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## August 23, Program



## PNY Technologies, Inc.

Established in 1985, PNY Technologies, Inc. is a leading manufacturer and supplier of computer graphics boards, memory upgrade modules, Flash Memory and Flash peripherals. Its memory products currently account for a majority share of all retail sales in the U.S. By combining PNY's high-speed memory expertise and retailing leadership, PNY introduced its Verto - brand consumer graphics card product line in June 2001 and is now offering PNY-brand NVIDIA Quadro graphics cards for workstation professional applications. Headquartered in Parsippany, N.J., PNY maintains manufacturing facilities and sales offices in North America (Santa Clara, California and Parsippany, NJ), Europe (France, United Kingdom, Germany) and Asia (Taiwan).



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

27 September 2003  
 25 October 2003  
 22 November 2003

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

29 September 2003  
 27 October 2003  
 24 November 2003  
 All OCIPUG members are welcome.

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

1st Tuesday 7:00 PM - Internet  
 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM - Hardware  
 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM - Window's  
 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM - Digital Photo

## General Meeting - August 23 , 2003

# PNY Technologies

Matt Jefferson, Regional Sales Manager, PNY Technologies ([www.pny.com](http://www.pny.com)) will be joining us to present PNY's product lines and the technology behind their products. He will provide special emphasis on their Professional Graphics (workstation) line.

Established in 1985, PNY Technologies, Inc. is headquartered in Parsippany, N.J. PNY is a leading manufacturer and supplier of computer graphics boards, memory upgrade modules, Flash Memory and Flash peripherals. Its memory products currently account for a majority share of all retail sales in the U.S. Their Memory Module product line covers desktop PCs, notebooks, workstations, and servers. The Flash Media line includes flash media (CompactFlash, SmartMedia, MultiMedia card, Secure Digital, and Memory Stick), flash media readers and adapters, and USB flash drives (thumb drives). [Matt will be bringing a thumb drive for our raffle.]

Their graphics board lines include their Verto (pron. Ver-Toe) consumer graphics card line and the NVIDIA Quadro workstation graphics board line. Their video card products are based exclusively on NVIDIA's graphics processors ([www.nvidia.com](http://www.nvidia.com)). The consumer line features products based on the NVIDIA TNT2, GeForce2, GeForce4, and NVIDIA's latest, GeForce FX. The workstation line features products based on the NVIDIA NVS, XGL, and FX series GPUs (graphics processing units). The PNY/NVIDIA Quadro FX 2000 powers the fastest workstations in the world - as measured by the SPEC (Standard Performance Evaluation Corporation) Viewperf 7.1 OpenGL performance benchmark (see <http://www.spec.org/gpc/opc.data/vp71/summary.html> for the latest benchmark results). Matt will be bringing a demo system to show off the Quadro's capabilities.

Hope to see you there.

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# SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)

*(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.) The next SIG meeting will be:*

**19 August 2003**

**Windows**

3 rd Tuesday 7:00 PM

Robert Strader 949-646-1475 rstrader@attbi.com

**26 August 2003**

**Digital Cameras / Scanning -**

4th Tuesday, 7:00PM

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**2 September 2003**

**Internet / Web Publishing**

1st Tuesday 7:00 PM

Michael Moore

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**9 September 2003**

**Hardware -**

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Ed Leckliter eleckliter@adelphia.net



**September 28th**

**ACP Computer Swap Meet**

**Is held at 1319 East Edinger**

**in Santa Ana. Hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

## OCIPUG Hardware SIG

Meeting Date: July 8, 2003

There were 16 attendees (including SIC Leader, Ed Leckliter)

Featured Topic(s): CD, DVD, and Other Non-"Floppy", Removable-Media Drives: 2003 Update and "Flashing Your BIOS"

Hardware Submissions - there were two submissions.

Morris Fier brought in his fancy, new P4 system, this time with a boot up problem. [He also had some problems with his floppy drive, per the submission form, but they weren't addressed.] Ed checked the BIOS settings and got the system back to the point where Morris could boot to Win98 (dual booted w/ XP). However, trying to access XP yielded an NTLDR (NT Loader) error. Ed counseled Morris on using his access to Win98 for saving his data, FDISKing and formatting his drive, and re-installing XP (XP only now - doesn't use Win98). Morris to do the work at another time.

One of the Senior Citizen Center's staff also brought in a system - one he'd been given by the center (a Pentium 166MHz with 16MB RAM and apparently some version of NT, or an aborted attempt to install NT). Suffice to say, the system would not boot - stopped with an NTLDR error. We checked out the hardware and it seemed to be OK. We suggested that RAM be added, up to at least 32MB (total), and Win98SE installed. Red Davidson may contribute some RAM he's not using.

Random Access - none (no time due to hardware submissions and running late on prior agenda items)

Next Meeting: August 12, 2003

Next Meeting Featured Topic(s): Graphics Processors, Video Cards, and Monitors: 2003 Update and "BIOS Settings"

Following Meeting: September 9, 2003

Following Meeting Featured Topic(s): Sound Processors, Sound Cards, and Speakers: 2003 Update and "Drive Cloning"

File(s) attached - also posted on the OCIPUG Hardware SIG web site ([http://www.edscustomcomputers.com/welcome\\_to\\_the\\_ocipug\\_hardware\\_sl.htm](http://www.edscustomcomputers.com/welcome_to_the_ocipug_hardware_sl.htm))

Presentation slides in Microsoft PowerPoint format (.ppt).

For the latest OCIPUG Hardware SIG info, please check the SIG's web site or contact Ed Leckliter (SIC Leader) at eleckliter@adelphia.net.

## More on Spam, the Bane of the Internet

By Ira Wilsker

Recently, here in the Examiner, I wrote about the report from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) citing the prevalence and deception common in "unsolicited commercial email", more commonly referred to as, spam?.

According to a report recently published by Ferris Research, it is estimated that spam will cost American businesses over \$10 billion this year, considering computing resources, labor costs, and lost productivity. According to the email filtering service Brightmail, in the month of March 2003, 45% of all email was spam, compared to only 16% in January 2002, a 181% increase!

The FTC has created a website with good information on spam, including tips on reducing the volume received, as well as ideas on preventing spam. This site is online at [www.ftc.gov/spam](http://www.ftc.gov/spam), and contains much helpful information.

As has been stated previously in this column, email addresses are typically harvested from websites, newsgroup postings, chat rooms, and other sources. Many web merchants also sell lists of customers, and there are also some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and email providers that sell subscriber lists. Many of the free email subscription services offering jokes, recipes, news, and other information, support themselves by selling subscriber information. Many software publishers sell lists of registered users. Some viruses, worms, Trojans, and spyware may harvest the users, personal email addresses, and possibly even hijack an address book. Once harvested, email addresses, often millions of them, are compiled and sorted, and then sold and resold countless times.

Some spam mail is sent using even more insidious means, such as by software installed by some of the popular file sharing programs, concealing the real source of the spam. Another method, recently reported on [securityfocus.com](http://securityfocus.com), in an article "Rise of the Spam Zombies", is the rapidly spreading use of worms and viruses as a means of sending spam mail from infected computers. One especially nasty Trojan is the "Proxy-Guzu", which makes the infected computer and Internet connection available to spammers, who can then send spam from that computer, again obscuring the real source. If the source is traced, it will point back to the infected computer. "Proxy-Guzu" may be installed on the victims, computers after the users open emails claiming to have images from an "adult" webcam, or other forms of pornography. Another backdoor Trojan worm, "Jeem", has been around for about a year, and enables unauthorized access to the victims, computers for the purpose of "laundering" spam email, again making the true source undetectable, and showing the source as the infected computers. This again emphasizes the oft-stated necessity to have updated antivirus software installed, as well as the need for a firewall and anti-spyware software.

The FTC has suggestions on making your email address less vulnerable to harvesting. The FTC suggests that your email addresses not be posted to the public. Many users have public email addresses used on websites, newsrooms, and chats, and private email addresses only given to family and trusted friends, but never publicly used. Another FTC suggestion is to be careful about submitting your email address to a web merchant or other website; read the sites' privacy statements, being sure that your email address will not be sold or used for other purposes. Refuse to give your email to any site that will not protect it, and opt-out of any sites that have previously been joined. Of course, once an address is available and harvested, it can never be totally removed from spam

lists. If a site with a privacy policy also offers to share your information with "selected partners", be sure to refuse such sharing.

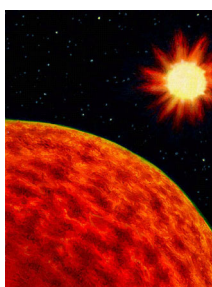
Many ISPs now offer some form of email filtering, which can offer a varying quality of protection from spam (and viruses). If your ISP offers it, sign up for it; some ISPs offer active filtering, while others simply subscribe to one of the many "blacklists" that block emails from all senders in a block of addresses. Many blacklists also stop large amounts of legitimate email along with the spam, and often block innocent senders who are blacklisted, as 46% of spam (according to the FTC) has forged "From:" headers. There are now many spam filtering software products that can be installed on personal computers.

Some are from the leading antivirus publishers and other major software publishers, and others are independently produced. Much of the technology is immature, and some of the products are of dubious utility, but most offer some degree of protection from spam. I have tried several, and had mixed results, none being totally accurate.

The highest success rate I found when experimenting with spam filters was the commercially available Brightmail service. Brightmail is no longer available directly to individuals (used to be free), but many ISPs subscribe to its service. Emails are routed through the Brightmail server, where each message is electronically scanned for spam, and sorted. "Clean" email is forwarded to the subscriber, and the email filtered out is available on the Brightmail site for a limited period, where the user can inspect it, and approve it for receipt, if desired.

Federal legislation controlling spam is making its way through Congress, but there is a powerful lobby resisting the measure. Federal legislation will also be ineffective in stopping spam from foreign sources, but something needs to be done to decrease the rate of spam. Some pundits are currently calling spam the biggest threat to the Internet, even worse than viruses, worms, and Trojans.

### The Red Planet



The Red Planet is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history.

So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month. Share this with your children and grandchildren. NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN

## Napster 2.0 Ready for Holiday Relaunch

**Paid music service will feature  
500,000 tracks available for download.**

*Scarlet Pruitt, IDG News Service  
Monday, July 28, 2003*

Napster is set to rise like a phoenix from the ashes this Christmas holiday season, but this time with its legal affairs in check, Napster owner Roxio said Monday.

The fallen song-swapping service, which was knocked offline last year after a prolonged legal battle with the record industry over copyright infringement allegations, will re-emerge as a legal paid music service Napster 2.0.

At launch, the new Napster will boast access to up to 500,000 tracks through individual download, or through a monthly subscription to Internet radio, Roxio said. The service will be offering its music content through deals with all five major record labels and a variety of independent labels, Roxio said, in stark contrast to the service's freewheeling days when it offered users the ability to trade their music for free.

### Getting Ready

Santa Clara, California-based Roxio has been laying the groundwork for a Napster relaunch since it bought the service's remaining assets late last year. Since then, it scooped up online music subscription service Pressplay for \$39.5 million and added eLabs president and music veteran Larry Kenswil to its board. ELabs is the new-media and technologies division of Vivendi Universal's Universal Music Group.

Roxio Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Chris Gorog said in a release that the early prototypes of Napster 2.0 are progressing well and that more details of the service will be revealed closer to launch. Gorog was due to speak further on the company's Napster strategy in a keynote address at Jupiter Research's Plug.In digital music conference in New York later Monday.

Napster 2.0 will be available at Napster.com.

## Next Version of Microsoft's Office

*Joris Evers, IDG News Service*

The next version of Microsoft's Office, currently known as Office 11, will likely be called Office 2003, starting with the release of the second beta version early next month, according to sources familiar with Microsoft's plans.

That name for the productivity application suite would be in line with the nomenclature for other new Microsoft products. For example, Microsoft earlier this year changed the Windows. Net Server product name to Windows Server 2003, with launch of the server platform scheduled for April 24.

Microsoft released the first beta version of Office 11 in October 2002. A second beta version will be made available internally at Microsoft next week, followed by its release to testers on March 6, the sources said. The final product should be out at midyear, Microsoft has said.

## What's in a Name?

A Microsoft spokesperson in the United Kingdom confirmed that the second beta version is due soon, but declined to confirm the name change.

"The Microsoft beta 2 announcement for Office 11 is expected very shortly. At this time we have not made any announcements on the naming conventions we will apply to this release of Office," the spokesperson said.

Irwin Hunter, product manager for Office at Microsoft in the Netherlands, said the "Office 2003 name is on the table" but has not been finalized.

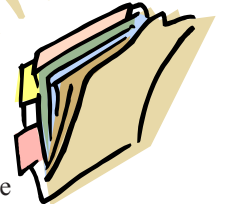
Microsoft marketing staff from around the world will meet at Microsoft's Redmond, Washington, campus for training on the new Office product next week. Though the Office 2003 name has already been spotted in early builds of the new software, the company could still decide to change it.

Most of the applications in the new version of Office, the successor to Office XP, will look and act much as they currently do. Under the hood, however, are some big changes—in particular, enhanced collaborative tools and support for XML.

## Windows XP - Search Problems

Windows XP has a known issue for not finding a number of File Types when you do a Search for Files "containing text" or using the "A word or phrase in the file" option. This can be remedied for many file types, but not all. The cause is the lack of a PersistentHandler value in the Registry for this type of file.

You can correct this by clicking Start, Run and entering REGEDIT. Navigate to HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT and locating the entry for the file type in question. For example, .txt, .adm, .asp. Expand the branch for that file type, and if the PersistentHandler subkey does not exist, create it.



Do this by clicking on the file extension key and going to Edit, New, Key. Name the Key, PersistentHandler. Click on the PersistentHandler sub-key. In Regedit's right pane, double click on the Default value and enter the following (copy and paste may be your best bet): {5e941d80-bf96-11cd-b579-08002b30bfeb}

If the PersistentHandler sub-key does exist, do not change the default value. This could have very undesired consequences. Close Regedit and reboot the computer. This file type will now be searched for "A word or phrase in the file" type searches. An alternative is to download a small VB Script utility here.

Save the file you just downloaded to your hard disk. Locate the file you just saved and double click it. Enter the file extension you wish to modify. If the PersistentHandler sub-key exists, no changes will be made. If it does not exist for the file type in question, the Registry will be updated accordingly. Reboot when you're finished with the file types you wish to change

# Lockergnome's Win XP Tips

by Chris Pirillo, Chief Lockergnome

**Windows Update Transfer Details**  
Windows Update hasn't been faring too well lately; it's caused a few users some unnecessary headaches. It'll say something along the lines of: "Here, I think you need this patch." When, in fact, you don't. Mike Vignea passed along an interesting tip for those of us who want to know what's happening when we're using this particular Microsoft tool.

This tweak has been confirmed with Windows XP and 2000 systems, although it may work in earlier versions of Windows as well. What we're going to do is set the transfer dialog to debug mode. This way, we can keep an eye on what's happening - at each stage in the process. Fire up the Registry editor and fly to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Active Setup. Enter a new String Value and label it: "SteppingMode"

Edit the String and give it a value of Y. The next time you use Windows Update, its actions should be a little more descriptive. If you ever wish to disable the verbosity, simply switch this value to N. If you want another way to grab these downloads, consider using the Corporate version of Windows Update (a quick search on Google will provide the appropriate URL).

## Driver Queries and Wasted Space

What's the quickest way (in Windows XP) to get a list of the currently loaded drivers including module names and descriptions? Get out of the GUI; you're better off at the command line for this tip. Browse to your desktop folder for simplicity's sake usually found at C:\Documents and Settings\[Username]\Desktop). Now, at the command line, enter: "driverquery /V > drivers.txt" (sans quotes). That /V provides a more "verbose" output. Other notable switches include /FO (which formats the output as a table, list, or comma separated values) and /SI (which provides details about any signed driver).

Open that freshly-created drivers.txt file and you'll be in business. On a more entertaining note, do you remember the music that played when you first started Windows XP? Ya know, the one that sounded like an Enigma tune. If you wanna hear it again, you can find it at C:\WINDOWS\system32\oobe\images\title.wma. Of course, if you want to free up 3 MB worth of space, you can delete it and the intro.wmv file sitting next to it.

## Built-in Spell Checker

Quite honestly, there's no excuse for spelling errors anymore. Typos were frequent in the days of the typewriter; misspellings were common in the handwritten letter era. Though, there's virtually no quick way to spell check a word when you're in anything other than a "Microsoft Office Spell Checker

' supported application.

Lockergnomie Tom Maenner had issues with the feature in Outlook Express after he upgraded to Windows XP. "I had to locate ?csapi3t1.dl\_? on the Windows XP CD and expand it as ?csapi3t1.dll? in this directory: C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\Proof. Worked like a charm."

I'm not certain if this will work on every machine, but it's worth trying if the tool isn't operational for you. If you dork up words every other minute, consider turning on the Spell Check before

Sending feature in your default e-mail client. It's and its, than and then, their and they're, or any other homophone may slip through the cracks. But at least you won't look like a total fool—just a parshal one. Even online, credibility counts.

## CompactFlash Formatting

Digital Media (the non-Lockergnome kind) is wonderful when it works. Most people use it in their digital camera or PDA (as do I). Transferring data from a portable device to the PC is relatively painless. Lockergnomie Glen Fabian pointed out something recently posted to COMPACTFLASH.ORG (the CompactFlash Association): By default, Windows XP will format any CompactFlash card of 64MB or more with FAT32 format. Digital cameras and other devices use the FAT (FAT16) format and can not operate with a FAT32 formatted card. Either format your CompactFlash card in your camera or select FAT format to format your CompactFlash card in a Windows XP PC.

Even if you don't use CF media or Windows XP, this is something to keep in mind. And do you need another reason to own a laptop? My Pocket PC is a Walkman of sorts; I put new MP3s on it every day. However, transferring them via any USB (1.1) connection is slow as molasses.

I picked up a PCMCIA CF adapter for under five bucks a few weeks ago (they're inexpensive to begin with). Trust me, that will speed up the process. Visit PCMCIA.ORG for more information.

## Media Access Control

It's no secret that 802.11b networks are not very secure; we've discussed this point at length in the past. When you enable wireless connectivity through your access point, you should filter out non-registered MAC (Media Access Control) addresses if your WAP supports this feature. A MAC address is unique to every network card on the market. Any Wi-Fi device may see your wireless access point, but it won't be able to use the WAP unless its MAC address matches the (manually entered) filter. Nice, huh?

Okay, so how do you determine a network card's MAC address? Either use WINIPCFG or IPCONFIG. You're looking for a hexadecimal string - twelve digits long (six sections of two hex characters each). This is easy to find when you're on your own machine, but what about those connected to your network?

As your home network expands, this information will become increasingly important. You could use your router's DHCP table to view the addresses, or you could use Windows XP's GETMAC command line utility (also available as a free Windows 2000 Resource Kit download).

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# Did You Know?

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## Audio or sound problems?

Double click on the little Speaker Icon located on the right Task-Bar! Up pops an Audio Mixer allowing you to set all level inputs and the volume output. Make sure they are set between mid and full range. Some programs will set the Wave level to zero and all of sudden your sound doesn't work. Also you can go to Options, then Properties and select record. Here you can adjust record levels and what to record from such as CD, Mike, etc., by selecting which one is active.

How much Memory or RAM (Random Access Memory) is needed? This depends on your OS (Operating System). See Chart below:

## Is there something wrong with this picture?

Yes, the new OS can do more, but less of the old routines. Also programmers have gotten very sloppy, and of course that is why more errors are generated. Their feelings are properly, "Well Memory is cheap, who cares!" I believe XP has finally improved as a working OS without too many blue screens of death.

## What speed CD-ROM should I buy?

Well this is a good question since most CD disks operate lower than 16X (1X is the original speed of an Audio CD of 150 bits/sec of data transfer, therefore a 2X is 300 bits/sec, etc.). The biggest problem today is the delay in the Start Time in reading data from a CD. If you time it, most take 8 to 9 seconds to start; if it is longer than 10 seconds problems will occur with programs and windows trying to transfer data. It could destroy a CD-R disk while you are recording by letting your CD-R (Recorder) Read Buffer go dry (new CD-RW drives and software have protection for this), because with an empty buffer your CD-R will quit writing and then you just produce a coaster (bad CD). So anything above a 16X doesn't mean much, just a sales thing, but you need a Multi-Read CD-ROM or DVD that will read all types of CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs (Read/Write CD-Rs).

How do you read what version of DirectX that is installed in your system, and how much memory is on your video (or display) card used to drive your monitor? These are some questions asked when installing certain types of programs. For Windows '98, go to Start/Run and type in DXDIAG, then click on OK. For all Windows, go to Programs/Accessories/System Tools, then click on Tools/DirectX. Here you can find out all kinds of information. Don't you wish you knew this before you purchased your machine. The latest DirectX Driver is version 9 (nine), but beware some video programs will not operate. Click on the DISPLAY tab and read your Video Card memory. You should have at least 2 MB, some new programs require 4 MB minimum. Of course you can have more and what this means is larger blocks of video can be transferred without interrupts, giving you better looking video output and larger screen operation. I recommend a min of 8 MB for 15 inch monitors and a min of 16 MB for larger ones.

Most video cards now start with 64 MB of DDR RAM.

How do I get rid of those icons on the right task bar? Most of these icons have a little program running in the back ground and use up valuable memory resources. The Speaker & Monitor icon do not use up any memory resources, but most of the others do.

To get rid of them temporarily do a right mouse click and select Close, but to get rid of them for good in Windows go to Start then Run. Type in MSCONFIG and click on OK. Now go to the tab on top and click on Start-Up. This brings up a list of all those icons. Do not uncheck the following four items: Taskbar Display Controls, ScanRegistry, SystemTray, and LoadPowerProfile. After un-checking the ones you don't want to come up on startup, click on Apply, then OK. You can restart windows now or wait until later. If you use a CD-R this is very important. Also if you are going to defrag your hard drive some of these items should be turned off (or closed, along with your screen saver) or the Defrag Program will keep starting over and over and never complete the job.

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309	Anne Fawcett

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1063	Fohn Gallie
835	Steve Schiffman

## September 2003

2498	Jesse Bequette
2130	Richard Baznik
3135	Victor Olcott
1896	Marshal Boslow

## OCIPUG Board of Directors Meeting

June 30, 2003

The June Executive Board of Directors (Board or BOD) Meeting of the Orange Coast IBM PC User Group (OCIPUG) was held on June 30, 2003, at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. President Leonard Stein was on vacation, and Vice President Robert Strader called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, with eight of the nine officers and directors present.

A draft copy of the minutes of the May 2003 Executive Board of Directors Meeting had previously been e-mailed to all board members for their review, and a revised version was e-mailed to all board members. In a motion by Director Red Davidson, seconded by Past President Robert Walker, and carried, the revised minutes of the May 2003 Executive Board of Directors Meeting as e-mailed to the Board were approved.

President's Report: — None, as President Leonard Stein was absent due to vacation, but will be back for the July Board meeting.

Secretary's Report: — None.

Director Red Davidson reported that the proceeds from the raffle at the June General Meeting were \$21.

Treasurer's Report: — Treasurer/CFO Kevin Moser distributed the financial report for the month of June 2003. Kevin reported that all Washington Mutual accounts have been closed, and that he has disposed of all old checks, deposit slips, and the deposit stamp. Kevin reported that he has yet to finish his budget report, and noted that some items such as liability insurance and web hosting charges were more than were budgeted. Also, he has yet to receive either the insurance binder or a copy of the policy, although he has received the cancelled check. As for perhaps obtaining a lower cost policy in the future, it was noted that we really need to start doing this at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the current policy. As was noted in the June Board meeting minutes, we require two copies of the insurance policy, one for OCIPUG, and the other for the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

In a motion by Director Ed Leckliter, seconded by Director Red Davidson, and carried, the financial report as presented was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Program Committee Report: Director/Program Committee Chairman Ed Leckliter distributed a handout summarizing the programs for the next several general meetings. At the June 2003 General Meeting, there were two presentations. Director and Hardware SIG Leader Ed Leckliter discussed members should consider when they approach the construction or purchase of their next computer. Following this, Member Dick Baznik gave a brief presentation on topography, tracing major developments, vocabulary, and customs in type history that govern how type is produced on your PC today.

Vice President Bob Strader thanked Ed and Dick for the excellent presentations they made. For July 2003, Ed has asked Toshiba America and V-Com (software house) to make presentations on their products (one or the other). He will know for sure sometime in the next week and will inform

Robert Walker in time for inclusion in the July Readme.Doc. For future meetings he is asking motherboard and hard drive controller manufacturers and other hardware and/or software producers to make presentations on their products Secretary Frank Mastroly asked if anyone is willing to take over from Ed as Program Committee Chairman after October 2003. So far no one has agreed to do it. As is the usual practice, Ed Leckliter will e-mail a general meeting notice to Past President Robert Walker who in turn will e-mail it to all members a week or so ahead of the General meetings.

SIG Reports:

Vice President/SIG Coordinator Robert Strader repeated the new SIG schedule effective June 2003:

- \* Internet and Web Page Design (Michael Moore), 1st Tuesday of each month
- \* Hardware (Ed Leckliter), 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- \* Windows 9x/XP (Robert Strader), 3rd Tuesday of each month
- \* Digital Photography and Scanning (David Wintle), 4th Tuesday of each month

The July 1st Internet SIG will continue the discussion on web page development. The July 8 hardware SIG will cover CD-RW and DVD removable media drives, and BIOS flashing. The July 15 Windows 9x/XP SIG will cover Windows more tips and tricks. The subject for the July 22 digital photography and scanning SIG is TBD.

SeniorNet Report: Secretary Frank Mastroly reported that the next SeniorNet team meeting will be on Friday, July 18, 2003, at 3:00 pm. The current session of classes began on Monday, June 23, with a flyer in the June AChronicle@ giving the schedule of classes. As usual, the SeniorNet team is in need for additional coaches, with the only requirement being to be able to follow what the instructor is saying and to be one step ahead of the students.

Community Service Report: As authorized at the April Board meeting, Past President Robert Walker presented three \$500 donations from the Tim Smith account to students at Costa Mesa High School, Estancia High School, and Newport Harbor High School. Bob reported that all three recipients were very appreciative.

Long Range Planning/Nominating Committee Report: Past President Robert Walker reported that all board members should submit their budget requirements ASAP. Director Red Davidson suggested that we put in a Apad@ to cover a possible increase in the liability insurance premium, as well as to keep looking to see if we can get a better rate.

Facilities Report, Maintenance, and Improvement: Continuing work in process. One potential problem is the changeover from ATT-Broadband to Comcast as our cable provider. As this may impact our network settings, Director Red Davidson will contact Steve Shiffman and apprise him of this change in cable provider.

Operations (Policy and Procedures): No report.

Publications Report: Readme.Doc Editor Robert Walker reiterated his request for SIG reports, both past and future, for inclusion in the Readme.Doc. He also wants candidate statements for inclusion in the Readme.Doc, but there will not be any photos. Because election ballots had previously been included as part of the mailing of the Readme.Doc which is now distributed primarily via e-mail, there was some discussion of possibly distributing the ballots via e-mail or at the General meeting.

However, neither of these options is permissible per the by-laws, and so in a motion by Director Sandi Tierney, seconded by Secretary Frank Mastroly, and carried, Robert Walker was authorized to spend up to \$50 to mail the ballots to all members in good standing. The ballots will be mailed in mid-July, and are required to be returned to the OCIPUG mailing address by August 16, 2003 or turned in at the July General meeting. Both the current and new officer slates are to be at the August 2003 board meeting for the transfer of duties.

Robert Walker said that he would contact Henry Guttentag and George Thuro to see if they would be willing to serve on the Elections Committee.

Webmaster Report: No report.

Membership Committee Report: No report.

Advertisings and Public Relations Report: Past President Robert Walker reported that he gave a copy of the Readme.Doc to Jim Deboom of the ADaily Pilot@ along with a write-up describing our club. Also, he will revise the club letterhead to reflect the officer slate that takes office at the

August 2003 board meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Treasurer Kevin Moser suggested we consider changing the by-laws to move the date of our elections to sometime in the January-April time frame when perhaps we could have a greater participation in running for club office. This item was left open for future possible consideration.

Adjournment: Moved by Past President Robert Walker, seconded by Treasurer Kevin Moser, and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next OCIPUG Board meeting will be on Monday, July 28, 2003, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Mastroly, Secretary

## **MEMBERS SUGGESTION BOX.**



**OCIPUG has an Email address.**

**president.bod@ocipug.org**

**Members are encouraged to send suggestions or views on any subject related to OCIPUG.**

Can we CAN benefit FROM YOU IDEAS.

What are your interest?

**To exchange views**

Make suggestions to the Board of Directorstos

That will help the club grow.

To comment on programs or SIGs

Ttell us what kind of program you would like to see in the futuré.

Give us you input on any subject that you think would help OCIPUG

**LET US HEAR FROM YOU.**

A jumper-cable walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you... but don't start anything."

A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says, "Sorry, we don't serve food in here."

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please and one for the road."

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive..."

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 bucks that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

A man walks into a doctor's office. "What seems to be the problem?" asks the doc. "It's... um...well... I have five penises" replies the man "Blimey!" says the doctor, "How do your trousers fit?" "Like a glove."

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A f sh.

Two fish are in a tank. One says to the other: "I'll man the guns, you drive"

I had a dream last night, thought I was a muffler. Woke up Exhausted.

What do You call a Camel Without A Hump? "Humpfrey"



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

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