key, and while holding it down, press the Esc key. Each time you press the Esc key, a different item will appear highlighted on the task bar. When you let go of both keys, the task bar item you highlighted appears. Pressing and holding the Alt key, and then pressing the Tab key, will also let you rotate between open applications. Releasing both buttons will open the application displayed on the screen.

See, that wasn't so hard, now was it?

Candy is the President and Program chair of Colony Computer User Group in Murietta, California.

Meeting of the Executive Board January 31, 2000

Pursuant to a determination that a quorum was present, meeting of the Executive Board of OCIPUG was called to order by President Leonard Stein at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W 19th Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 at 7:00 p.m.

Officers Present:

Leonard Stein, President
Red Davidson, Vice President
Shirley Wozniak, Secretary
Larry Pearce, CFO
Wayne Ali, Past President

Directors Present:

Michael Moore *
Dennis Walz *
Bob Walker **
Sam Wozniak *

Directors Absent:

Jesse Bequette *
Leonard Robertson **
Robert Lynch **
Frank Yaeger **

ALSO ATTENDING

Mike Conway
Tony Dopazo
Morris Fier
Preston Hill
Richard Hunter
Ken Paeth

Copies of the minutes of the December 27, 1999 meeting were distributed to the members of the Board to be read. Corrections: Leonard Stein was changed to absent instead of present and on page 2 the word Ocipug should be all capitals. Red Davidson moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Larry Pearce seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report (correspondence)

Rob Nelissen submitted a written report of the correspondence received from December 24, 1999 to January 25, 2000.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Pearce reviewed our current balance sheet and status of finances

compared to the year's budget as of 01/31/00.

Committee Reports

Program Committee

— Future Programs:

- APCUG has programs on tape we can use if we have a VCR available.
- Len Stein has a tape of Bill Gates speech from the Comdex meeting.
- Mike Moore could make a presentation of new things on the Internet. He will install Inreach on the computers at the Senior Center for our use and his presentation.
- Preston has addresses for people who are interested in Linux and Mike gets messages inquiring about Linux from the Web Page.

OLD BUSINESS

Surplus Equipment:

- There are still T-shirts, 2 desks and 1 table at Kevin's place.
- Robert Lynch will test printers.
- Tony Dopazo has some equipment at his home.
- Bob Walker has cups and T-shirts. Len Stein suggested we give T-shirts at the raffics and cups to program speakers.
- Red Davidson can inventory what is left. Larry Pearce needs a full accounting of the disposal of all equipment for tax purposes.

README.DOC:

Len Stein will take over the publishing of README.DOC by next year. Preston Hill will have a meeting at his house on Thursday, February 3 of volunteers to help organize the publishing. Preston recommends that submitters give good clean copy that does not need further editing. Mike Conway will determine who to put on the mailing list and how many to print.

We also need a Brochure or Flyer to hand out at the ACP swap meet. It should include a map of the Senior Center and an application for membership. It should also be suitable to post at the Senior Center.

Bruce Williams name should be removed from the back of README.DOC. He is deceased.

Hot Line: We had about 10 calls in the

last month. We could send a FAX to callers with an application for membership.

BBS: Bob Walker moved that we do away with the BBS as only four people have been using it for some time. Red Davidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Members will be notified.

The information on the BBS will be available for members to download from a computer at the Senior Center. Steve Schiffman will need to check the hardware on the OCIPUG computers at the Senior Center and make use of the 1 Gigabyte and 4 Gigabyte hard drives.

Membership: Ken Paeth reported on membership. Larry Pearce suggested we send out renewal letters. Ken says he can send out postcards if someone else makes them up.

Calendar: Len Stein will have the calendar for the year available at the next Executive Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Red Davidson reported that the last General Meeting was very good and he is pleased at the number of very talented people we have in our club.

Ed Leckliter may be available soon for a SIG on hardware.

A letter will be sent to Dick Cruce to thank him for the use of his facility for the storage of OCIPUG equipment for the last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preston Hill will not be moving. The next General Meeting will be on February 26, 2000

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM. The next Executive Board Meeting will be at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W 19th Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 on February 28, 2000.

Respectfully submitted
Shirley Wozniak, Secretary

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4. 3.5" disk mailed so as to be received by the deadline by the Newsletter Coordinator at the OCIPUG mailing address.

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Material for the **March 2000** issue must be received on or before **10 March 2000** by the Newsletter Coordinator — **Morris Fier**, fier@bigfoot.com.

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- * Free monthly General Meetings with speakers from industry and academia describing advances in technology.
- * Free Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings/seminars to exchange tips and tricks and to solve problems.
- * Free technical support from knowledgeable fellow members via telephone and/or OCIPUG's electronic bulletin board system (BBS).
- * Pleasure in helping your fellow member solve their problems.
- * Camaraderie with those of similar interests.
- * Discounts from vendors on software, hardware, and other items.

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