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**Newsletter**

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 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM - Hardware  
 2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM - Web Sites  
 3rd Wednesday, 7:00PM - Windows  
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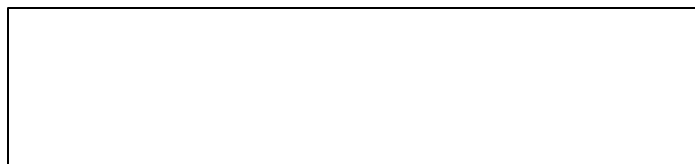
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## President's Message

Robert Walker

I would like to encourage all members to attend the Southwest user conference July 13 through the 15th to be held in San Diego CA. You'll have the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from Adobe, MGI, . Microsoft, Corel, Power Quest, Voice Pilot and many others

Your registration fee if paid by June 22nd will be \$40 including all meals during the conference and workshops plus a Conference t-shirt and Welcome Bag filled with all kinds of goodies.

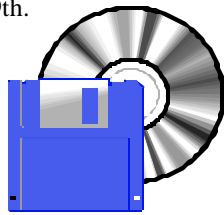
Election Committee - Frank Mastroly still needs several volunteers to help him put together a slate of officers for 2001/2002. Frank at (714)960-9472, fmastroly@earthlink.net.

All members interested in serving on the board or as a club officer to call or e-mail Frank Mastroly, let him know that you would like to run for office.

Microsoft New MSN Explorer and Internet Access Version 6.0 will be offering DSL service starting in June as yet they do not know what the cost will be .We will have the new Access Version 6.0 CD to up grade at our general meeting for you if you are using MSN internet service.

Exciting news from the Senior Center, they are in the process of installing cable which we will be able to use for General Meetings and SIG groups .

The Orange Coast Costa Mesa Lions club, is holding a fund-raising for local charities---Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo night on the 19th .Dinner is 5-7:00 PM Bingo starts at 7:15 The cost is only \$7.00 per person and includes green salad, bread , dessert and beverages. They will be having a raffle and door prizes, the cost for bingo cards is \$1.00. The Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo will be held at the Costa Mesa Women's clubhouse 18th Street at Anaheim Avenue Costa Mesa. We will have two sets of dinner tickets for our drawing at our General Meeting on the 19th.



**1 FLOPPY HOLDS LESS THAN 1.44 MB**

**1 ZIP DISK HOLDS 100 MB OR 69 FLOPPIES**

**1 CD HOLDS 560 MB OR 6.5 ZIP DISKS OR 448 FLOPPIES**

**1 DVD HOLDS 9.4 GB OR 94 ZIP DISK  
OR 6,486 FLOPPY DISKS**

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## Herb's Hangout

Herb Huey



### The Electrical Power Crisis

The electrical power crisis that has plagued California affects all electronic devices even PC related products. The major California electrical companies were teetering on the edge of bankruptcy before Gov. Gray Davis pledged \$10 billion in bonds to buy electrical power on the open market. Some of my co-workers have already seen \$400 electric bills. Your bills may not be this high but I am sure that it has risen to record levels for many of you. In this age of computers and other related products, we need to examine how we use these products and find ways to lower our electrical bills and help California through this crisis. Here are some ideas I came up with.

Rolling blackouts may become commonplace this summer. It may not be a bad idea to get a good battery backup device for your PC just in case? Most Plug-N-Play devices can be turned off until it is needed. So why not turn off devices that are rarely used until they are needed. This may include external CD-RWs, removable media and scanners. Just remember which of these devices are required prior to PC turn-ons to prevent multiple boot-ups.

Peak electrical usage occurs during 5-7pm on weekdays. During this period try to forgo use of your PCs and other peripherals. Instead plug in your laptops and portable devices since they are more efficient or even better resort to battery power during this period and recharge after 7pm. Use as many of the energy management features built into your PCs and other devices as practical. Most monitors have two energy modes, full up and standby mode where power is reduced. However, I find that a more effective way to save energy is to turn off the monitor when it is not needed.

If you are doing many or most of these energy saving tips, congratulations, but there are still other ways to still lower your energy usage. If you are buying new devices then look for energy efficient or Energy Star devices. Another way is to look for alternative ways to do your work. An interesting alternative for desktop PCs is to use an LCD flat-panel display. Are you nuts, Herb? LCD displays are expensive but consider the fact that they use 60 percent less power, create much less heat dissipation and take up less desktop space.

NEC-Mitsubishi is expected to lead the way to tumbling LCD display prices. Manufacturing capability has been building up for years to handle the laptop screen requirements and the growing separate LCD display market. Now manufacturers are poised to pass on the savings to the consumer. Perhaps you have noticed that LCD prices have been steadily falling for the last six months. I noticed in a recent Fry's ad that 15-inch LCDs are \$599 and 17-inch LCDs go for \$999.

We can expect by this summer to see 15-inch LCDs for under \$500 and 17-inch LCDs at the sub-\$800 level. That is cheap. I remember buying a Sony 14-inch CRT display for \$680 back in 1990. LCD falling prices will persuade many large companies to look at providing LCD displays for their employees. This will pay dividends in a number of ways. The lower power consumption will enable companies to reduce significantly their daily power consumption. Lower heat dissipation will allow companies to reduce air conditioning costs as well. This is important considering that many companies face the prospect of daily Stage 3 alerts and actual power shutdowns. LCD displays are easier on the eyes, which is a major employee workplace complaint, and thus will increase worker productivity and reduce worker time off due to eyestrain complaints. Finally, since LCD displays take up less space, employees may not feel the effects of smaller work areas as companies crowd employees together.

Many people on the go have switched from laptops to portable hand-held devices. With the basic model you can use them to keep your appointments, check your e-mail and organize your busy schedules. Some hand-helds even come with portable keyboards to allow the user to type a memo, update a database list or work out a cost spreadsheet. Expansion capabilities will allow the user to connect digital cameras, modems for Internet and e-mail capabilities and even GPS in case you get lost. Hand-helds use less power than desktops or laptops. Perhaps a hand-held can take over some of the tasks you normally do on your PC or laptop.

I have tried to pass on some ideas for you to cope with the electrical power crisis. I am sure that you can come up with more ideas. Even if California solves the electrical power crisis quickly, we should endeavor to learn to conserve energy as part of a lifestyle change.

#### Signing Off

I missed the April deadline for submittal of Herb's Hangout. I spent last month in Vietnam and returned at the end of the first week in April. I had an overnight layover in Bangkok and my in-laws insisted on eating breakfast the next morning even though our flight was a breakfast flight. They ate noodle soup (the most popular Vietnamese breakfast) along with my wife but I was not brought up to eat noodles for breakfast. Instead, I had a Chinese Chicken roll (looks like a turnover) and by the time we had breakfast on the plane, I was definitely sick. Eighteen hours is a long time to be sick on a plane.

I had looked at a number of MP3/CD players prior to my trip and bought the new 2nd generation Diamond Rio Volt. It has a quick 10-second startup compared to the 30 to 45 seconds of the other players I surveyed. It has a nice blue backlit two-line LCD display that shows the file number, running time, song title, and artist. The Rio Volt allows the user to quickly run through the CD directories and even create a playlist for playback. Each CD can hold about 10-12 hours of music recorded at 128bps, which is considered CD quality. The battery life seems to exceed the advertised 15 hours and the AC powerpack is fairly compact in size.

There are some downsides. Like most MP3/CD players, there are

no fast forward/rewind controls. The earbud headphones have good sound quality but are a pain in the neck to pack and unpack. I expect to get new over-the-ear portable headphones. It is also somewhat costly at \$170, which appears to be the going price for newly introduced MP3/CD players. This may not be a surprise but a MP3/CD player is naturally bulkier than a MP3 player with built-in memory. However, a single CD can hold over 200 songs or more than 10 hours of music. You only get about two hours of music from 64MB of memory. Overall, I'm pleased with the performance of the Rio Volt.

My MP3 file collection is growing rapidly. I have already compiled 20 CDs or over 4000 files. I am well on my way to my goal of 10,000 files. I bought an inexpensive FM modulator and now I can also listen to MP3 files in my car.

## Acronyms

Compiled by Pete Tinaglia

So often people who are around computers like to shorten things into a bunch of letters. Unless you know the lingo, it is easy to get lost. This seems especially true in the chat rooms and in e-mail. That's why this week we enhance your brain with digital short hand.

**AFAIK:** As Far As I Know re

**BTDT:** Been There, Done That

**CIO:** Check It Out

**CYL or CULSR:** See You Later

**DBEYR:** Don't Believe Everything You Read

**DQYDJ:** Don't Quit Your Day Job

**GG:** Good Game or Gotta Go

**GMAT:** Great Minds Think Alike

**IWM:** If It Were Me

**MNSHO:** In My Not So Humble Opinion.

**IYKWIM:** If You Know What I Mean

**LOL:** Laughing Out Loud or Lots of Luck (or Love)

**OMIK:** Open Mouth, Insert Keyboard

**ROTFL:** Rolling On The Floor Laughing

**RTM:** Read The Manual

**TAFN:** That's All For Now

**WDYT:** What Do You Think?

**WYRN:** What's Your Real Name?

**YGBK:** You Gotta Be Kidding

# General Meeting Program

19 May 2001

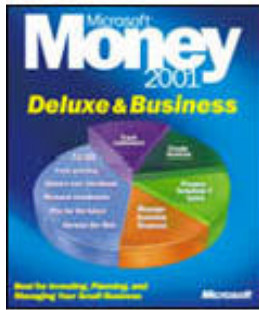
Robert Walker, *Programs Chairman*

## Microsoft Mindshare



We will look at the new products from Microsoft and will have for our drawing Money 2001 Deluxe and Business and the Game Casino and a sample of Spanish Deluxe Language Learning

### Microsoft Money 2001 Deluxe & Business



#### Best for Investing

Planning, and Managing Your Small Business. Money 2001 Deluxe & Business is designed specifically for Schedule C filers or sole proprietors, to provide the easiest tool for managing both business & personal finances.

#### Benefits

Includes Money 2001 Deluxe Features - Deluxe & Business includes all of the popular features found in Deluxe. Manage your personal finances, investing, financial planning, and tax saving features.

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Manage Customers - Improved invoicing and contact management tools help you stay in touch with customers.

### Step Inside Premier Las Vegas Casinos



Experience the dazzle and allure of Las Vegas. Hear the roar of slot machines, cards shuffling, and dealers calling! Microsoft Casino is your chance to be a virtual high roller amidst the action and glamour of Las Vegas's premier casinos.

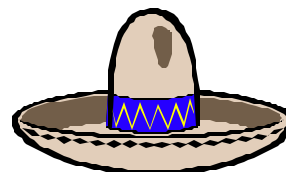
Follow the boulevards of blazing neon into Treasure Island at the Mirage, the Mirage, and the exquisite Bellagio, one of the world's most beautiful and romantic resort hotels. Play all of you favorite games - Blackjack, Baccarat, Roulette, Craps and more!

### Language Learning - Spanish



#### Speak Spanish with Confidence!

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# SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS

## Scanning and Digital Photography

By Robert Strader



At the April 25th Scanning and Digital Photography Sig, we had a presentation by Cheryl Wester. Cheryl showed us the many attributes of the PocketPC. Cheryl presented a Hewlett Packard Jornada, a Compaq iPAQ, and the Casio's duo, the EM-500 and the E-125. Cheryl showed a fold-up keyboard that will work with the IPAQ and the Jornada units that makes it much easier to input data. All of these units operate on the Windows CE OS. Another constant with her equipment selection is that they all use the compact flash media for storage. An important fact is that once you have used a unit with a color display, you do not wish to return to using a monochrome display device. Cheryl also uses a Compaq notebook and attached her IPAQ via a USB cable to sync her data. To provide a good visual presentation, she brought a Video camera and displayed her actions on a TV monitor. That was the only way, the group would be able to see the functionality and operation of these small units. Cheryl used her digital camera to snap a picture of the group and then removed the compact flash media, from the camera and inserted it into the IPAQ to display it on its display.



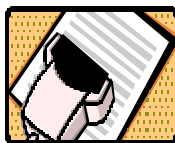
### \* Internet

No report, but the SIG, as usual, was very interesting from personal experience.



### \* Web Page Design -

Discussion continued on creating web pages using Netscape Composer plus critiques of various attendees' attempts.



### \* Windows 98 -

The next session will cover scanners.



### \* Hardware

The next meeting will cover Flash BIOS and motherboard CDs. As usual, members are encouraged to bring in their PCs if they are having any hardware problems.

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## 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

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**5 May 2001**

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

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**2 May 2001**

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

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**8 May 2001**

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

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**9 May 2001**

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

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**16 May 2001**

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

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## ACP Swap Meet

27 May 2001

Contact Richard Hunter if you can help at the OCIPUG booth on Saturday.

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## OCIPUG Hardware SIG - Meeting Recap

Meeting Date: May 8, 2001

There were 14 attendees (including the SIG Leader, Ed Leckliter)

The Featured Topics were: "Updating Your System BIOS" and "Exploring Your Motherboard CD"

There were three hardware "submissions":

1. Chris Davidson brought in her AMD K6-based, or K6-2-based, baby AT system and asked that we assist her in flashing her system BIOS. She came prepared with her motherboard manual and CD (Asus P5A-B motherboard). [Actually, she was kind enough to volunteer her system to help demo both of the featured topics.] Notwithstanding the fact that she failed to follow all the "preliminary" step suggestions made during the "Updating Your System BIOS" discussion - and that she decided to proceed even though her reason for updating was simply "to stay current" (a reason Ed suggested was probably insufficient to proceed), the flash session "appeared" to go forward just fine. Chris' only complaint was that the system didn't seem any faster after the update. [Ed - Added performance should not be expected unless a new "performance" feature was added with the BIOS update and then the feature was turned on/implemented.] After flashing the BIOS, we explored Chris' motherboard CD. We found that it was a relatively close match to just the component capabilities for her motherboard - compared to the CD for the club's computer (which we also looked at) which had much of the CD taken up by drivers for other products. Ed strongly recommended against executing any program that was not written explicitly for your actual motherboard and for its known features (e.g., don't try to install a device driver designed for an SiS chipset on an Intel chipset motherboard - and don't try to load a network "card" driver on a motherboard that doesn't have the NIC (network interface card) component down on the motherboard).

2. Morris Fier brought in system which he'd recently added a component (sorry but insufficient input sheet data and memory - mine). Subsequently he was unable to boot to the desktop. As it turns out, Morris has two hard drives in his system and the "D" drive had, at one point, also had some portion of Windows on it (including command.com at the root). In the process of trying to decode the problem, Ed unplugged the data cable to the "D" drive and booted the system. The system booted normally to the Windows desktop. Regrettably, we were unable to do anything with the "D" drive, connected on its own and booting from a boot floppy, other than run a directory. Kevin Moser suggested that the problem may be associated with not using one of the new 40-pin/80-conductor IDE cables (presumably because the "D" drive is jumpered to "cable select" - there is no "slave" jumper setting). Since the system had previously been able to access both drives with the older cable, that seemed an unlikely solution. As one of Morris' drives requires that cable to get the full performance from the drive, he will give it a try.

3. Ken Paeth brought in an old AST 486 all-in-one computer that he had replaced a battery - soldered it in. He replaced the battery because he'd received an "error message" indicating that it was not working properly - or needed replacement. After replacing the battery he was prompted to reset the BIOS settings. He accepted a prompt to reset to the old values. Subsequently attempts to boot the system resulted in the error message "cannot find operating system" - and the system would not boot. We ran out of time trying to decode the problem.

With all the hardware to work with, there was no Q&A.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2001

Next Meeting Featured Topics: 1. Online Resources to Help in Resolving Hardware Problems 2. General System "Maintenance"

Following Meeting: July 10, 2001

Following Meeting Featured Topic(s): TBD based on attendee input on 6/12.

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)

NOTE to the Newsletter Coordinator and the SIG Coordinator: Please do NOT suggest that the reader of the Readme.Doc contact the SIG leader for the presentation topic. First, I am located in the 310 area code and therefore, if someone was to call, it would probably be a toll call. Second, the topic is stated above. For the latest info, please direct readers to the OCIPUG Hardware SIG website (noted above). Thanks.

Ed

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### Options For Moving, Copying, or Creating a Shortcut

The next time you need to move or copy an icon, or create a shortcut, keep in mind that you have options. You can right-click and drag an icon (or selection of icons) to the desired destination, release the mouse button, and select Move Here, Copy Here, or Create Shortcuts) Here (or Cancel, to forget the whole thing). Alternatively, you can rely on the Shift and Ctrl keys. Hold down Shift as you drag and drop an icon to move that item; or hold down Ctrl to copy that icon. But wait, there's yet another option for accomplishing these tasks—the context menu. Select the items you want to move or copy, right-click the selection, and choose Cut (to move) or Copy. Switch to the destination, then right-click a blank area, and select Paste. To create a shortcut, right-click an item and select Create Shortcut to create a shortcut in the same location. You can then move the shortcut to your location of choice . example, you might create a Win98 folder on the root of your hard drive. Second, pop the installation CD into your CD-ROM drive, click Browse This CD, and double-click the Win98 folder (to display its contents). Select all of the \*.cab files inside, then Page 9 APRIL 2001 right-click the selection and choose.

# KEN'S KORNER

*Ken Fermoyle*

## WHAT IS A USER GROUP CONFERENCE?



The 8th Annual Southwestern User Group Conference will be held from Friday evening, July 13 through Sunday, July 15 at the Hilton Hotel-Mission Valley in San Diego, CA. Activities will include: workshops on Saturday and Sunday; vendor-sponsored presentations & meals; a Vendor Faire; numerous prize drawings; as well as up close and personal time with participating vendors. In addition, attendees will receive a T-shirt and Welcome Bag. Attendees will have an opportunity to interface with user group leaders having similar interests to share ideas and experiences, as well as solutions to problems. The conference began with 45 attendees and has grown to over 240 in 2000, representing 52 user groups from California, Arizona, New Mexico & Florida.

OCIPUG Members... You are cordially invited to attend our 8th Annual "Fun in the Sun & Computers, Too!" computer conference in San Diego, California. This year it will be held from July 13 - 15 at the Hilton Hotel, Valley Circle. We'll have presentations & meals sponsored by vendors, a variety of workshops to choose from to enhance your skills (personal as well as leading your group). There will be a vendor faire where you will have the opportunity to talk with vendors and schedule those all-important meeting presentations.

On Sunday you will have the opportunity to take part in a group 'give & take' workshop with participating vendors. All-in-all, we want everyone to enjoy themselves, the presentations, food, workshops and weather and go home with ideas and skills to enhance their user group experience. Please check out the conference web site at: [www.swugconf.org](http://www.swugconf.org). You can print a registration form and mail it in with your check or wait for the complete registration packet that will be mailed to you shortly.



## Error Messages:

As hard to decipher as the Dead Sea Scrolls by Ken Fermoyle Error messages plague users today just as much as they did at the dawn of the microcomputer age two decades ago. The messages themselves change as new technologies evolve, but the enigmatic numbered horrors persist. They remain as hard for most of us to read as the Dead Sea Scrolls!

Internet error messages especially are often ambiguous or misleading. Many mean essentially the same thing: you can't get through to the site you've requested because it is too crowded right now somewhere along the way.

One of the most common of these is: "The Server does not have a DNS entry." This is infuriating as a telephone busy signal, and often means the same thing! It can also mean that you aren't connected to the Internet, that you had a typo in the URL (Universal Resource Locator, fancy name for a Website's address), or the Website doesn't exist. Usually, however, it's a Net busy signal; try again in a few minutes.

I thought it would be helpful to give you the following "plain English" definitions for common browser error messages.

400 Bad request - The URL (Universal Resource Locator, official name for an Internet address) you entered has something wrong with it. Perhaps the page you are looking for does not exist, or the server you are contacting does not recognize the URL. Check your typing, especially special characters, like slashes or colons, and uppercase letters.

401 Unauthorized - The page is password-protected or does not accept visitors from your domain. If you entered a password, you may have typed it incorrectly.

403 Forbidden - Same as 401 Unauthorized. You should try your password again.

404 Not Found - This common message means the page doesn't exist, or exists at a different URL. Try deleting everything after the last slash in the URL to see if you get a page with a link to the page you want. Check your spelling. And if the URL ends in .htm, type .html instead (and vice versa). Sometimes, however, pages are just missing.

503 Service Unavailable - Similar to a busy signal. Wait briefly and try the page again. It's probably there.

Host Unknown - Site may have moved. Try looking for it with a search engine (or, if the URL you had was long and complicated, guess how it may have been simplified). Also, check to see if you lost your Internet connection (this happens most often if you're away from the computer for a while);

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# What is the Clipbook?

by Judy DiFrancesco, CLUB MEMBER  
Computer Boosters of Sun Lakes

Most Windows users know what the clipboard is and how it works. When you highlight an item or block of text and do an Edit, Copy or Ctrl+C, the selected data is placed on the Windows Clipboard waiting to be Pasted to a different location. If you use this feature, you are also probably aware that when you repeat the Copy command, the information formerly placed there is replaced by the new information you are copying. Also, the last item to be placed on the clipboard will remain there until you shut down your machine. (When exiting some programs, they do give you the opportunity to empty the clipboard. Unless you are going to use the stored item again, you should say Yes, so the system resources being used to store it (are released.)

Occasionally I find when using the copy and paste or cut and paste features, I wish I could retain an item or picture because I know I am going to want to paste it again. Until I discovered the Clipbook, a lot of repetition was necessary.

Those of you who have a newer version of a word processor have the capability to retain more than one clip, but that is not true in all programs. The Clipbook allows you to save an item indefinitely, until you choose to delete it and can be used with anything that can normally be copied to the Windows Clipboard.

The Clipbook is even older than Windows 95, but was included as an add-on in Windows 95. It doesn't even exist in Windows 98 or Windows Me, but if you know how to get it, you can still use it. You can find it in one of two places. If you have an old Windows 95 CD, you can browse the CD for Other\Clipbook, or you can go to the club's Xdrive and download the Clipbook folder. Either way, you want to copy the Clipbook folder as a folder on your C:\ drive.

Once the folder is in your C:\ drive, open it, right-click on the file named clipbrd.exe, point to Send to, and choose Desktop (create shortcut). When you locate the icon on your desktop you can highlight it, press the F2 key, and just rename it to Clipbook. (If you don't want it on the desktop, a good place for it is either the Quick Launch taskbar in the

main taskbar or on the Start Menu. You can drag it and drop it either place and then delete the one on the Desktop.) Now to use the little bugger. Highlight whatever you want to save. It can even be on the Internet. Do an Edit, Copy or Ctrl+C, then click the Clipbook icon. You will already see the item you just copied. Do Edit, Paste or Ctrl+V, and a window will appear letting you name your clip. Type a name, click OK and you've got it. With the Clipbook open, you will see two views. One may be minimized, but there is a view of the Clipbook and a view of what is currently on the clipboard. There are also six icons at the top of the main window. The first three are familiar; they are Copy, Paste and Delete. The next three represent how you view your clips. They are Table of Contents (you will see all the names), Thumbnail (you will see all of the clips as a tiny picture), or Picture (if you select any item from the Table of Contents or Thumbnail view, then click the Picture icon, the clip will open). Double-clicking on any clip also opens it. Now to use the clips you saved. Let's suppose you have saved some clips, either from other documents, from e-mail, or from the Internet. (Incidentally, you can capture text from the Internet to the Clipbook, but graphics don't want to be copied that way.) Now you have a new document or e-mail and you want to use one of your clips. Click the Clipbook icon to open it, open the clip you want to use, click the Copy icon in the Clipbook or press Ctrl+C. Close the Clipbook and place the cursor where you want to insert the clip, and press Edit, Paste or Ctrl+V. You're done! At such time as you have no further use for the items saved in the Clipbook, simply delete them. There are a few other little features available under View in the Clipbook. I will leave those for you to discover.



Microsoft Mindshare Newsletter, Check It Out Many user group members subscribe to the Microsoft Mindshare newsletter, which contains good information for all kinds of interests, including developers. For people who want to learn, you could have taken the on-line multimedia tutorials FREE for the month of January. Each newsletter has a URL for "tips & tricks." To subscribe, go to [<http://www.microsoft.com/mindshare/monthly.asp>].

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if you aren't connected, use your dialer to reconnect and retry the site.

Host unavailable - Generally, this means the host machine is down temporarily for maintenance. Wait awhile and try again.

Unable to locate host or Unable to locate server - Similar to Host Unknown; check to see if you may have been disconnected from the Internet. If you have, log back on and retry.

File Contains No Data - The page is there but for some reason it is empty. Try again later; data may have arrived by then.

Bad file request - This is a forms error. That usually means your browser does not support the type of form you are trying to use, or there is an error in the form.

Too Many Connections - Like a busy signal. Try clicking the Refresh/Reload button, or wait briefly and try again.

Connection refused by host - Similar to 401 and 403; the page is restricted to certain domains or password-protected. If you think you should have a working password, try entering it again.

Failed DNS lookup - Similar to "The Server does not have a DNS entry."

Helper application not found - You asked to view a kind of file that your browser does not recognize (a graphic format, multimedia, or compressed file). You may need to install a plug-in (helper application) that extends the capabilities of your browser.

I also discovered several Web sites that include definitions of other kinds of error messages.

One, at [www.sysopt.com/biosbmc.html](http://www.sysopt.com/biosbmc.html), covers definitions and solutions for AMI and Award BIOS error beeps and messages/codes. It also includes links to other sites that offer BIOS message information.

Another is [www.codemicro.com/windows.htm](http://www.codemicro.com/windows.htm), which contains basic troubleshooting steps to help resolve the following Windows 95 generated error messages: Illegal Operation, Fatal Exception Error, Windows Protection Error, and General Protection Faults.

Then there are some sites that might restore your good humor after a computer session that produced far too many real error messages.

Try [www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5551/comperro.html](http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5551/comperro.html) for one. Another, with messages in the form of three-line Haiku poems, is: [members.nova.org/~dsaum/j-chaiku.htm](http://members.nova.org/~dsaum/j-chaiku.htm).

If you know of other sources for definitions or or information on

different categories of error messages, please send them to me ([kferoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:kferoyle@earthlink.net)) and I will include them in a future column. Ken

(Author's Note: I want to give credit to Earthlink Network, [www.earthlink.net](http://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.)

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## OCIPUG

### Computer Case

This case is made by SUPERMICRO, Model 750A Full Tower 300 Watt PS mfg by SPARKLE



Features: swing out butterfly side doors for easy access. 2. Accepts Baby T/ATXthroughFull Size AT/ATX Motherboard. 3.

Slide-out Motherboard mounting panel and back bezel. 4. Washable front filter. 5. Removable locking front panel. 6. Mounting for up to 7 fans. 7. Adjustable height feet for uneven surfaces. 8. Rail mounting of drives. 9. Top cover removable for access. 10. Option for redundant power supplies. 11. All chassis parts deburred and zinc plated. 12. Drive bay shielding meets FCC Class B Specifications.

Depth 17.3" x Width 8.3" x Height 26,4" 6 5 1/4" Exposed Drive Bays 1 5 1/4" Hidden Drive Bay 1 3 1/2" Exposed Drive Bay 3 3 1/2" Hidden Drive Bays All screw mountings for motherboard For quick reference this case is advertised by NexCom in every MICROTIMES at a price of \$169.99. It is on display at NexCom's Red Hill & Edinger outlet.

### Scanner

Two scanners which belong to OCIPUG. One is a handheld scanner and the other a "Laptop document scanner"

MICROTEK PageWiz (also referred as Laptop document scanner) Model No: MSII-300P This is in the original packaging and includes in addition to the scanner, an AC Power Adapter Class 2 transformer Input: AC 120v 60 Hz 193 mA Output DC 17v 700mA A 25 pin computer connector cable, MICROTEK PAGEWIZ Scanning Software (2) 3 1/2" disks V1.03, Plus (3) Omnipage Win disks 3 1/2" Ver 4.0, and the PageWiz Users Manual, plus a Quick Installation Guide.

For Sale

Basic Requirements: PC 386, 486, Pentium or Notebook PC 4mb on board memory, 10mb free space, and MS win 3.1 or higher

MICROTEK LAB. INC. 3715 Doolittle Drive Redondo Beach, Ca. 90278-1226 Tel 1-310-297-5000 Fax 1-310-297-5050

Contact info from original packaging may be dated.

The second scanner is a Hand-Held Logitech ScanMan Model 32 for IBM Includes a User's Manual plus Image Editing Software Manual as well the Software on 5 1/4" disks. A Scanner Controller Board was originally included as noted in the User's Manual. I know we had it as this scanner was also checked out in the Geneology SIG's, but believe the board may have stayed in the "A" space computer. Someone knowledgeable may be able to ID this board as we have some boards in our storage.

This scanner works with IBM PC-XT, AT, PS/1 OR PS/2 Model 25 or 30 computer or compatibles.

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## Lu Spriggs April 2001 Web Sites

<http://MrWinkle.com/>

The Home of the cutest dog in the universe!!

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

Sign up for the Emazing Internet Tip of the Day, from Art to Wood-working, and much more!

<http://americanart.si.edu/>

Visit the Smithsonian American Art Museum and view thousands of art treasures here, although the museum is now closed during renovation.

<http://home.netscape.com/fishcam/index.html>

Visit the Amazing Real Time Netscape Fish Cam. If you like fishes, there are many photo shots of the resident fishes, taken at previous times. Or, you can select a current Real Time Update of the fish tank!

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

The entry point for all Government agencies with dozens of links, plus a built-in search-engine.

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

Welcome to NuPedia, the world's largest international peer-reviewed encyclopedia, and it's Free! Sign up as a participant; they need many skill categories! Also, they have a free daily e-mail bulletin in any subject of your choice.

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

Sign up for a free e-mail with the latest Technology Advice you can Trust, plus free software.

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

Look here for a price on a new or used car.

<http://junkbusters.com/> Bust the junk messages out of your life. Block those annoying pop-up ads. Internet Junkbuster 2.0.1 is 208 KB Zip file.

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

Block pop-ups. Add Subtract See is free for personal use, 2.5 MB download.

<http://www.removeyou.com>

Sign up at this site to eliminate the spam advertising messages which annoy you!

<http://www.re-route.com/>

Provides a service for Internet users who switch ISP's, allowing them to alert friends and associates of their new internet address, and forwarding their e-mail. First month free. Costs \$25 for 3 mon. Free if new ISP is RCN.com (owns Erols).

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

Here is a full service prescription pharmacy. It also provides information about health guides, drug factsheets, etc. basis. <http://www.qvctc.commnet.edu> -

<http://egghead.instructionset.com/index.asp> -

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<http://www.NASA.gov/>

View a Flash Movie, plus other cool NASA websites, with photos, photos, photos!!

<http://www.CA.gov/>

Welcome to California!

ff!! <http://www.USGS.gov/>

U.S. Geological Survey dept.

<http://www.Navy.mil/>

Anchors Away!!

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

This great search engine has now added a phone-book feature. Type in FirstName LastName,State. It is fast!! And it searches over 1.3 Billion Web Pages.

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

Easy to read and well documented information about pets. Includes: dogs, cats, puppies, and exotic pets. able, "

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

This site presents varied information about Nobel Prize Laureates, including photos and interviews of selected individuals. AppleTalk is used for the videos.

<http://grc.com/default.htm>

Here is the site where you can check out the efficiency of your 'Firewall' protection software. <http://www.searchenginewatch.com/> A Guide to Search Engines for your use on your personal Home Page.

<http://www.britneyspears.ac/lasers.htm>

Go here for the Britney Spears Guide to Semi-Conductor Physics. Really! It is a little known fact, that Ms Spears is an expert in semiconductor physics. Not only that, there is a great photo of Britney at the web site.

[www.thisothat.com/](http://www.thisothat.com/) This site tells you how to attach (glue) anything to another thing, with specific recommends to commercial products that are available. Because people have a need to glue things together! m

# Orange Coast IBM PC User

## GENERAL MEETING REPORT

MARCH 24, 2001

(Frank Mastroy, Interim Secretary)

The OCIPUG May, 2001, General meeting was held Saturday, March 24, 2001. There were approximately 25-30 members and guests present. There was no club business conducted at the meeting.

As usual, the meeting started off with a "Random Access" Q&A session hosted by Ed Leckliter where those in attendance were invited to ask any questions they had concerning hardware and/or software.

This was followed by two very interesting presentations as follows:

### **"Using The Internet for A Technical Approach To The Stock Market," Lyall Coleman**

New member Lyall Coleman presented a list of ten web sites that you can use to plot technical performance data for any stock to show trends, moving averages, etc. (See also the write-up in the Jan-Mar 2001 Readme.Doc for a summary of some of the items discussed. However, emphasis of the presentation was on how to use technical performance data to make decisions, and not to offer advice per se.) The key is to use trend data to see how a particular security has performed in the past and to use these data as one means of predicting how it may perform in the future. Of course, nothing is guaranteed: all that can be seen for certainty is what has happened in the past and to use this as a guide.

Without showing favoritism for particular sites, some sites of interest are <http://quote.yahoo.com>, <http://moneycentral.msn.com/invesyer/home.asp>, (note that there is no www. in these two URLs), [www.bigcharts.com](http://www.bigcharts.com), and [www.smartmoney.com](http://www.smartmoney.com). (For those interested, some extra copies of the URL list are in the computer room.) All of these sites and the others on the list allow you to select the time frame over which you wish to plot the particular security or index performance and the type and duration of moving average (sum of the closing prices over a given period divided by the number of days in the sample), and thus establish trend lines.

In plotting trend lines, be conservative and plot through the "troughs" during a rise, and through the "peaks" during a decline. Lyall also discussed the significance of "double peaks" and "double troughs" which could indicate that the trend line is about to change slope (either up or down).

One interesting item was that if you plot either the Dow Jones Industrial Average or the NASDAQ moving averages, you can see that the most recent data (since January 2001) are really in line with past performance data, with the run-ups and fall-offs of the past few years really aberrations of past trend data.

Finally, those who are interested in exploring these techniques in more detail should visit one or more of these websites and experiment with one or more securities and look at past performance and practice using some of the plotting features to see how they work and what they can do for you consistent with your plan and the level of risk you are willing to accept.

### **"Is It Time To Take The Old Computer To The Doctor," Ed Leckliter (Hardware SIG Leader).**

This very interesting presentation discussed the factors to be considered before upgrading (or replacing) your present computer. The presentation started with a discussion on just what is involved in upgrading your computer, such as selecting a processor and associated motherboard, hard drive, CD-ROM vs CD-RW (or both), video and sound cards, and other items. In all cases it is always necessary to consider what you really need, what you will gain in upgrading beyond a particular point (e.g., processor speed), and finally what will it cost. During the presentation Ed took many questions from the audience.

The meeting ended with the drawing, with Board Of Directors member Sandi Tierney contributing a years OCIPUG membership as the top item in the drawing.



Two confirmed bachelors were sitting and talking, their conversation drifted from politics to cooking, " I got a cookbook once," said the first, " but I could never do anything with it."

" Too much fancy cooking is it eh? " asked the second.

" You said it. Every one of the recipes began the same way---

" Take a clean dish and ."

# Orange Coast IBM PC User

## GENERAL MEETING REPORT

APRIL 28, 2001

(Frank Mastroly, Interim Secretary)

General meeting was held Saturday, April 21, 2001. There were 38 members and guests present.

As usual, the meeting started off with a "Random Access" Q&A session hosted by Ed Leckliter where those in attendance were invited to ask any questions they had concerning hardware and/or software. Questions were raised about how to get the MS Office toolbar on the desktop and questions on virus protection. (The Office tool bar can be installed by going to Start/Programs/Microsoft Tools and clicking on Microsoft Office Shortcut bar. If not already installed, you will be asked to put the Office CD in your CD drive and the computer will do the rest. The toolbar (at least for Office 2000) is large, and so it is best to use the Auto-Hide option to keep it out of the way, preferably at the bottom of the screen, when it is not wanted). It also can be edited to show only those Office features you are interested in.)

### Featured Speaker - Dr. John Goodman

The featured speaker for the meeting was Dr. John Goodman (a past President of OCIPUG) who, among other things, ghost writes PC books for Peter Norton, such as "Peter Norton's Inside the PC." The presentation, though fairly technical, was well organized. Subjects such as bandwidth bottlenecks to data transfer within a PC were discussed, with the message being that the machine is no faster than its slowest component. Dr. Goodman showed the progression of PC architecture to add various cache and **faster RAM**, e.g., Double Data Rate RAM, and hard drives (buffers help) to get around these bottlenecks. However, there are as yet no industry standards as to how to eliminate these bottlenecks, and when they are eventually developed (in 2-3 years) they will probably be obsolete.

Another area discussed was the difference between IEEE1394 and USB interfaces. The former is a peer-to-peer network, while the USB device "controls" the PC. With the introduction of the much faster USB 2 protocol, the ultimate goal is to have the PC central unit as a sealed box with only three connections (monitor, IEEE 1394 port, and USB port). upon the WinNT/2000 kernel, Dr. Goodman then demonstrated a beta version of Windows XP (he dual boots with Win98SE on his C partition and XP on his D partition). WinXP, which takes 1.2Gb, has a new start menu and Control Panel organized by categories. Although all are based there will be four versions of WinXP (Home, Professional, Server, and Data). WinXP has Media Player 8 and Internet Explorer 6. It is not known as yet if these programs will be available as free downloads from Microsoft. (In passing, it was noted that the Adaptec CD-RW writer has conflicts with Media Player 7, whereas Nero (www.nero.com) does not.) Also, Microsoft is trying to move towards renting and not selling software. Finally, WinXP (as well as Office XP) will have features that require the user to call Microsoft to get new authorization to reinstall the program after one or two times (for more details see recent write-ups on the www.cnet.com and www.pcworld.com web sites.)

Another good site for technical reference material is [www.tech-report.com](http://www.tech-report.com) (it will be added to the OCIPUG links list).

As far as maximizing your PC's performance, one recommendation is to install as much RAM as the motherboard will hold. Not all programs release RAM when they are finished, thus requiring a re-boot to clear the RAM. A useful tool for seeing what is happening is to go to Start/Programs/Accessories/System Tools and click on Resource Meter. This will put an icon next to the clock that shows graphically approximately how much RAM is available. Another area discussed is to manually set the virtual (swap file) memory rather than to have Windows set it automatically. This is done from the System icon on the Control Panel under the Performance tab. When setting it, select a minimum value equal to the maximum value.

The final part of Dr. Goodman's presentation was a Q&A session on processors. In general, Dr. Goodman feels that the AMD Athlon is better than the Pentium III and is more comparable to the Pentium IV. On the other hand, the AMD Duron and Intel Celeron processors are comparable. As for RAM, Double Data Rate RAM is OK for now, with Rambus RAM (which Intel uses) for later.

### Second Presentation - CES Keynote Address by Bill Gates

The second presentation was a videotape of the keynote address presented by Bill Gates at the Consumers Electronics Show (CES) on March 26, 2001. Mr. Gates discussed the evolution of the PC from a simple text-processing device to a source of fun. He envisions a future where the PC, far from being dead, ties everything else (Pocket PCs, TV Set-Top boxes, game consoles, etc.) together, in a "Digital Lifestyle" with software the key.

Mr. Gates's presentation was supplemented by a demonstration of how Pocket PCs operate by themselves and in conjunction with the PC, including handwriting and voice recognition capability for the Pocket PC. A second demonstration showed how Blue Tooth radio transmission between devices transfers data and images to/from the PC, TV Set-Top Box, Pocket PCs, and digital picture frames. In this scenario the PC is always on and always communicating with every electronic device in the house, with the Pocket PC as the master controller. This is all still in the developmental stage, with there being a need for a consistent set of standards so that information exchange is seamless.

you to organize digital photos and write them to a CD-R. (See also write-up for the Digital Photography/ Scanning SIG.)

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**Next Meeting - Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the next General Meeting will be on Saturday, May 19, 2001.**

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# GENERAL MEETING REPORT

## APRIL 28, 2001

### Drawing

The meeting ended with the drawing, with Board Of Directors member Sandi Tierney bringing copy of Flip Browser Gold (to organize digital photos on your hard drive in book format) as the top item in the drawing, as well as bringing in flyers and order forms for this program as well as for Flip Album,

### Among the prizewinners were:

Red Davidson Two tickets for the Lion's Club Spaghetti dinner.  
Red Davidson also received Lap Link 2000 program  
Juanita Maier - Flip Viewer Album CD

Morris Fier — Two tickets for the Lion's Club Spaghetti dinner and several jewel cases

Bob Strader - T-Shirt, Ontrack Data Advisor Program for data recovery, and a book on running Windows Millennium Edition.

Thomas Fitzimmons - Flip Browser Gold program

## Orange Coast IBM PC User Group (OCIPUG)

### Board of Directors Meeting

30 April 2001

Executive Board Of Directors meeting was called to order by President Bob Walker at 7:05pm. A quorum of all officers and directors except Patricia Cohen and Frank Yeager was present. At least three other members were present. The Secretary, Patricia Cohen, was absent, and Frank Mastroly agreed to take the minutes.

The minutes of the March Executive Meeting were approved with minor typographical error changes

President Bob Walker also reported that Kevin Moser has donated an ATX tower case with power supply worth approximately \$160 to \$165 for the club to sell.

President Bob Walker circulated a listing of all club officers and directors to review and make any corrections. The only correction noted was the change in Vice President Bob Strader's e-mail address to rstrader@mediaone.net.

President Bob Walker has temporarily assumed responsibility for assembling and publishing of Readme.Doc. Among other things, he is revising the masthead so that it will print better.

In response to questions from the floor, Mr. Pearce added that: "TBD" Entries on the Treasurer's report serve as place holders and head-ups for future but as yet not quantified items. The reimbursement to Richard Baznik was for printing the By-Laws

There was then a discussion of whether we should continue to pay for a bulk mailing permit which allows us to mail Readme.Doc for 17 cents each vs. canceling this and mailing it via first class. Larry indicated that the break-even point for using bulk mail was approximately 100 copies (see Membership Report below), but in

addition to the membership, we send 22 copies to other organizations. We have already paid for the permit for 2001, but may have to revisit this issue in December or January.

This was followed by a discussion on whether we should drop the Hot Line in favor of a voice Mail service, particularly since the Hot Line has not been maintained for several months. It was pointed out that if we just drop the Hot Line we would not have any phone number at which we can be reached. Director Sandi Tierney volunteered to research the matter, while Treasurer Pearce will check with Pacific Bell to see what a Voice Mail service would cost.

The report was accepted with clarifications as discussed above. Vice President's Report (Robert Strader) Nothing To Report Planning Committee Report (Leonard Stein) Past President Leonard Stein that there will be another long range planning meeting at his house in June. The purpose of this meeting is to determine what can be done to maintain and increase club membership. The plan is to prepare a form requesting the membership to indicate which topics we should emphasize and which we should not. The basis question is what do we want the club to do and become. All those interested in participating in these sessions are encouraged to contact Leonard at (714)533-4971, leonardstn@netscape.net.

Facilities Report (Red Davidson) Red Davidson and several other members helped move in new chairs donated to the Senior Center by the Costa Mesa Women's club. Since some of these chairs replace chairs owned by OCIPUG, Red is working with Diane Stenge-Swartz (Facilities Director at the Senior Center) to update the club inventory list.

Red Davidson reported that Richard Baznik has donated a 17-inch monitor, which Red installed in the PC cabinet under the TV. Secretary Patricia Cohen to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Baznik. President Bob Walker reminded the membership that the computer room divider is to be closed and the door nearest the computers locked after the OCIPUG General Meetings. The divider does need to be opened for the New Users SIG meeting, however.

Red Davidson has placed a Suggestion Box on top of the file cabinet in the Computer Room.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Reports (Robert Strader et al): All SIG meetings went well. See the minutes of the April 28, 2001 General Meeting for more details on SIG meetings for April and May 2001.

Membership Report As of December 31, 2000, total active membership was 104, including 15 associate and two honorary members. Election Committee Report (Frank Mastroly) We still need several volunteers to help Frank Mastroly and Preston Hill put together a slate of officers for 2001/2002. In private discussions with the persons involved, Leonard Stein has reluctantly and tentatively agreed to be President if no one else volunteers. In addition, Larry Pearce has agreed to stay on as Treasurer for one more year, but we will have to have someone work with him to "learn the ropes" so that that person can take over in 2002. Frank Mastroly is the only candidate so far for Secretary, but we can always use candidates for all offices. Contact Frank at (714)960-9472, fmaastroly@earthlink.net.

Miscellaneous Items The Senior Center held a reception for all volunteers on Friday afternoon, April 27, 2001. Any Senior Center volunteer who did not get one can get a free tote bag from either Darryl Kim or Diane Stenge-Swartz (their office is directly behind the front desk). We have received a thank you letter from

The UCI Foundation for a gift donated in the memory of Mrs. Irene Dopazo (late wife of member Tony Dopazo). Director Sandi Tierney is still working on a brochure using Publisher 2000 to be given to new members, but is looking for assistance due to her busy work

schedule. Sandi gave thanks to those members, including Frank Mastroly, who have assisted her in this effort.

President Bob Walker said that we are still looking for as many items as possible as prizes for the drawings at our general meetings. It was suggested (but left open) that we use the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales to purchase such items. Directors Mike Moore and Sandi Tierney are working together to set up future programs and to get speakers. We are always looking for inputs for the newsletter and assistance in putting it out. In particular, SIG leaders are encouraged to submit write-ups on what was presented in the past as well as what is planned for the future. It was mentioned that Steve Gibson ([www.grc.com](http://www.grc.com)) has given us permission to print anything from his website as long as he is given credit for it.

President Bob Walker circulated information on the 8th Annual Southwest Regional User Group Conference to be held in San Diego July 13-15, 2001. Those interested can go to [www.swugconf.org](http://www.swugconf.org) for more details. Bob also advertised a Lions Club spaghetti dinner and bingo to be held at the Costa Mesa Women's Club on Saturday, May 19, 2001, with dinner served from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

#### New Business

Director and Webmaster Mike Moore reported that In-Reach (who hosts our website) wants to start charging us for the e-mails that we receive at our website, even though much of the 1,400 e-mails he has received are SPAM. Mike to compile a list of addresses that are sending us e-mail so that we can decide if we want to drop this option (the cost is \$1.95 per month). The Senior Center will be holding a Computer Fundamentals slide show on

May 11, 2001, at 1:00pm in the Computer room. Although it is a SeniorNet function, President Bob Walker will conduct it. Any OCIPUG members who attend and are also part of the SeniorNet team will be representing SeniorNet, not OCIPUG.

Director Sandi Tierney would like to see workshops on how to use new programs. It was noted that some companies will send out free copies of new software with the only proviso being that the user write a critique on the software, such as what the software can and cannot do and ease of use

#### Next Meeting

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the next Executive Board Of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2001, at 7:00pm at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, May 19, 2001 at 9:00am at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. The main speaker will be from Microsoft who will present a program on the Mindshare User Group as well as Money 2001 Deluxe and the new

Microsoft Casino program. Director and Webmaster Mike Moore said that he will post details on the OCIPUG website ([www.ocipug.org](http://www.ocipug.org)).

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Mastroly, for Patricia Cohen, Secretary

## Microsoft Tips & Tricks



This month "Tips & Tricks" is about MONEY! Frank Maslowski has a great article out on the Mindshare site as well, highlighting our great partnership with H&R Block's TaxCut. Most retail outlets are giving away Money 2001 for free when you buy TaxCut so why not check it out today!

Microsoft Money home page <http://www.microsoft.com/money/>

Money Wise website <http://www.microsoft.com/money/moneywise/default.htm>

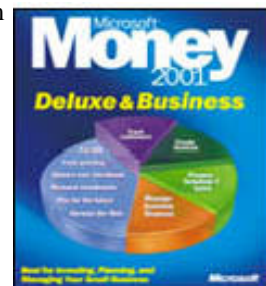
The MoneyWise website is a great place to get answers, help and tips and tricks about using Money 2001. The tip this month is on how to find that missing deductions before you file your taxes. The link to that particular website is listed here. <http://www.microsoft.com/money/moneywise/she11.asp?page=tips>

Don't forget that Money is a complete personal finance solution that will help you pay bills, reduce debt, balance your checkbook and create a budget, just to name a few! The Money website also has great tips for Quicken users on how to import accounts and convert from earlier versions. Check out these 5 reasons to switch to Microsoft Money.

1. Money 2001 provides access to financial information anytime, anywhere on MSN(r) MoneyCentral.
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For those of you that use Microsoft Money already, check the following website for more information: <http://www.microsoft.com/money/productinfo/specoff.htm>

We have a Money Program  
for our drawing May 19th



# Orange Coast IBM PC User Group

## Treasurer's Report

Period Ending 03/31/01  
(7 Months of 2001 Fiscal Year)

Board of Directors Meeting  
April 30, 2001

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1.	Checking Account balance forward from <b>February:</b>		<b>\$2,382.72</b>
2.	<b>March</b> (Summary):		
	Income during March	\$ 468.54	
	Expenses paid in March	<u>59.93</u>	
	Income Over(Under) Expense		\$ 408.61
	Non-checking Interest (Savings & Tim Smith)		(20.79)
	P. O. Deposit Adjustment		<u>27.38</u>
	Checking Account Balance at <b>end of March:</b>		<b>\$2,797.92</b>

**Complete detailed financial and budget reports on pages following this summary.**

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3. Current Month (April) Activity and Cash Balance to date:

Expenses paid in APRIL (as of 04/30/01):

Pacific Bell (April phones-Hot Line)	\$ 20.58	
U.S. Postmaster (Annual permit)	125.00	
U.S. Postmaster (Readme.doc)	-0-	
Robert Walker (Expense reimbursement)	22.00	
Richard Baznik (Expense reimbursement)	62.59	
Robert Walker(Readme.doc printing)	<u>161.25</u>	
April expenses paid to date:		\$ 391.42

Income during April to date:

Membership dues (8 members)	\$ 240.00	
Donations (drawing tickets)	47.00	
Donations (general)	<u>-0-</u>	
April Receipts to date:		\$ 287.00

**Checking Account Balance as of 04/30/01: \$2,693.50**

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Regular Monthly Expenses:

Meeting Room	\$ TBD (Sr. Center)
Internet access (InReach)	TBD (monthly)??
Pac. Bell (HotLine)	TBD (monthly)
Readme.doc printing	TBD (monthly)
Postage (Readme.Doc)	TBD (monthly)
Postage (Election/Misc.)	TBD (as needed)
Administrative expenses	TBD (monthly)

Planned Expenses (April): \$500.00 (Scholarship)

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Pre-paid Expenses - paid to:

Postal Service/Mail Box	186.00	June, '01
APCUG Membership	50.00	December, '01
Liability Insurance	775.00	December, '01
Non-profit Income Tax-199	00.00	January, '02
Post Office Bulk Permit	125.00	March, '02
California Non-profit Stm't	20.00	October, '02
OCIPUG Domain Name	70.00	December, '02

# 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

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John Gallie  
Kevin Moser  
Jack Starbird  
Lynda Starbird  
Audrey Wolden

## 30 June 2001

Bonnie Cox  
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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

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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  
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Will Luijt  
Robert Lynch  
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Bob Schmidt

## 31 March 2002

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Robert Cowley  
Roberta Cowley  
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Thomas Fitzsimmons  
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## 30 April 2002

Anthony Dopazo

## 31 May 2002

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## 31 July 2002

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- \* Free Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings/seminars to exchange tips and tricks and to solve problems.
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- \* Pleasure in helping your fellow member solve their problems.
- \* Camaraderie with those of similar interests.
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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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	*Full-time student \$20.00 \$ _____
	Donation \$ _____

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