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*Ziff-Davis's Bill Machrone packed the September Main Meeting and fascinated all those who attended well beyond the usual 10 PM end time.*



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## What do YOU want?

No, I'm not talking about a 63 GHz Intel CPU or a brand new Bentley; although if you attended our Investing SIG earlier this year, the speaker (who has one) told you how to get yours. I hope you paid attention.

ACGNJ provides its members with 15 to 20 SIGs each month, providing information and expertise on a wide variety of computer topics. From Internet use, technical and software issues, web development; to investing with your computer, searching out your ancestry, and things as simple as using the keyboard and mouse with different operating systems. Our latest SIG is on robotics. Ten times each year our members receive our informative newsletter full of articles authored around the country. If one went out to get this kind of information in the commercial sector, the cost would be in the hundreds if not thousands of dollars each year. We provide all this, and more, to our members for \$25 a year in dues and less for a multi-year membership. And therein lies the problem; we are losing money on each membership.

Other "User Groups" dues are in the \$40-\$50 area, and many cost even more. Even at these rates, their newsletters are published only online for their members. Printing and mailing our newsletter each month is our largest single expense and has been driving us towards insolvency for many years now. Your Board has been trying to resolve this dilemma and the time has come to make the change. The alternative is unacceptable.

Our \$25/yr dues have been in place for many years and must be increased. To continue our traditions we are proposing a dues increase to \$35/yr, \$50/2yrs and \$65/3yrs. An obvious bargain even with the \$10 increase. This still does not cover the cost of the newsletter for most of our memberships so we are also proposing to publish the newsletter on-

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**Important issues are coming up for vote at the December Main Meeting.  
Mark December 7, 2001 on your calendar now, and plan to attend.**

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# The Internet Corner

by Martin Rosenblum

## Miscellany

A few months before the birth of my oldest daughter, some close friends had a son, Paul. The two were good friends through the early years, and as adults have kept in touch. Last fall Paul had a curious case of heart failure, from which he recovered, thanks to the fact that it occurred in the presence of a doctor. He has since been the proud bearer of a device made famous by our VP, an implanted defibrillator. At a recent visit he informed me of a Web site for this bionically enhanced peer group, The Zapper at [www.zaplif.org](http://www.zaplif.org).

I mentioned my younger daughter's wedding last issue. This month we were invited to Williamstown MA, to spend some time with her new in laws and see the sights. We had some errands to do in Newark, and there I noticed that the police have a Web site, [www.newarkpd.org](http://www.newarkpd.org). (They beat out Newark, Delaware and Newark California!) We then went to Stamford to check on my mother, (see my hometown library at their Website, [www.ferglib.org/ferg](http://www.ferglib.org/ferg) — they're still hosted at Futuris at [www.futuris.net](http://www.futuris.net)). I decided to take a route north that I had done in my youth, Connecticut state route 8, starting in Bridgeport, and it was every bit as nice as I had remembered it. No tourist stops and only a few old towns.

We arrived North Adams, MA at about 5:15 and promptly got lost looking for Mass route 2 west. We arrived at our destination only 15 minutes late, so all was fine. See Williamstown at [www.villagebeautiful.com](http://www.villagebeautiful.com). (They must have been on the ball, net-wise, to grab that URL before anyone else!) Rebecca's new father-in-law turns out to be a great cook, and we had a delicious home made pesto on angel hair. (Maria and the others had some luscious scallops, but I'm allergic, so I missed that.) Next day we went on a tour of the campus. An early stop was the library, where I chatted with one of their geeks about their use of the Net, both Inter and Intra.

We happened to be passing their archive when the archivist passed by. She offered to let us in, and we accepted with glee. I asked if she had heard of Willy Higinbotham, my old boss at Brookhaven ([www.bnl.gov](http://www.bnl.gov).) She was a newcomer, and hadn't heard of him, but looked him up and found his picture in an old (1933) class book. Willy had received an honorary Doctor of Science from Williams in 1963. (You can see a bit about him at [ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/gigeast/Willy.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/gigeast/Willy.htm), a page put up by his son.) Willy, by the way, built the first video game, back in 1958, for a Brookhaven open house. His son has saved the page from the Discovery Channel at [ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/gigeast/Video/inventors.html](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/gigeast/Video/inventors.html).

Then, a brief tour of the science campus and a visit to the college museum, which was having, among other, more artistic, exhibits, a Rube Goldberg show, including some really outrageous contrivances. Lots of fun! You can check out the museum at their Web site, [www.williams.edu/WCMA](http://www.williams.edu/WCMA). We had a very nice lunch at the faculty club and then headed off to North Adams to visit the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, or MASSMoCA.

North Adams is a typical old New England mill town. A complex of building grew up at the Arnold Print & Dye Works, which started out in 1872 and lasted til 1940. I found (Google) a nice print of the works, dated 1910 on a genealogy site: [homepages.rootsweb.com/~shirleyb/postcards/arnold1.html](http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~shirleyb/postcards/arnold1.html). They manufactured elegant printed cloth during those years. In 1940, the plant was taken over by Sprague Electric. I well remember buying tons of condensers and other stuff from them in my working days. In 1986, having failed to modernize their plant, and hit by a disastrous fire, they lost business to newer foreign manufacturers, and their power capacitor division was merged into a new company, Commonwealth Sprague, which moved into smaller quarters. The rest of the enterprise closed. Commonwealth Sprague still exists and makes power condensers in North Adams: [www.comsprague.com](http://www.comsprague.com). The North Adams Fire Department has a very nice Web site at [www.bcn.net/~adamsfd](http://www.bcn.net/~adamsfd), where you can click on "photos" and find pictures of the 1984 Arnold Print Works conflagration.

This now-empty complex of buildings became the symbol of dying industry in North Adams until, in the mid 80s, the dream by the director of the Williams College Museum of Art of a new museum of contemporary art found the possibility of becoming reality in the vacant buildings. Thus was born MASSMoCA. We were delighted by the variety and creativity we found there. As we entered the site, we were faced with four living trees in leaf, but, oddly, upside down. They had hoses on timers to supply them with water. The leaves turn in the fall as on normal trees, and the branches show signs of turning up at their tips, as do the leaves. Most impressive (to a geek) was the Überorgan, an incredible contrivance nearly 300 feet long composed of enormous plastic bladders and ducts and deep-toned organ pipes. There were twelve of these (twelve tones) and well supplied with air but controlled by a huge player-piano roll which was, in turn, controlled by motion sensors throughout the enormous room. Supposedly, the "tunes" should have been recognizable, but not, alas, to me. You can visit all of this, and the other interesting exhibits at their Web site, [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org).

Later in the afternoon Maria and I were turned loose with tickets to the Clark Art Institute ([www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)) which has a remarkable private collection. Robert Sterling Clark was heir to the Singer Sewing Machine (another relic of my ancient times) fortune. He and his wife, Francine, were avid collectors and amassed an amazing array of art objects including nineteenth-century European and American painting, especially the French Impressionists and English silver. We spent a very pleasant couple of hours there, as long as my legs held out. There's an amusing memoir by the gallery's architect, Daniel Perry, at [www.sinc.sunysb.edu/Class/rndtable/Clark.htm](http://www.sinc.sunysb.edu/Class/rndtable/Clark.htm). In the evening, our host created a marvelous dinner which we shared with some very interesting friends of theirs, followed by a full measure of enjoyable conversation and story telling.

Speaking of things matrimonial (my daughter's wedding,) we had our anniversary this month. An old country inn, The Riegelsville Inn, which I may have mentioned before, was our

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dining choice. They are right on the banks of the Delaware, on the Pennsylvania side, and an ideal site for a romantic meal. As we get on in years, we find that we like smaller portions, and have even taken to sharing, when we go out. This inn offers a nice alternative: half portions. They were ample, great value, and delicious. You can find their Web site at [www.riegelsvilleinn.com](http://www.riegelsvilleinn.com).

We had our house painted last week, and to get away from the painters, who showed up at every window, we took some rides in the country. There were only endless reports of the World Trade Center tragedy on the radio — too depressing to listen to without break, so I brought along my Rio MP3 player on which I had downloaded Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes*, read by McCourt himself. A remarkable work and the reading takes over thirteen hours, yet it downloads in a few minutes and the whole thing fits in the 64Mb Rio500. I downloaded the book from [www.audible.com](http://www.audible.com), and got my Rio user's guide/manual, and the PC-based RioPort Audio Manager download from [www.riohome.com](http://www.riohome.com).

Once on the road we headed for Boonton for lunch. There we found a very nice little Italian deli, the Rivertop, right on Main Street. The owners were very nice, the food was good, and I noticed a URL on their menu: [rivertop.homestead.com](http://rivertop.homestead.com).

From there we headed northwest, intending to drive through New York onion country, but got lost, ended up in Monticello ([www.village.monticello.ny.us](http://www.village.monticello.ny.us).) From there we headed southwest to the Delaware, crossing from Barryville NY to Shohola PA, between the Roebling aquaduct (now bridge) at Lackawaxen PA and the Milford PA toll bridge. More about Shohola later.

By the way, there's a very nice Web site at [www.drjtbc.com](http://www.drjtbc.com), belonging to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, which has lots of nice info and photos of the bridges south of Port Jervis. For those north of Port Jervis, see [www.nps.gov/upde](http://www.nps.gov/upde). There's a nifty map of the whole area at [www.nps.gov/upde/ppmaps/updemap1%2Epdf](http://www.nps.gov/upde/ppmaps/updemap1%2Epdf). Another aside: if you go there and click on bridges, toll supported bridges/Riegelsville Toll Supported Bridge, you'll find some info on the bridge connecting the Riegelsville Inn to New Jersey, for example, that it was constructed by John A. Roebling's company in 1904. Although normally far above the river's surface, as I was flying to Portugal to get married back in 1955, a hurricane named Carol came barreling up the Delaware and caused the river to rise above the surface of the bridge — in fact, four or five feet above the first floor of the Inn! You can find stories of this storm in Trenton at [www.capitalcentury.com/1955.html](http://www.capitalcentury.com/1955.html), and up river at [www.shohola.com/township/HurricaneDiane.html](http://www.shohola.com/township/HurricaneDiane.html). This last site is full of interesting historical references, like Train #5 out of Hoboken got stalled in Cresco, PA and the Jersey Central lost some track near Jim Thorpe, PA, routes that no longer exist.

Getting back to Milford PA, we stopped there to have some tea and cake and walked around the town. We came on a little park from which we had a clear view of High Point, NJ monument! (If you want to visit on the Web, try [www.stateguide.com/pa/Milford](http://www.stateguide.com/pa/Milford), but it's not very informative. Looks like a universal template, much like River Internet of

Summit, which has a number of New Jersey towns set up. While we were in Milford, we stopped to visit a house that was for sale. I noticed a URL on one of the realtors' signs: [www.tashlik.com](http://www.tashlik.com). The house we saw was at [www.tashlik.com/6914-5-1.htm](http://www.tashlik.com/6914-5-1.htm).

Then we came back to New Jersey over the Milford-Montague toll bridge and route 206. (How many of you knew that there's a Montague, NJ? I couldn't find a Capulet, but most of us have actually been to Montague — it's the home of High Point. Visit Montague at [www.montaguenj.org](http://www.montaguenj.org), and High Point at [www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/parks/high.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/parks/high.htm).) If you're a bridge fancier, another nice upper Delaware site is [www.riverreporter.com/bridges/welcome.html](http://www.riverreporter.com/bridges/welcome.html). It includes photos of bridges long gone and their histories.

### Stop the World

In the middle of all this came the World Trade Center and Pentagon horrors. We shall all be having nightmares for some time. Where was the Internet through it all? Here are some random notes:

From Yahoo, 9/11: "Internet news traffic soars following U.S. attacks."

From TechTV, 9/12: Links to breaking news, giving blood, information about the buildings, lists of tenants, other links and phone numbers:

- Justice Department phone line to provide information to families about victims and services for survivors 1-800-331-0075
  - FBI Tip website
  - World Trade Center Survivor Database
  - American Red Cross
  - Red Cross appeals for blood 800-448-3543
  - Cash donations to the Red Cross 800-435-7669
  - Cash donations to the Salvation Army 800-725-2769
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 800-424-8802
  - FEMA Nation Map of Regional Offices
  - North American Center for Emergency Communications 218-229-2887
  - Disaster Area Missing Person Search Form
  - Web pages set up for WTC Crisis folks to check in
  - Doctors who want to volunteer their help 518-431-7600
  - 14.275 on shortwave radio for info
  - Scanners 145-148 MHz
- and for cash donations:

- [Relief@PayPal.com](mailto:Relief@PayPal.com)
  - Amazon Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund
  - Yahoo PayDirect Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund
- They had a nice page on Geeks in Crisis Mode at [www.techtv.com/print/story/0,23102,3347240,00.html](http://www.techtv.com/print/story/0,23102,3347240,00.html). and another of international Web news sources at [www.techtv.com/print/story/0,23102,3347266,00.html](http://www.techtv.com/print/story/0,23102,3347266,00.html), a story by Powazek on Web communities helping out at [www.techtv.com/print/story/0,23102,3347276,00.html](http://www.techtv.com/print/story/0,23102,3347276,00.html), an interview with Eve Hinman of Hinman Consulting Engineers at [www.hce.com](http://www.hce.com) on an engineering view of the collapse.

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# From The DealsGuy

Bob Click, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group.

## What a Loss To User Groups

I was distressed to hear Adobe may dismiss Louise Miller from the user group program. Louise has worked very hard for Adobe and us (user group people). The decision was not final at this writing, but in the user group community, Louise has made Adobe a household name, and dismissal certainly doesn't seem like a just reward for her hard work. This would be a loss for Adobe and user groups. I hope they find a spot for her without dismissal. I understand it's a consolidation of user group activities, but I hope it doesn't close us out as Ambassadors for Adobe's fine products.

A few other hard-working friends have also gotten the axe for all their hard work during these slow economic times. Ever wonder why anybody should worry about doing a good job, when they could be history at any given time, in spite of their best efforts? I guess conscientious employees will always give their best automatically.

## A Moment of Carelessness

I thought I had become pretty good at recognizing e-mail with a virus attachment, and I had, but I found another way to get careless. At the time, I didn't realize I had triggered a virus, but in the middle of the night I woke up realizing what I had done, which was to click on a file that I should have remembered was infected. I'll handle infected files differently from now on! I'm sure it didn't use my Eudora address book, but the SirCam virus finds other places to get addresses to send a familiar-looking, but infected, file to friends.

I sent a message of warning to my address book people, but almost nobody in it had received an infected file. There were a few and I'm not sure where it found those addresses, but I think perhaps in my trash bin, because I had about 40 returned messages with infected attachments with addresses similar to spam type I always delete. That would have been a perfect place to send those infected files, but alas, they all bounced back. The few friends who received an infected file were people I had communicated with recently so that may be a clue.

I receive several newsletters in PDF format and a couple in ZIP format. I decided to catch on up printing by clicking on them right from my "Attachments" folder. In the process, I accidentally clicked the wrong zip file (left there for further AV checking) and failed to notice the double extensions. After this, I'll move suspected files to a safe place and not depend on my "superior" intelligence. An interesting side-light to this disaster is that some of the bounced e-mail containing contaminated attachments were bounced by network administrators who detected the infected file and returned it telling me that. I hope the network administrators trend continues to grow for everybody's sake.

## Mentioned Previously — Still Good

The LapDog is still good so visit <http://www.laptopoffice.com>.  
inKline Stay Connected: (<http://www.inklineglobal.com/register>).  
Mouse Bungee Pro: (<http://www.mousebungee.com>).

## inKline Global is Back With Another Special Offer

If you are still using a dialup connection to surf the Net, how about something to improve the performance of your modem. "Modem Booster" from inKline Global is designed to get the downloading done, but faster and more dependably. Here is their offer: "We are pleased to offer your column readers 15% off 'Modem Booster' (normally \$19.95) in your October column. For the Modem Booster promotion in October, 2001, simply mention 'MB-DEALSGUY-1001' in the comments field of the order form at <http://www.inklineglobal.com/register> when purchasing Modem Booster. The offer is valid till 30th Nov. 2001." Ordering must be done at their Web site.

## Get Better Organized

I am not a fan of PIMs (Personal Information Managers), but they are popular. It happens inKline Global has a very good PIM called RedBox Organizer 4.1 and they have offered a deal. I have not reviewed it. Their description: "Now you can manage your daily activities more efficiently, and have the flexibility and ease to plan, organize and schedule virtually whatever you want. Use the Calendar, Planner, Reminder, To-do, Sticky Notes and Globe to manage daily occurrences like Expenses, Reports, Appointments, Contacts, Addresses and Travel information all within an enjoyable 3D interface. Save loads of time, send e-mails, quick-dial your contacts, keep conversation logs and even publish your activities on the Web. Extraordinary features like Multi-User capabilities, password protected program sharing, Time Converter and Global Distance Calculation abilities. All these features in one compact program make it an ideal planner for all home and small businesses. Free CD with online purchase!"

My readers get it for \$29.95 (regular \$39.95). Enter "RBODEALSGUY" in the comments field when ordering. Below are more URLs and info for the product. Company URL: <http://www.inklineglobal.com> Program URL: <http://www.inklineglobal.com/products/mb/> Download Site 1: <ftp://inklineglobal.net/win32/mb25.zip> Download Site 2: <http://inklineglobal.net/win32/mb25.zip> Filesize: 1.75 MB / 1803 KB / 1,845,295 Bytes Filename: mb25.zip Version 2.5 Install/Uninstall Included

## Security Just For Your Pocket??

Yes, but I meant your Pocket PC. Cresotech PocketSafe 1.16 for Windows CE is a Pocket PC PDA-based security tool for safe storage of confidential information. PocketSafe provides easy management and secure storage of passwords, contact names, credit card numbers, bank account and document data, as well as other confidential information. Records in the database are encrypted and password-protected. All popular models of PocketPC are supported: Compaq IPaq, Casio Cassiopeia, HP Jornada, Symbol, etc. System Requirements: Pocket PC running Windows CE 3.0 or higher. 400Kb free on Pocket PC and 1Mb free on desktop PC. Supported Processors include ARM, SH3, MIPS. I couldn't test this product because I do not own a Pocket PC, but it looks very interesting. The price is \$19, and my readers are get 10% discount at

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# Times, They Are A Changing...

*Scott Vincent*

In the September ACGNJ News, the headlines referred to the fact that some of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) of our club are in need of leaders. As I write, that situation still remains but the level of desperation is somewhat lessened.

The Board of Directors, at our September meeting, voted to make changes to the list of Friday night meetings. In an effort to make the list a little less intimidating to newcomers, we have concentrated on better defining where each group's interests lie. This way, a newcomer will be able to choose a meeting at his/her level of knowledge and not be turned off by sitting through a discussion that is too advanced. Hopefully, visitors will become members and grow in knowledge and expertise, moving to the other SIGs when they feel ready. Often, people who came to one or two meetings tell us, when we've asked, that we seemed to be far more than they felt they needed or wanted to deal with at the time, so they chose not to return. Some people learn faster than others do, and some are happy just knowing the basics. Learning PCs is like learning a foreign language or one of the sciences. You're gonna be stupid for awhile so get used to it and accept that fact. We all went through it at our own chosen level of personal abuse.

In the past, when there were PC and Apple/Mac communities, those two groups met separately and Main meeting served as a forum for club business and a place for very general instead of manufacturer-specific discussions. As the microcomputer industry grew, and PCs became almost as common as televisions at home and essential parts of every office, the PC User Group became the predominant SIG. The PC User Group and Main Meeting started to look alike. This was even more evident when the MAC User Group disbanded last year.

PC Symposium formed years ago to provide much deeper, more technical discussions on topics that may have been discussed at the other meetings at a simpler level. This type of gathering would not be attractive to "Newbies", and might scare them off all together, but it was heaven for "techies".

In 1994, I started the Random Access group thinking that it would be devoted to questions and answers from anyone and everyone, "techies" and "Newbies" alike. I hoped the environment would be one in which "Newbies" would not be intimidated by the rocket scientists of the club, but instead find a source of answers derived from many hours of screwing things up ourselves, and we would spare them the mistakes.

In 1998, I started the MCP (Microsoft Certified Professional) Study Group, for "masochist techies" who found joy in exploring Microsoft's business network operating system NT (New Technology). Not many sane people came every Wednesday night, so when the Rescue Squad asked if we would be willing to give back a Wednesday night for the local Republican Club (not being a Democrat myself), I obliged, and we have met every Wednesday except the fourth ever since. (I achieved my MCSE in December 1999, whatever it's worth in today's business world.)

These SIGs have been combined or will meet less frequently simply because we cannot find enough people to lead them and search for interesting topics for each meeting. Some have outlived their original purpose. Others need to be revitalized

by becoming less like other SIGs. We must become more appealing and interesting than we have been in order to attract people and keep them coming.

Beginning the gradual change in meetings, Main Meeting and PC User's Group have been combined and will be oriented toward general PC and PC-compatible discussions. It will meet on the first Friday of each month as Main Meeting did. The annual business meeting including election of officers will be held at this meeting on the first Friday in December.

On the third Friday of each month, the "old" PC User Group slot, there will be a meeting that will be more technical in content, with a no-time-limit Q/A session. With a less-scheduled topic format as far as speakers are concerned, this SIG will feature more experienced members making themselves available to help lesser-experienced. The Q/A will be similar to the Random Access period that will still be part of Main Meeting, but without the time restraints caused by scheduled speakers. The format will be similar to the Random Access Meeting, but will also get into discussions of more advanced topics as in Symposium. Its name, not yet finalized, will probably be PC Tech SIG or a similar name which, I hope, will fail to scare away the non-techies. It will give "Newbies" an accelerated opportunity to become recognized as computer users who know what they are doing and are ready for more.

As for the Wednesday Night Masochists, I'm not sure yet. We will probably meet less often and will lighten up a bit on the extreme cut-and-dried exam preparation that we have done in the past (but only a little) so others may gain an interest in Microsoft's advanced operating systems. These business level operating systems will gradually replace home user operating systems like Windows 95 (referred to by the Study Group as the Whore), Windows 98, (the Whore's Ugly Sister), Windows 98 SE (the Whore's Ugly Sister with Make-up) and of course (the Self-Centered OS) — ME. In October, when Bill gives us XP (I'm sure it will get a nickname too — start thinking, Brenda), I think it will be very NT/2000-like inside. We can explore XP and decide if it is a continuation of improvement toward a more reliable, secure operating system or another "almost but still a home body operating system".

If you are interested in helping to save the ACGNJ by offering to chair or co-chair one of these reorganized groups, feel free to contact me at [scottvin@optonline.net](mailto:scottvin@optonline.net). If there are topics you want to learn more about, contact me. If you are well versed in some area of computing (or you know someone who is) and willing to give a talk to the group, contact me. If you or someone you know would be interested in a class for beginners that, over perhaps two or more meeting a month over several months, would provide a working knowledge of the PC and Windows, (the little panes Windows, not the jumbo bay window type Windows) contact me. This has been considered several times by the Board of Directors, both during BOD meeting and by individual board member at other times. If there is enough interest, we will pursue it.

We need your help, we need it now, and we thank you for caring. ☺

# Changes to ACGNJ By-laws

Ted Martin ([tedmartin2@aol.com](mailto:tedmartin2@aol.com))

The ACGNJ Constitution and By-laws can be found at <http://www.acgnj.org/const.htm#bylaws>.

Every ten years or so, the ACGNJ has found the need to amend its constitution. This has not been a planned thing, but rather a result of the changing times and needs of the club. We are again at that point and we urge you to attend the December meeting and vote on the proposed amendments.

Although we have not finalized the proposed changes, we would like you to consider what is under discussion. Much of this is a direct result of the decline in membership and the resulting lack of people willing to do what is needed to keep the club running. We need your time and your talents, and the more members that can give a little will ease the burden on those that are giving more than they have time for. We urge you all to get involved, in any small way, in the operation of your club.

Under discussion for the past two years is changing the name of the club, as some believe the word "Amateur" is detrimental to our image in today's technological society. There is also consideration of having two VPs, one to handle the techie focus of the club and one to concentrate on the needs of newbies.

We also need to upgrade the bylaws to include the new electronic technology such as e-mail as a means of notification for the references to notices and mailings and perhaps voting. Along this line, we also have a great need to eliminate the print version of the newsletter and have it online only. Board meetings may also be accomplished electronically as well as future workshops.

Many operational problems have developed over the last few years due to the lack of member involvement so we are considering the following:

- Removal of term limits for the officers (4.2 & 4.3)
- Shortening the term of the directors (4.8.3)
- Removal of quorum requirements (2.4, 4.2, 4.8.4 & 5.6)
- Changing the number of directors (4.8.2)
- Voting rights for SIG leaders (4.8.2 & 4.8.2.1)
- One secretary instead of two (4.1, 4.73 & 4.74)

These items were installed to promote the efficient operation of the club as well as for the protection of the membership to prevent control by specific groups to the detriment of the club as a whole. We do not look at these changes lightly; but for practical purposes today, we do need to make changes.

If you have any suggestions or thoughts on this matter, please e-mail to [tedmartin2@aol.com](mailto:tedmartin2@aol.com). ☐

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<http://www.regsoft.net/purchase.php3?productid=36402&pc=M6M64> by using the password "dealsguy." If you simply want a trial version, use <http://www.cresotech.com/ftp/pocketsafe.exe>. The company URL is <http://www.cresotech.com> if you just want information on the product.

## Classes For Office

Keystone Learning Systems is offering user group members a special. Their offer: "Purchase any, that's right any, OFFICE related course at Full Price and get as many additional sets within the OFFICE selections as you want at 40% off! Call now to start enhancing your User Group Library, and help people learn skills they can use. Check these courses: Excel, Access, Word, Power Point, PhotoDraw, Publisher, Outlook, Project, or Windows 95, 98, and 2000. This Special Offer will expire Friday, October 26, 2001. Reference Code UGem2." If you haven't requested any yet and would like to receive a free demo of our training materials or information please contact Evan Jones at 888-299-3647, EXT. 7002, e-mail: [evanj@keystonelearning.com](mailto:evanj@keystonelearning.com). Or fill out the application at: [www.keystonelearning.com/about\\_keystone/user\\_group/index.html](http://www.keystonelearning.com/about_keystone/user_group/index.html) and indicate in the field provided what products you are interested in." Also listed are 32 other courses newly introduced or coming soon, and 1000 other topics and titles to choose from. Be aware these courses are not classes, they come to you on CD, or VHS video format. The offer was signed by Evan Jones, Sales Representative KeyStone Learning Systems, a GlobalLearningSystems Company (888) 299-3647 ext. 7002, (801) 418-7002, Fax: (801) 373-6872.

That's it for this month. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click ([Bobclick@mindspring.com](mailto:Bobclick@mindspring.com)). Visit my Web site at <http://www.dealsguy.com> for past columns. Also, I keep adding interesting articles (taken from user group newsletters) to my "Articles of Interest" page for viewing or downloading. ☐

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line for our members and eliminate the mailing and printing costs as other User Groups have done. All of our members are believed to have Internet access. The alternative is to raise the dues by \$20/yr and continue to print and mail a paper newsletter to each member until the printing and postage costs force another dues increase or we run out of money. It's up to you. We need to know what you think.

Please give us your thoughts and any ideas you may have on resolving our dilemma. All thoughts on the subject will be greatly appreciated. You can e-mail your secretary, Evan, at [secretary@acgnj.org](mailto:secretary@acgnj.org) or [c-secy@acgnj.org](mailto:c-secy@acgnj.org) or call him at (908) 359-8070 with your thoughts and ideas. A vote on this subject will be taken at the main business meeting on Friday, December 7, 2001, by all members present at the meeting, in accordance with our by-laws. ☐

# The Purr.....fect Mouse

## A Cordless Optical Mouse from Logitech

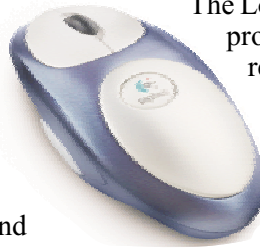
Cass Lewart

Over the years Ruth and I worked with an assortment of computer rodents, starting with a simple serial mouse. I graduated to a serial cordless infrared mechanical mouse which I found at the bargain table at Wiz, while Ruth, after trying a bus mouse, is currently using a USB optical wired mouse.

A wired mouse requires a cable between the mouse and the computer. A cordless mouse establishes the connection between the mouse and a transceiver (transmitter/receiver) over an infrared or radio link in the 27 MHz or 900 MHz band. The transceiver is connected to the computer with a cable. A mechanical mouse uses a ball and rollers to determine mouse movements over a mouse pad, while an optical mouse has no moving parts. It shines bright red light at the mouse pad and determines mouse movements from reflected light. The early optical mouse required a special mouse pad with a painted grid, but the current crop of optical rodents works on a wide variety of surfaces.

The optical mouse sensor uses microscopic features of the surface to register motion. These features may come from fine texture in the surface and/or from color contrast. The sensor acquires surface images and compares successive images to determine direction and distance of motion. The sensor generates a stream of vertical and horizontal relative displacements which it sends to the transceiver at 27 MHz.

You can easily see the advantages of a cordless or an optical mouse. A cordless mouse gives your hand full freedom of movement, an optical mouse does away with ball cleaning and often jerky responses associated with mechanical systems. As a cordless mouse requires batteries, and the older optical mouse consumed lots of power to generate the light beam, you did not see a cordless optical mouse on the market.



The Logitech Cordless MouseMan Optical is based on a proprietary energy management optical mouse chip recently developed jointly by Logitech and Agilent Technologies. The chip allows for a 3-month mouse operation from a pair of alkaline AA batteries at 800 dpi resolution.

I installed the Logitech mouse on my computer and I am quite pleased with its operation and the quality of the hardware. The mouse has two buttons on top, a scroll wheel, which I assigned to scroll vertically in Windows applications and a small button on the side which I assigned as double-click. I also selected the "smart" mouse feature so that the cursor automatically moves to the default icon in a new Windows dialog box. The 27 MHz radio transceiver can be connected to a PS2 or USB port. I connected the transceiver to one of my USB ports and put it on the floor a few feet away from the computer.

Although the mouse works great, I had some problems with installation. The installation "manual" consists of a 2-page jewel case insert written in miniature script. It took me two attempts to install the software, and only then could I read the full manual in PDF format showing many barely legible pictures on a gray background. It took a while longer to make the mouse work. I had to find an unmarked button under the mouse which has to be pressed to complete installation. In particular the installation does not deal with the fact that an old mouse is required to install the new cordless optical mouse, and that when Windows detects new hardware it tries to install its own drivers which do not have the features provided on the Logitech CD. The installation procedure also leads the user in circles without any indication that the installation was completed. Hopefully the next version of software

## 9-11

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A nation attacked, injured, shocked, frightened, and angered spent the day watching horrific scenes of the fruits of cowardly terrorism on their televisions. One must consider what would have been done by a frantic population had the terrorists also disabled the television networks and phones that provided the information that emergency services were heroically coping with the tragedy, and that our government was beginning its efforts to mitigate and retaliate for this horrendous attack on innocent civilians. We now have the Internet to provide the communication and dissemination of this vital information. Stricken by the graphic scenes on the television, my wife called my daughter to satisfy her motherly instinct for the safety of her child. My cousins from New Jersey left their Loop motel before the attack, and called us from Ohio. My wife tried to phone her brother in Germany and contact

her sister who was visiting him. She could not get on his military base, but we were able to verify her well-being by e-mail.

A 1969 U.S. Department of Defense study led to the deployment of an experimental packet-switched network (the ARPANET) that eventually evolved into the Internet. The military theorized that a distributed data network would be more fault-tolerant than a telephone network, which could be disabled simply by attacking its central office. The ARPANET was created to test this theory.

From the tiny seed of ARPANET, the Internet flowered as universities and corporations across the country embraced the enhanced communication now available. So valuable has this mode of communication become that large-scale privatization has occurred.

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# Microsoft Casino

*Dick Freymoyer*

I am not a game player, but my wife likes Casino gambling, so I decided I would see what was. In my search, I found Microsoft's Casino. I must say I fell in love with it, it is better than most of the other Casino games I have purchased through the years. MS Casino is a delight to load; it gives you the choice to load the full program or just run it off the disk. I chose the full install, which takes up 602.5 MB of space compared to the minimal load of 16MB. I like to keep my "Apps" where I want them, so I changed the folder to MS Games \ Casino, now I know where the casino game is residing. Loading Microsoft's Casino was fast and efficient.

System Requirements for MS Casino are: 133 MHz or faster Processor chip (266 Intel Pentium is suggested), Windows 95, 98, 2000 or ME, 40 MB hard drive space, 16 MB Ram for 95/98/ME or 64 MB for 2000; Super VGA monitor with 800 X 600 resolution; 2 MB Video Adapter card; 2X CD drive, sound card and mouse. As you can see this game will run on just about anyone's computer.

After the program is installed, you are given several options: play now, register online, etc. In order to play, you must accept the license, not unusual. The next screen prompts for your name and asks you to choose an image to represent you. There are images of male and females, pretty and ugly, so you have it all. This is your chance to change your looks and maybe your personality! Next, you choose a hotel casino from three offerings: Treasure Island, Mirage or Belagio. Each Casino issues a "Comp Card" and you do get Comps. Too bad you can't really cash them in — it's just a game!

I picked Treasure Island and found myself inside looking at all the different ways that I could make my deposit (lose money). Now how real can it get? The default settings start you out with a pot of \$5,000. There are ten games: Roulette, Black Jack, Baccarat, Pia-Gow Poker, Caribbean Stud Poker, Craps, Video Keno, Big 6 Wheel, Video Poker, and Slots. You can play each as a tournament or a regular play — very nice! You can move from casino to casino as you like. There isn't much difference between them, except that some have larger table stakes than others.

**Slots:** You choose from 5¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$25 with a click. The payoff is about the same as a real casino, "you just have to be at the right machine at the right time." You can't change your odds of winning, so the game is realistic. You can bet 1 to 3 coins for each play, and use the handle or click on a button. To load coins, you click on the denomination then click on the coin drop and see the number of plays increase. If you get bored with this One-Armed-Bandit, click on the yellow arrow and different machine appears.

**Blackjack:** You change the Table Stakes by clicking on the Min/Max Bet Sign in the corner of the screen. You see other players joining and leaving the game as you play. To play, you click on the chip and move it to your place on the betting table. To increase the bet on each hand, simply click again. I love it; they even give you some nice comps, just like the real thing. In about ½ hour, I earned several meals and a room for the night.

**Pai Gow:** I never knew how to play this, so it was fun to see how it worked. In each game, you can look at the rules, so you can learn an unfamiliar game. Before you start, you set what kind of player you think you are from Beginner to Expert. (How many experts do you know that gamble?) This game wasn't for me, but maybe in time I will learn to like it.

**Roulette:** This one was fun. When you play it as a tournament, you select what kind of a player you think you are from four levels of expertise. I prefer regular play. Again you set up the table stakes with the Min/Max setting. This table is like playing at the real thing, very nice.

**Big 6 Wheel:** This is easy and fun to play. You are given the usual \$1 bet for even odds; \$2 for 2 to one odds; \$5 for 5 to 1 odds; \$10 for 10 to 1 odds; \$20 for 20 to 1 odds; Joker for 40 to 1 odds and \$40 for 40 to 1 odds. The table stakes are variable by changing Min/Max bet.

**Video Poker:** Also like the real thing again. Change stakes by clicking on machine value. When you play this kind of game, you can get really involved — good thing it's just play money!

**Caribbean Stud Poker:** I didn't have a clue how to play, but MS Casino taught me how, and it didn't cost me one penny. You can do a side bet of \$1 in the event a flush or better comes up; then you can win the \$20,000 bonus.

**Baccarat:** Another game that always eluded me, but learned how to play from Casino. The object is to guess which of two hands, the player's or the banker's, will have a value closer to 9. Face cards and 10s count as zero, others cards are face value. A 9 and a 5 add to 14, and you drop the first digit, leaving 4. Apparently, the game requires no skill, but I found that I really like it. If you are a lucky, you can win bucks — fun even though it's just pretend.

**Craps table:** This one didn't grab me — I never could really win at it. Maybe it will grow on me.

**Video Keno:** A numbers game in which you select from 3 to 15 numbers, between 1 and 80. The fewer numbers you pick the higher the odds. I think this is a game you either love or hate. One of my friends loves it and would rather play Keno than a slot machine.

Sound levels and background noise are adjustable throughout. I think most people will love Casino, but be careful — it's addictive. I showed it to a friend and he went out and bought a computer just so he could play Casino! What could they do to improve on it? Not much, but I would like more variety in the background music. Would I recommend that you buy it? If you like casino games, this one is the best. Microsoft's Casino sells for about \$19.99 at most stores and is worth every dollar you will spend. Have fun, win lots of funny money and enjoy the comps! ☺

# Connecting Your PC to Your Stereo

*Bruce Fries, author of The MP3 and Internet Audio Handbook*

If you've taken the time to put your music collection on your computer, you'll probably want to listen to it through a good stereo system. Even if your stereo isn't in the same room as your computer, there are several options for connecting the two, including direct analog cabling, USB Audio devices, wireless audio transmitters, and network audio receivers.

The most basic concept of connecting audio equipment is that inputs must always be connected to outputs. Sometimes you will still get sound if you mistakenly connect a sound card output to an output of a stereo receiver. When in doubt, connect the sound card output to the CD jack on your stereo — it's always an input.

Connect high-level (also called line-level) outputs to high-level inputs, and connect low-level outputs (such as a microphone) to low-level (Mic) inputs. Do not use the receiver's phono input jack because this is designed for a very low-level signal and has a special equalization circuit. Avoid using the sound card's headphone or microphone jack to connect to other equipment unless you have no other choice.

Most consumer sound cards have 1/8" mini phone jacks. A mono jack is used for the microphone input, and stereo jacks are used for the line-in, line-out and headphone. Better sound cards may have separate RCA jacks for the left and right channels. These are the same kind of jacks found on most home stereo systems. High-end sound cards may also have connectors for digital inputs and outputs.

The simplest connection between computer and stereo system is to run a cable directly from the sound card's line output to a line input of your stereo. To record from your stereo system to your computer, connect a cable from a line-out (record) jack on your receiver to the line-in jack on your sound card.

If your sound card's line output is an 1/8" stereo mini-phone jack, you'll need an adapter cable (male 1/8" stereo mini-phone to dual male RCA). These cables can be purchased from most consumer electronics stores, such as Radio Shack, Best Buy and Fry's Electronics.

USB audio devices perform the basic functions of a sound card, but outside of the PC, and are less likely to pick up noise from the PC's electronics. USB audio devices can be used for both recording and playback and are a good solution for notebook computer users who want higher quality sound.

The Roland UA-30 (<http://www.edirol.com>) is a flexible USB audio device that supports both Macs and PCs. The UA-30 works great and includes just about every type of input and output connector you might possibly need.

Wireless audio devices can transmit a stereo audio signal up to 300 feet. These devices typically include a transmitter and a receiver with standard RCA line-level input and output jacks. Wireless audio devices provide more flexibility than hard cabled connections, but are much more prone to interference compared to other types of connections.

The MP3 Anywhere Digital Audio Sender by X10 ([www.X10.com](http://www.X10.com)) is a good wireless audio device for most users. It sells for under \$100 and uses the 2.4 GHz spectrum to reduce interference and provide a high quality connection.

The MP3 Anywhere also includes a remote control and software, which allow you to control most popular player programs.

The ideal way to transmit audio from your PC throughout your house is by streaming the audio from your PC via a network. A network audio connection eliminates the loss of high frequencies, interference and hum typical of analog cable and wireless connections.

The Rio Receiver (<http://www.riohome.com>) is a very capable network audio device that allows you to access individual songs and playlists from your PC anywhere you have a telephone or network jack. The Rio has an LCD interface that displays song title, artist name and other information, and also includes a remote control.

Whatever your choice of PC to stereo connection, you will be able to use your computer as a digital jukebox and take full advantage of the latest digital music technologies to play high-quality music anywhere in your house.

For more information on connecting your PC to your stereo, pick up a copy of The MP3 and Internet Audio Handbook (\$19.95) from [www.TeamComBooks.com](http://www.TeamComBooks.com) or read it online for free at [www.MP3Handbook.com](http://www.MP3Handbook.com).

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## Disks for Bernoulli Drive

I gave away a Bernoulli drive about a year ago, and someone actually took it. I just found three 90MB disks for it — two unopened 90 MB blank disks and one with Iomega software on it. They're yours, whoever you are, unless someone else gets to me first.

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# Who Dat Who Said Winmail?

*Steve Bass, Pasadena IBM Users Group*

Has this ever happened to you? You receive an e-mail and there's a winmail.dat attached to it. The attachment can't be viewed, decoded, or converted. Any idea what's going on? Well, it's not a rare event and there's not much you can do about it.

This file contains formatting code that was sent by someone using Microsoft Exchange or Outlook. It usually doesn't contain any useful information other than Rich Text Format (RTF) formatting code that permits two MS Exchange users to send e-mail messages with formatting such as bold and italics. (Oddly enough, there's no relationship between RTF files and RTFM instructions.)

When a user sends an e-mail with this formatting option to someone not on Microsoft Exchange, a winmail.dat file appears as an attachment, but it is useless to the recipient.

When a separate attachment, such as a Word 97 document is also sent from the user on Microsoft Exchange, the attachment and winmail.dat file may be combined into a single winmail.dat file our program cannot do anything with.

Here's the deal: Have the sender turn off the option to send Rich Text Formatted e-mail messages to you. This can be specified on an individual recipient basis but they may have to consult the product documentation for detailed information.

Current versions of the Microsoft programs by default send plain text e-mail to new recipients instead of the RTF text.

For a very rich FAQ, check the Microsoft Exchange Frequently Asked Questions page. It contains answers to questions about Exchange, mostly from folks wrestling with it as their mail client on Win 9.x, where it is also known by the euphonious name of Windows Messaging. Check here: <http://www.darkweb.com/~beng/exchange/>

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## Reliability

The TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) must recover data that is damaged, lost, duplicated, or delivered out of order by the Internet communication system. This is achieved by assigning a sequence number to each octet transmitted, and requiring a positive acknowledgment (ACK) from the receiving TCP. If the ACK is not received within a timeout interval, the data is retransmitted. At the receiver, sequence numbers are used to correctly order segments that may be received out of order and to eliminate duplicates. Damage is handled by adding a checksum to each segment transmitted, checking it at the receiver, and discarding damaged segments.

As long as the TCPs continue to function properly and the Internet system does not become completely partitioned, no transmission errors will affect the correct delivery of data. TCP recovers from Internet communication system errors.

## Unreliable Delivery Model

One of the Internet's earliest design decisions was that the fundamental transport protocol (IP Protocol) would be based on an assumption of unreliable delivery. This means that an IP packet can be legally discarded at any time, without notification to the sender or receiver. No guarantee is made that any particular packet will be delivered. Instead, network reachability takes a statistical form — there is a pretty good chance that any one packet will be delivered, and if a group of packets are transmitted, most of them should arrive at their destinations.

The main function of the TCP Protocol is to use sequence numbers and timeouts to detect data loss, and then retransmit lost data until it is received and acknowledged.

Why go through all this? Well, for one thing, if our network fails briefly at any point, in any way, there should be no serious problems. If a switching node becomes overloaded with traffic, it can simply discard some of the excess. If a link fails while a packet is being transferred, there's no need for an elaborate recovery procedure. The assumption of unreliable delivery, and the consequent demand that software be able to handle intermittent failures, significantly reduces demands on hardware and low-level software design. Sporadic network outages might slow the tempo, but the show will go on.

So will America.

Click here for a more complete source on operation of the Internet. <http://www.freesoft.org/CIE/index.htm> ☐

# SIG News

## Main Meeting

Scott Vincent ([scottvin@optonline.net](mailto:scottvin@optonline.net))

<http://www.acgnj.org/groups/main2k-1.htm>

**September 7:** We were very excited to present Bill Machrone of Ziff Davis Publications. Bill is a knowledgeable speaker, and discussed topics of his choice, including Windows XP, Office XP, and more. There was also a Q&A. The room was packed and attendees were enthralled until well beyond the usual 10 PM closing time.

**October:** To be announced. As speakers become available, they will be announced here and on the above Website. ☐

## LUNICS (Linux/Unix)

Andreas Meyer ([lunics@acgnj.org](mailto:lunics@acgnj.org))

<http://www.acgnj.org/groups/lunics.html>

This is a group for those who share an interest in Linux and its relatives (UN\*X, BSD, Coherent, AIX, etc.) Currently there is a strong interest in Linux as an alternative to other operating systems, especially since there is no charge for the system. It and its source code are freely distributable. We meet at 8 PM the first Monday of the month. ☐

## VBA & Excel

Jim Ditaranto ([fryr92a@prodigy.com](mailto:fryr92a@prodigy.com))

<http://www.excelvba.homestead.com>

VBA is currently implemented in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Project and Microsoft Access, and will be implemented in Word and PowerPoint. Anyone interested in using any Microsoft Office product and VBA is urged to attend. We meet at 7 PM on the third Monday of even-numbered months.

**October 15:** Using Excel 2002 to Read and Write XML Files. Excel 2002 now supports the loading and saving of XML data. XML is emerging as the data exchange format of choice for many business applications because it gives data from different applications a standard format. ☐

## Investing

Sheldon Koepf ([sheldonk@intac.com](mailto:sheldonk@intac.com))

<http://www.intac.com/~sheldonk/invsig>

After canceling the August meeting because of a power failure at the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad building, we finally met again on September 13, in spite of the problems associated with the tragedy in New York. In the e-mail meeting announcement, I said, "Perhaps it is time to get back to normal, or at least as normal as we can imagine." At the meeting, we showed a different technique of dollar cost averaging called value averaging. This technique was discussed in a recent AAI journal. Copies of the Excel spreadsheet using the technique were distributed to attendees. Using data from a bear market, both techniques were compared. We reviewed the Piotroski's value screen and compared it with screening using IBD data. Charts of both results were compared. Partly because markets were closed for the last 3 days because of the twin towers disaster, only 12 people attended the meeting, but the discussion was lively and the comments useful. ☐

## Lotus Notes

Mike Barlow ([mwb@injersey.com](mailto:mwb@injersey.com))

<http://www.njlnug.org/njlnugweb.nsf/pages/homepage>

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the offices of Bright Ideas Software, 1060 Amboy Avenue, 2nd Floor, Edison NJ and start at 7 PM (Random Access starts at 6:30). Bright Ideas has graciously provided us with a voice mail line for information on future meetings, locations, directions, etc. Call (732)417-5778 for last-minute changes, cancellations, etc. Directions are posted on our Web page. ☐

## Java

Mike Redlich ([mike@redlich.net](mailto:mike@redlich.net))

<http://www.redlich.net/~redlich/javasig/>

The Java Users Group is a forum for discussing beginner, intermediate, and advanced level Java programming. Topics will primarily focus on developing useful/practical applets and applications, but can include related topics such as Java I/O, JavaBeans, Reflection, object-oriented programming and software design issues. Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad second floor meeting hall starting promptly at 7:30pm. The agenda for each meeting is as follows:

Random Access	7:30 - 8:00
Java Q&A and/or short Java API Presentation	8:00 - 8:30
Main Presentation	8:30 - 10:00

The September meeting was canceled due to the WTC disaster. The October subject will be a source code review of a Java clock applet that can be used in Web pages. ☐

## Web Development

Jim Wong ([webdev@acgnj.org](mailto:webdev@acgnj.org))

<http://member.apcug.org/acgnj/webdev/>

Our newest SIG kicked off on March 19, and meets on the third Monday of odd-numbered months. On the even-numbered months, the Excel/VBA SIG, led by Jim Ditaranto, will hold their meetings. They are redirecting more of their activities toward the Web, so the two groups should have much in common.

**September 17:** Ron demonstrated JavaScript's power by using it and DHTML to solve the 8 Queens chess problem on an HTML page.

Next meeting **November 19** 7 PM, subject to be announced. For the most up to date meeting info, check our website. ☐

## Layman's Forum

Matt Skoda ([som359@aol.com](mailto:som359@aol.com))

<http://www.acgnj.org/groups/laymans.html>

We meet on the second Monday of the month (except July and August) to discuss issues of interest to novice users or those who are planning to get started in computing. Watch our Web page for updates and announcements. ☐

## Macintosh Users

Keith Sproul ([ksproul@noc.rutgers.edu](mailto:ksproul@noc.rutgers.edu))

<http://dorm.rutgers.edu/~ksproul/acgnjmug.html>

Although this group is no longer meeting, Keith is still available to help Mac users via telephone or email. ☐

**C/C++ Programming***Bruce Arnold (barnold@blast.net)*<http://www.blast.net/barnold>

The goals of the C/C++ Group are to be a forum for discussion about programming in general, to discuss beginning and intermediate level C, C++, and C-Win programming, to demonstrate real programming in a non-intimidating way, and to discuss hardware, software, code, algorithms, operating systems. We strive to present the complete code for working programs in 3-5 sheets of paper, and sample code is posted on our Web page after each demonstration.

**September:** The software of the evening was CopyRand, a 32 bit command box program that copies a randomly selected group of files. If desired, it can also copy MP3 files based on length. I've got hundreds of MP3 files that I've converted from my CD's or downloaded from the Internet. I wanted to make (burn) a CDROM with a randomly selected assortment of those files. At first I created a utility to just randomly copy files. This was not enough because you can never know how many files will fit on a CD. The solution was to enhance the program to decipher the music times from the MP3 data file. Now I can copy 74 minutes of music or 80 minutes, etc. under Windows 95, 98, 98se, ME, NT, 2000, and XP. ☐

**Internet***Martin Rosenblum (m.rosenblum@ieee.org)*<http://www.acgnj.org/groups/inetsig.html>

**September 6:** I couldn't make it, Alex can't remember, and David says the subject is covered in

[www.geocities.com/davemcritchie/acgnj/2001-09-06.htm](http://www.geocities.com/davemcritchie/acgnj/2001-09-06.htm).

**October 4:** Meeting will start at 7:30 for newbies and 8 PM for the old timers. We'll discuss some of the thoughts brought up in this month's Internet Corner. ☐

**Genealogy***Frank Warren (kb4cyc@webwarren.com)*<http://www.webwarren.com/kb4cyc/gensig.html>

Genealogy SIG is for genealogists interested in computers and computer users interested in genealogy, and is a forum to assist members in furtherance of both endeavors. Meetings usually focus on genealogy more than on computers. We meet at 8 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month.

In addition to our Web page, we also have an electronic mailing list. Messages to the list should be addressed to [gensig@webwarren.com](mailto:gensig@webwarren.com). To subscribe, include the line "subscribe gensig" in the body of the message. ☐

**MCP**

(Preparation for Microsoft Certification Exams)

*Scott Vincent (scottvin@optonline.net)*<http://www.scottsville.net/mcp.htm>

We meet Wednesdays from 7 pm to 10 pm except the fourth Wednesday of the month. We review typical exam questions. Attendees are encouraged to bring a PC properly configured with NT, 10BaseT network card, and Netmeeting 2.1. Most of us have the 4-volume set of Exam Cram books. We do not teach, but help prepare for the exam. Meetings are hands-on and everyone is expected to participate. For more info, reading assignments, course schedule, visit our website. ☐

There is a Design Community Architectural Forum, and there are some lively interchanges starting at [www.DesignCommunity.com/discussion/6960.html](http://www.DesignCommunity.com/discussion/6960.html). It's all Monday morning quarterbacking, but it's interesting to hear the pros discuss it, not avoiding issues of pride, pro and con.

AT&T sent an email telling of their efforts to keep the email flowing in lower Manhattan. I must say that while I couldn't reach my mother in Connecticut by phone, I had no problem emailing folks around the country and the world. Web surfing the news channels was not so swift, though. I received one of my periodic emails from Motley Fool and it was loaded with good disaster related information.

To get a view of what some of our Muslim friends were saying, I tried the Egyptian State Information Service at [www.sis.gov.eg](http://www.sis.gov.eg). They have an English language radio broadcast, but it's at 7:40-8:40 GMT, much too early for me. The English text I found there was vaguely reassuring, but they clearly either fear or sympathize with their own raging fundamentalists.

There were news reports of some hackers planning to attack some Muslim sites and other reports of ISPs planning to watch out for anti-Muslim activities. Then, as with all humongous events, there were reports on the Web and in the papers that Nostradamus had foreseen the whole affair.

Above, I mentioned my old boss, Willy Higinbotham. He'd worked on the Manhattan Project, the Atomic Bomb, but by the time I met him he was already much devoted to the search for and assurance of peace. He was a founder and first Chairman of the Federation of American Scientists. He was a leader in the efforts to keep track of all the "missing" uranium in the world, a noble endeavor, called in those days "Project Safeguard," a name now reserved for the protection of battered women. The FAS Web site, [www.fas.org](http://www.fas.org), has a copy of the February 1998 "fatwa" of bin Laden, "Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders," which is the purported rationale for the horrible attack. And don't miss their reports on bin Laden at [www.fas.org/irp/world/para/ladin.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/ladin.htm).

Enough!

**Privacy, Security, etc.**

Last time I mentioned those annoying pop-up ads. They're getting more annoying! I was finally driven, at the suggestion of TechTV, to install one of the new, free pop-up killers. I picked AnalogX's POW. You can download it from [www.analogx.com/contents/download/network/pow.htm](http://www.analogx.com/contents/download/network/pow.htm). You do have to "optout" from each pop-up specifically, but that's probably a good idea, since there are legitimate ones, both expected and surprises. It seems good for my disposition!

**Investing & Finance**

Finally bit the bullet and downloaded and installed Schwab's new Street Smart Pro. I must say I was pleasantly surprised. It looks ideal for day traders and I even traded one or two issues myself. It looks neat, but I'll have to experiment some more before I can report on it. ☐

# Guru Corner

Jo-Anne Head ([tinarock@aol.com](mailto:tinarock@aol.com))

If you need help with any of the technologies listed below, you can call on the person listed. Please be considerate and call before 10 PM.

# Per-Minute ISP

Russell Ain

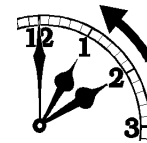
I recently came across a nifty service provided by a company called BAMnet (<http://www.bamnet.com>), an ISP that provides Internet access at 6.5¢ per minute. Why would you want it when AOL is \$24 a month for unlimited access? Well, if you:

- Live in an area where the closest local access number costs 10-20¢ per minute in addition to the \$20 a month.
- Travel to a remote area and can't find a local access number.
- Are on the road in your family RV and can't connect to the local access number from the RV park.

In any of these situations BAMnet is ideal. There are no hidden charges, no monthly fees, no busy signals, and no surcharges.

How does it work? If you use it to call from home because you have no local access provider or you need periodic Internet access but don't need unlimited service at \$24/mo., you dialup BAMnet's number and all charges (at the aforementioned 6.5¢ per minute rate) go to your home phone bill. No signup required! No user name and passwords to remember (and forget)! All this and 56K access!

There's a travel service (<http://travel.bamnet.com>) for those who frequent hotels or RV parks. You do need to sign up in advance and utilize one of the two available payment options: prepay with a credit card for a specified number of minutes (can be auto-replenished if desired) or have the charges go on your home phone bill. All in all, it's a great new service that provides a wonderful alternative for Internet access when you don't want to pay exorbitant long distance charges (or are just too lazy to look up the AOL number for Detroit). ☺



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What topics would you like to see covered at club meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Local Computer Groups		
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<b>Computer Education Society of Philadelphia:</b> 7:30 pm, 2nd Wednesday, St. Asaph's Episcopal Church. Lee Le'mon, (717)786-2260	<b>Brookdale Computer Users Group:</b> 7 pm, 3rd Friday, NAS 100 at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft NJ. (732-739-9633) <a href="http://www.bcug.com">www.bcug.com</a>	<b>Macintosh User Group:</b> Third Tuesday, Dickson Hall, Montclair State University, Montclair NJ. (201) 893-5274 <a href="http://www.njmug.org">http://www.njmug.org</a> .
<b>WordPerfect SIG of PCUG of So. Jersey:</b> 2nd Mon., 2101 Chapel Ave., Cherry Hill NJ after 7pm Main Meeting. ( <a href="http://www.pcugsj.org">http://www.pcugsj.org</a> )	<b>Hunterdon Computer Club:</b> 8:30 am to noon 3rd Saturday, Hunterdon Medical Center, Rt 31, Flemington. (908) 995-4042	<b>PC Club of South Jersey:</b> 7 pm, 2nd Monday, 2101 Chapel Ave, Cherry Hill NJ. L. Horn, (856) 983-5360. <a href="http://www.pcugsj.org">http://www.pcugsj.org</a>
<b>Philadelphia Area Computer Society:</b> 3rd Sat., 9 am Main Meeting, groups follow. Drexel Univ., Philadelphia. Pat Murphy, (609) 428-8759	<b>Central Jersey Computer Club:</b> 8 pm, 4th Friday, Rm 74, Armstrong Hall, Trenton St. College. Rich Williams, (609) 466-0909.	<b>NJ PC Users Group:</b> Bergen County Community College, Paramus NJ. Maureen Shannon, (201) 853-7432
<b>Morris Micro Computer Club:</b> Bill Traywick, (201) 635-5393.	<b>Fairlawn Computer Club:</b> Last Monday, Fairlawn Senior Citizen Center. Joe Mathias ( <a href="mailto:fair.lawn.computer.club@juno.com">fair.lawn.computer.club@juno.com</a> )	<b>Princeton PC Users Group:</b> 2nd Monday, Lawrence Library, Rt 1 & Darrah Ln, Lawrenceville, Paul Kurivchack (908) 218-0778, <a href="http://www.ppcug-nj.org">http://www.ppcug-nj.org</a>
<b>Workshop, Hands-On:</b> 2 P.M. to Midnight on last Saturday of the month. First United Methodist Church, Church and Atlantic Streets (one mile from GSP exit 117A), Aberdeen NJ. Bring your project, computer and extension cord. For information call Burke Mawby, (908) 566-7445.		

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### Radio and TV Programs

**Computer Radio Show**, WBAI 99.5 FM, NY, Wed. 8-9 p.m.

**Software Review**, The Learning Channel, Saturday 10-10:30 p.m.

**On Computers**, WCTC 1450 AM, New Brunswick, Sunday 1-4 p.m. To ask questions call (800) 677-0874.

**PC Talk**, Sunday from 8p.m. to 10p.m., 1210 AM Philadelphia.

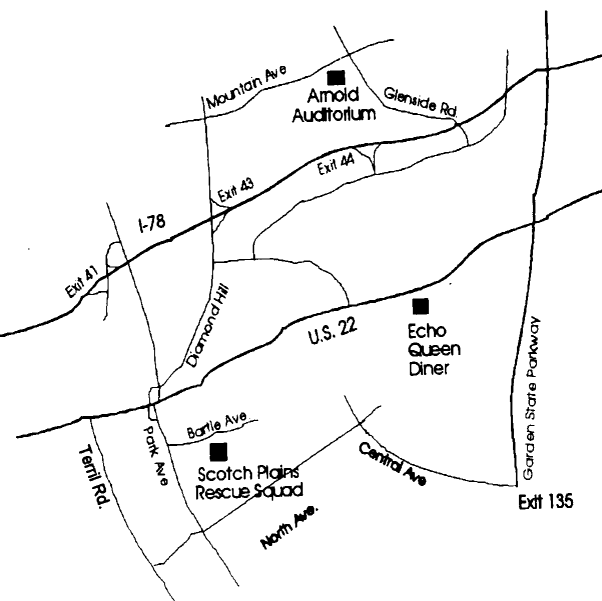
### KGP Computer Shows

(For more information visit <http://www.pcshow.com>)

**Oct. 6-7:** National Guard Armory, Morristown. 6' indoor garage sale tables available, \$25 (at door only 7 to 9:30 a.m. Sat., 9 a.m. Sun. Free electricity, bring extension cords/junction boxes).

**Oct. 20-21:** South Jersey Expo Center, Pennsauken

**Oct. 27-28:** FDU's Rothman Center, Hackensack. Garage sale tables available.



### Directions to Meetings at Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, 1916 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains NJ

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Take Route 1&9 or the Garden State Parkway to US 22 Westbound.

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Take Parkway north to Exit 135 (Clark). Stay on left of ramp, follow circle under Parkway. Bear right to Central Avenue; follow to Westfield and under RR overpass. Left at light to North Avenue; follow to light in Fanwood. Right on Martine (which becomes Park Ave). Right on Bartle Ave in middle of shopping district. Scotch Plains Rescue Squad (2-story brick) is located on the right. Do not park in the row next to the building — you'll be towed.

#### From I-78 (either direction)

Take exit 41 (Scotch Plains); follow signs to US 22. Turn right at light at bottom of hill and use overpass to cross Rt. 22. Follow US 22 Westbound directions.

#### From US 22 Westbound

Exit at Park Avenue, Scotch Plains after McDonalds on the right, diagonally opposite Scotchwood Diner on the left, immediately before the overpass. After exiting, turn left at the light and use overpass to cross US 22. Bear right at bottom of ramp to continue south on Park Avenue. Turn left at the second light (a staggered intersection). Scotch Plains Rescue Squad (2-story brick) is on the right. Do not park in the row next to the building — you'll be towed. We meet on the second floor, entering by the door at the right front of the building.

#### From Western New Jersey

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### Monday, October 1, 2001

8 P.M. - Lunics. No Meeting. Andreas Meyer ([lunics@acgnj.org](mailto:lunics@acgnj.org)).

### Tuesday, October 2

7:30 P.M. - Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, October 3

MCP Study Group, Scott Vincent ([scottvin@optonline.net](mailto:scottvin@optonline.net)),  
973-539-8169

### Thursday, October 4

8 P.M. - Internet. Marty Rosenblum ([m.rosenblum@ieee.org](mailto:m.rosenblum@ieee.org)),  
973-376-8965.

### Friday, October 5

8 P.M. - Main Meeting (combined with old PC Users meeting),  
Scott Vincent ([scottvin@optonline.net](mailto:scottvin@optonline.net)).

### Monday, October 8

8 P.M. - Layman's Forum, Matt Skoda ([som359@aol.com](mailto:som359@aol.com)),  
908-359-8842

### Tuesday, October 9

7:30 P.M. - Java, Mike Redlich ([mike@redlich.net](mailto:mike@redlich.net))

### Wednesday, October 10

MCP Study Group, Scott Vincent ([scottvin@optonline.net](mailto:scottvin@optonline.net)),  
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### Thursday, October 11

8 P.M. - Computerized Investing, Sheldon Koepf  
([sheldonk@intac.com](mailto:sheldonk@intac.com)), 201-741-2489

### Friday, October 12

8 P.M. - PC Symposium, meeting discontinued until further notice.

### Monday, October 15

8 P.M. - VBA, Jim Ditaranto ([fryr92a@prodigy.com](mailto:fryr92a@prodigy.com))

### Tuesday, October 16

8 P.M. - C/C++ Users, Bruce Arnold ([barnold@blast.net](mailto:barnold@blast.net)),  
908-735-7898

8 P.M. - Lotus Notes, Mike Barlow ([barlowm@bright-ideas.com](mailto:barlowm@bright-ideas.com)),  
(732) 417-5778 ext 5. Meetings at Bright Ideas offices.

### Wednesday, October 17

MCP Study Group, Scott Vincent ([scottvin@optonline.net](mailto:scottvin@optonline.net)),  
973-539-8169

### Friday, October 19

8 P.M. - PC Tech: Combined Symposium/Random Access meeting.

### Thursday, October 25

8 P.M. - Genealogy. Frank Warren ([kb4cyc@webwarren.com](mailto:kb4cyc@webwarren.com)),  
908-756-1681

### Friday, October 26

8 P.M. - Random Access, discontinued until further notice..

### Tuesday, October 30

7:30 P.M. - Board of Directors Meeting 

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are at Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, 1916 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, N.J.  
Directions and map inside back cover.