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COMING NEXT MONTH A Change of Scene

Starting in JUNE

Wednesday Workshops
will be located at

HILLTOP PARK CENTER
871 Jessie Street
Monterey
In the Main Hall

Parking

- ◆ On Jessie or Divisadero Streets
- ◆ Some pkg stalls on each street
- ◆ Lower level lot (from Jessie)

A map will be published in the
June newsletter

See page 11 for tentative calendar

Jim
Hinwood
Program
Chair



How Secure Can You Be? Computer Security is Topic of Concern

This month we will be welcoming **M Trace Carter**, founder and owner of *Taygeta Network Security Services*. *Taygeta* started out as a robotics development company and moved quickly into Security as the need developed for services in this area. When you have an alarm system, you buy or lease the alarm equipment, but the most important thing you pay for is the monitoring of the system. When the alarm goes off someone has to be monitoring the system and has to call the police to come to the location. Much of this is automated but they still have to have someone there to shut down false alarms, etc.

In the same way, *Taygeta* monitors its client's network security in real time, keeping track of attacks upon its clients and responding immediately to attacks upon its client's network. When I was there to interview for a presentation to MBUG-PC, I was very impressed with the professional nature of the company and the knowledge of the people to whom I spoke.

This company's presentation was suggested by our own Nick Mertes of *That Computer Place* in Monterey. Don't miss the presentation this month as security is one of the main concerns in computing today and Mr. Carter will be talking about all types of computer security and will answer all questions about your security concerns.



April's Attentive Attendees

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Friday, May 7, 2004 at 7pm
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Meeting Reviewer

If you regularly attend the first Friday General Meeting (or other ongoing workshops, e.g. "Hardware", "Windows", "XP", "Genealogy", etc.) help us by writing 500-word-or-less reviews.

Workshop Leaders

Share your knowledge about a particular computer program or feature. Create and lead a workshop monthly, every other month or quarterly, as desired.

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Ann Mack
President



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MAY THOUGHTS

*Come all ye lads and lassies,
Join in the festive scene,
Come dance around the maypole,
That will stand upon the green.*

That verse is from a traditional English May Day greeting, the welcome to the first day of summer. The International Day of the Worker became meaningful much later during the late 19th century. I prefer the lighter references. Many **celebrations** can be found on line and can lead you off in many directions. Try your own journey to a topic that interests you.

Just for your own entertainment **“google” a phrase or item** and follow its history. (This may be why I lose a lot of time on the Internet and computer.)

Along with this wealth of information, comes a problem for teachers and academics... plagiarism. I googled the phrase **“plagiarism detection software”** and got eight responses. (I forgot the newspaper article, so had to use Google.) It was most interesting to read that there are several software programs that are able to detect plagiarism on either sophisticated or elementary levels. Can you imagine programming such a test? Of course, it doesn't speak well for the students at

any level, who sink to plagiarism to replace their knowledge. Visit the net and make up your own mind.

And how many of you have noticed the workshop schedule for May? We really have a good group: Wednesday, May 12, “Windows XP” with **Jim Anway**. Wednesday, May 19, “Converting LPs to CDs” by **Mark Burger**. This promises to be a real “nuts & bolts” type of workshop. And finally, on Wednesday, May 26, “The Master Genealogist” by **Bob Stephan**. All three workshops meet at Archer Park Center in Monterey.

Each of our workshop leaders and General Meeting speakers spend a lot of time on their presentations and work hard to share their knowledge with MBUG members. They clearly want to meet your needs and for MBUG to succeed. You each can help to make it easier for the speakers: **volunteer for a small job**, not necessarily the “whole enchilada,” but some small portion, by working with the meeting place, helping set up, being available to substitute in setting up or other chores. We need your help to make MBUG a good strong club! Let's all pull together to meet the challenge!

During the next few months, starting in June, all the Wednesday workshops will be held in **Hilltop Park Center**, off



April guest speaker Bill Hyler at the “podium”

David between Jessie and Divisadero. You will be supplied with the correct maps and parking locations in the next newsletter. This location change does not affect the General Meeting on Friday nights.

In light of people helping out, thanks to **Carolyn Lake** for editing this issue of the MBUG Newsletter! Our intrepid **Regina Doyle** is quaffing sushi and sake in Japan for a couple of weeks.

See you at the General Meeting on Friday, the 7th of May; **M Trace Carter** from Taygeta Network Security Services will give us all the low-down on security. See you all there! ahmack@sbcglobal.net ♦



Break time
Questions and conversation at April General Meeting

MEETING REVIEW

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President



photo: B. Hyler, MBUG-PC

DIGITAL PIX CLICKS

There were about 50 lucky members that heard **Bill Hyler** talk on “**Digital or Film – It Is Your Choice.**” Bill had really spent time on his presentation and offered a wealth of information for all of us. He followed a nifty handout that started with basic definitions that you need to find your way through cameras.

SLR – single lens reflex is how a typical film camera works. An image is exposed onto the film and kept there. CCD & CMOS are new style sensors that improve the capture of images in even low light situations. These work with three color filters for richness and depth of color.

LCD – Liquid crystal diode is the screen viewer on the back of a digital camera. Bill said, at this time, the single lens view finder is superior, but feels that it is only a matter of time until LCD catches up.

Optical Zoom vs. Digital Zoom – Digital zoom software makes the pixels larger and can distort the picture, if the zoom is very high. Optical zoom is the preferred method, since the lens moves closer to or further from the subject. Other features of today’s cameras correct “red eye,” automatically focus and handle ISO (relative speed / sensitivity of digital camera to light).

Given these basics, what are some of the pluses of digital cameras? The cost is minimal: a photoflash card of 250 MB can handle 100-200 pictures and is reuseable after downloading. Good software is available to handle those pictures and edit them, thus getting “the perfect image.” You only print/develop the pictures you want. Your “roll” can be copied onto a CD and stored for future use.

Your pictures are available at once. This is important when you are taking a special event, or the first step by that precious grandchild, etc. And if you have goofed, you can re-take the picture immediately. A tripod is also helpful to get better pictures.

Bill’s hobby is cameras. He had about a dozen high end ones on display for us, and the camera buffs certainly were impressed. Cameras to take photos in rapid succession, cameras to take “burst shots,” which can emulate a video camera for short periods of time and cameras that are ready to take a picture between one and three seconds.



Having said all of this, what are the minuses of digital cameras? They are relatively new; they will be outmoded next year. The number of pixels determines the fineness of the camera and that price is falling. However, Bill says, “Buy today and upgrade tomorrow!”

Digital cameras do not handle photos with large amount of contrast as well as film cameras. There is a noticeable lag in pressing the shutter and taking the picture, particularly in the shirt pocket size cameras.

Some pluses for film cameras: the range and latitude of film are still superior to the digital camera. Film can show more detail in shadow and is available in a wide range of ISO and speeds and sizes. A professional photographer will still use his film camera, although digitals are getting better all the time.

The cost of digitals starts at \$150 and rises quickly, depending on your needs and your devotion to taking pictures.

Finally, what do you do with digital pictures? This is the great deal - put them on a CD and file them away! Much smaller than a bulky photo album and quickly done, no more boxes of unknown shots, no more questions of when were they taken, who was in them or what they are.

Bill suggests that they be stored in a JPEG format for your hobby shots. If you think that these are truly important shots, file them in the larger TIFF or RAW image files. Everyone can make their own albums easily.

As you can see, this was a great General Meeting. Bill will send a PDF of his notes to you; just send an e-mail to **bhyler@comcast.net** to request a copy.

The really good news is that Bill agreed to give some workshops on specific topics in the upcoming months! Watch your calendar for details – times and places. You won’t want to miss them.

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THINGS, THINGLETS & THINGASSOS

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2003 Users Poll

69% of adults
61% at home
37% high-speed
93% under 65!

THE INTERNET IS NO LONGER A NOVELTY

More than two-thirds of American adults were users of the Internet in 2003, according to a poll published by market research company **Harris Interactive**. The figure of 69 percent of those polled represents around 146 million people. Internet use among adults is growing constantly, Harris Interactive said, noting that the figure had risen from 67 percent in 2002, 64 percent in 2001, and 56 percent in 1999.

The first poll taken, in 1995, found that only nine percent — some 17.5 million people — said they used the Internet. The poll found that most Internet use — some 61 percent — occurs at home, while 31 percent occurs at work. The biggest change was seen in users of high-speed Internet — 37 percent of users, compared with 22 percent two years ago.

Internet users spend at least nine hours a week on the web compared with seven hours in late 2002. Some 93 percent of users gave their ages at less than 65 years, and 60 percent were university students. The telephone poll, taken last November and December, surveyed 2,033 people aged above 18 years.

CONCERNS OVER THE MASS MAILER VIRUS

The new e-mail virus that spread rapidly over one weekend in January has computer experts seriously concerned. Many fear the virus, known as **Bagle**, could be a prelude to a broader series of attacks or a fresh spam effort.

Although the virus — known as a worm because it replicates itself and sends out more copies via e-mail — does not appear to damage computers, experts are concerned that it installs a program on the computers of users who open the attachment. This could enable the virus authors to send out barrages of e-mail advertising that could generate money.

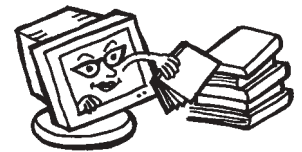
According to experts, it seems perfectly possible that Bagle is yet another worm written by spammers. This way, they could first infect a large amount of computers. When they have enough, they could automatically install invisible e-mail proxy servers on each machine and start spamming through them.

Network Associates (McAfee), called the virus a “medium risk”. “The Bagle worm is an Internet mass mailer that harvests addresses... and sends itself to other recipients via e-mail,” Network Associates said. The Virus Bulletin website said the worm did not appear dangerous, but should be monitored.

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Things (continued from page 5)

ORDER THE WINDOWS SECURITY UPDATE CD: IT'S FREE

The **Windows Security Update CD** will be shipped to you free of charge. This CD includes Microsoft critical updates released through October 2003 and information to help you protect your PC. In addition, you will also receive free antivirus and firewall trial software.

This CD is only available for Windows XP, Windows Me, Windows 2000, Windows 98, and Windows 98 Second Edition (SE).

I was told by Microsoft that all of the above Windows OSs (operating systems) share the same CD.

Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery. Check at: <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/cd/order.asp> for availability and changes.

Should you have bad luck with this web site, call 866-727-2338.

VIRUS MYTHS III

“If I just buy registered software, I don’t have to worry about viruses.” This is not always true because there have been cases where companies did not know that there was a virus on their software and accidentally shipped software that had viruses on it. While this does not happen frequently, it is still a possibility. (*More Virus Myths will follow in subsequent issues.*)

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NO RAFFLE PRIZES



For May 2004

BUT, be sure to look at the back-shelf “freebies” and help yourself: books on older versions of Photoshop and other software, miscellaneous computer parts, 3.5” floppies (remember those?) and more. **UPCOMING:** We have one free subscription to Smart Computing magazine to raffle soon. **AND**, we have three credits toward another free subscription, so if only two more of you good people subscribe (see page 5), we will have another raffle item on the table!



Raffle strategy planning

Richard Binsacca, center, sells tickets at April General Meeting

WIRELESS INTERNET UPDATE

WI-FI NOW AT PACIFIC GROVE ADULT EDUCATION FACILITY!

MBUG’s General Meeting room at the Pacific Grove Adult Education Facility now has free Wi-Fi wireless internet access. All you have to do is turn on your Wi-Fi enabled laptop or PDA and connect to the MBUG network, and you are online!

If you’ve never done this before, here are some more detailed steps: 1. Turn on your laptop or PDA and install a Wi-Fi card and all the correct drivers, etc. 2. Once your computer is up and running, right click on the two little computers in your system tray and click on “View Available Wireless Networks.” 3. Highlight “MBUG” and

John Rowe
Board Director, Columnist & Hailey’s Daddy



photo: Bill Hyley, MBUG-PC

checkmark “Allow me to connect to the selected wireless network, even though it is not secure.” Then you will get a prompt indicating you’re online! Let me know if you have any questions or problems. I donated and installed the Netgear 802.11b Wi-Fi Router/ Access Point, and PGAEC is donating the Internet connection, so now we can all get online free during our MBUG meetings. Hope you like it!

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Smart Computing Tips

Save Pictures from the Web: Although some photos on Web pages are copyright protected, in Internet Explorer you can try to save them as files on your own computer. Right-click the picture, select Save Picture As, and specify the location where you want to save the picture.

To Better See a Web Page: If you're having a bit of trouble distinguishing some of the words on an oddly formatted Web page in Internet Explorer, select Internet Options from the Tools menu. Use the Colors And Fonts button under the General tab to specify how you want the text to look. Then click the Accessibility button, select the checkboxes that tell IE to ignore site-specific colors and sizes, and click OK.

View Newsletter Articles Until June 2

User groups will have unlimited access to Smart Computing User Group Newsletter articles online until June 2. The following is an excerpt. See their website to view the entire article.

Security: Responding to Firewall Alerts: Featured as a Web-only article on SmartComputing.com (March 2004 issue - Vol. 15, Issue 3), we use firewalls to manage and secure the communication between our PC and a network (usually the Internet). When we install a firewall, we must configure it to accept or reject various connections, and most firewalls eventually "learn" the difference between normal and abnormal connections based on usage patterns over time. Still, no matter how carefully you set up and configure a firewall, you'll see alerts from time to time, so don't panic. Most alerts simply provide information, but knowing what alerts mean and how to deal with them can help keep your PC (and its precious data) secure. Visit www.smartcomputing.com/support/links.asp?id=780 to read more. Submitted by S. Jack Lewtschuk ♦

WINDOWS TIPS & TRICKS

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Ed Bott's Web Page

You can visit Ed at http://www.bott.com/windows_tips.htm. The site offers tips on almost everything to do with Windows programs. Here are a few samples:

Tip #30: Keep a Safe Copy of Your Address Book

If you use Outlook Express, you can accumulate a surprising number of names, e-mail addresses, and other details in your Windows Address Book. Thanks to a feature found only in the latest Outlook Express update, you can now back up your Address Book to the Web—specifically, to a Hotmail account. That lets you back up addresses in a safe place. It also lets you read your address book from any computer with a Web connection.

You can only take advantage of this new feature if you've installed the Internet Explorer 5.01 update (released in January 2000) or later. It also works only with Windows 95 or Windows 98, not Windows 2000. First, add your Hotmail account to Outlook Express. Next, open the Windows Address Book (click the Start button, click Run, and enter **WAB**). From the Windows Address Book, choose **Tools, Synchronize**. (Note that this option is not available from the **Tools** menu in Outlook Express.) The synchronization process is quick and works both ways.

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Check it out...

From Sacramento to India, MBUG-PC gets listed!

According to Google, here is a list of web sites that have a link to MBUG-PC:

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search?as_lq=www.mbug.org&sa=Search](http://www.google.com/search?as_lq=www.mbug.org&sa=Search)

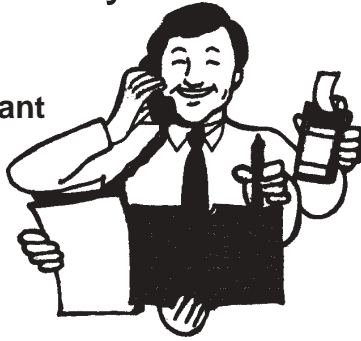


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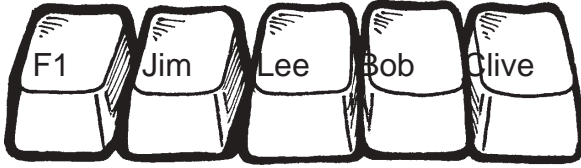
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You know you push the "F1" button on your computer when you need help. But do you also know that you can call or e-mail **MBUG-PC "F1 for Help"** with your computer questions?



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)!

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April Refreshments

Many thanks to Eleanor Çetin, Norma Cocklin and several others for another great round of "goodies," and to Louann Hinwood for the coffee service, at the April General Meeting....
Applause from all of us!



Windows Tips & Tricks (continued from page 7)

Tip #31: Reorganize Your Start Menu

Every program you install, big or small, insists on dumping extra shortcuts onto your Start menu. Eventually, you end up with your favorite shortcuts buried among the ones you never use. Here's how to clean up the clutter:

To move one shortcut or folder, open the Start menu and drag each item from its current location to the new one. (Note that this works only if you're using Internet Explorer 4 or later with the Windows Desktop Update installed. The original version of Windows 95 doesn't allow you to manipulate the Start menu directly.)

To add or remove multiple shortcuts, click the Start button, choose **Settings**, and click the **Taskbar** (Windows 95) or **Taskbar & Start Menu** (Windows 98 and later) choices. You can use the Add and Remove buttons to automate the process of creating and deleting shortcuts.

To manage program shortcuts in Windows Explorer, right-click on the Start button and choose **Open** or **Explore**.

Tip #32: Instant Search

When you need to find a file fast, there's an incredibly quick shortcut. If an Explorer window is open, press F3 to open a Search (Find, if you use Windows 95) window in the current folder. To search all local hard drives, click any empty space on the taskbar and press F3. *simbacli@earthlink.net* ♦

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WINDOWS XP

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James Anway
Workshop Leader

Wednesday, May 12
7:00 to 9:00pm
Archer Park Center
Monterey

This month, in the last Windows XP Workshop before my summer break, we will have an opportunity to review key Windows XP features and tips I have already presented in prior sessions. Then it will be Q&A time. What will be presented and discussed, will in part depend on the mix of the attendees and what is hot at the moment.

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Bob Stephan
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Wednesday, May 26
7:00 to 9:00pm
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The main topic will be “Getting your data into TMG.” If you already have data in another program we will see how you can import it to The Master Genealogist. We will look at data entry such as adding new people; adding relatives for existing people; and adding event tags such as birth, marriage and death events. Other features will include dates and places, the Master Place List, citations for sources, notes, and how to link existing people. That should keep us quite busy. We will also try to answer any and all questions that come up so bring your puzzlers. Whether you already have TMG, are thinking about getting TMG, or are just curious about TMG, please join us and see what TMG is all about.

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CONVERTING LPs TO CDs

**NEW
WORKSHOP**

Mark Burger
Workshop Leader
Wednesday, May 19
7:00 to 9:00pm
Archer Park Center
Monterey



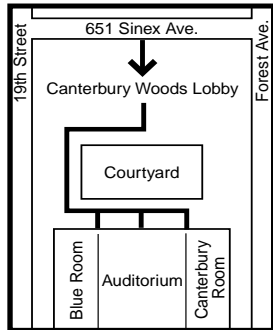
Following a reSOUNDing success in his March General Meeting (see Barbara Tyrrell’s Review in April newsletter), **Mark Burger** starts a new workshop to continue the explanation on how to convert Long Playing (LP) vinyl records and audiotapes into Compact Discs (CDs). Mark, a Systems Analyst for the Pebble Beach Corporation, has been involved with computers and electronics for years, is a ham radio operator, and possesses a network of computers in his home that manage a multitude of multimedia tasks. Whether you missed his general meeting or were there, you’ll want to MARK your May calendar. Questions? Contact Program Chair Jim Hinwood at:

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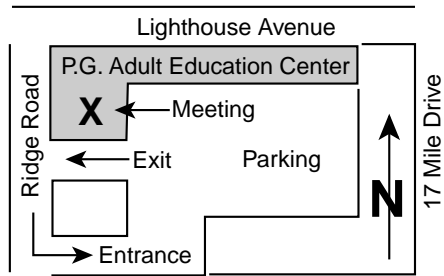
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	9	10	11	12 <i>"Windows XP"</i> Archer Park, Monterey 7:00 - 9:00pm <i>Jim Anway</i>	13	14
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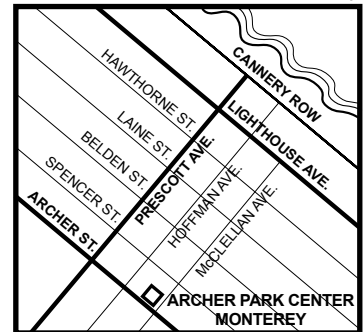
Canterbury Woods
651 Sinex Avenue
Pacific Grove



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



Archer Park Center
542 Archer Street
Monterey



Tentative Calendar June 2004 *Please Check the June Newsletter for Final Dates & Times*

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IT'S NOT REALLY TAXING...

... to bring in those empty, original equipment printer cartridges to our workshops and general meetings. We estimated getting a good return on our last filing, and so we did! A nice check came from our recycler last month as a result of the February shipment and will be applied to supporting our MBUG-PC educational programs. Thanks to all who contributed their "empties"!

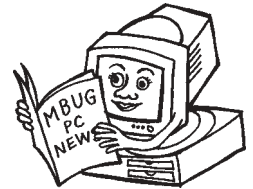
Another shipment has been rapidly filling up. Keep bringing in used cartridges, drop them into the brown box or give to any Board member (no remanufactured or generic brands, please!). The next shipment is planned for mid-May, so let's keep on schedule, see? (Apologies to any CPAs out there!) *lakelyn@ix.netcom.com* ♦

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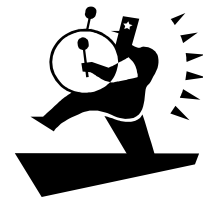
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Assistant Treasurer,
& Membership Chair

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