

# Orange Coast IBM PC User Group

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Newsletter

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General Meetings are held from 9:00AM to noon on:

28 April 2001  
19 May 2001  
30 June 2001  
28 July 2001  
25 August 2001

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Meetings of the Executive Board will be held at 7:00PM on:

30 April 2001  
21 May 2001  
25 June 2001  
30 July 2001  
27 August 2001

All OCIPUG members are welcome.

Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are held monthly as follows:

1st Saturday, 1:00PM - 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 - Digital Photo

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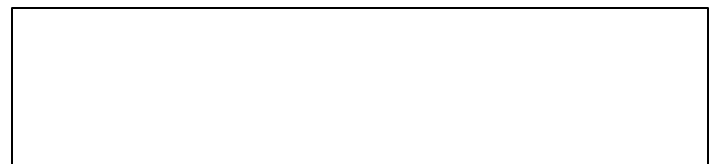


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# President's Message

Wow! Tax time has already come and gone. Our last programs have been timed to help you with your taxes. Matt McCann from Intuit demoed the Quicken 2001 Deluxe for Windows with new ways to help you build wealth, save money on taxes and pay bills faster and easier. We were able to purchase Quicken and Turbo Tax in time to help us do our tax's and fill out all the forms.

Our new member, Lyall Coleman, gave a great program on using the Net to watch the Stocks Market and track your stocks to know when to buy and sell.

We are coming up on election time.

Frank Mastroly has been appointed chairman of the nominating committee. If you like to help serve on his committee or if you would like to run for office or suggest a nominee for an office, e-mail Frank at [fmastroly@aol.com](mailto:fmastroly@aol.com)

Our SIG groups are having great turnouts for their meeting, but I see many of the same faces. If you have not attended a SIG you are missing a wealth of information. Our SIG meetings are held on Wednesdays from 7- 9 PM. At our hardware SIG on the 2nd Tuesday of each month Ed Leckliter is getting ready to help others who would like to do a major system upgrade of their computer.

The Senior Net has started a new session teaching word processing and basic computer operation at the Senior Center. If you would like to learn while coaching the computer classes at the senior center, volunteers are welcome.

A big thank you to all members who worked in our booth at The computer swap meet introducing our club to prospective new members. You can help build our club by asking a friend to join us at one of our meetings and encourage them to join. The more members we have, the better programs we can have at our General Meetings.

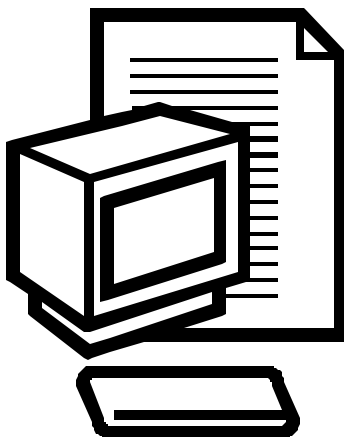
Do not miss this month's General Meeting, Dr. John Goodman, author of many computer books will be our speaker and is a past president of our club.

We welcome and encourage our members to share their knowledge of computers with our group and contribute related articles at all levels of expertise. Deadline for articles is always Saturday following the general meeting.

Articles received by the deadline will appear in the next issue. At times it may be necessary to retain articles for a later publication if space is an issue. We prefer WouldPerfect or Microsoft format but ASCII and other formats are acceptable, let your text wrap, use hard returns for paragraph breaks only, also use one space after a period, question mark, exclamation point, Don't indent paragraphs or insert spaces or tabs to center text in your document.

Give your article a title and be sure your name appears below the title so we can give you a byline. Submit your article to Leonard Stein at his email [leonardstn@netscape.net](mailto:leonardstn@netscape.net) or Morris Fier at [fier@bigfoot.com](mailto:fier@bigfoot.com)

**Robert Walker**



## NOMINATIONS

*Preston Hill*



The time has come the By-laws say  
To solicit volunteers  
To serve their colleagues  
On the Executive Board of OCIPUG!

Frank Mastroly has been appointed as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He is seeking *four* members to join him on the Committee. No member of the Committee can be a member of the present Executive Board. (Bylaws Article VIII, Section 1, e)

Committee members will be contacting every member of OCIPUG to solicit candidates for the following officers to serve a one year term from 1 September 2001 to 30 August 2002:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Candidates need *not* be experts in the use of computers. Some of our better officers and directors have had little experience with computers but are highly motivated to help their fellow members and to learn. Inexperience can be a great benefit as that can bring fresh ideas and questions.

So, call Frank at **714-960-9472** or send an e-mail to [<fmastroly@earthlink.net>](mailto:fmastroly@earthlink.net) and step forward to help OCIPUG grow ever more useful and vibrant.

# SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS

## General Meeting Program 28 April 2001

### Dr. John Goodman

At our General Meeting, we are fortunate in having Dr. John Goodman as our speaker. Dr. Goodman is a long time member of our User Group and is a past president Of OCIPUG.

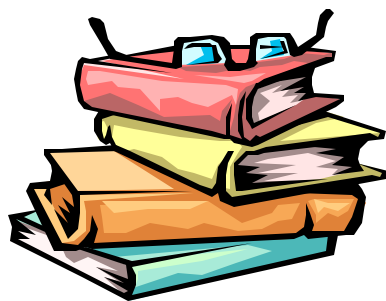
He has not picked out a topic as yet, but he has assured me that he would be very happy to answer any questions our members might have regarding their computer problems.

I am sure most of you know about Dr. Goodman and his involvement with computers. He has written extensively about computers and he has told me that he will have copies of his latest book "Peter Norton's Inside the P.C."

Those of you who have purchased this book before certainly know how valuable it can be.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting to welcome Dr. Goodman and listen to his words of wisdom.

Morris Fier.

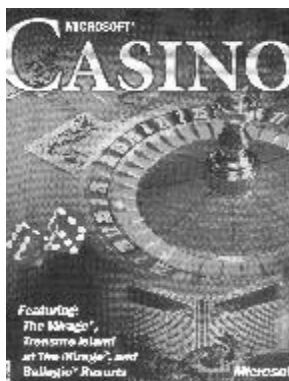
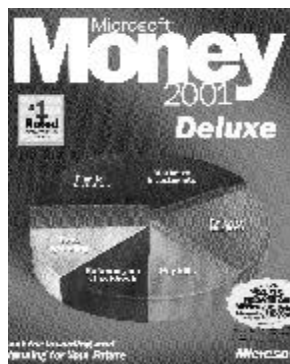


## General Meeting Program 19 May 2001

### Microsoft Mindshare User Group Program

Microsoft Extreme 7 Road Show and a look at the new **Microsoft Money 2001 Deluxe** program, and the New **Microsoft CASINO**

Featuring: The Mirage  
Treasure Island at the Mirage and Bellagio Resorts.



We will have a copy of each of the Microsoft Programs for our Drawing

## 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.)

**25 April 2001**

### Digital Cameras and Scanning -

4th Wednesday, 7:00PM

Bob Strader

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**5 May 2001**

### New User - 1st Saturday, 1:00PM

John Lunsford

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**2 May 2001**

### Internet - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM

Michael Moore

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**8 May 2001**

### Hardware - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM

Ed Leckliter

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**9 May 2001**

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

Richard Hunter

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**16 May 2001**

### Windows - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM

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**Only \$1.00**

# OCIPUG Hardware SIG Report

April 10, 2001  
Ed Leckliter

There were 13 attendees (including the SIG Leader, Ed Leckliter)

The Featured Topic was: "Other Components (Chassis, Power Supplies, HFAs, Fans, Keyboards, and Mice)"

There were three hardware "submissions" :

1. Red Davidson asked that we check out some error messages that come up during boot-up on the portable display unit that the club uses at the Senior Citizens' Center. Even though the system is working OK, Red was concerned that there might be associated hardware issues. As it turned out, the "error messages" related to missing .dll files - software-related issues, not hardware-related issues. Ed suggested either living with the need to hit the enter key twice (once for each error message) or reloading the operating system. Red decided to opt for just hitting the enter key a couple of times.

2. Lyall Coleman brought in his IBM Aptiva system unit and inquired about upgrading it for extra power at a low cost. The unit has a Pentium 133MHz processor, 96MB of RAM, and an integrated video processor with 1MB of video RAM. Ed pointed out that the unit has a proprietary motherboard and a proprietary chassis. As such it would be impossible to swap in an "industry standard" motherboard. About the only "upgrade" for the current unit would be installing a faster Pentium CPU. Lyall had already spoken with IBM and they had advised him that the motherboard would accept up to a 200MHz Pentium. While it was generally agreed that the faster processor would help, Lyall went away concerned that the \$35-\$50 he would need to spend, and the hassle he might encounter finding a good CPU, might not be warranted.

3. Robert Walker brought in one of his eight networked Pentium 166MHz PC from his office. It has been in use for several years

and Bob wondered what he might be able to do to upgrade it. Ed noted that it has a VESA local bus (VLB), AT form factor motherboard with a VLB video card and VLB hard drive controller. As such he might scout around for an AT form factor motherboard and an inexpensive video card. Since the current system uses SIMMs rather than DIMMs, he would also need to replace the memory. All in all, probably less than \$250 + tax for new motherboard, CPU, video card, and 64-128MB of RAM - less than half what a new system unit would cost. Bob's main problem will be finding a good quality AT form factor motherboard.

There were only a few questions posed during Q&A. The one that Ed spent the most time on was posed by Dick Baznik. He wanted to better understand about the system "front side bus" (FSB) that is frequently mentioned during the "Hardware News" segment of the meetings. Ed diagramed the system layout on the whiteboard and discussed the basics plus where both AMD and Intel are at today.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2001

Next Meeting Featured Topics:

1. Updating Your System BIOS
2. Exploring Your Motherboard CD

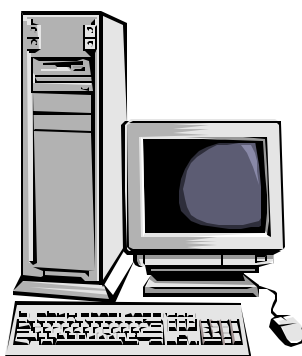
Following Meeting: June 12, 2001

Following Meeting Featured Topics:

1. Online Resources to Help in Resolving Hardware Problems
2. General System "Maintenance"

File(s) attached - also posted on the OCIPUG Hardware SIG web site ([www.homestead.com/ocipughardwaresig/index.html](http://www.homestead.com/ocipughardwaresig/index.html)).

Presentation slides (. ppt format)



## Scanning and Digital Photography

March 28, 2001

Sig Leader: Robert Strader,  
[rstrader@pacbell.net](mailto:rstrader@pacbell.net)

Robert Walker opened the SIG with a CD of fabulous pictures from The Professional Photographers Association. The CD had a very nice sound track. Robert showed a picture of very high resolution and printed on a very expensive printer as a standard to compare the print outs . He showed prints of the same image printed on other papers on his Epson printer.

Robert was asked about his new system; the most impressive attribute in my mind is Two 75 gig hard drives. Robert discussed setting up your system to process digital photographs. One should calibrate the monitor and the printer. If you don't do this procedure, it may not print what you have viewed on your monitor. Scanners are a diverse group. One must select a scanner with the end use in mind. If it is for home use and requires minimal resolution, you can purchase an inexpensive unit. If you require a high resolution output, you will have the spend considerably more. There are flat bed scanners and there are drum scanners.

When using a scanner, select the preview mode and then crop to the size of the image that you want scanned. This will reduce the file size of the saved image. Different modes of scanning: scanning line art, gray scale scanning, color separated scanning (for printing, scan for reds, blue and green). The use of curve tuning of the image for adjusting the color, intensity and depth. Robert then revisited the MGI Photo Suite 4, to show how to crop an image.

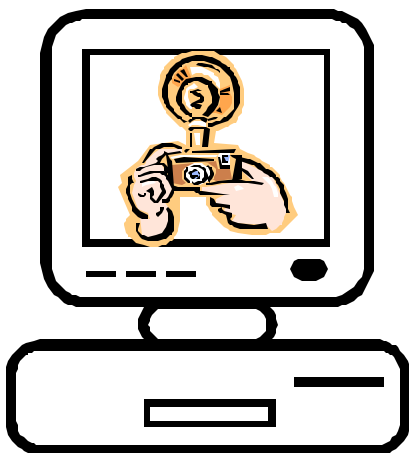
He then presented a Professional program, Proshots which is for use by Professional Photographers. The photographer manipulates the photographs of his clients with this program and then sends it to his film processor. The processor then prepares the prints per the photographers orders. Other features are, the photographer can set.

## Scanning and Digital Photography

up an album arrangement and should the customer request a change it is very easily made. Robert then demonstrated some of the techniques of photo touch up with the PhotoShop 6 program.

### For the April 25th Scanning and Digital Photography SIG,

We will have a presentation by Cheryl Wester, She will show us how to take our pictures from a pocket pc with a camera attached, She is a high school teacher in the Corona-Norco Unified School District where she teaches Computer Science.... also teaches for the University of Phoenix in the education department....and works for a firm where she has been promoting the PocketPC (MicroCenter, etc.) She grew up in Corona, California...married.. mother of three, step-mother of two, and is involved in her daughter's horse shows, husband's career, horses, sewing, and supporting her kids in college. Cheryl uses her digital camera with her Laptop and Ipaq, Casio EM500 and E-125....and has owned the HP Jornada .but as she said "she can't use them all at the same time"...she will show us how to take our digital pics from the camera computer PocketPC or Palm.



## Next Step in e-mail

The next step in e-mail has finally arrived! Sign up for this and it will blow your socks off. Here is a free service, (so far), that not only reads your e-mail, it comes with an emotional talking head. You supply the emotions.

The head according to the company LifeFX that with their program Face mail it will read the e-mail sent from someone that also has the software installed The talking head exhibits almost hilarious facial expressions when you insert the proper emoticon, :- ) - for happy, :- ( - for sad, and etc. -you get the idea into your e-mail.

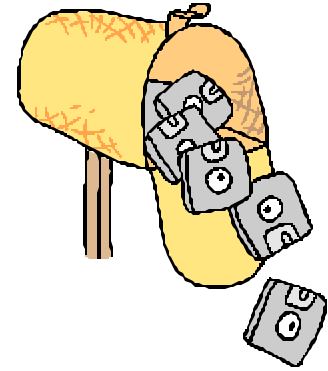
Clicking on the emoticons in the upper right hand corner gives you a full list of them and their definitions LifeFX(tm) uses what they call Stand-Intm Virtual People to communicate email that you author. There are several talking heads and a full range of emoticons to choose from. According to the company in a few months you'll be able to send Facemails delivered with your own voice. Later on they may offer to make you the head of your e-mail if you send them a picture. The audio you will hear can be a male or female voice.

The 4.7 MB program is downloadable at this URL: <http://www.lifefx.com:80/FaceOfTheInternet/pgInit.html>

You must register for the program after downloading it in order for it to work properly. The program is free, but as I found out when it gets really good and or popular, usually they start

charging for the upgrades. Most of the time charter members receive a free ride for a period or substantial discount on future add-ons although as with any new idea this is no guarantee.

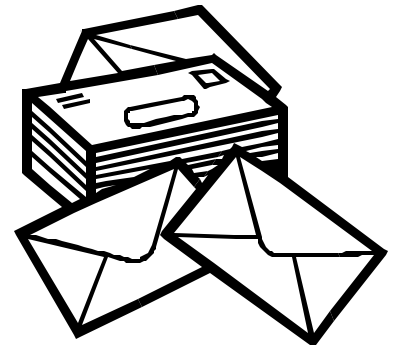
System Requirements are: Operating System Win98, 2000, ME, or NT 4.0. The browser must be IE 4.0.1 or later. Processor: Pentium II-266 MHz or equivalent, 400MHz is recommended. Memory 64 MB with 128 MB or better ideal. 28.8 or faster modem download speed; a setting greater than 25 colors Video card: Open GL-compatible 3D accelerator card and of course a sound card and speakers.



The only downside to the program is it only works in Microsoft Internet Explorer. (IE4). They have "promised" to come out with a Netscape version in the future.

I have been using Netscape for all of my e-mails and Internet browsing, except some sites now are only viewable with IE4. I hate to do it but with the addition of Facemail it is time to switch.

Robert Lynch  
gridleak@lvcm.com



# Orange Coast IBM PC User Group (OCIPUG) Board of Directors Meeting

26 March 2001  
*Pat Cohen, Secretary*

Date: March 24, 2001 at 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92683 (Costa Mesa Senior Center)

General Meeting convened by President Robert Walker at 9:00 a.m. after Random Access (Q&A); about 25-30 members & guests signed in. Pres. Walker announced that next month the outstanding speaker would be former OCIPUG President, Dr. John Goodman

Speaker at 9:15 New member, Lyle Coleman spoke for 90 interesting minutes on the topic: "Managing Your Stocks Getting In and Getting Out"; we learned about trends, moving averages, when to buy and when to sell.

Speaker at 11:00: Member Ed Leckliter talked about "Doing a Major System Upgrade" covering choices, costs, considerations.

Board member Sandi donated a year's OCIPUG membership for the top opportunity drawing.

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Date: March 26, 2001 at 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92683 (Costa Mesa Senior Center)

Executive Board of Directors Meeting called to order by President, Bob Walker at 7:05.

Present: A quorum of eleven Officers and Directors were present and two members.

Minutes of February 26, 2001 Executive Board of Directors Meeting approved as corrected.

President's Report: Bob shared a thank you card from Tony Dopazo for the remembrance of his late wife.

Treasurer's Report was received, accepted and filed for audit. Current checking account balance at end of February was \$2382.72. The annual bulk mailing permit has increased to \$125.00

Committee Reports: Larry reported 112 paid members (plus 3 honorary).

—Red Davidson provided the updated Facilities Report; the Executive Board approved Red's purchase of the old "guttled" OCIPUG computer for his son;

— Frank Mastroly agreed to serve as Nominating Chair under Preston Hill's tutelage. Others were invited to assist making calls to members to "step up to the plate for service" of one year or two. There are vacancies for President and Vice-President.

Unfinished Business:

1. Read Me Doc Newsletter: Len Stein will serve as Editor and provide some content from other computer club newsletters. Bob, Sandi and Morris Fier will put it together this month with Preston's help when available.
2. Opportunity Drawing: President Walker encouraged members to bring items for the drawing;
3. The phone answering machine. There is still a number of members who want to discontinue this extra expense. Red will check with Wayne on the usage and number of calls and what he does about answering the calls. MSC (Red Davidson, Morris Fier) to abandon hot line answering machine if there is no positive response from communication with Wayne Ali.
4. Programs: Sandi and Michael have contacts to ask for demonstrating software or providing a "program in a box". Members who would like to make an hour presentation at the General Meeting are welcome to call Bob Walker or Bob Strader to discuss topic.

New Business:

**Next Board Meeting: April 30, 2001**

Adjourned: 8:33 p.m.





# OCIPUG Memberships

as of 13 April 2001

Notify Ken Paeth, 714-544-5158, <kenpaeth@bigfoot.com> or Larry Pearce, 714-543-5661, <larry.pearce@juno.com> of any discrepancies.

We welcome you who have joined OCIPUG during the year 2001.  
May you learn tips and tricks from others, contribute suggestions of your own, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members.

**Millie Anderson   Roger Anderson   Lyall Coleman   Robert Crowley   Roberta Crowley   Frank Refalo**

Any member needing a new badge to replace a lost badge may contact Ken Paeth for a replacement at a cost of \$1.00.

## 31 March 2001

Michael De Falco  
Don Krueger  
Taoward Lee  
Charles Schreiber  
Bill Splitter  
Henry Trinh  
Hugh Wilkoff

## 30 April 2001

Jack Bentley  
Annabelle Farago  
Henry Guttentag  
Roger Hughes  
Paula Mcgee  
Margaret Morgan  
Ralph Morgan  
Carolyn Niefeldt  
Jack Niefeldt

## 31 May 2001

Morris Fier  
John Gallie  
Kevin Moser  
Jack Starbird  
Lynda Starbird  
Audrey Wolden

## 30 June 2001

Bonnie Cox  
Michael Cox  
Dick Cruce  
Elvin (Al) Daugherty  
Phyllis Daugherty  
Christina "Chris" Davidson  
Dan Dickinson  
Preston Hill  
Steve Kilmer  
Roman Kramarsic  
Oscar S "Ed" Leckliter  
Paul Melton  
Kenneth Paeth  
Leonard Robertson  
Nicholas Shishkoff  
Rex Sutton  
Dennis Walz  
George Williams

## 31 July 2001

George Austin  
Donald Bixler  
Keith Campbell  
Karl Cook  
Edward Eales  
Rocky Ford  
Helen Martin  
Ken Martin  
Dennis Matthews  
Jim Petit  
Don Reis  
Jerry Rounsavell  
John Scott

## 31 August 2001

Frank Disparte  
Warren Frandsen  
Bob Fulkerson  
Richard Hunter  
Jeff Sinn  
Robert Strader  
Ruby Strader  
Larry Thomas  
Patricia Thomas  
Beverly Walker  
Robert Walker  
Barto Wash  
Jonathan Wash  
Megan Wash  
Ruth Wash

## 30 September 2001

Richard Baznik  
Jesse Bequette  
Marshal Boslow  
Jim Hicks  
Patricia Noling  
Peter Noling  
Victor Olcott  
Franklin Olson  
Ned Stewart  
Vivian Stimson  
Joseph Zebrowski

## 31 October 2001

Richard Black  
John Donovan  
Herbert Huey  
William Singleton  
Seymour Spiegel  
Frank Yaeger

## 30 November 2001

Don Peltz

## 31 December 2001

Frank Mastroly  
Larry Pearce  
Nita Pearce  
Sandi Tierney

## 31 January 2002

Lyall Coleman  
Mike Conway  
Farrell Eagle  
Bernie Goldware  
Andrew Refalo  
Frank Refalo  
Leonard H. Stein  
Jim Stolp

## 28 February 2002

Millie Anderson  
Roger Anderson  
Adele Elliott  
Michael Elliott  
Betty Gillespie  
Guy Gum  
Richard Herman  
William Jennings  
Jim Kirkpatrick  
Will Luijt  
Robert Lynch  
Dennis Martin  
Bob Schmidt

## 31 March 2002

Pat Cohen  
Robert Cowley  
Roberta Cowley  
Muriel Fitzsimmons  
Thomas Fitzsimmons  
Alex Lancaster  
Charlie Oostdyk

## 30 April 2002

Anthony Dopazo

## 31 May 2002

C.R. "Red" Davidson  
Edward Fitch

## 30 June 2002

Michael Moore  
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