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PowerQuest Heads West!

February's MBUG General Meeting is on Friday, February 2, 2001 at **7:00 P.M.** at the Pacific Grove Adult Education Center, 1025 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove. This month, MBUG welcomes back Gene and Linda Barlow from PowerQuest Corporation. Some of you may remember their last MBUG program and how informative and entertaining it was.

One of the best speakers in the user group community, Gene Barlow represents PowerQuest Corporation. Gene worked for IBM for 34 years before he and his wife, Linda, started their own company, User Group Relations. Gene and Linda travel all over the U.S., speaking to user groups, not only about the PowerQuest family of products, but on How To Organize and Protect Your Hard Drive.

As an organization tool, PowerQuest's PartitionMagic V6 is unique. Create, resize, merge, and convert partitions without destroying data! Exceptional ease of use with wizard functionality makes partitioning tasks effortless.

Once your computer is set up, it's time to create a backup copy with Drive Image V4, the newest version of the company's fast, complete solution for system backup and recovery. This product further simplifies the backup process by adding the ability to write images directly to CD-R and CD-R/W devices and adds another level of protection for users' important data by including continuous data backup with PowerQuest's DataKeeper.

Want to Undo System Changes caused by a virus, a software incompatibility, or an unintentional operator error? Now you can with SecondChance. With SecondChance, you can roll your system back to when it worked properly.

Finally, a data recovery solution, Lost & Found, from PowerQuest. Rather than spending thousands of dollars to send your hard drive to a data recovery center, Lost & Found lets you automatically recover and restore data AFTER accidental (or even intentional) data loss, or from corrupted media caused by a disk crash or logical system failure.

Come to February's MBUG general meeting and learn all about organizing and protecting your hard drive. As time permits, Gene will demonstrate many of the newest PowerQuest products and answer your questions. Special User Group Prices on all of these products will be offered and they will be available for you to purchase at the meeting. Gene will bring handouts and exciting door prizes as well!

Mark your calendar!
Friday, February 2, 2001,
7:00 P.M. (note new time),
at the Pacific Grove
Adult Education Center,
1025 Lighthouse Avenue,
Pacific Grove.

As always, there will be prizes plus coffee and drinks. Come and bring a friend! ♦

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**Kristen
Knutson**

**Our Thanks to
Leticia Cowan
and Shawn Burson of
Monterey Network Center
(MNC)
for the January Program.**
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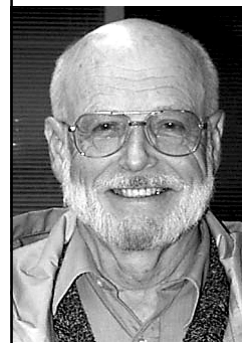


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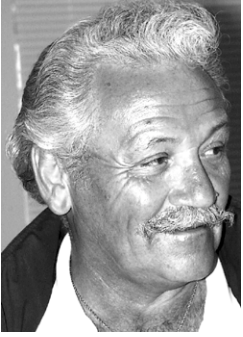


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UPDATING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Elsewhere in this issue, you are asked to let our Membership Chair know if any portion of your personal information should not be published in our 2001 membership Directory.

Historically, our yearly directory contains the members' names, home and work telephone, address and e-mail address. This information is distributed among our members only and is not given away, sold or traded.

We appreciate it if all recipients of the directory remember that the information contained therein is to be safeguarded. Many of us have unlisted telephone numbers and addresses (including yours truly).

MBUG-PC needs your correct address (if you are subscribing to the printed Newsletter) and the e-mail address (if you are subscribing to the electronic copy of the Newsletter).

I have noticed that a number of our members do not have, or do not disclose, their e-mail addresses. You are deprived of the EEE Newsletter and a chance to receive important announcements, changes in schedules, sightings of viruses and other benefits of the MBUG-PC Listserv. Obviously, communication between members is greatly enhanced by the use of e-mail.

The listserv is there to be used by the members to get technical help, search for hardware or software, and advertise computer related items you may wish to sell or give away. If you do not have an e-mail address, or do not know how to sign up for our listserv, please let us know. We have a number of members who are willing and able to assist you.

PHIL SHORTELL OF "The Fourth R"

Those of you who were fortunate to attend any of Phil's presentations in 2000, will be happy to know that Phil promised to continue his workshops in 2001. Watch the listserv, web site and Newsletter.

GATEWAY

For your information, a small "Gateway Country Store" is now open in Monterey County. The store occupies a small portion of Office Max, in Salinas. The amount of traffic will dictate if the store will grow and if, eventually, Gateway will add a service center.

NEW WORKSHOPS

Continuous recruitment: we are still recruiting a workshop leader for the Internet workshop. Many of you expressed an interest in a "hardware workshop", all we need now is a workshop leader. Neither of these workshops can begin without your help. If you cannot volunteer, please look for somebody who can. The frequency of the meetings (monthly, bimonthly, quarterly) will be up to the leader. Several volunteers can lead one workshop.

VIRUS LIBRARY

According to one source (About.com), a recent survey showed that 36% of those polled had one or more attacks of viruses during the past twelve months. There are 56,000 active viruses in the Internet. McAfee offers an alphabetic list of many of these at:

<http://vil.nai.com/vil/default.asp> ◆

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If God had voicemail

We have all learned to live with "voice mail" as a necessary part of modern life. But have you wondered, what if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing this:

Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

- Press 1 for Requests
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving
- Press 3 for Complaints
- Press 4 for All Other Inquiries.

What if God used the familiar excuse... "I'm sorry, all of our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line".

Can you imagine getting these kinds of responses as you call God in Prayer.

If you would like to speak to Gabriel, press 1, for Michael, press 2, For a directory of other Angels, press 3. If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you hold, press 4.

To find out if a loved one has been assigned to heaven, press 5, enter his or her Social Security number, then press the pound key. If you get a negative response try area code 7-1-2.

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again Monday after 9:30 a.m.

If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local pastor, rabbi or minister.

HyperHumor, S. Jack Lewtschuk

General Meeting REVIEW



Ann
Mack

THE FUTURE IS HERE AND NOW?

Speakers Leticia Cowan and Shawn Burson treated the first 2001 MBUG audience to a script that could have been taken from *2001!* Leticia is the Director of Marketing and Sales for Monterey Network Center, MNC, while Shawn is a customer service rep. This young, confident and expert pair explained the business plan of their company: to be the managed services provider for the commercial community in the Monterey area and beyond and to affirm the necessity of teaching and training the upcoming generation of entrepreneurs.

To this end, they are focused on business accounts rather than the simple dial-up accounts plus being more than just a "Full Service Provider." Their aim is to go one step further and become a Managed Service Provider for all their clients, offering strategies and expertise to this end. Web development, web commerce scenarios and ongoing web maintenance are all part of the complete package offered to their clients. Within the two years MNC has been active, the customer service area has grown from Monterey Bay



to include the San Francisco Bay Area and into the northwest. At present, they are negotiating for contracts all over the United States.

They believe their approach is unique...they take the time to make a truly custom installation and make sure that the service is complete, current and constant. They offer a customized customer service with tech support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Working with clients they define goals and project needs for future strategies. Whether the company requires a high end web commerce site or a simple information site, MNC's own techs are there to analyze, train and work with the client to ensure a smooth interface. MNC is a simple solution for a very professional web commerce position for the medium sized company without the resources to fund an IT specialist. MNC pros can do it all for you!

Leticia is a co-chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee. This group is focusing on compiling the technical needs and resources of businesses in the area. They want to have closer ties with MBUG and help to provide classes to meet the local business needs and stop any "brain drain" from the area.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the company's philosophy and mission is their avowed commitment to educate and train the younger generation. They have initiated plans for Intern programs with the local high schools...95 hours of instruction, training plus a presentation by the intern. Interns from Monterey Academy

of Oceanic Science, MAOS, work alongside the MNC employees. CSUMB interns learn web development and marketing, while MIIS interns from Germany are exposed to an intensive one

month course. Proposals to NPS to expand work on thesis work in the field of web commerce and marketing strategies and to Japanese MBA students have been offered. Ms. Cowan, a co-founder of MNC, affirmed her belief that a



successful company "should give something back to the community," and what better place than in the training of the next generation?

MBUG is very interested in the proposed interaction with the Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee's program and further interaction with this dynamic young company, Monterey Network Center.



Cowan & Burson set up for January program.

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F1 for HELP

The **F1 FOR HELP** Program is manned by MBUG-PC volunteers who respond to members' e-mail or phone calls for help with computing problems. These volunteers, wearing **F1 FOR HELP** name tags, are also present at MBUG-PC general meetings and are available at the break to answer members' questions.

When possible, contact the **F1 FOR HELP** people by e-mail. When contacting by telephone on weekdays, try to call during the hours shown. Be considerate about calling on weekends and holidays. F1 volunteers offer their services without compensation to anyone who asks for help, with the understanding that MBUG-PC, its Board of Directors, and the F1 volunteers themselves are in no way responsible or liable for the accuracy or the outcome of any advice or suggestions given to anyone requesting help.

MBUG Answering Service:

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Don Slaiter

The current membership is 260.

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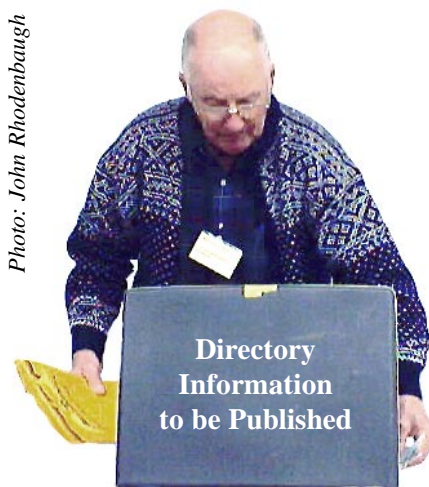
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MBUG-PC Membership Chair

Photo: John Rhodenbaugh



A current Directory of all MBUG-PC members will be printed as an insert to the March Newsletter. It will not be distributed in any other way, will not be given or sold to any commercial or government organization. The Membership Directory will be an alphabetical list of all members, and will include home phone, work phone, e-mail address, mailing address and membership number.

In the past, several MBUG members stated they did not want their telephone numbers printed in a directory. If any member does not want his or her home phone, work phone, or e-mail address printed in the new directory, please notify Membership Chairman Don Slaiter by February 15, 2001. Please be specific in stating what info you do not want included in the Directory.

Note: This is a good time to make sure we have your current info. Some members seem to switch e-mail addresses several times a year!

You can get the information to Don in several ways:

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THE FRUGAL HACKER

Bob Stephan



hacker n 1. One who is knowledgeable about computers and creative in computer programming, usually implying the ability to program in assembly language or low-level languages. A hacker can mean an expert programmer who finds special tricks for getting around obstacles and stretching the limits of a system. 2. To some people it means an unconventional programmer or one who is not formally trained, or one who jerry-rigs programs (making temporary fixes that are not well-done). 3. At MIT, a «hack» means a practical joke, especially one that requires intelligence and technological skill to carry out. <<http://www.computeruser.com/resources/dictionary/definition.html?lookup=2435>>

IBM Comes Through (Twice)

IBM has finally made good on its commitment to release a new version of OS/2. The many corporate and individual users of this excellent alternative operating system were gratified to learn of the release of the Merlin Convenience Pack (MCP) in December. (“Merlin” has been the code name for OS/2 Warp 4 from its pre-release days in 1996).

Not that OS/2 has not been upgraded in the past. IBM has produced many free upgrades for both Warp 3 and Warp 4. The final upgrade number 40 for Warp 3 was released last year, and the latest Warp 4 free upgrade is number 15. These so-called “fix paks” not only provided support for new versions of hardware as they came out, but also added many new features to the operating system at no extra cost to registered users. In this regard IBM cannot be faulted for its support of OS/2.

Although OS/2 has been available for purchase right along, it has become increasingly difficult for potential new users to get started using it. The off-the-shelf copies did not provide support for new hardware features such as the large hard drives that are common now, and it was a problem for the users to find, download, and install the fix paks that were needed for such support so they could get started. Now the MCP combines everything into one product that can be installed even on the newest hardware, but it comes with a price.

After all the years of providing free upgrades, IBM has finally decided that it needs to get some return on its investment in the upgrades. To obtain the MCP it is necessary to not only be a registered user of Warp 4, but also to purchase IBM’s Software Choice



(SWC) product. If you do not already have Warp 4, obtaining it should not be a problem. Many users have reported being able to purchase it very cheaply at the online auction sites. SWC is available from many vendors at discount prices that run about \$200 for a two-year subscription. You can read the information from IBM about SWC at http://service.boulder.ibm.com/asd-bin/doc/en_us/home.htm. To shop for the best prices on SWC try CNET Shopper at <http://shopper.cnet.com/shopping/resellers/1,10231,0-12556-311-307063-3,00.html?tag=st.sh.12556-311-307063.sort.price>.

The Merlin Convenience Pack which SWC subscribers receive on CD-

ROM contains several features that have not been available in the free fix paks. For example, the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) makes it possible to manage hard disk partitions in ways that were never before possible, such as linking two or more partitions together logically to form a larger partition. This can be done without rebooting, and even “on the fly” to increase the size of a partition if there is danger of running out of space on it. For me just having all the latest features together in one package makes MCP worthwhile, and for others the additional new features will be very useful for some purposes. For more information a copy of the official IBM announcement dated April 11, 2000 can be seen at <http://www.warpdoctor.org/warp4refresh.html>. The list of features is really too long to include in the limited space here.

IBM has also licensed this new technology to Serenity Systems International who have put the MCP together with other features in a new product called eComStation (eCS). You can read more about eCS at <http://www.ecomstation.nl/uk/index.html>. eCS includes everything in MCP plus additional products and features such as a fully licensed copy of Lotus Smart Suite, a full featured office suite. Purchasing eCS is another way to become eligible for SWC support. Here is a quote from <http://www.touchvoice.com/eComStation.html> “eComStation provides a full range of functions for the enterprise, small and medium businesses, and connected users. eComServer is a complete Network Operating System based on IBM network technology providing an application server foundation with integrated file and print sharing, backup and recovery connections systems management, advanced printing, and Internet access, including one of the

best TCP/IP stacks available in the industry.” I don’t have the exact pricing of eCS but the inclusion of Smart Suite makes it a very attractive package. As I understand it the price to upgrade to eCS from Warp 4 is \$139 which is well below the price for Smart Suite itself.

More Free Software

Two, yes 2, genealogy software programs have been released for free since my last column. Legacy 3.0 and Personal Ancestral File 5.0 are now available at no cost for the download, and may be available soon for the price of S&H on CD-ROM.

Dick Eastman of *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter* in Vol. 5 No. 51-December 16, 2000 has this to say about Legacy 3.0.

The Millennia Corporation made an announcement this week that should interest a lot of genealogists: their excellent Windows genealogy program, Legacy 3.0, is now available free of charge. Legacy is one of the better genealogy products available and has had a retail price of \$49.95 (U.S. funds). In the May 10, 2000 edition of this newsletter, I wrote, “Legacy has always been one of my favorite genealogy programs since the first day that I saw it in operation. The new version didn’t let me down; it improves on an already top-notch program. If you are thinking about moving up to a more powerful genealogy program, I would suggest that you consider Legacy 3.0.”

It’s surprising to see a program this powerful available for free. How will Millennia make money?



By offering a new, enhanced version for \$19.95.

It might be easy to think that the free version of Legacy is a “dumbed down” edition. Not true. It is the same as the full commercial version of Legacy 3.0 that Millennia Corporation was selling for \$49.95 until this week. The new \$19.95 version appears to be what I would call “version 4.0” although the Millennia Corporation prefers to call it the “Deluxe Edition.”

You can read the full review at <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/eastman/eastman.asp>. To

read about the free offer or to download the program go to <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) is undoubtedly the most widely used genealogy program extant. Produced and distributed by the Mormon church (LDS), the foremost genealogy experts in the world, PAF has been the starting genealogy program for almost all amateur genealogists. For a long time it was a DOS program that would run satisfactorily under Windows, but with the release of Version 4 it became a 32-bit Windows program. PAF 4 came out as a commissioned version of Ancestral Quest which is produced by an independent company and originally acted as a Windows front end for a PAF database, although it could also be used to create and maintain a database of its own. Now PAF 5 maintains a lot of the look and feel of PAF 4 and Ancestral Quest but it has many new features including a new database structure. In *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter* Vol. 6 No. 1- January 1, 2001 he has this to say about it.

Not readily visible but still very important is the new database structure. The new database is

completely different internally from previous versions. When installing version 5.0 on top of an earlier version, you will be prompted to convert your database to the new format. You do have the option of keeping a copy of your old database; however. I would strongly suggest that you make complete backups before installing any new software. . . .

You can read the complete review in Eastman’s newsletter or obtain more information on the LDS web site at <http://www.familysearch.org>. The full Personal Ancestral File version 5.0 is a big download at more than 26 megabytes; however, you have the option of downloading it as one large file or as several smaller ones. One of the files is a complete set of lessons on how to use the features of PAF 5. In my initial look at this package I was very impressed by this tutorial. It will be a great help for new users and experienced PAF users alike.

I will have copies of Legacy 3.0 and PAF 5.0 available on CD-ROM at the MBUG-PC “Using Computers in Genealogy” Workshops. These CD’s will also have some additional information and will have update files for my favorite genealogy program, The Master Genealogist, Version 4. I have downloaded all of these files, some of them quite large, and will make them available as a convenience to save downloading for \$1.00 to cover my cost for the CD-ROM blanks. Notice that the Genealogy Workshop is changing to the fourth Wednesday in February and beyond. If you would like to participate in future sessions and did not attend the first one in January and have not emailed me previously, then please email me to let me know that you are interested. Also let me know if you would like to have a copy of the CD-ROM with the free programs on it so I can be sure to have enough copies to go around. ▶

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MEMBER'S INPUT

Arden Handshy



MBUG-PC welcomes dialog with members and the public. To be considered for submission in this column, and to help break up Arden's monolog, email your INPUT to: INPUT@Handshy.com

RAINBOW WARRIOR

If you read any computer magazines, you may come across the term "road warrior", referring to business folks who travel a lot and carry a bunch of computer, communication, and presentation equipment with them, along with all the accessories and cables necessary to put the stuff to work.

If you are familiar with the University of Hawaii, you may be aware that the men's sports teams are nicknamed the "Rainbow Warriors".

So, you may ask, what is the point? Just that I spent two weeks in Hawaii over the holidays, and utilized some electronic tools in order to keep up with my business at home. You may be horrified that I would spoil my vacation in paradise with work, but my position is that I cannot afford not to work, but may be able to take more vacations if I do a bit of work on the road.

From a place of relative ignorance, I have been gearing up for several months.

Perhaps some of you will be interested in a few of the details. Just remember that there are many ways to becoming a road warrior; you may choose another path, and your mileage may differ.

What to pack? Besides sunscreen, sandals and novels, I loaded up a carry-on case with my laptop computer, mouse, and cables. I also carried my digital camera and Visor handheld, both of which I have discussed in recent columns. I did not use the camera for business purposes, but that is the beauty of having cool tools; they are available for personal use too.

I still believe that my most important business tool is the telephone. A cell phone was with me at all times.

Connections. In addition to reservations for airplane and rental car connections from home to vacation destination, I made arrangements for my communication connections. I wanted both phone and internet without long distance charges.

Wherever I travel, I can retrieve messages from the ordinary answering machine on my office phone. I recently upgraded to a cell phone service that allows me to place and receive calls anytime, with no long distance or roaming charges, no matter where I am in the 50 states, all for a single monthly fee, including voice mail.

Folks that have my cell phone number can reach me whenever the phone is on, or leave a message if I

am sleeping on the beach. An icon on my cell phone screen tells me that a new message is waiting, a critical feature, in my opinion.

For internet connection to my laptop, I subscribe to MSN because local phone numbers are available most anywhere. From Hawaii, I dialed into my office computer from my laptop, read my email and synchronized Outlook on both machines.

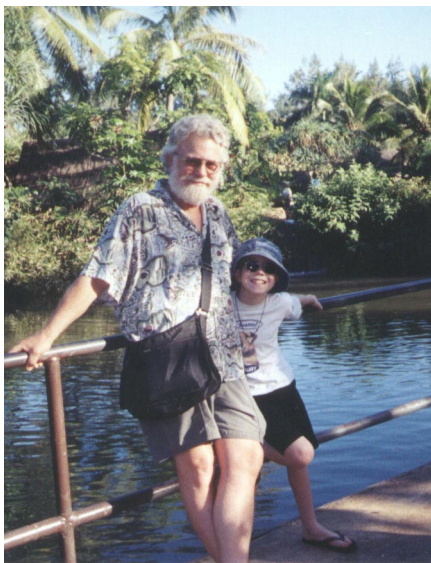
Some Wires Required. In spite of cell phone and the internet, my road system still depends on wired connections. I need a phone jack for web access, an AC adapter to recharge the battery or run the computer from household current, or my DC "cigarette-lighter" adapter from a car (and many airplanes).

My visor and camera both connect to the laptop via USB port. I have both AC and DC (car) adapters for the cell phone, although its battery easily runs for a full day.

A Day in the Life. This rainbow warrior would turn on the cell phone in the morning, check my office answering machine for messages, then carry phone and Visor with me through the day (see photo). The Visor has phone numbers, calendar, and memos. Even on vacation it was a handy place for flight info, lists of movies to see and books to read, etc.

Convergence. Remember that the "PC" in MBUG-PC stands for "personal computer" and that a decade ago, telephones and cameras were not generally considered in discussions of computers. Increasingly though, the line is blurring. In the not too distant future, I expect to have a wireless phone fully integrated with all the functions of my handheld, and more. ◆

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Warrior & Grandson Nicholas
(gear is in the bag)

WINDOWS 98 & OTHER TIPS

ADDING GRADIENT EFFECTS TO A BACKGROUND

by Mark Richardson
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You can add a background to any of your Word 2000 documents by selecting Format, Background and choosing a color. You may not have noticed that you can add gradient effects from the same location. The term gradient here is used to describe how two different colors interact when they border each other. As one color bleeds into the next, the gradient determines how they will interact. To see how this works, select Format, Background and choose Fill Effects. Click the Gradient tab. In the top portion of the dialog box, you can choose which two colors you want on your background. Click the Two Color button and select colors in the Color 1 and Color 2 drop-down menus. In the Shading Styles section, you can choose where those colors appear and how they inter-

act with each other. Play around with it until you find something interesting...and then click OK.



BROWSING A DOCUMENT

by Mark Richardson
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Sometimes when you're looking at an unwieldy document, it helps to be able to jump from place to place inside it, looking only for the information that means something to you. Word 2000 has a special feature for browsing documents in this manner. In the lower-right corner of your document, you'll see a small button with a gray circle in it, located between opposing vertical arrow keys. If you click this button, you can select how you want to browse the document. You can then use the corresponding arrows to jump from place to place, stopping for the kind of object you selected. Examples of objects you can



Clive Sanders

browse for are pages, sections, comments, tables, and headings, among several others. When you select one of these objects, simply click the up and down arrows (now highlighted blue) to jump to the next object. ♦

Clive Sanders,
MBUG-PC Secretary/Treasurer
Send your tips to: simbacli@pacbell.net

The MBUG F1 Help program and the Workshops provide a large measure of support for our members. We include tips from the free Web pages and tips relating to Win98 system operations and other software. It would be great if you would share with us your solution to an unusual computer problem.

Digital Cameras have become very popular.

Photo: John Rhodenbaugh

Richard Binsacca, MBUG member #673 has been an early digital photography enthusiast. Shown on the right, Richard's outstanding panorama photos, taken with his Olympus 3030, were displayed at the January Digital Camera and Web Sites

Workshop. In addition to banner prints, he shows the horizontal shots as used on letterheads. On the left,

sixty-some Workshop participants smile and wave for a sample photo which was used to illustrate downloading to the computer and optimizing pictures to insert into a Web site or an e-mail.





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More Hardware Failures

I'm beginning to feel like the unluckiest person alive when it comes to hardware failures in my computing systems. This time it is one of my computers that has gone pretty much completely dead, and a modem that has just up and quit. These are not disastrous failures. The computer is an older one that I was just using primarily as a print server on my network and it did not have any important data or programs on it. The modem is an older one that I was using mostly for sending and receiving faxes. During the recent storm we were without power for over 13 hours and I suspect there may have been a power surge that took these items out. The computer had been acting up a bit so may have been in a weakened condition. I miss having the service of these units but even more I will miss the time I will have to spend repairing and/or replacing them. When the modem went out it apparently also wiped out all of the settings on my combination answering machine and fax receiver, so that will also require time to set up again, providing it didn't take it out completely. Just don't try sending me a fax for awhile.

Dumb Laws

The following is just for fun and was also excerpted from the recent issue of *Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter*. Politicians never change: they passed dumb laws many years ago and continue to do the same today. Here is a small sample:

* In Alabama, it is illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while operating a ve-

hicle. The same state also stipulates that dominoes may not be played on Sunday.

* In Connecticut, the police can stop you for bicycling over 65 miles per hour.

* Nebraska state laws stipulate that it is illegal to go whale fishing. (Think about that for a second.)

* In Tennessee, another landlocked state, you may not shoot any game from a moving automobile other than whales.

* A Washington law states: "It is mandatory for a motorist with criminal intentions to stop at the city limits and telephone the chief of police as he is entering the town."

* Washington also has a state law that prohibits the sale of mattresses on Sunday.

* In Florida, a special law prohibits unmarried women from parachuting on Sunday or she shall risk arrest, fine, and/or jailing. Apparently married women are free to parachute seven days a week.

* In Massachusetts, tomatoes may not be used in the production of clam chowder. (We take our clam chowder seriously here in Massachusetts! But do we need a state law?)

You find a lot more evidence of legislative stupidity at: <http://www.dumblaws.com/> ◆

Bob Stephan, MBUG Historian and Genealogy Workshop Leader

Bob "I don't do Windows" Stephan is an OS/2 enthusiast with 35 years of computing experience. He welcomes comments and questions that The Frugal Hacker can respond to. He can be reached as bstephan@redshift.com and BobStephan@compuserve.com or snail mail at the MBUG-PC address. Bob has a home page under construction at <http://www.redshift.com/~bstephan>.

News from the Association of Personal Computer User Groups



2000 Jerry Award Winners

The award categories of the 2000 Jerry Awards for **community service projects** and winning groups are:

Best Overall

Big Bear Computer Club

Short Term

Amador Computer User Group

New

Danbury Area Computer Society

Twin Lakes Computer Users Group

Ongoing

Columbia Baltimore Users Group

Gold Coast Macintosh User Group

Greater Cleveland PC User Group

Big Bear Computer Club (CA)

Volunteer teaching program gives seniors new skills and links them to a sense of community with the user group and the broader world.

Amador Computer User Group (CA)

California State Library system asks ACUG for assistance. ACUG Scholarship Fund to provide educational opportunities and exposure to computer technology for students in rural communities in California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

Danbury Area Computer Society (CT)

Computer refurbishing project benefits local non-profit organizations.

Twin Lakes Computer Users Group (AR)

Mentoring program triples User Group membership.

Columbia Baltimore Users Group (MD)

Phoenix Project has recycled over three thousand computers for Maryland School children and the needy. Founder and Director of the Project, Art Silverglate is commended for his leadership and his commitment to the community.

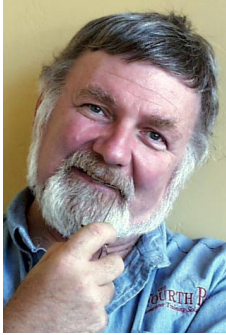
Gold Coast Macintosh User Group (FL)

Evangelists in the aisles of local retailers help build relationship between user group and the community.

Greater Cleveland PC User Group (OH)

Computers Assisting People (CAP) brings hands-on technology to hundreds of inner city children and adults. Founder and Director of the Project, Dan Hanson is commended for his leadership and his commitment to the community.

MICROSOFT WORKSHOPS



Phil Shortell

NEXT SESSION IN MARCH
MICROSOFT WORKSHOPS
Phil Shortell, Workshop Leader
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 e-mail: pjs@FourthR-Salinas.com
<http://www.fourthr-salinas.com>



Photo: Sonja Ullman

Look for an MS FrontPage Workshop led by Phil Shortell which is scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 14. Mark your calendars now for this outstanding presentation by Phil who is a Microsoft Certified Instructor from the "Fourth R of Salinas".

GENEALOGY

MBUG members interested in genealogy are welcome to meet in conjunction with the Monterey County Genealogy Society. Each month there are mini-workshops on various topics including using computer software. Expert help is available for beginners. E-mail or phone Bob Stephan for information about time and place.

bstephan@redshift.com
 For information, call 646-1899.
 See Bob Stephan's column on page 6.

HANDS ON WINDOWS 98



Clive Sanders

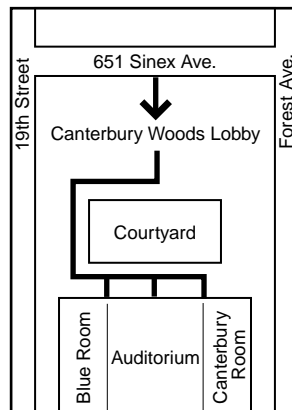
HANDS ON EXPLORING WINDOWS 98 WORKSHOP
 Monday, February 12
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 at Canterbury Woods (CBW).

Clive Sanders, Workshop Leader
 telephone: 375-5376
 e-mail: simbacli@pacbell.net

This is a workshop for newcomers to the IBM-PC & those who are still experiencing doubts about owning a PC.

With the combined knowledge of those present at the workshop and trading on the knowledge base gleaned from Windows 98 Simplified by IDG Books Worldwide we are confident we can get you up to speed & fully understanding how to get around Windows 98, hence the name of the workshop "Hands on Exploring Windows 98".

If you are still using Windows 95, no matter, our workshop will help you make the changes seamlessly! You do not need a copy of Windows 98 Simplified to participate in the workshop. However, a copy will prove most helpful when you are practicing at home.



Digital Cameras and Web Sites



Pat Wilson

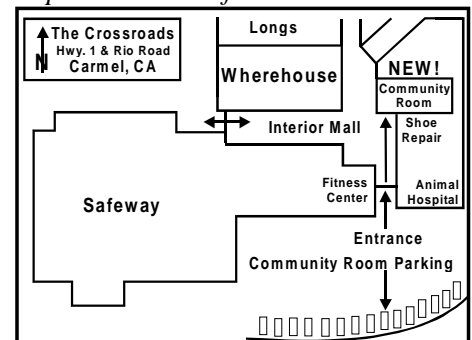
WEB SITES WORKSHOP
 Tuesday Afternoon, February 6,
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 in the Crossroads Community Room.

Pat Wilson, Workshop Leader
 telephone: 622-9429
 e-mail: pat@pixeldesigns.com

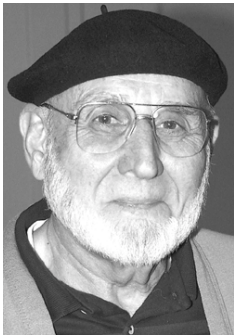
Using Macromedia Dreamweaver, we'll show how to build your first Web Site. Then we'll use Photoshop "layers" to make a photo montage and insert it into the web site. We'll take a photo with a digital camera, download it and make a photo animation which can be added to your e-mail. There will be a question and answer time and a display of digital camera photos. We invite you to bring some of your digital photos to add to the display.

Please join us on in the New Crossroads Community Room (behind the Warehouse) at Rio Rd. and Hwy. 1, Carmel. No registration is required, just join us if you can. For tutorials, visit our Web site at

<http://www.redshift.com/~websites>



Using Computers in GENEALOGY



**Bob
Stephan**

USING COMPUTERS IN GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 28,
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
at Archer Park Center (APCM)

Bob Stephan, Workshop Leader
telephone: 646-1899
e-mail: bstephan@redshift.com

MBUG-PC started a "Using Computers in Genealogy" workshop last month under the coordination of Bob Stephan. It will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Archer Park Center, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The second meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2001. We expect these meetings to continue for 4-6 months, but we will continue as long as there is continuing interest. The workshop will focus on the use of computers to assist in genealogy research. Some of the topics we expect to cover are:

- Computer programs to manage your genealogy database.
- Auxiliary programs such as book publishing, charting your family tree, and research aids.
- Documenting your research.
- Data available on CD-ROM.
- Obtaining information via the Internet.

The meetings are free and open to the public, but please do contact Bob Stephan by email at bstephan@redshift.com to let him know that you are interested and to receive updated information as it becomes available.

WINDOWS 98/ME WORKSHOP



**Jim
Anway**

WINDOWS 98/ME WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 21,
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
at Archer Park Center (APCM)

Jim Anway, Workshop Leader
telephone: 625-5618
e-mail: janway@redshift.com

This meeting is intended for the intermediate to advanced user of Windows 98. However, it is open to all in order that they may learn.

We will be demonstrating Windows Me (Millennium), the Windows 98 replacement. But we will still have the question and answer period as the focus area where we try both to find answers to problems each user may face with Windows 98 and to demonstrate tips and tricks in using the operating system. When we run out of questions, we wander from there.

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If you are interested in a subject that is not covered by an existing workshop or would like to volunteer as a leader for a workshop, please call an MBUG-PC officer or Tom Streeter, Workshop Coordinator, to see if there are others with similar interests.

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AECPG --- Adult Education Center, Lighthouse School,
 1025 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove
APCM ---- Archer Park Center, 542 Archer Street, Monterey
CBW ----- Canterbury Woods,
 651 Sinex Avenue, Pacific Grove
CRCR ----- Crossroads Community Room,
 Crossroads Shopping Village
 Hwy. 1 and Rio Road, Carmel

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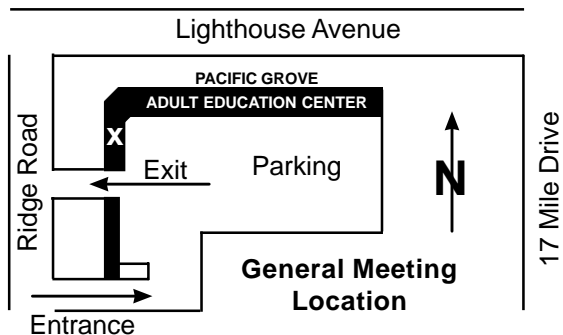
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General Meeting Location

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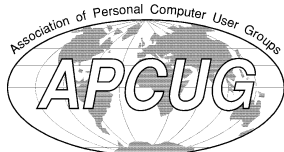
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