



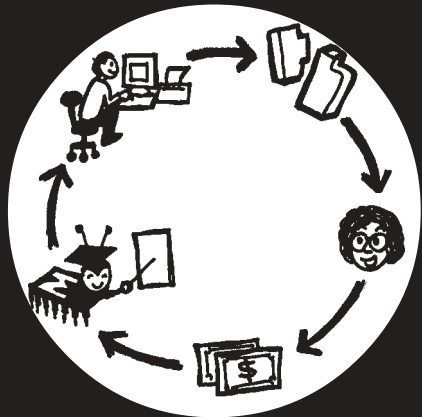
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Find out from
Carolyn on page 12!

Kristen
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Back to Basics with The SPOT

It's officially Spring, time to clear the cobwebs from our keyboards and get back to Word basics at our General Meeting in April. Our presenter **Bob McGonigal** of **The SPOT Computer Software Training** will be teaching us some more tips and tricks in using Microsoft Word more efficiently. Using **PowerPoint**, Bob will show us how to be more productive in creating and editing documents using keyboard shortcuts, buttons and toolbars and how to modify the program to fit the needs of the individual user.

Bob is an experienced trainer at The SPOT, which has branches in Watsonville, Capitola and Marina. They offer training in several programs such as Microsoft Windows98, 2000 and XP, Word, Excel, Outlook, Access, Publisher, PowerPoint and Adobe PageMaker. The SPOT's mission is to enable both companies and individuals to become more successful in their careers, the job market and in their lives. The SPOT is committed to becoming an asset to the Monterey County community by providing quality computer skills training and services that improve the quality of people's computer knowledge, employment opportunities and business solutions. They have specially designed training programs that include courses for Spanish-speaking students to become more comfortable learning in Spanish and working in English speaking environments.

If you've been attending **Clive Sanders'** great **Internet, E-Mail & Beyond** workshops, and if you happened to catch **Phil Shortell's** lively **PowerPoint 2000** presentation at his last workshop (March 12), this is a good follow-up to reinforce many Microsoft applications.

If you have any advance questions contact Bob McGonigal, The SPOT, 1100 Main St. Watsonville, CA 95076, phone: (831)768-1825 Cell Ph: 831-254-7144, bob@thespotinc.com or check the website at www.thespotinc.com.

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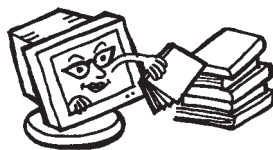
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Ann H. Mack

NEW FEATURES EDITOR

I want to say how great our Newsletter is becoming! We are getting more and more participation from MBUG-PC members writing on topics to share with others. This is exactly what we should be doing: sharing our computer knowledge, our likes and dislikes. Please keep the articles coming in. If you have any ideas for writing, e-mail Jim Hinwood, our new Features Editor, at ehinwood@msn.com. Welcome aboard, Jim!

SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM ...

Increasing amounts of spam (unsolicited, unwanted e-mail) are hitting more and more systems, tying up computers and overwhelming Internet service providers. While it is very annoying personally, corporations and businesses are pushed into extreme measures to defend against this spam invasion. Unfortunately, spam is free advertising and a goldmine for shady schemes and low-budget ads. Anti-spam software that use filters to block messages with key words (such as "Viagra") work only until spammers learn to spell "Viagra" as "Vig.a" and other tricks.

Trying to protect your privacy and support free speech at the same time, the government is in a conundrum. Certain European countries have adopted an "opt-in" system: marketers

have to be able to show that the consumer has given their permission to receive solicitations, rather than requiring the consumer to take action to block the unsolicited bulk mail. Perhaps these two laws could help: firstly, making it illegal to forge Internet headers and making it easier to trace the sender; then, secondly requiring unsolicited, bulk e-mail to carry a mandatory tag. Whatever the final solution, spam is here to stay longer than we would like.

I SPY?

A Handy hint from **Michael J. Himowitz's "On Computing,"** for the **Monterey County Herald** Business Section (every Tuesday): when you are caught in a "jungle" of pop-up ads in a site, always close a window by clicking on the "X" in the upper right hand corner. It seems some "spyware" can gain access to your system if you just hit the "cancel" or "close" buttons.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A reminder: MBUG-PC members will find a membership roster in the center of this month's Newsletter. These data are for your convenience in contacting other members only. This list NOT to be shared with anyone outside our group ... remember, spam prevention starts with you! ♦

MEETING REVIEW



Regina Doyle
Publishing Editor

Computer Gaming

We finally had our much-anticipated Computer Gaming meeting at the February General Meeting (see photo below). Many thanks to **Jim Hinwood**, (MBUG-PC's new Features Editor) who made all the arrangements for **Jeff Smith of Computer Connection** to give us our first taste of what games are, how they are played and what kind of machinery it takes to run them. And after all that work, Jim couldn't make the meeting as he was at home with the flu!

PLAYS WELL WITH OTHERS ... OR NOT

Although he set up several computers through a peer-to-peer network to demonstrate multiple-player use, Jeff explained that you can "game" on your own (e.g. against the computer). Using



Photos by Bill Hylar, MBUG-PC



It's great,
but this car racing game
would be much more real if
we had to talk on a cell
phone while driving!

At left: Jeff Smith and son Kyle (already a skillful gamer at 4 years of age!) with Moe Huntley-Chan at MBUG-PC's first gaming meeting.



a couple of different games (car race/chases and a track-down-and-shoot type), and with the assistance of **Moe Huntley-Chan** we saw how two people can play against each other. This can be done remotely through high-speed Internet connections too: two or more people (up to 18!) equipped with their own copy of the software can play simultaneously (race each other, shoot at each other, etc.) A few brave members in the audience even volunteered to get in on a race, showing us how it takes a bit of practice to stay on the road (especially when using the keyboard directional arrows, instead of a steering wheel device). Good thing most games come with "beginner", "intermediate" and "advanced" settings and some sort of tutorial.

Some of us milder types felt that the games we saw were a bit on the violent side, but Jeff assured us that hundreds of puzzle, card, role-playing, strategy and adventure games are available. One participant mentioned that the game of bridge can be played live over the Internet by joining Bridge Player at okbridge.com, someone else mentioned chess, and several versions of solitaire were available in the raffle.

BIG, POWERFUL COMPUTERS ... OR NOT

We saw some pretty slick machines at the meeting, especially that CPU with the clear panel siding, glowing neon blue. And those monitors were huge! Jeff explained that for most of today's gaming, you'll want high processor speed, a video card designed for gaming and lots of memory. However, there are some older games that are good but don't need much more than what you might already have. You need to check the side of the game box to check for minimum hardware requirements. Jeff says a rule of thumb is to look for the "generation" date, which should match or be earlier than the purchase date of your computer.

SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ... OR NOT

How much does it cost to get into gaming? Well, you may have to upgrade your computer to start with, depending on your interests. You may want to have a steering wheel or joystick device instead of keyboard controls to better fly, race or maneuver. But many older games are still available and cost less, and they suit older machines. Some manufacturers will let

you go to their website and download a game for a limited time for free. So to really figure out how much gaming costs, you need to check out the prices of games online or in stores and also check if you need a hardware upgrade. Jeff gave participants a 10% discount coupon for parts and labor at Computer Connection. Did any money savvy MBUG-PC Members take advantage of this deal before the end of March?

Interested in learning more about computer gaming? Jim Hinwood will be putting this question to you soon on the listserv. With enough interest, we can start a Gaming Workshop so you can find out what's available, how to play and maybe some tips on winning?

Thanks Jeff, it was a smash (at least those cars were)!♦

Contact Jeff Smith at Computer Connection, 229B Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove CA 93950, phone (831) 645-9624, e-mail ccjw@pacbell.net.

THINGS, THINGLETS & THINGASSOS

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HANDY WEBSITES FOR YOUR PROTECTION

The **Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC)** is a government organization dedicated to helping protect American citizens from corporate fraud and scams. FCIC publishes the *“Consumer Action Handbook”*, a collection of articles to help you protect yourself from scams and, when necessary, file an official complaint. The Handbook is also published electronically at: <http://www.consumeraction.gov/>. To search for a company’s contact information by company name, check out this site: <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/crh/corpormain.htm>. A great federal government portal is: www.firstgov.gov. The National Contact Center is at 1-800-FED INFO (1-800-333-4636).

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL “DO NOT CALL” REGISTRY

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has voted to create a national “do not call” registry. Once the Commission gets Congressional approval for funding, the following will occur:

- **In about two months, consumers will begin registering for free online or by calling a toll-free number.** To avoid an unmanageable flood of registrations, initial sign-up by phone for the national “do not call” registry will be phased in, region-by-region, over a two-month period.
- **In about four months, telemarketers and other sellers will have access to the registry.** They will be required to scrub their call lists against the national “do not call” registry at least once every 90 days.
- **In about five months, the FTC will start to enforce the national “do not call” registry provisions of the Amended Telemarketing Sales Rule.** Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$11,000 per violation. At this point, consumers on the registry should start to get fewer telemarketing calls. The FTC’s implementation schedule



**MBUG-PC STILL
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If you have a few hours a month to spare and are good at personal relations, we really need you! We’ve got to have someone to help us schedule our guest speakers for First Friday General Meetings, once a month.

Interested? e-mail or call President **Ann Mack** at ahmack@sbcglobal.net ☎ 622-7669 ♦

for the national “do not call” registry will be updated at www.ftc.gov/donotcall.

MEMORY CARD TRICKS

Those of us who have a digital camera have quickly learned how to transfer an image from the memory card (etc.) to our hard drive. Have you ever thought about reversing the procedure? Your camera (memory card) is a drive. You can place the image or any file, including text, on your memory card. How much can you store on this card? Well, how big is your card?

MORE ON IDENTITY THEFT

Over two years, thousands of people were bilked out of millions of dollars. In today’s networked electronic age, you’ve got to be alert to the problem, and *you have to take steps to protect yourself*. Just by knowing your name, address, and some other bits of information, swindlers can impersonate you electronically and make purchases, withdraw money, and wreak havoc on your credit rating.

The U.S. government has put together a good Web site to teach you what identity theft is, how to protect yourself against it, and how to report it at: www.consumer.gov/idtheft/. If you are a **TriWest HealthCare Alliance** beneficiary, be sure to visit this page immediately. And, if you’ve been a victim of identity theft, be sure to file a complaint with the FTC, who can investigate fraud. File your complaint at: [https://rn.ftc.gov/dod/widtpub1\\$.startup?Z_ORG_CODE=PU03](https://rn.ftc.gov/dod/widtpub1$.startup?Z_ORG_CODE=PU03). ♦

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LOOKING BACK AT MBUG-PC

Pete Petit

MBUG-PC Columnist



20 Years Ago

In March we looked back on some early versions of DOS so this month let's recall the early days of **Windows: DEFINITION Graphical User Interface (GUI)** - the use of pictures rather than just words to represent the input and output of a program. Windows has a graphical user interface (GUI) or “gooey” and belongs to a family of interfaces that traces its origins to **Xerox Corporation's Palo Alto Research Center (Xerox PARC)**. Products emanating from ideas developed at Xerox PARC are said to have revolutionized the computer industry. They include Xerox's own **Star Workstation** (a commercial failure), **Apple Computer's** failed **Lisa** (1983) and Apple's highly successful **Macintosh** (1984) that catalyzed an industry-wide move to GUIs. *[Several UNIX interfaces also trace their origins to XEROX Parc including Open Look from Sun Microsystems, Open Software Foundation's Motif, NEXT's NextStep, and IBM's OS/2 Presentation Manager and Workplace Shell.]*

Inaugurating a long-standing policy of pre-announcing software, **Microsoft first announced Windows 1.0 in November 1983** but did not ship the product until November 1985, a year after Apple had launched the Macintosh which came with the first successful operating system based on a graphical user interface. *[For those that don't remember, IBM-PCs and other early personal computers provided a “command line”, character-based, user interface.]*

Windows 1.0 could be run from floppy disks, but if you chose to install it on your hard disk (if your PC had one), it would require approximately 1.5 megabytes of disk space. *[Windows98 required 300MB and NT requires 1.5GB of disk space.]* The Windows 1.0 package included **MS-DOS Executive, Calendar, Cardfile, Notepad, Terminal, Calculator, Clock, Reversi, Control Panel, PIF** (Program Information File) **Editor, Print Spooler, Clipboard, RAMDrive, Windows Write** and **Windows**

Paint. In the late 1980s, **Windows versions 2.0, 2.1 and 2.2 and Windows 386** were released, but these were never widely used and accepted. However, in 1990 version 3.0 was released and sold about 7 million copies. This was followed by version 3.1 which corrected some problems and added some bells and whistles. Version 3.11 was highly successful, increasing the installed base to over 50 million copies by the time **Windows95** was released in August 1995.

Recall that in the early days of DOS, the users screen displayed only alphanumeric, special, or graphical characters (chosen from sets of 256 bitmapped characters). These were placed in 40 or 80 columns on about twenty-five lines down the display (depending on the dimensions of the characters, in pixels, and the resolution of the monitor screen). Every housekeeping task and every application program was initiated and controlled by a frequently complex command with exacting syntax that was entered from the keyboard at a DOS prompt on the screen.

No wonder Windows was so well received. The three principal reasons for its popularity were:

First, Windows relieved users of having to memorize and understand the many DOS commands and their options. The DOS prompt was replaced by **pull down menus** and **dialog boxes**. DOS commands could be represented by icons and the mouse interface was supported. The computer became less threatening to the novice and training time in the office was reduced.

Second, Windows permitted **multiple programs to run at one time**, or appeared to. As a “time sharing” system, Windows could assign portions of the computers total processing capacity to different programs as needed, according to priorities which could be influenced by the user. And, very importantly, these programs could share information with each other by exercising capabilities built into Windows.

Third, Windows provided a “**desktop system**” by including “in the box” and integrating many items found in the office, such as a notepad, calculator and calendar. The Microsoft Windows interface was based loosely on a software design specification called SAA CUA (System Application Architecture Common User Access) developed by **IBM** and it was the intent, agreed to by both parties, that **IBM's OS/2 Presentation Manager** and Microsoft's **Windows**

would look similar. In fact all early versions of those two shared a very similar appearance. However, in 1991 IBM and Microsoft severed their joint development efforts, the very efforts that had led to the creation of the DOS and the PC standard. Microsoft took its portion of the OS/2 code and renamed it **WindowsNT**. (WindowsNT being a full 32 bit operating system; but that is getting a bit complicated for our purposes)

And, we are moving way too far along the time for this series of articles. [Note, the discussion above relies extensively on *The Windows 95 Bible*, author: Fred Davis, publisher: Peachpit Press, copyright: 1996 and *DOS The Complete Reference*, author: Kris Jamsa, publisher: Osborne McGraw Hill, copyright 1987 and several online sources including *PCBiography* at fortunecity.com/marina/reach/435/ and *Digital Century.com*.]

10 YEARS AGO

MBUG-PC's General Meeting on Good Friday, April 9th, 1993 featured **Lotus Development Corporation's** very popular **Ami Pro 3.0**, an "easy to use WYSIWYG" (pronounced wizzywig, and if you don't know, ask any old timer at our next General Meeting) word processing program. The Lotus representative also demonstrated **Improv for Windows**, a "spreadsheet for people who don't understand spreadsheets" according to MBUG-PC's president **Mike Hagerty**.

Mike devoted his own April column to the **emergence of the Internet** and its Usenet "newsgroups" and their relationship to the then vast **BBS (Bulletin Board System)** infrastructure that was connected by such non-Internet networks as **RIME**, **FidoNet** and **Ilink**. At that time according to Mike there were 10 million people connected via Internet. How many hundreds of millions are there now, just 10 years later? I could not find that number, but there were 35,543,105 web servers at the end of 2002. Many of these servers represented multiple web sites by using different domains or port numbers.

Member **Mark Stotzer's** newsletter article discussed the new **Multimedia (MPC) Standard**. According to that industry standard one should have a minimum an 80386SX or faster CPU; two MB or more of extended RAM (random access memory); a CD-ROM drive with a minimum 150KB/sec transfer rate and an average seek time of less than 1 second; a VGA or better video display/adaptor board; a

101 key keyboard; and serial, mouse, parallel, MIDI and joystick ports. The software platform should be Windows 3.0 with Multimedia Extensions 1.0 or Windows 3.1. Mark personally recommended at least 4MB of RAM since "RAM only costs \$4 per MB or less locally." [Today it is possible to purchase 512MB of desktop memory for as little as \$90, less than 20 cents per MB.]

The Frugal Hacker discussed **DOS Batch Files** which most of us have been quite satisfied to live without since at least the mid-nineties. But, for those of you who wish to relive those exciting days of BATCH programming, I offer the following example from **Bob Stephan's** column: The expression FOR %%f IN (A: a: B: b: C: c:) DO IF "%f"=="%1" GOTO OK is much better for accomplishing a particular result than the equivalent six expressions: IF (%1)==(A:) GOTO OK, IF (%1)==(a:) GOTO OK, IF (%1)==(B:) GOTO OK, IF (%1)==(b:) GOTO OK, IF (%1)==(C:) GOTO OK, and IF (%1)==(c:) GO TO OK. Now, if the reason for the above is not readily apparent to you, I suggest asking Bob the next time you see him.

Some (then) very popular software titles mentioned ten years ago in the Newsletter: **QEMM386** (a memory manager), **"Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?"** (a game), **PrintCache** (print spooler), **SpeedCache** (disk cache) and the shareware version of **PaintshopPro**.

Reviewed by members for our members were two books, **"Microsoft Access Inside & Out"** and **"Paradox for Windows Made Easy"** (reviewer **Ed West**), **WordPerfect for Windows 5.2** (reviewer **Bob Shanteau**), **WINRx 1.3** an anti-virus program (reviewed by **Tom Putnam**) and **PC Tools for DOS 8.0** (reviewed by **Lee Keely**). The latter review prompted the following from the Newsletter Editor, "This...(PC Tools)... review is one of the most thorough analyses of any software that we have ever read. Unfortunately, it is much too long to publish in its entirety. On the other hand, the information it contains is much too valuable to cut." Hugh went on to say that the review had been posted for download at the local Cricket BBS and that the modem-less reader could call Hugh and he would mail them a copy.

Which should be a clear warning to me that it is well past time to bring this month's retrospective to a close. Next month we will look back on some early PC hardware. ♦

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Wireless Internet Update

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ROAMING FROM WLANS TO CELLULAR TELEPHONE NETWORKS

Just as I predicted at the MBUG-PC General Meeting in January, convergence between 802.11 wireless local area networks (WLANs) and cellular telephone networks is becoming reality. This means that soon you will be able to buy a PC card for your laptop to connect to WLANs such as those found at "hotspots" like Starbucks, etc., and at many homes and offices. You will also be able to connect with cellular telephone networks! Also, new laptops, handheld computers and car computers will be available with this capability built in. This will be very cool because you will be able to connect to the Internet practically anywhere you go. There will be a difference in connection speed though. Being connected to the cellular telephone network will be similar to using a 56k dial-up modem, and will work anywhere cellular telephones work. But when you are in range and connected to 802.11 WLAN, your connection speed will be much faster, up to 11Mbps, depending on the uplink connection speed of the Hotspot, or home or corporate network. To learn more see the eWeek article titled "Roaming From WLAN to WAN" at: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,3959,922744,00.asp>

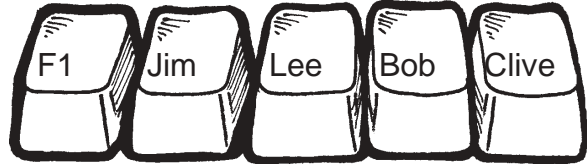
INTERNET ACCESS WITH YOUR BURGER AND FRIES, SIR?

In a further sign of the spread of wireless Internet technology, McDonald's restaurants in three U.S. cities now offer one hour of free high-speed access to anyone who buys a combination meal. On March 12th ten McDonald's in Manhattan began offering wireless Wi-Fi, or 802.11b Internet access. Soon we'll all be able to eat lunch and send some e-mail or surf the web! Intel is helping to promote these "hot spots" for wireless Internet access, including Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Borders Group and McDonald's. To learn more go to: <http://news.com.com/2100-1039-991962.html> and http://my.aol.com/news/news_story.psp?type=3&cat=0541&id=03031100094938107 ♦

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Computer Help is Just a Click or Call Away with F1

You know you push the "F1" button on your computer when you need help. But do you also know that you can call or e-mail **MBUG-PC "F1 for Help"** with your computer questions?



Our expert team of helpful volunteers is willing and able to share experience on software and hardware. And if they don't know the answer, they'll direct you to someone who does. To get computer help:

- (1) Contact any of the people listed below; or
- (2) Ask questions during any MBUG-PC meeting break or Q&A session; or
- (3) Leave a message at MBUG-PC's Answering Service (373-6245); or
- (4) Broadcast a message to all members through the MBUG-PC Listserv (mbug@listserv.redshift.com) **in plain text only** (NO html, please)!

Services are free of charge (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).

■ Jim Anway

STRICTLY Wednesdays & Fridays
from 2pm to 5pm at 625-5618

■ Lee Keely

Prefers e-mail at leekeely@atbi.com
or call 626-8033

■ Bob Stephan

E-mail to bstephan@redshift.com
or call only between 9am-5pm
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■ Clive Sanders

E-mail to simbacli@pacbell.net
or call only between 1pm to 9pm
cellphone (831) 521-6676 ♦



COMPUTER HARDWARE



Nick Mertes
Workshop Leader

Wednesday, April 9
7:00 to 9:00pm
Archer Park Center
Monterey

In this month's workshop we'll cover a variety of topics, and to get you started, I sent out a suggested reading list to everyone on the **MBUG-PC Listserv**. If you're not on the listserv directory, shame on you! Get on it now by following the directions on our website (hint, address is at the bottom of every odd numbered page of this Newsletter).

Tuning Up Your Computer

The March 11, 2003 issue of *PC Magazine* had an excellent article titled "**32 Ways to Make Your PC Blast Off!**" If you haven't read it, check out the www.pcmag.com website. There have been several other articles in *PC Magazine* as well as in *PC World* that I'll be talking about on Wednesday night. I'll also show you an excellent book that costs less than \$20.00 (including shipping) which is worth having to help you keep your machine up to snuff.

Recycling & Ugrading

We'll talk about some economical computer upgrades, and I'll explain at what point you should consider buying a new computer rather than upgrading. I'll share some tricks you can use to make "Windoze" run faster and that won't cost you any money as well as explain the things best left to the pros who work on systems for a living.

And in the future ...

I'm thinking about demonstrating, in future sessions, some of the easier upgrades from the *PC Magazine* article mentioned above. Is this a good idea?

If you have any particular questions you would like answered, e-mail me at nick@mbay.net in so I can make sure I have an answer (and don't wait until the day of the meeting because I only check my e-mail at home in the evening: trying to stump the teacher is not nice)!◆

Nick

INTERNET, E-MAIL & BEYOND



Clive Sanders
Workshop Leader

Friday, April 25
7:00 to 9:00pm
Adult Education Center
Pacific Grove

In January we had a rousing IE&B session. I asked you to: "*Send me your poor, your tired & your huddled masses of questions*", and as a result we had plenty to explore. In February we received no questions in advance, but we still had plenty to work through. This month, indeed every monthly workshop is for asking questions, even at the risk of repeating something you've asked before.

INTERNET ... By now you know enough about the Internet that you don't have any more questions? You feel confident about finding websites on recipes, fly-fishing, your health, film stars, foreign and domestic travel or whatever your interests are? You know how to download information, print out maps, review your stocks and bonds, buy and sell antiques and collectibles at auctions, play bridge with others online, purchase airline and theatre tickets and make other such transactions with security and confidence? Maybe?

E-MAIL ... And it seems that as far as e-mail, most of you understand by now how to use the system to send mail, attach and open files, use and keep up your address book, change font sizes and colors, save your letters in files, send photos to friends and family, etc. Or do you?

BEYOND ... OK, but the *Beyond* part of our workshop is your opportunity to ask *any* computer question. If we don't know the answer, someone in the audience may, or we will find out for you later. Come and ask questions. Better yet, ask me ahead of time by e-mail, even if you may not be able to attend! Remember, at MBUG-PC there is no such thing as a stupid question.

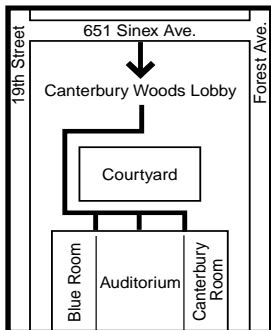
Try calling my home number (831) 375-5376 first, before the mobile number (521-6676). If sending a fax, call me ahead so I can turn on my computer. Or e-mail simbacli@pacbell.net.◆

Clive

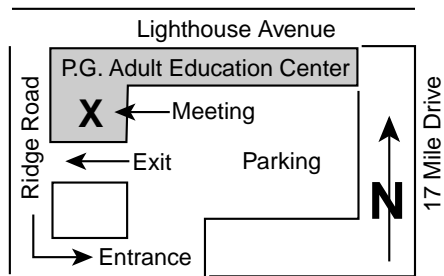
MBUG - PC Calendar of Events - April 2003

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 <i>DIRECTORS MEETING</i> Canterbury Woods PG Begins at 7pm <i>Everyone Welcome!</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>General Meeting</i> Adult Ed Center PG 7:00 - 9:00pm <i>Bob McGonigal</i> <i>"Back to Word Basics"</i> | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Computer Hardware</i> Archer Park, Monterey 7:00 - 9:00pm <i>Nick Mertes</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 <i>"The INTERNET, E-MAIL & BEYOND"</i> Adult Ed Center PG 7:00 - 9:00pm <i>Clive Sanders</i> | 26 |
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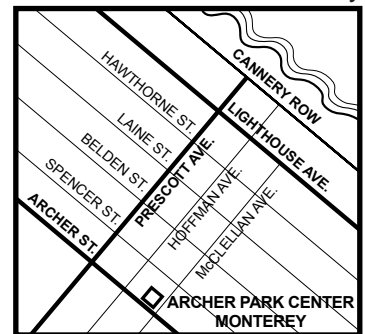
Canterbury Woods
 651 Sinex Avenue
 Pacific Grove



General Meeting Location
Adult Education Center, PG
 1025 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove



Archer Park Center
 542 Archer Street
 Monterey



Tentative Calendar May 2003 *Please Check the May Newsletter for Final Dates & Times*

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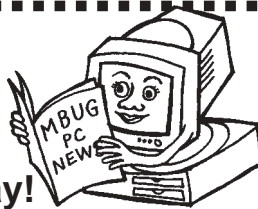
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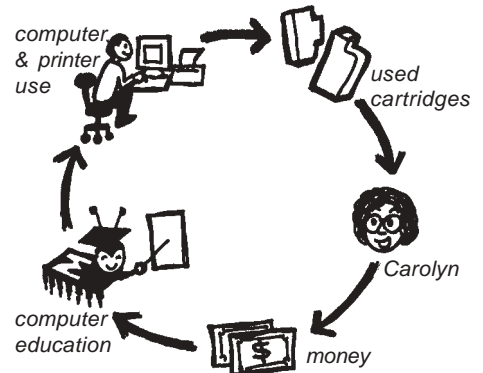
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Keep Recycling Used Ink Cartridges

a message from
Carolyn Lake, Publicity Chair



Keep those used ink cartridges coming! Remember, **empty, original-equipment printer ink cartridges** (no compatible or remanufactured, please) are worth \$2.00 each to MBUG-PC. The funds we raise go towards educating the public about personal computer use --- and reused cartridges don't go into the landfill!

Put used cartridges in a plastic bag and bring them to the monthly General Meeting or any workshop. Look for me or any other Board Member. There's no time limit on this project so far, so keep recycling with MBUG-PC! ♦ lakelyn@ix.netcom.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Current Membership is 219!

Don Slaiter



Vice President, Assistant
Treasurer & Membership Chair
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| AllLaw | 961 |
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