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*Bob Mitchell - "Notes from the Prez"*

It's countdown time to the SPAUG election. So where do we stand in representation of previous officers willing to continue and our search for new talent? Here are our candidates available for nomination so far:

President: Jim Dinkey (available for nomination)  
Vice President: (Open)  
Treasurer: Walt Varner (incumbent)  
Recording Secretary: (Open)  
Member-at-Large: Beverly Altman (incumbent)

Appointed Positions include the following:

PrintScreen Editor: John Sleeman  
Web Master: Kendric Smith (incumbent)  
DOM Coordinator: Robert Mitchell (incumbent)  
Publicity: (Open)

We must have volunteers to fill the open positions. Also if you feel you are interested in becoming a candidate for a position that already has an individual listed as available for nomination, you are encouraged to arrange to have somebody nominate you.

It is our plan to have final nominations for officers at our March 25th meeting. Individual candidates will have an opportunity to tell you why they are the best people for the job in the April issue of PrintScreen. There will be a final vote at our general meeting on April 29th. Absentee ballots will be made available in the April issue of PrintScreen. Members who cannot make the April 29th meeting can fill out their absentee ballots and mail them to me, Bob Mitchell. Ballots must be received no later than Monday, April 27th.

The people elected in the April meeting will determine the future of SPAUG. Please give very careful consideration to all of the candidates for office and

be guided accordingly in your selection. ☺

*SPAUG Staff  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 1998*

Attendance: Beverly Altman, Jim Dinkey, Arlan Kertz, Bob Mitchell, Kendric Smith, John Sleeman

There was general agreement that the last general meeting offered a variety of informative and interesting demonstrations. Our invited guest Richard Brown of Zap International was particularly interesting offering a brand new product, Zap Mail, which was to go on the market within days after his demonstration at our group meeting.

Plans were discussed for our March 25 general meeting which is being held at the Palo Alto Elks

**General Meeting @ Elk's Lodge - March 25th @ 7:00 PM  
4249 El Camino Real - Palo Alto ( directions on page 5 )**



Thanks were offered to Clyde Lerner who donated 4 drive bays for the raffle and to Jim Dinkey for his donation of a stereo receiver that was auctioned off for the benefit of SPAUG's treasury. Other raffle prizes included System Commander, Resume Maker and Doonesbury Screen Saver.

Richard Brown of Zap International, our guest presenter for the evening demonstrated their new product which will go a sale to the general public the middle of March. It is called Zap Mail. Zap Mail is a means of sending an E-Mail message with sound and motion pictures (10 frames per second). The sender merely talks into a camera/mike which is mounted on his monitor. It is stored as a file that is then E-mailed to one or more recipients in the form of an attached file. The person(s) on the receiving end downloads the file and executes it. Voila! The face of the sender now appears on his monitor screen while delivering the audio message on the speakers. Unlike other similar hardware, the person on the receiving end needs no special hardware other than a sound card and a speaker. What a terrific way to make your announcement of a new arrival in the family and show off that arrival at the same time. Richard advised that the retail cost of the entire unit would be \$199.00. There was a special introductory price for SPAUG members.

Robert Mitchell offered the Disk-of-The-Month. It included Add Link which offers an easy way to add links and shortcuts far quicker than can be done through Windows, a free program that tells you how many days (and minutes) are left until the year 2000 just in case you are into that and Component Software Diff, a utility that quickly analyzes the difference between two versions of the same file or folder. Jim Dinkey demonstrated "Drive Copy", a utility from Power Quest. They also make "Partition Magic" that we demonstrated last year about this same time. Drive Image is also their product. Jim went through the steps of completely transferring all of the data from one hard drive in his own PC to a second hard drive in his system in what appeared to be record time. He fully explained step by step how easy it could be using Drive Copy.

Following Random Access, Bob Mitchell did a very brief demonstration of Dragon Naturally Speaking voice recognition software. It was shown primarily so that members could see the

difference between what was demonstrated last year with a different voice recognition software using a much slower PC and Dragon Naturally Speaking with a very fast Pentium II 266 MHz unit with 64 MB of RAM. It was truly able to pick up dictation while speaking at a normal rate of speed with minimal error. A full-blown demonstration will be planned for the near future. A raffle was then held, using the revised procedures. The meeting ended at approximately 9:15 PM. ☺

*Modem Standard*  
<http://www.v90.com/>

1997 was supposed to be the year of the 56K modem, when users could double Internet access speed for a mere \$100 56K modem. However, while many users did upgrade to a 56K modem, the year was a nightmare for the industry, as two competing 56K technologies stalled Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from upgrading much of their dial-in POPs (Point Of Presences). And even though many ISPs did upgrade, the two proprietary 56K technologies caused incredible confusion and frustration.

Well the war between competing 56K technologies is now over! The official standard for 56K modems is called V.90. Read all about it right at "V90.com"

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**General Meeting**  
March 25th, 7:00PM  
at Elk's Lodge,  
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## Elks' Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306-4496

The Elk's Club is at 4249 El Camino Real on the North side of the street, between Charleston and San Antonio Road, but very close to Charleston. It is next to Ricky's Hyatt House which is on the corner.

Park your car in the parking lot at the front of the club, and proceed to the center door. This is a keycarded door so we will have someone at the door to let you in. Proceed to the Lodge Room straight ahead, and to the left.

If you cannot get in the center door because you are late, we will be checking the door periodically, or wait for another Elk to leave, and merely state that you are a guest of Jim Dinkey. There is also a buzzer at the door for entrance.

### Arlan Kertz - "SPAUG 501(c)"

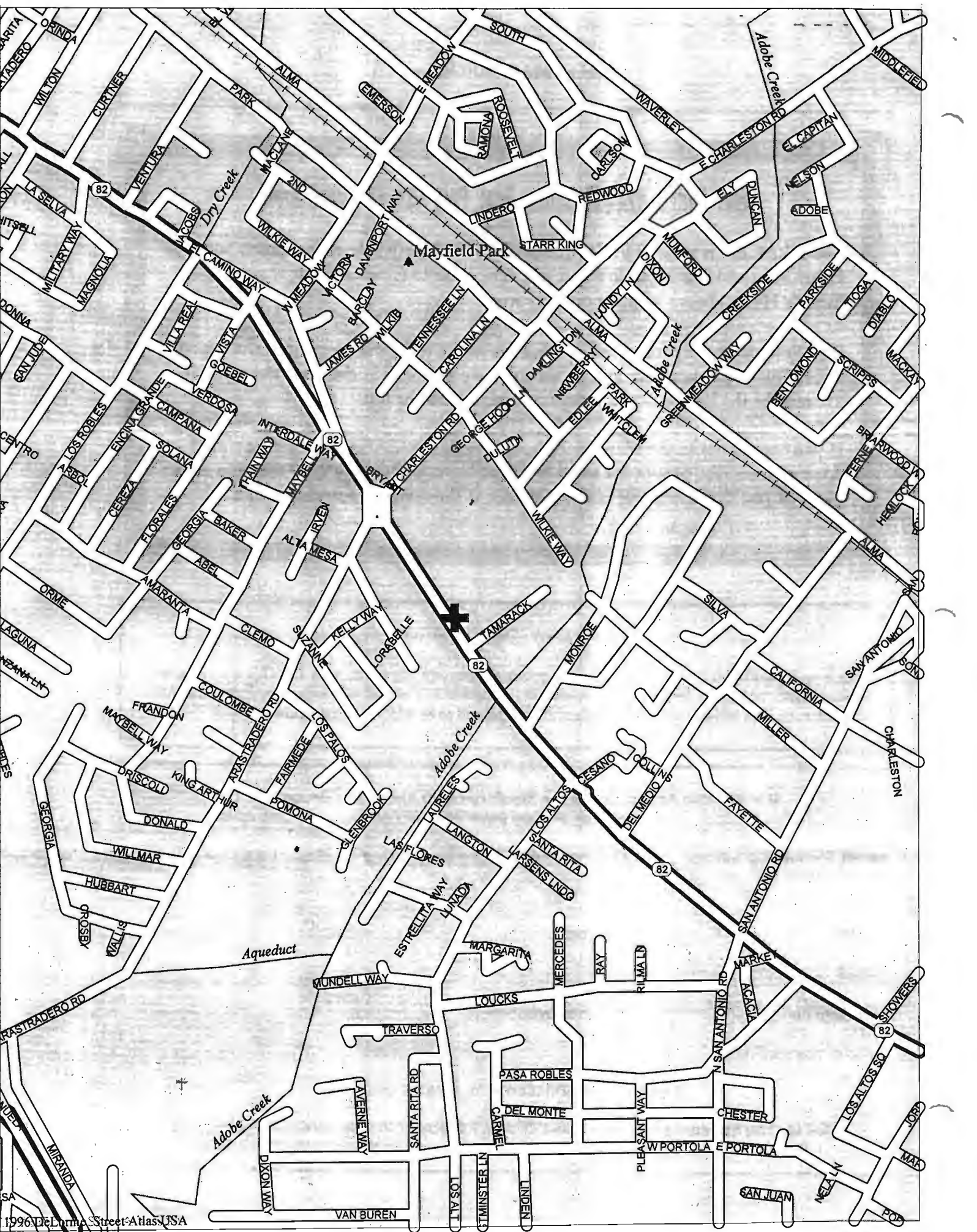
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