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GOT SOAP?



Debut MBUG writer
Bill Bowles wants
you to come clean
about SOAP, XML
and other platform
issues (see page 5).

Jim
Hinwood
Program
Chair



Fine Digital Art Landscape Photography with VectorPoint

Our guest speaker this month is **Kirk Kennedy of VectorPoint**. VectorPoint was formed in April 2001 by Kirk, a Salinas businessman and **Carl Twisselman**, who at the time was the graphics creator at the **Salinas Californian**. VectorPoint inspires, motivates and entertains through photography, illustration and 3D modeling. Their office and gallery is located in Old Town Salinas across the street from the John Steinbeck House on Central Avenue. VectorPoint's photographic work is done by Kirk, who specializes in landscape photography of the Central Coast. The **Ansel Adams Gallery** in Yosemite along with several local Monterey County tourist spots display and sell Kirk's work.

Kirk does all his work digitally. This new technology eliminates the chemicals of traditional photographic methods and gives the photographer a level of control that far exceeds what can be done in the darkroom. Kirk will be discussing this and other advantages of the digital workflow and display some of his work, so we will see on screen how a professional photographer uses **Adobe Photoshop** to turn a photograph into a work of art. Professional photography has always been a process that begins with capture and ends with the print. **Ansel Adams** likened the capture of the image on the negative as the writing of a musical score and the printing of the negative as the performance of the music.

After the demonstration Kirk will hold a Q&A session on digital photography. Does it have disadvantages? How can I be a better digital photographer? When should I employ a professional? How do I evaluate digital cameras? How many megabytes, what software, what printer do I need? This is sure to be a really fascinating meeting, so bring your own questions from basics to technical. Preview Kirk's work at www.VectorPoint.ws. or e-mail kirk@vectorpoint.ws. ♦

FIRST FRIDAY GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 3, 2004 at 7pm

Pacific Grove Adult Education Center
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and the Public! Come along and bring a friend. Great coffee,
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We need people willing to share their computer knowledge and skills to run regular workshops.

If you'd like to create and lead a workshop monthly, every other month or quarterly, call us!

Publicity Chair

Incumbent Carolyn Lake will be shifting jobs soon: we will need someone who can spare a few hours a month publicising MBUG in local publications and to members on the Listserv.

Meeting Reviewers

If you regularly attend the first Friday General Meeting (or any other ongoing workshops) can you help by writing 500-word-or-less reviews for the Newsletter?

We would appreciate additional Meeting Facilitators!

Can you help out a few times a month to set up/fold down chairs and generally get MBUG meeting rooms ready? **Lead Facilitator Don Slaiter** capably aided by **Charlie Mehlert & Gary Stephens** are doing a great job, but they can always use extra hands.

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THINGS, THINGLETS & THINGASSOS

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NOTE: In case of an emergency, do not be upset if the 911 dispatcher appears to be off the phone momentarily — they are in the process of relaying information to the appropriate agencies for you. **Always remain on the phone until the 911 dispatcher releases you.** You are the eyes and ears of the responding emergency personnel until they arrive at the scene!

FACTS ABOUT 911 EMERGENCY CALLS

Although this has little to do with your PC, it does have something to do with another computerized gadget many of us have (about 150,000,000 in the US) and it's good to know.

Most of you know that when you dial 911 on your home or workplace landline phone, an emergency dispatcher answers your call and your phone number and address shows up on the dispatcher's monitor. But when you dial 911 on your *cell phone*, do you know who answers the call? Well, in California it's the **California Highway Patrol (CHP)** dispatcher. This might be important to know. If you're calling via cell phone to report a traffic accident in a city (say Salinas, Monterey, etc.), or if you're calling to report any incident requiring an emergency response by law enforcement, fire or ambulance due to anything other than a traffic-related incident, you will need to let the CHP know as soon as you are connected so that the dispatcher immediately connects you with the proper agency. You should be prepared to give your exact location too, because the dispatcher does not know where you call from a cell phone.

The **Federal Communication Commission (FCC)** promises to activate the "Enhanced 911 System" by December 31, 2005. At this time, your location, within 330 feet, will become known to the all emergency dispatchers.

By the way, as it stands now, your cell phone location *is* known to businesses. However **Lucent Technologies' Bell Labs** (and there may be others later) have developed a set of software tools which is supposed to protect your privacy, except from the 911 operator and your cell phone system provider.

ARE THERE SPIES IN YOUR COMPUTER?

Think *spyware** isn't spreading? According to a new report from **EarthLink** and **Webroot Software**, there is an average of almost 28 spyware programs running on all computers. More serious, Trojan horse or system monitoring programs were found on more than 30 percent of all systems scanned, rising fears about identity theft.

The report presents the results of scans of over 1 million Internet-connected computers. Many of the 29-million spyware programs that were found were harmless "adware" programs that display advertising banners or track Web surfing behaviors. However, the companies say they have also found more than 300,000 instances of programs that are capable of stealing personal information or providing unauthorized access to computers.

Protect yourself with an anti-spyware program — you might be (unpleasantly) surprised to see what's lurking in your PC! **Ad-Aware** and **Spybot** are just two of a number of free programs that I recommend you try (see *MBUG-PC Newsletter*, Vol. 23, No. 8, August 2004: Clive Sander's Tips & Tricks; and Vol. 22, no. 10, October 2003 for my previous review of these programs).

VIRUS MYTHS VII

"You can contract viruses just by looking at web pages." This is a rumor that is spreading around. You cannot contract a virus just by **looking** at a web page, however can contact a virus if you download a file from that web page. (More Virus Myths will follow in subsequent issues).◆

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**Spyware is any program that is installed on your computer without your knowledge, which gathers information about what you look at, and reports the information back to its "master".*



THE FRUGAL COMPUTERIST

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by
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Note: Bob has no financial interest in any of the programs mentioned in this article.

ORGANIZING PHOTOS FOR FREE

Some time ago I wrote a review of a photo organizing program called **Express Thumbnail Creator** (www.express-soft.com). I’m still using it and I like it, but now a free program has become available. I have not tried it myself yet, but my favorite genealogy newsletter writer **Richard Eastman**, writes a glowing review of it in **Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter** Vol. 9 No. 31 - August 2, 2004.

Because this particular article is copyrighted by Eastman, I cannot quote much of it here, but I’ll summarize the salient points. For information about subscribing to this most informative newsletter go to www.eogn.com/plus. Subscription is quite reasonable at about \$20 per year and I highly recommend it. You can read the free **Standard Edition** at www.eogn.com but it does not include the most interesting copyrighted articles.

The program in question, **Picasa**, previously was a commercial **Windows** program selling for about \$30. It is published by **Lifescape Solutions**, which was purchased by **Google** on July 13, 2004. Google almost immediately re-released Picasa as a free program. It is available at www.picasa.com/google/?promo=hpp2 where you can see more details. Only the photo software is installed; there is no spyware or adware involved.

After installation Picasa will offer to scan your entire hard drive for digital images and will also detect images still stored in some cameras if the camera is attached. It can even remove red-eye from images while they are still in the camera! The images can be sorted as desired. Picasa is not an editing program although you can crop an image, rotate it or enhance the color and contrast. It creates albums and

allows for insertion, removal and reordering of images. It supports most of the popular image file types and movies. According to Eastman, “*It simplifies the tasks of printing and e-mailing photos, as well as the use of commercial printing services to make prints of your images.*”

For more details check out the Picasa web site at www.picasa.com/content/learn_more.php.

OTHER PHOTO ORGANIZING SOFTWARE

While you may find that one of the above programs will be all you need, there are other options. A news group which I read regularly had a recent discussion about various photo organizing programs and several people came up with the following thoughts.

Disclaimer: *I have not tried any of the following programs and cannot say one way or the other about their suitability for any purpose. Where appropriate I have quoted a bit from the person who posted the information originally.*

■ **ACDSee** (\$49.95) at www.acdsystems.com/English/index.htm

■ **Kodak Easyshare** (free download) at www.kodak.com/eknec/PageQuerier.jhtml?pq-path=130&pq-locale=en_US, or CD version (\$7.95).

Note: *When I went to check the reference, the download was temporarily unavailable.*

■ **Photoshop Album** (around \$50.00) at www.adobe.com/products/photoshopalbum/main.html **Note:** It may come bundled with other packages. A free starter edition can be downloaded.

■ **Jasc’s Paint Shop Photo Album** (\$45 download, \$49 boxed, free trial download) at www.jasc.com/products. **Note:** has a “print” option “*that is not matched by anyone. If you are considering printing pages with multi-images, you could not do better than with this program.*”

■ **Extensis Portfolio 7** (around \$200) at www.extensis.com/en/products/asset_management.jsp. **Note:** “*If you are looking for the program used by photographers (pro and not-so-pro), then you will want to check it out. This program may or may not be what you have in mind.*”

In any event, all of these programs are available in trial versions that you can easily (on the pocketbook) check out before you decide.

XML and SOAP: New Technology, New Buzz Words

by Bill Bowles, MBUG-PC Member 535

Have you heard the Internet terms XML and/or SOAP? If not, you will soon. The following is a general explanation of a complex problem that is in the process of being solved with recently developed Internet technology.

One of the powerful components of the Internet is its platform independence — meaning that it doesn't matter what computer (platform) your PC is or what computer (platform) is on the other end of the Internet page — it all works perfectly regardless of the platforms involved.

There is a new level of independence emerging in the Internet industry that involves information transmission independence.



The problem is this: when you bring up a web page, you only get what the designers of that web page make available. There is a little tailoring that can be done with some web pages (e.g., weather pages, etc.), but even that is limited.

How would you like to be able to specify exactly what information you want in the format you want? For example, you may want to get the median home price within a range of zip codes and list that information by the following columns: zip code, city name, population, median income and finally median home price. The examples are endless. In other words, you tell the server (the web site) what you want to see and how you want to see it.

There are two technologies making progress toward this flexibility. They are **XML** and **SOAP**:

XML stands for Extensible Markup Language. XML in its raw form is just web page code that has specific format and organization with label defining capability. However, when all that is put together it allows web designers to create their own customized labels, enabling the definition, transmission, validation and interpretation of data between applications and between organizations.

SOAP stands for Simple Object Access Protocol.

It is a code organization within XML that allows the definition and transfer of information in object form by label. That is, zip code in the above example would be one object of information with an assigned label (e.g., "ZipCode").

So, what are the problems being solved? SOAP transmits information as labelled objects that are independent of where or how the information was obtained. XML can read SOAP objects of information by their labels without needing to be concerned whether it came from a **UNIX Oracle** database, an **NT Access** database or any other source.

The point is that SOAP presents information in a standard way independent of its source, and XML can read that information and display it in the desired way. So, now you know what XML and SOAP stand for and some of what they do in very general terms! ♦

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LATEST GENEALOGY SOFTWARE UPGRADES

■ **The Master Genealogist Version 5.15.000** (26 July 2004), www.whollygenes.com. This is the most feature-full and complete genealogy programs that I know of.

■ **Legacy Family Tree Version 5.0.0.144** (build date 9 August 2004), www.legacyfamilytree.com. The standard edition of Legacy is an excellent free program that is gradually replacing **Personal Ancestral File** as

the basic genealogy software. The frequent updates have added a lot of features to this program. ♦

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MEETING REVIEW

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MailWasher Pro

Reviewing Software: an MBUG Tradition

In the old days MBUG-PC was just a group of people trying to learn how to operate a computer, and in some cases build new systems themselves. Mostly we got together just to “kick tires” and we often filled in for “star” companies that were unable to send out a representative by trying out and demonstrating their products among ourselves. Then in the computer software heyday, companies such as **Microsoft** used to come twice a year to show off their own products to MBUG-PC. Not any more: we are back to demonstrating software among ourselves.

So, if any of you have tried out a good product and want to share information with your fellow members, by all means let us hear from you and we’ll schedule you to speak. Or, if you know of a product, but do not feel confident in your ability to download, install and tweak it, let me know and I will help you write to the manufacturer and solicit a copy to review and demonstrate. The benefit to the manufacturer is that, through our review, we send out information on their product through over 200 hard copies and over 50 electronic of our newsletter. If the company is generous, we might get some extra software for MBUG-PC’s fund-raising raffles.

“The World’s Favorite Anti-spam Tool”

I was particularly pleased to receive an invitation to review this product for the MBUG General Meeting on August 6. Those of you at this general meeting who were the lucky prize winners of a copy of **MailWasher** are already enjoying the benefits. It is a short download even with a 56K modem. It really works straight out of the box. However, it is always better to review the “Help” screen to really understand what opportunities the maker can provide for the curious.

By the way, if you go to the MailWasher webpage at www.firetrust.com you will see a picture of a MailWasher

box. This is just advertising hype: there is no box. You can only get MailWasher by downloading the application file from the webpage. If anybody has trouble downloading, give me a call and I will e-mail it to you as an attachment. If you don’t “do” attachments (like our venerable Secretary/Treasurer), then for a donation of \$10 to MBUG-PC, I will burn a CD for you (but you still don’t get a box)! This will be a trial copy and you’ll have to sign up online and pay for it once you have tried it out and decide to keep it.

To get things working, you need to spend a few minutes jotting down the pop3, smtp server addresses, your ID and password, just in case the automatic import does not transfer the information correctly. Then click “Import” and select the mail boxes you wish to include. If you need to add new e-mail addresses, this can be done manually by clicking “Add”.

Now take a look at all the drop down menus: “File” is self explanatory. View toggles on a Preview bar to help identify a friend and a “Filter” sidebar. This is a work area where one can routinely discover if you checked a friend as a foe or vice versa. Just check/uncheck as needed. You will then have your blacklist of undesirable spam senders and you can clear this list periodically if it becomes very large (but I don’t think it slows down the operation at all).

The “Filters” section enables you to set indicators that will intercept spam. You probably already make use of your filter capability in **Outlook Express**. If not, it is a question of creating a continuing list of words that occur frequently in messages you receive. Better still, study the “Help” screen to get the most out of this option.

Now we come to the really interesting part of the MailWasher software: “Spam Tools and Statistics”. Shortly after you set your preferences and download the mail, you will begin to collect a number of blacklisted senders and a “friends” list. You may set up a learning curve for your MailWasher program. The categories are “Learning”, “Recognizing Spam” and “Good Mail”. Again, to get the best out of this section read the “Help” screen.

You can preview messages and those who wish to use keywords will find plenty from which to choose. You don’t really need a mouse: you can check all your mailboxes or each one separately.

If you sign up for **FirstAlert!** under “Spam Tools” you will find your account number and password have already been inserted.

There is a tab that allows you to add “Domain Name Servers” (DNS) “Spam Blacklist Servers”. Two are there by default. I guess others exist or will become available.

Although MailWasher like **ZoneAlarm** does not purport to be a virus checker, it has the ability to identify possible viruses in attachments. Take a few minutes to review your preferences on this score. You need all the assistance you can get to beat these hackers and virus witchdoctors!

If you wish to join in the fight against spammers take a look at the “Spam Cop” tab. There are loads of options you can use under “Options” to fine tune the program. Read the “Help” screen to fully understand it.

Lastly we come to the statistics. They quickly build up your comfort level to ensure that you are getting the best of the spammers.

Before I hand you over to the spin from MailWasher, let me emphasize that if you do not want to fuss with or tweak this program you will be adequately safeguarded out of the box. All you need to do is import the existing properties of your e-mail accounts into your MailWasher program. So for a limited time, **Firetrust** will offer MailWasher Pro and a year’s subscription to FirstAlert! to MBUG-PC members at the special price of \$29.95, a saving of \$7. The promotional code is **GTUGAD**. **Remember: the offer expires on September 30, 2004!**

For more information and promotional material, go to www.firetrust.com/media/kit.php◆

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WINDOWS TIPS & TRICKS



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news, reviews, tips & tricks
about Windows, Office and
other stuff*

REPAIR INTERNET EXPLORER

Many people don’t realize that every version of **Internet Explorer** includes a “Repair” utility. If you experience problems, try using this tool to fix any damaged system files: Click “Start”, choose “Settings”, and open “Control Panel”. Double-click the “Add/Remove Programs” icon and select the “Internet Explorer” entry. Click the “Add/Remove” button and select the option to “Repair Internet Explorer”.

DON’T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN

It’s easy to forget about the threat of **Windows** viruses unless a major outbreak is in the news. If you’re not careful, you can let your guard down and leave yourself wide open to a virus or Trojan horse program. Maybe you’ve recently reinstalled Windows and forgot to set up your virus scanner. Or maybe you turned it off one day so you could install a

new program and you forgot to turn it back on. Either way, the results can be catastrophic!

A Windows virus can appear anytime, usually via e-mail that appears to be from someone you trust. So check your virus protection today and make sure it’s up to date!

- **If you don’t have a virus scanner, get one!** Several excellent choices are free for downloading off the Internet.
- **If you already have antivirus software installed, check to make sure it’s configured properly and runs automatically at start-up.** Then update your signature files* (you can find links for to the most popular antivirus programs on **Ed Bott’s Antivirus FAQs, Tutorials, and News** at www.edbott.com).
- **After making sure your software is up to date, shut down all running programs and scan your system.**
- **If your security software has an option to check for updates automatically, be sure it’s turned on.**◆

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* A **signature file** is a pre-written text file appended to the end of an e-mail message that is used as a closing or end to the message. It typically contains the sender’s name and address, but may contain any kind of text or boilerplate that is repetitively sent.

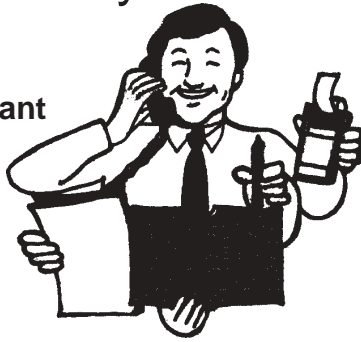


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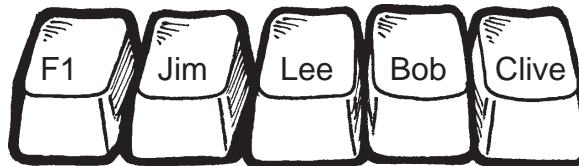
is in need of additional “computer coaches”
and instructors for their
Technology Access Program for Seniors.

The center provides older adults an
opportunity to learn and practice their
technical skills in a small lab, working one-on-
one and in a small class format with a
volunteer computer coaches and instructors.

If you have the time, ability and patience to
tutor beginners in a relaxed setting, contact
Kimberle Herring at the Sally Griffin Senior
Center at (831) 375-4454 or e-mail
kherring@mowmp.org

Computer Help is Just a Click or Call Away with F1

You know you push the “F1” button on your com-
puter 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?



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is willing and able to share experience on soft-
ware 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)
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DIGITAL vs FILM CAMERAS

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**Wednesday,
September 15**
7:00 to 9:00pm
**Hilltop Park Center
Monterey**

We'll continue discussing how to move digital images from camera to computer; move photo files into editing programs, edit photos and create slide shows. Bring your own camera and we'll help each other learn about the world of digital images. Send questions in advance to hyler@comcast.net. ♦

Bill

WINDOWS XP

Jim Anway

Workshop Leader



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**Wednesday,
September 29**
7:00 to 9:00pm
**Hilltop Park Center
Monterey**

It is again time to have fun and explore Windows XP, including the new Service Pack 2 (SP2).
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Jim

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST

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Bob Stephan

Workshop Leader

**Wednesday,
September 22**

7:00 to 9:00pm
**Hilltop Park Center
Monterey**

We will continue to explore the features of TMG, particularly the report writer. TMG can produce a variety of reports unmatched by any other genealogy program, and it can be as complex or as simple as you want to make it. We can't cover everything, but we'll do much as we can fit in. If you missed previous meetings you can obtain copies of the workshop handouts at www.bobstephan.net/tmgws.

Upcoming TMG Workshop October 27

Topics that remain to be covered are the Project Explorer, the research log, Visual Chartform, image exhibits, slide shows and tools such as text editor, text macros, timelines, match and merge, relationship calculator, date calculator and calendar. No other software for the price has anywhere near the number of features in TMG. Whether you use TMG or not, join us and learn something new about computer software or genealogy. ♦

Bob

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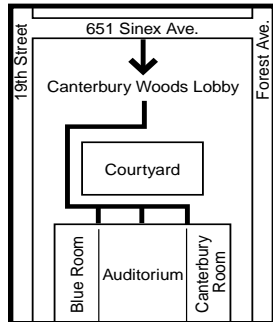
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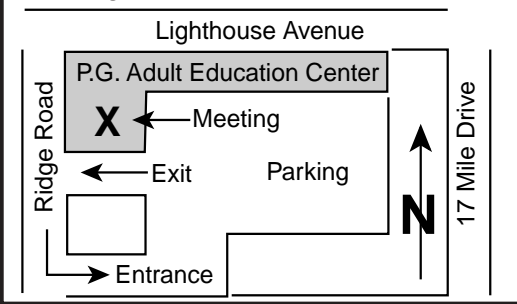
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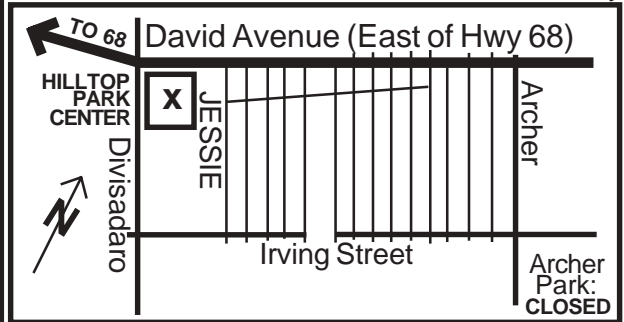
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1025 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove



Hilltop Park Center
871 Jessie Street
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Tentative Calendar October 2004 Please Check the October Newsletter for Final Dates & Times

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INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE

Carolyn Lake
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EIGHTEEN MONTHS AND COUNTING!

The ink cartridge collection project is now 18 months old! Yes, we sent out our first shipment in February 2003 (seems like just yesterday)! Thanks to all our good members and friends who

have donated their used printer ink cartridges, the project is healthy and growing. Another box of empties is ready to send off, following the few hundred that have gone before. But of course we need to keep feeding this baby, so keep on bringing in your empties, either to our general meeting or to any workshop. Just drop them into the brown box or give them to any Board member, and they've started their first steps toward supporting our educational programs! Remember, we can collect only original equipment, name brands; no remanufactured or generic brands, please! ♦

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