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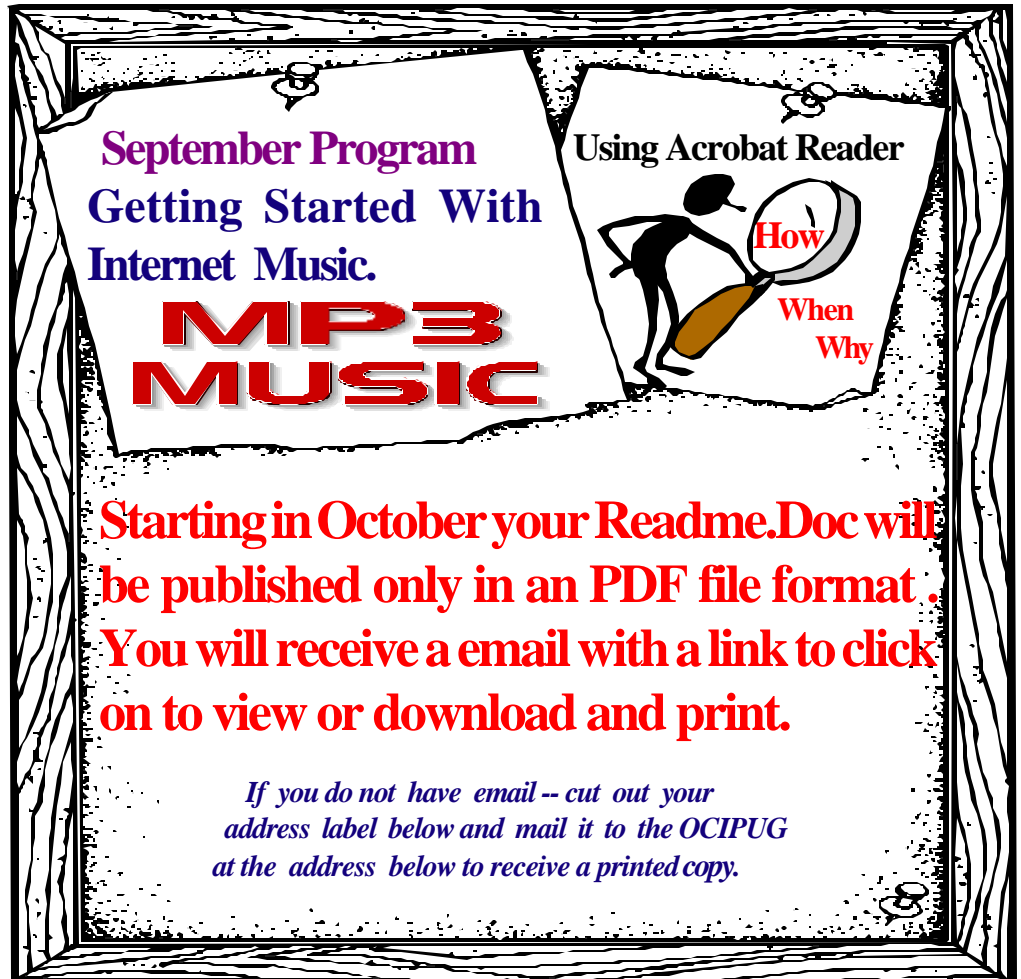
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General Meetings are held from 9:00AM to noon on:
 29 September 2001
 27 October 2001
 17 November 2001
 15 December 2001
 25 January 2002
 For details see inside pages of this issue, Web Page, or Information Line

Meetings of the Executive Board will be held at 7:00PM on:
 24 September 2001
 29 October 2001
 19 November 2001
 17 December 2001
 28 January 2002
 All OCIPUG members are welcome.

Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are held monthly as follows:
 1st Saturday, 9:00AM - New User
 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM - Internet
 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM - Hardware
 2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM - Web Sites
 3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM - Windows
 4th Wednesday, 7:00PM - DigitalPhoto



President's Message

Robert Walker

September is the start of OCIPUG's new year, with new officers all eager to do their best to bring you programs from vendors and guest speakers to show their products of hardware and software. We are looking for a person that would like to be Program Chairman . If you are that person let me know at rwalker820@msn.com or at our General Meeting.

I would like to thank Morris Fier for arranging an outstanding program from Belkin for our August General Meeting The second part of the August program that was schedule will be part of our September Program , all about MP3 Music from the internet and a demo of the different players you can use, that are free to download .

We will take a look at Adobe Acrobat and Acrobat Reader, how to download the reader if you do not have one and we will go over using the Acrobat reader program to read our newsletter on line. Starting in October we will publish all the Readme.Doc's in the PDF format . You will receive an e-mail with a link to click to open to read it on line, download or print out to read. **Don't be left out on the email notifying you when the Readme.Doc is published.**

If you have [anew](#) email address send it to Michael Moore at mmoore@inreach.com

Read Page 9 all about Microsoft Xtreme Program on October 20, 2001 go on line and fill in your registration form now .

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SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS

(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.)

1 September 2001

New User - 1st Saturday, 9:00AM

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Internet - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM

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11 September 2001

Hardware - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM

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12 September 2001

Web Site Design - 2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM

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19 September 2001

Windows -

3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM

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26 September 2001

Digital Cameras and Scanning

4th Wednesday, 7:00PM

Bob Strader

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ACP Swap Meet

23 January 2002

ACP Computer Swap meet which is usually held on the fourth Sunday of an odd month. It is held at 1310 E. Edinger in Santa Ana.



September 29 General Meeting



Radio, TV, and Music from the Internet Using Acrobat to read PDF files

August General Meeting

25 August 2001

General Meeting convened by President Robert Walker at 9:00 a.m. after Random Access (Q&A); about 35 members & guests signed in. Pres. Walker described the doorprizes; asked for SIG leaders to announce their programs for September meetings and got a SeniorNet report from Dan Dickinson. Dan announced that donated money was being used to move the computers to the room next door so that classes could be expanded. Sessions begin on Sep 10th. Further information can be obtained by calling Dan at 949-786-7193. At 9:15, Pres. Morris Fier introduced

Sergio Vera, Corporate Education Specialist for Belkin who spoke about the features and values of Belkin products, called "solutions". He donated Belkin products for the opportunity drawing. Sandi won the first Belkin item and when she won the second, she donated it to the Senior Net Class Program.

Other winners were

Robert Strader - Belkin 2 port KVM

John Gallie - Belkin Surge Master II

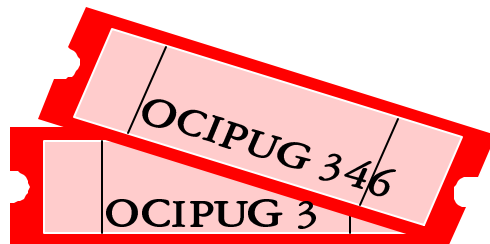
Don Peltz - OPTI Mouse by Belkin

Bob Walker - USB 4 Port Switch by Belkin

Leonare Stein - Mapping Software

Lyllal Coleman - Drag Strip Program

Dan Dickinson - Web Ranp Entre



There are various computer swap meets at which you can purchase complete systems, components, and software at great discount from retail prices. The Computer Fair at the Los Angeles Fairgrounds in Pomona is the largest and has bigger crowds it is held about twice a month.

Costs \$7 for entrance to the swap meet.

Computer Fair also has swap meets in Buena Park.

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Hardware SIG



Meeting Date: August 14, 2001

There were 5 (five) attendees (including the SIG Leader, Ed Leckliter)

The Featured Topics was: "Show & Tell #1"

NOTE: Ed's intention was to work through the entire box of hardware he had brought in during the "Show & Tell" presentation. However it was obvious, after 70 minutes on a 55 minute schedule, that Ed had grossly underestimated the amount of presentation/discussion involved. Only the CPU and motherboard were addressed. Thus we had "Show & Tell #1" (CPU and motherboard) in August and will have "Show & Tell #2" in September (balance of the components).

There were no hardware "submissions".

There were only two (2) questions posed during Q&A:

1. Frank C. (I can't read the last name) inquired about the recent press reports about incompatibility between one of the VIA southbridge chips and the Creative Labs Sound Blaster Live! series of sound cards. Here's the latest direct from VIA (August 16th review on AnandTech.com):
"4) The VIA/SBLive! compatibility problem caused a great uproar in the community. At Computex you explained to Mike Andrawes and I the problem VIA had asking motherboard manufacturers to comply with your requests to avoid the problem. Could you explain to our readers exactly what caused the situation, what the solution was, and how VIA plans to avoid such situations in the future.

The VIA/SBLive! compatibility issue was caused by an overloading of the PCI bus. We fixed this by advising motherboard manufacturers of a BIOS change and incorporating the fix into the VIA 4in1 drivers available on the web for end users. To prevent such problems in the future we are continuing to strengthen our internal testing procedures as well as working more closely with peripheral suppliers such as Creative to make sure that they include all VIA chipset solutions in their own internal testing procedures. This is very much a two way process, and involves closer communication with our partners in the industry.

The reaction to this issue also taught us that we have to be a lot more responsive to the needs and concerns of the end user community. We are working very hard to improve the quality of web support by improving the quality of information that we publish, answering email enquiries more quickly, and participating more actively in forums and discussion groups."

2. Frank also inquired regarding a problem he was having with Word and his registry file. Not a hardware issue, Ed took a stab at it anyway.

The meeting ended a full hour early due to limited Q&A and no hardware submissions.

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Next Meeting: September 11, 2001

Next Meeting Featured Topic: Show & Tell #2 (Ed will bring in the balance of the major system components and point out their principal features

Following Meeting: October 9, 2001

Following Meeting Featured topic(s)

TBD based on attendee input on 9/11.

Also posted on the OCIPUG Hardware SIG web site (www.homestead.com/ocipughardwaresig/index.html). Presentation slides (.ppt format)

Ed

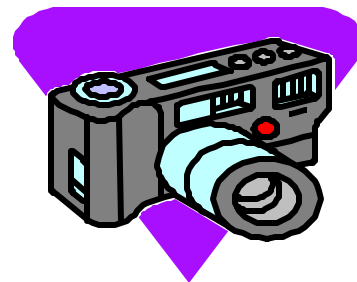


Digital Photography and Scanning SIG

Robert G. Strader

August 22, 2001

The DP&S Sig was started with a Q&A session, one of our members had a problem setting up his CD Rom and CD-RW drives. He asked how to assign a drive letters. He had installed a CD Rom and CD-RW in his computer and the drive letters were different than what he wanted. We explained that he should attach his hard drive to the connector furthest from the motherboard connector if you are using udma or ata and have your drive jumpers set set to cable select. His hard drive should also have its jumper set to the master setting. The hard drive should be on the primary IDE cable and the two CD Roms should be on the secondary IDE cable and should be attached to the secondary IDE port on the motherboard. One CD would have its jumper set to master and the other would be set to slave. We also explained that you could right mouse button click on MY Computer and then left mouse button click on the properties. Left click on the device manager tab. Find the CD Rom device; left click to select it. Left click the properties button in the lower left of this dialog box. This will display the properties of that device. Select the Settings tab; at the bottom of the dialog box is a section that list the current drive letter assignment for this device and below it is two boxes to reserve a starting letter and a finish. The right side of each box has a drop down arrow, by clicking it, it will drop a list of drive letters that you may select. Another member had a problem with too much email stored in his ISPS server and asked how he can download faster with ftp or something similar. We responded that he should change the settings in his browser program, so that his email would automatically be downloaded to his computer from the server. Initially it may take some extra time but after that it will be ok.



Digital Photography resources of the Internet, was the subject of the meeting. We went to the following Photo Resources:

<http://www.nanana.com/digitalphotography.html> is "A Base for Digital Photography"

<http://www.photocourse.com> is a course on photography on the site

<http://www.ulead.com/learning/photography.htm> is a site

<http://www.andromeda.com/people/ddyer/photo/albums.html> is an online listing of online photo album providers.

<http://www.rc-soar.com/tech/dwaerialphoto.htm> is a site that shows how a radio controlled airplane is used to make aerial photographs.

<http://www.cartogra.com/reprints/reprintsSelect.asp> is one of the online photo sites.

<http://www.shortcourses.com> is a series of online short courses online.

<http://www.nhphoto.com> is a site with great Nature Photo

<http://www.arstechnica.com/wankerdesk/01q2/digipho-1.html> is a free photo album site

<http://hyperphoto.photoloft.com/canon.asp?s=cano> is a free photo album site.

<http://www.d-store.com> is an online store for photographic equipment.

<http://digitaletc.com> is another online photography store.

<http://www.dpcorner.com>.

<http://www.dotphoto.com>

<http://www.eframes.com>

<http://www.photo.epson.com>

<http://ezprints.mye-pix.com>

<http://www.fotango.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi>

<http://www.grovestreet.com/jsp/main.jsp>

<http://imageevent.com>

<http://www.stedl.com/james/bookmark.html>

<http://www.pbase.com>

<http://www.photoalley.com>

<http://www.photoasa.com>

<http://www.photocountry.com>

<http://www.photoresource.com>

<http://www.photoaccess.com>

<http://www.olympus.com>

<http://photoworks.com>

<http://www.shutterfly.com>

<http://www.photoloft.com/default.asp?s=jasc>

<http://www.digitalphotography.com>

<http://www.snapfish.com>

<http://www.webshots.com>

<http://www.wolfcamera.com>

<http://photos.yahoo.com>

<http://members2.clubphoto.com/robert141027/> these are photo albums that I have uploaded to what was a free photo site.

<http://www.dpreview.com> is a site for digital photography reviews

<http://www.imaging-resource.com/PRODS/D450/D450A.HTM> is an online review of a D450Z camera

<http://www.dcresource.com/reviews/olympus/d450z-review/index.html> is an online review of a D450Z camera

<http://www.scantips.com> is an online book on scanning.

<http://albums.photopoint.com/j/AlbumList?u=994074> this is another site that has more of my photo albums online.

<http://www.webphotos.com/>

<http://www.steves-digicams.com/>



Windows Tips

Change Your Icons www.tipworld.com

To change the icon that represents your hard drive, create an INF file that points to the icon you have in mind. To do this, open Notepad and type the following: [autorun] path,# where path is the path of the icon you want to use, and # is its number in the file. In any icon file, such as shell32.dll in the C:\windows\system folder, the icons are numbered from zero and up. To view the icons in these files, right-click a folder shortcut, choose Properties, click the Shortcut tab, then click the Change Icon button. The Change Icon dialog box displays all of the icons in the shell32 file. Click the Browse button and navigate your way to any other icon file, such as C:\windows\system\pifmgr.dll, to reveal its contents in the Change Icon dialog box. Thus, if you want to use icon 14, the globe, in the C:\windows\system\shell32.dll file, the line in the Notepad file would read: icon=c:\windows\system\shell32.dll,13. Once you've named your icon, choose Save As from the File menu, name the file autorun.inf, save it on the root of your hard drive, then close Notepad. Now, to see the real-life version, open My Computer window, click the old icon once, then hit F5. If you aren't happy with your choice, change the icon reference in the autorun.inf file. (Note: If you have multiple drives on your system, you can change the icon for each one. Just follow the steps above, creating an autorun.inf file on the root directory of each drive.)

Open Top-Level Applications

To open one of the programs above the top dividing line in the Start menu, press Ctrl+Esc, plus the first letter of the program.

Adjust Column Width

While viewing a window's contents in Details mode, try adjusting the width of a column. To do this, position the cursor over the line between two column titles (the cursor will turn into a double-pointed arrow), click, and drag in either direction. Changes affect the column to the left of the pointer. To adjust a column's width to fit its widest entry, position the cursor to the left of the column you'd like to size and double click.

Windows 2000

To cancel a print job,

select Settings from the Start menu, then choose Printers. Once the Printers window opens, double-click your printer's icon. Print Queue then displays a list of current print jobs. Right-click the job you want to cancel, then select Cancel Printing in the shortcut menu.

Toggle Between the Menu Bar and the Main Window in a Program

To Toggle between the menu bar and the your open file, press F10 or Alt. Then use the tab and arrow keys to navigate in the open files and menu choices.)

To access the icons on your desktop

Without having to close all of the open windows, select the Start menu, Run, then type a period (.) with no parenthesis, and press Enter. On your keyboard, press the Windows key (lower bottom left, with the Windows logo on it) and the 'D' key simultaneously. All apps will minimize and you will see your full desktop in all its glory.

Create Keyboard Shortcuts for Desktop Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts are combinations of keyboard strokes that perform specific operations. To create a keyboard shortcut for a desktop shortcut, create a new directory called Desktop Shortcuts. The path will be: C:\windows\start menu\desktop shortcuts. Next, place a shortcut in this new directory, then right-click each shortcut, select Properties, and click the Shortcut tab. In the Shortcut Key field, enter the letter you wish to use for the keyboard shortcut Windows adds Ctrl and Alt). When you're finished, click OK.

Decrease the Size of the Recycle Bin

Free up RAM by decreasing the size of the Recycle Bin. To do this, rightclick its icon, select properties, then decrease its size

ROD BUSH'S COMPUTER GLEANINGS FROM THE WWW ©

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This Week's Feature: is the Digital Librarian a librarian's choice of the best of the Web at: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/>>. Among the nearly 100 subject topics are Art: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/art.html>>; Book Collecting and Book History: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/bookcollecting.html>>; Health and Medicine: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/health.html>>; Mythology: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/mythology.html>> Women's Resources: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/women.html>>; Religion & Philosophy: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/religion.html>>; Reference: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/reference.html>>; Locating Lyrics, Sheet Music, Librettos, & Scores: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/sheet.html>>; Computers: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/computers.html>>; Internet: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/internet.html>>; Links to Links: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/links.html>>; and Web Page Design: <<http://www.digital-librarian.com/web.html>>.

Storage by Barbara Renick©2001: <<http://www.zroots.com/storage.htm>> has links to Online Storage Sites, and descriptions of types of backups and External Connections for Removable Media Drives.

Web Searching, Sleuthing and Sifting: Lesson 1: What is the Web and Why Can't I find what I want? For answer see their site at: <<http://www.thelearningsite.net/cyberlibrarian/searching/ismain.html>>

Search Tools - Internet Detectives MMSD:

<<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/tnl/detectives/tools.htm>>

Search Strategies - Internet Detectives MMSD:

<<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/tnl/detectives/strategies.htm>>

Ditto.com - the leading visual search engine is at: <<http://Ditto.com/>>

SciSeek - Science Search Engine is at: <<http://www.sciseek.com/>>

>SearchEdu.com at: <<http://www.searchedu.com/>> for Education sites

SearchGov.com at: <<http://searchgov.com/>> for Government sites

Internet Resources

Newsletter: Internet In Print Index: <<http://www.hw.ac.uk/libwww/irn/inprint.html>> TotalNEWS: all the News, on the Net, all the Time: <<http://www.totalnews.com/>> O'Keefe Library-Best Information on the Net:

<<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Online/onlindex.htm>>Harley Hahn's Master List of Usenet Newsgroups: <<http://www.harley.com/usenet/>>

Digitalphotographs.org - Digital Photography Ethics in Computing: <http://www.eos.ncsu.edu/eos/info/computer_ethics/>

The Internet TOURBUS - free stuff, viruses, hoaxes, urban legends, searchengines, cookies, cool sites: <<http://www.tourbus.com/>>

LocusArt provides free wallpapers for those who enjoy beautiful scenes at: <<http://www.locusart.com/>> Classroom Clipart : Home: <<http://classroomclipart.com/>> The North OC CA Community College School of Continuing Education at: <http://www.sce.cc.ca.us/classschedule/CompTraining.htm#COMPUTER_CLASSES_AT_CYPRESS!>

has it's Fall 2001 classes list online. Marylaine Block: Free Online Workshop Outlines and Handouts are at: <<http://marylaine.com/>>

handouts.html>



QUIZ

(Passing requires 8 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?

All done? Pencils down, & check your answers on Page 12



Herb's Hangout

Herb Huey

PAPER, THE HOT TECHNOLOGY OF THE FUTURE



At a recent technology conference, a rosy future was predicted for an old standby, paper. Paper is expected to be a viable technology for at least 25 more years. In 1999, three trillion pages were printed in homes and offices, worldwide and the number is still increasing. The "killer app" for paper is the digital camera. While Bob Strader has shown products like Flip Album at the Scanning and Digital Photography SIG, the ultimate expression for any photo is to print out a nice glossy 8 x 10. Home printing of digital photos is exploding from a mere 2.5 billion prints in 1999 to a predicted 20 billion in 2005.

A few years ago with the advent of a new generation of easy-to-use scanners, the media was trumpeting that the "paperless office" is now upon us. I get a chuckle thinking about the concept of a paperless office since I truly believe that it is only a myth! While we have made great strides in reducing paper in some areas, many of us generate more paper than before.

Whenever you write a letter or send a fax, the first thing that you want to do is print out a copy. In fact if you are working on a long report, a large spreadsheet or an awesome presentation to upper management, you will make multiple print-outs to check out your progress. Let's face it, we don't enjoy trying to read a 50-page report or a 5000 cell spreadsheet on the computer monitor, even if it is a 21-incher. If you are like me, you can get bug-eyed from the experience. When you have completed your project and are ready to present it to others, you will most likely print out multiple multi-page copies so that everyone can enjoy your masterpiece. When you get ready to send a fax, you will most likely print a copy to scan into the fax machine. Fax modems tend to be a pain in the neck. Whenever my manager wants to look at my work, he tacitly wants to see a paper copy and not just the e-mail or file sent to his computer.

Either I leave a paper copy or my manager will need to print out a copy. People like the feel of paper; it's solid and tangible. Whenever I complete a task, I get a lot more satisfaction holding a paper copy in my hands than just knowing that the final file copy is on my computer. Believe me I look forward to each issue of README.DOC so I can see how Herb's Hangout turned out. Now that README.DOC is going to be web-based, you can be sure that I will print out a copy so that I can enjoy the color and, oh yes, the content as well.

Today, printers are selling in record numbers. The first peripheral that most people want after buying their computer system is a printer. If you own a digital camera then a good photographic color printer is a must. Most offices can't survive without networked laser and color printers as well as fax and copier machines. All these machines require reams of specialized papers. I took a quick look at the OfficeMax catalog and found that the first 18 pages are entirely devoted to paper products. The paper industry is alive and well. Most major newspapers have their own web-based editions. While it looks great on the computer screen, I am sure my wife would never allow

me to sit at the kitchen table with a laptop to read the sports page. Even if I was allowed to place my laptop on the kitchen table, I don't think my laptop will survive a cup of spilled coffee. Anyway, it sure is hard to do the crossword puzzle in the learning laboratory from a laptop. What a laptop torture test that would be!

Internet access has provided a wealth of information at your fingertips. Just browse on the topic of your choice with some keywords and you can view dozens of items on your topic. You can save it on your computer but if you need the information right away you will most likely print it out. Upload your color photos on a cool Web site and your relatives will put that color printer to work big time. Maybe not, if you are like my father.

Many software developers have stopped printing thick paper manuals for their products. Remember when Microsoft was well known for the large manuals that came with its software? Now most manuals are part of the software package itself as Help files. Most of us refrain from printing out an entire manual. Unfortunately, the result of this apparent shrinkage in paper use is the rise of the "How to Do It" book cottage industry. I have multiple manuals on Windows NT and 95 as well as for quite a few software applications. I've noticed that all these books are occupying about 12 feet of shelf space in my computer room.

Perhaps I don't fully understand the concept of the paperless office. I have two computers in my computer/den room and a laptop for portability. I have two large bookcases completely filled with books and manuals. Magazines and paper are piled all around the room and the closet area

contains filed papers and magazines. I do admire one tacit reason for having a paperless office. Important papers are sure easy to lose. Now where are the warranty papers for my camcorder? I saw an idea for a future article in a magazine so I placed a Post-It in the pages but which magazine was it? Oh well, it seems to have disappeared. Perhaps I scanned it into the computer and filed it away. Now where is that file? Oh, yeah I stuck it in the G: drive but I just recently tossed the file in the Recycle bin and emptied it. Funny, that sounds like paper terminology!

SIGNING OFF

I finally found a use for my ancient 486 computer that has been lying in the corner gathering dust. I plan to use it as a controller for a chip programmer. Since the software for the programmer is DOS-based, I don't need a more powerful computer. When I first turned on the computer, I got absolutely no reaction. I opened the case and reseated several cards and cables. I got a satisfying sound when I turned on the power but alas there was no video. I tried reseating the video card and then swapping out the video card. No such luck. Well I'll try a few more tricks and if I don't have any success, I guess I'll just have to pick up an old used computer at the next swap meet.



Multiple Virus Reports

The CERT Coordination Center (CERT/CC)
is a center of Internet security expertise

Two particular virus reports which have recently come to my attention are:

. Virus W32.SIRCAM@mm

This worm arrives as an email message with the following content:

Subject: The subject of the email will be random, and will be the same as the file name of the attachment in the email. Message: The message body will be semi-random, but will always contain one of the following two lines (either English or Spanish) as the first and last sentences of the message.

English Version:

First line: Hi! How are you?

Last line: See you later. Thanks

Between these two sentences, some of the following text may appear:

I send you this file in order to have your advice

I hope you can help me with this file that I send

I hope you like the file that I send you

This is the file with the information that you ask for

Code Red Worm

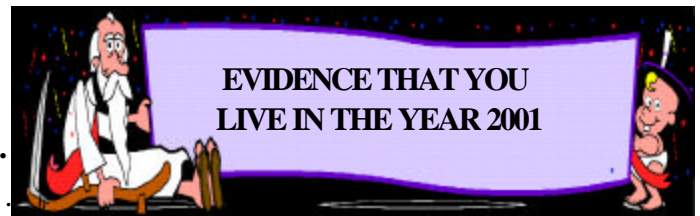
Has infected an estimated 100,000 Microsoft IIS Web Servers and could possibly cause serious damage to bandwidth on the Internet. The full story can be found at TechTV. If you are running a Microsoft Web Server at OLSS, your office, or home the first thing you should do is reboot. Since the worm is memory based it will clear it and if the server was infected it will not be attacking the IP address of the www.Whitehouse.gov web site. The worm is in Whitehouse.gov attack mode from the 20th until the end of the month. Next, install the patch per instructions at the Microsoft TechNet site. The fix can be found here.

If you do not install the patch before the first of the month, servers that are infected will go back into infect mode and begin scanning for Microsoft IIS servers and will then send the worm code to unpatched servers. The newly infected server then starts scanning and infecting other unpatched IIS servers.

The really bad news is that if some of these infected web servers are not patched they will begin pounding servers that have been patched. They will repeatedly try to infect the same machines over and over again until the 20th of the month or until they are shut down and fixed.

1. McAfee
2. Symantec
3. CNN
4. Computer Associates
5. Aladdin
6. Trend Micro

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- 1.* You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
- 2.* You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- 3.* You call your son's beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He e-mails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"
- 4.* Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her web site.
- 5.* You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbor yet this year.
- 6.* You check the ingredients on a can of chicken noodle soup to see if it contains Echinacea.
- 7.* Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a new screen saver.
- 8.* You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if any one is home.
- 9.* Every commercial on television has a web-site address at the bottom of the screen.
- 10.* You buy a computer and 6 months later it's out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.
11. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years of your life is cause for panic and turning around to go get it
- 12.* Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase would be a hassle and take planning.
- 13.* Cleaning up the dining room means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.
- 14.* Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
- 15.* You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.
- 16.* Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.
- 17.* Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-it notes.
- 18.* You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
- 19.* You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.
- 20.* You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.
- 21.* You get up in the morning and go on-line before getting your coffee.
- 22.* You wake up at 2 AM to go to the bath room and check your E-mail on your way back to bed.
- 23.* You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :))
- 24.* You're thinking how true all of this is.
- 25.* Even worse, you're probably going to forward it to someone else.

KEN'S KORNER

Ken Fermoye

Mouse or Trackball Acting Up? It May Not Be Broken, Just Dirty

Some months back I wrote two articles (Keep It Clean, Parts 1 & 2) about the importance of keeping your computer clean to keep it operating properly. They obviously struck a nerve because they have been among the most widely reprinted and requested Ken's Korner columns to date.

I just had an experience that underscored the cleanliness message, one that involved a vital part of any computer system: the mouse or other pointing device. Since those earlier articles didn't cover the care and cleaning of mice, I thought it would be good to share my experience with you. (Actually, I use a Logitech TrackMan trackball, not a mouse, but the problem and cleaning procedure outlined below are similar for either type of pointing device.)

Over a period of several weeks I noticed the trackball was getting balkier, making it harder and harder to drag the cursor into position. Finally it got so bad I had to struggle to move the cursor at all. "Oh-oh," I said to myself, "I hope it's not time to buy a new trackball." The Logitech device was several years old and had been used a lot, so I thought it might well need replacement. Then I remembered the mantra that Dennis Orloff of the Computer Bath line of maintenance products (www.computerbath.com) chants at every opportunity: "It's not broken, it's dirty!"

Since he's right about 70% of the time, I decided to check first to see whether the trackball was just dirty. When I took it apart I was amazed at how much dirt had accumulated inside the poor critter. It wasn't just dust or loose dirt, either. There was a buildup of grime and a sort of lint, especially around the small ball contacts or rollers inside the ball cage. It was obvious that the crud was keeping the trackball marble from making proper contact with the rollers. The result, difficulty in moving the cursor, would be the same for an equally dirty mouse

I cleaned everything thoroughly, and presto...it was like I had a brand-new trackball! Here was more proof of the need for keeping things clean as part of computer maintenance

The procedure was simple, took just about 10 or 15 minutes, and saved me some bucks. So it's worth your while to see if cleaning will fix a balky pointing device before you toss it out and buy a new one. What you really should do, in fact, is clean your mouse or trackball periodically, and not wait for it to get as dirty and hard to use as mine was.

Here's how you do it.

First, if you have a manual for your mouse or trackball, dig it out. (Note: You should always keep manuals and documents for ALL hardware and software.)

Read it. It may show a diagram or cutaway, and possibly instructions, that will make the cleaning job easier for you. The only tool you may need is a small screwdriver, probably a phillips-head type. You will also need a clean, lint-free cloth, foam-tipped swabs (less apt to leave lint than cotton swabs, as I was reminded by reader Bob Clyne, Southeastern Michigan Computer Organization) and a mild soap solution. Small tweezers, isopropyl alcohol (99% pure, not rubbing alcohol which contains things like skin lubricants) and a toothpick may be useful, too. I find it convenient for jobs like this to keep screws and other small parts in an old ashtray, which also can serve as a tool rest.

Next, clean the mouse or trackball exterior and cord with a cloth moistened in a mild soap solution; wipe dry. Then turn the device upside down and remove mouse ball retainer plate or trackball bottom cover. Usually the retainer plate can simply be rotated and lifted out. Some older mice and most trackballs have screws holding the plate or bottom cover in place. Remove the ball carefully.

Clean ball with the moistened cloth, wipe with dry cloth and set it aside. (Make sure it is completely dry before reassembling.) I blew loose dirt out of the ball cage with a compressed air duster, held some distance away to lessen the impact. Be careful here so that you don't damage any components. In my case, I had to use a toothpick and tweezers to dislodge some of the matted lint around the contacts in the ball cage. A cotton swab lightly moistened with alcohol may also be helpful for cleaning rollers or contacts and the inside of the ball cage.

When cleaning mice, take a close look at the rollers inside. (Most have three, some just two.) You will probably see dark lines of dirt that have built up over time. Work a cotton swab moistened just slightly with rubbing alcohol along each roller, rubbing side to side until the line of dirt is gone.

Once everything is squeaky clean, place the ball back in the ball cage and replace the retainer plate or bottom cover. That's it; you're done, and your mouse or trackball should be as good as new.

Ken

(Author's Note: I want to give credit to Earthlink Network, www.earthlink.net, source of much of the information contained above. Its site deserves regular visits because it contains a lot of useful Web-oriented information that is updated frequently.)

*He's not heavy he's my brother
Can you fix him!*



Microsoft Xtreme October 20, 2001

This is your chance to get the Insider scoop on the latest innovations for your home PC. Don't miss your opportunity to register and be the first to experience the newest, hottest products at Microsoft eXtreme



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FAQ'S

Q: Is this a Windows XP launch event?

A: **This is not a launch event. The eXtreme event is an ongoing event that occurs approximately every 6 months and is designed to keep our home and personal customers informed about Microsoft products.**

Q: Do I have to pay for parking?

A: **Yes, you are responsible for any parking fees.**

Q: What if eXtreme isn't in my city?

A: **eXtreme is broadcast to 40 cities around the country. A web cast of the event will be available at: www.Microsoft.com/insider/extreme starting Monday, October 22nd.**

Q: Is it free? Does it cost to register?

A: **The event is free, it does not cost to register. However depending on the event location there may be parking fees, which you would be responsible for.**

Q: How do I register?

A: **Please register via the web at: www.Microsoft.com/insider/extreme**

Q: Is eXtreme in a theatre?

A: **Yes, the event is being held in theaters or theatre styled venues around the country. The broadcast will originate from KOMO TV4 studios in downtown Seattle.**

Q: Is the event live?

A: **Yes, this is a live broadcast via satellite into each venue.**

Q: Will I get a ticket mailed to me?

A: **No, you will not receive an event ticket. You will receive a confirmation email confirming your registration for the specific city you signed up for. This email serves as your ticket to the event. Remember to print it and bring with you for express registration.**

Q: Are there any giveaways?

A: **Each attendee will be given a t-shirt at the end of the event in exchange for their completed evaluation form.**

Q: How long is the event?

A: **The event will run approximately 2.5 hours.**

Q: Is there any food?

A: **We will be offering a free popcorn and soda to each attendee. This will be redeemable by coupon.**

Q: Is this event handicap accessible?

A: **Yes, the event will be handicap accessible. During the registration process attendees will have the opportunity to indicate how Microsoft can best accommodate special needs.**

Q: Will this event be repeated?

A: **No, this event will not be repeated but will be available via streaming media beginning on Monday, October 22nd at: www.microsoft.com/insider/extreme.**

Q: What if I didn't get my freebies from the last event?

A: **Giveaways were given to attendees either at the event or were mailed to them after the event. All giveaways from the June event have been distributed and are no longer available.**

Q: What products are the demos of?

A: **You will experience the following Microsoft products: Windows XP, Microsoft Games including Xbox, Pocket PC, Microsoft Wireless Intellimouse, Office Keyboard, Picture It, Encarta**

Q: How do I find directions?

A: **For the best accuracy from your personal location we recommend you visit www.expedia.com and click on the Driving Directions icon.**

Q: What time does it start?

A: **The event will start at 10am Pacific Daylight time, 11am Mountain Daylight Time, 12:00 noon Central Daylight Time and 1:00pm Eastern Daylight Time.**

Q: What if I registered and can't attend, how do I cancel?

A: **To cancel your reservation, please call 1-877-673-8368.**

Q: Do I have to register every member of my family?

A: **Yes, one person per registration. Each individual must register separately even if they are part of one family.**

Q: Do we get free software?

A: **No, there will not be any free software given out to attendees at eXtreme. There will be a raffle at the end of the event for several copies of Microsoft software.**

Q: Can we get the giveaways if we leave early or don't attend?

A: **No, the T-shirt giveaway will only be given at the end of the on site event in exchange for a completed evaluation form.**

Q: Can I bring my child? Can they sit on my lap?

A: **This event is intended for an adult audience. Each individual attending is required to register for the event. Because of the length of the broadcast it is requested young children do not attend.**

Q: What if I register in one city or location and want to attend in another?

A: **Your registration is good only for the city and location for which you are registered.**

Q: Can I request my T-shirt size?

A: **All t-shirts will be one size, XL (extra large)**

Q: Does press get special consideration?

A: **This is not a press event, it is directed to our Microsoft home and personal use customers.**

Q: Can I send a substitute?

A: **No, we are not able to accommodate registration substitutions.**

Q: Will you provide interpreters?

A: **We will provide Sign Language Interpreters with advance request and based on individual needs. Requests must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event.**

Q: I did not receive my Windows XP software from the last eXtreme event.

A: **The pre-release copies of Windows XP from the June 2nd event have been shipped. Please contact WPPHhelp@microsoft.com if you have any questions.**

Q & A

Q: Can I register on site?

A: **All seats for the event will be filled via the web registration process. It is possible a limited number of seats may be available on a walk in basis. Waitlisted guests will be seated first. There is no promise of seating to walk ins.**

Q: If I am wait listed how will I know I can attend?

A: **Registration closes on Oct. 18th at midnight Pacific Daylight Time. If you have not been notified of confirmation via email by that time, you remain on the waitlist. It is possible we may have a limited number of confirmed guests who do not show up the day of the event. Preferential seating will go to waitlisted customers.**

Q: I lost my confirmation, what do I do?

A: **You can call Microsoft Worldwide events at 1-877- MS Events (1-877-673-8368) to confirm your registration. A confirmed list of attendees will also be available on site.**

Q: What kind of special offers will I receive?

A: **We will not be offering special software discounts at this event.**

Tips 'n Tricks

ADD OR REMOVE SPEAKER ICON

Have you lost your little speaker icon down in the system tray of the Taskbar? To get it back, open the Control Panel then double-click on Multimedia. Choose the Audio tab and select Show Volume Control on Taskbar. Click OK. If you'd rather not have the speaker icon, right-click on it, then choose Adjust Audio Properties. Uncheck Show Volume Control on the Taskbar, then click OK

BACKSPACE TO MOVE UP ONE LEVEL

If you're viewing a folder's contents and want to view the contents of the parent folder (the one that contains the folder you're viewing), what do you do? You click the Up One Level icon, right? Actually, there's an easier way. Just press the Backspace key on your keyboard.

USE KEYBOARD SHORTCUT FOR SHUTTING DOWN

Don't feel right about clicking Start to shut down your system? With the focus on your desktop (click a blank area once to be sure), press Alt+F4. It's the same as selecting Start, Shut Down. Note: if the focus is on an open window or application, pressing Alt+F4 will close that window



INTERNET EXPLORER SHORTCUTS

F11	Press the F11 Key to view your browser window full screen. Right-click the small toolbar and choose Auto-Hide for a true full-screen view. Press F11 again to return to the normal view.
Tab	Move forward through the items on a Web page, the Address bar, and the Links bar.
Shift+Tab	Move back through the items on a Web page, the Address bar, and the Links bar.
Alt+Home	Go to your Home page.
Alt+Right Arrow	Go to the next visited page.
Alt+Left Arrow or Backspace	Go to the previous page.
Shift+F10	Display a shortcut menu for a highlighted link.
Ctrl+Tab or F6	Move forward between frames.
Shift+Ctrl+Tab	Move back between frames.
Up Arrow	Scroll toward the beginning of a document.
Down Arrow	Scroll toward the end of a document.
Page Up	Scroll toward the beginning of a document in larger increments.
Page Down	Scroll toward the end of a document in larger increments.
Home	Move to the beginning of a document.
End	Move to the end of a document.
Ctrl+F	Find on this page.
F5 or Ctrl+R	Refresh the current Web page.
Esc	Stop downloading a page.
Ctrl+O or Ctrl+L	Go to a new location.
Ctrl+N or Shift+ left-click	Open a new window.
Ctrl+W	Close the current window.
Ctrl+P	Print the current page or active frame.
Enter	Activate a selected link.
Ctrl+E	Open the Search bar.
Ctrl+I	Open the Favorites bar.
Ctrl+H	Open the History bar.
Alt+D	Select the text in the Address bar.
F4	Display a list of addresses you've typed.
Ctrl+Scroll Wheel	If you have a wheel mouse, scroll up to decrease the font size on a web page. Scroll down to increase the font size.

WINDOWS KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

F1	View Help for the current program
F2	Rename the selected item
F3	Opens the Find Command in your current folder
F4	Drop the "folder selection menu" in Explorer
F5	Refreshes the contents of the current folder
Alt+F4	Quit a program
Backspace	Marches up the directory tree to the parent folder
Ctrl+X	Cut selected item
Ctrl+C	Copy selected item
Ctrl+V	Paste
Ctrl+Z	Undo the last operation
Shift+F10	Pops up the shortcut menu, just like right-clicking
Ctrl+Esc	Pops up the Start Menu
Ctrl+A	Select all items
Ctrl+F	Find in current folder
Alt+Tab	Switch between applications
Alt+Tab+Shift	Switch backward between application
Alt+Esc	Switch open windows
Alt+Enter	Open properties for selected item
Shift+Delete	Delete selected item without placing it in the Recycle Bin
Windows key	Pops up the Start Menu
Win+R	Run
Win+M	Minimize All
Win+Shift+M	Undo Minimize All
Win+F1	Windows Help
Win+E	Opens Explorer
Win+F	Find Folder or Files
Win+Pause/Break	System Properties

Windows Explorer Shortcut Keys

F6	Switch the highlight bar between panes
F10	Activates the Menu bar
Ctrl+A	Selects all files in a folder
NumLock (and) *	Expands everything under selection
NumLock (and) -	Collapses selection
NumLock (and) +	Expands selection



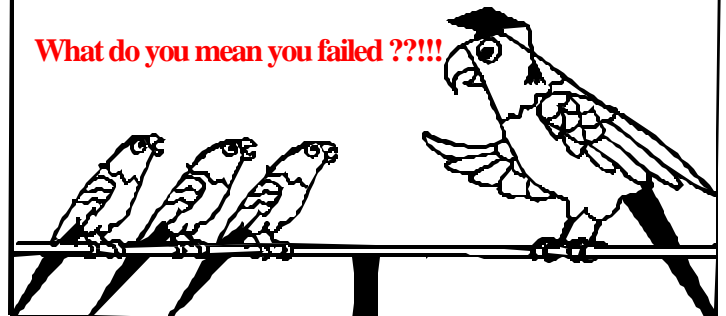
September Board Of Directors Meeting is the Monday Before the General Meeting Monday 24th



ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ .From page 6

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
116 years
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
Sheep and Horses
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
Squirrel fur
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal? Dogs
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert
- 8) What color is a purple finch? Crimson
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
New Zealand
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?
Thirty Years

What do you mean you failed ?!!!!



Executive Board of Directors Meeting

27 August 2001



Executive Board of Directors Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Bob Strader at 7:03 p.m. Present: A quorum of nine Officers and Directors were present. Minutes of July 30, 2001 Executive Board of Directors Meeting were approved as corrected and printed in Readme.Doc for Aug. President's Report: Bob Walker arrived and took over the meeting; he reported he had received a letter from Tony Dopazo regarding OCIPUG papers, supplies and equipment left in his garage. Bob Walker, Kevin and Red will go over there to decide what to keep and what to discard. Kevin will return two chairs to Red and offered to pay \$10 for the table. Offer accepted and payment made to Treasurer. The orange OCIPUG sign will be given to Bob Strader. Old hand-outs and Readme.Docs will be dumped.

SIG Reports: Bob Walker will take Bob Strader's class on the 26th. Election Report was given by Ken Paeth who announced he had received 38 member votes (takes 13 for a quorum of ballots). He announced the new officers elected were: President, Bob Strader; Vice-President, Morris Fier; Secretary, Frank Mastroly and Treasurer, Charles Schreiber. Membership Report: Ken Paeth stated that as of July 31st, there were 95 members, 2 honorary members and 1 complimentary member. Ken will turn over the membership database to Sandi Tierney.

Treasurer's Report: given by Larry Pearce and filed with the Secretary for audit. He will complete the August report when he gets the bank statements and then will transfer all books and papers to Charles Schreiber. A proposed Budget for the year beginning September 1st was approved as submitted by Larry last month. There will be some expected reductions in printing when the Readme..Doc is sent online.

Program Report: Michael Moore and Bob Walker are scheduled for September.

Phone Report: Larry said there were about a dozen messages, mostly commercials and junk. Some pertinent calls were about SIG meetings and were handled by Larry. The phone answering assignment was turned over to Bob Strader and Frank Mastroly or others who wish to check messages and reply.

Committee Reports and Unfinished Business:

ReadMe.Doc: One more issue will be sent by post office and notice will be made in two places that members, who are unable to get their copy by email and Internet OCIPUG site, may request in writing to have their newsletter mailed to them.

New Business:the calendar for the committee year was reviewed. The general meeting in November will be the 17th if Senior Center agrees. There will be no SIG meeting on December 26th. The Executive Board meeting for September will be the 24th.

Announcements: Louise Miller has been terminated as Adobe's Director of User Group Activities. Letters of support are invited on her behalf and these should be addressed to Bruce Chizen, CEO of Adobe Bchizen@adobe.com and Louise's former manager Rye Livingston rlivingston@adobe.com

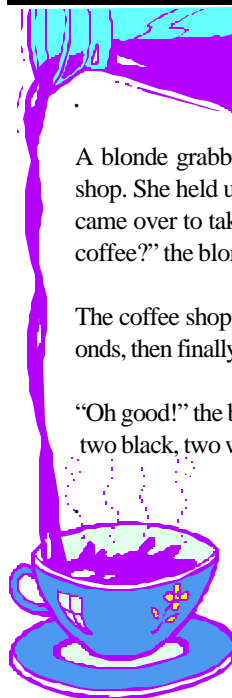
Red Davidson brought up the issue of using our OCIPUG computer projector for Senior Net Classes (usually given and used by one of our members) Moved and seconded to let the projector be used for Senior Net Classes. The motion was amended by Red to ask the Senior Center to agree in writing to share the cost of the projector bulb replacement if they want to use the projector for the classes. The amendment was further amended to state "share the cost of maintenance and repair, including" the projector bulb replacement...etc. Both amendments passed and the main motion carried as amended.

The four new officers were sworn in by Secretary Pat Cohen

("Do you swear to uphold the Bylaws of the OCIPUG organization and serve faithfully its members by fulfilling your assigned duties as new officers for the prescribed term of office? I do")

Next Board Meeting: September 24, 2001

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.



A blonde grabbed a large thermos and hurried to a nearby coffee shop. She held up the thermos and the coffee shop worker quickly came over to take her order. "Is this big enough to hold six cups of coffee?" the blonde asked.

The coffee shop worker looked at the thermos, hesitated a few seconds, then finally replied, "Yeah. It looks like about six cups to me."

"Oh good!" the blonde sighed in relief. "Then give me two black, two with cream and sugar, and two decaf."



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