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Words From the Prez by Jim Dinkey

Windows XP has problems before it is even released! Hopefully the problems will be fixed before the October release date - but because of the effort needed to get something ready for market, there is not much time for bugs to be fixed.

Let's put things into perspective:

The marriage of Windows XP and Office XP potentially could be a great step forward for a lot of businesses as the NT kernel does not crash.

There are two aspects of the XP release to be considered:

The first is the fact that finally the "home" user will be enjoying the benefits of the NT kernel (really the DEC design) with its inherent stability as compared to the Bill Gates creation and philosophy. I'd love to have a penny for every crash that the Gates design has foisted upon the general public - I'd be rolling in cash!

The second is the specter of having to deal with some

of the bugs that the 2002 combination is going to introduce into the marketplace.

The first, I think is easily fixable: The whole Microsoft software suite seem to accidentally make any command "HTTP://test.junk.

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Meeting Agenda.

- 7:15 "Boot up"
- 7:30 Announcements.
- 7:35 Guests introduction.
- 7:40 Random Access (Crosstalk)
- 7:50 Break
- 8:00 SPEAKER
- 9:15 SIG Reports
- 9:20 Raffle
- 9:30 Adjourn

**General Meeting @ Elks Lodge - Wed. June 27 @ 7:15 PM
4249 El Camino Real - Palo Alto (directions on page 4)**

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September:

Hank Skawinski, Marketplace 2001

October: open

November: open

**30 May 2001 General Meeting
by Stan Hutchings**

Crosstalk

Question: Is Ricochet worthwhile [link]?

Answer: It costs \$75 per month for wireless connection.

Question: what is a Josephson Junction [link or define]?

Mildred Kohn needs a printer driver for UNIX and SUSE.

Answer: Do a Google search.

The senior center in Redwood City needs a teacher for Microsoft Word 2000.

Susan Mueller gave thanks to the group for helping her with her "assignment from Hell" in answering the question of what will replace the semiconductor in chips future. In gratitude, she provided a batch of brownies for the coffee break.

Yuko Maye and Susan Mueller volunteered to take over the publisher duties from Robert Mitchell, who is retiring. Jim Dinkey proposed they take the job as a co-function, each supporting the other.

Problem: There was a problem trying to copy text from a web page. Is there are a work around?

Answer: One possibility is to view the web

page, find the text, and copy it to another application like Word. Some web pages don't show a selection immediately, you have to alt tab to another document, then alt tab back and the selection shows up. Then you can use control insert to copy, and shift insert to paste. Corel has a product that will copy the image as a picture.

Problem: pictures are not opening when double-clicked. EZPhoto, which opens when the picture is double-clicked, does not work very well. Any suggestions?

Answer: It looks like you need to change the file association from EZPhoto, to whatever application you want the picture to be opened with. [file association instructions]

Guest Speaker #1

Our first guest speaker was Misha McPherson (misha.mcpherson@infousa.com) from InfoUSA, which owns a huge database of people and marketing. It is equivalent to the telephone book White Pages and Yellow Pages. They have created a software package, Resume Plus, that uses the InfoUSA database to choose the right person to whom to send the résumés. Resume Plus uses templates to create nice-looking clean résumés suitable for submission. There is a thesaurus, and an action word list. The database can be updated over the Internet. It's \$9.95 with a rebate, but is also free at Fry's.

Guest Speaker #2

Jan Altman (jan@altman.com) gave an excellent presentation on Microsoft Excel tips and tricks. It was very well received. Jan has promised to make the presentation available online.

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Questions and Answers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area Of Expertise</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>e-mail</i>
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Arlan Kertz - "SPAUG 501(c)"

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Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306-4496

The Elks Lodge 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 lodge, 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, press the wireless doorbell that will be in place for each SPAUG meeting, and someone will come and let you in.

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June 6, 2001: Planning Meeting.
by Stan Hutchings

Attendees were Arlen Kurtz, John Sleeman, Bev Altman, Patricia Corrigan, John Buck, Susan Mueller, Stan Hutchings, Yuko Maye, Robert Mitchell, Jim Dinkey, and Mildred Kohn.

Arlen Kurtz reviewed Nat Landes treasurer's report. He will get together with Nat to clarify the reporting format required. He reported the balance is reconciled as of April 2001 at \$6777.26.

We spent some time reconciling the advance made to Robert Mitchell for publishing, since Robert is retiring. Robert, Arlen, and Nat will try to to decide how much the club owes Robert, or how much Robert needs to reimburse the club.

Welcome to Yuko Maye and Susan Mueller, our new publishers. Susan bought Publisher 2000 software, and obtained mailing labels from Robert Mitchell. Susan will do the coming month's newsletter, since Yuko will be out-of-town. After that, they will decide who will do what.

The best way to assure being paid for your expenses is to:

- a. Attach any non-8.5 x 11 receipts to a sheet of 8.5 x 11.
- b. Assure there is a full address to mail the check right on the sheet.
- c. Mail to: Nat Landes, Landes Corp., 585 Taylor Way #3, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Since Nat is usually at the general meeting, it would be a good idea to hand him the request at the general meeting.

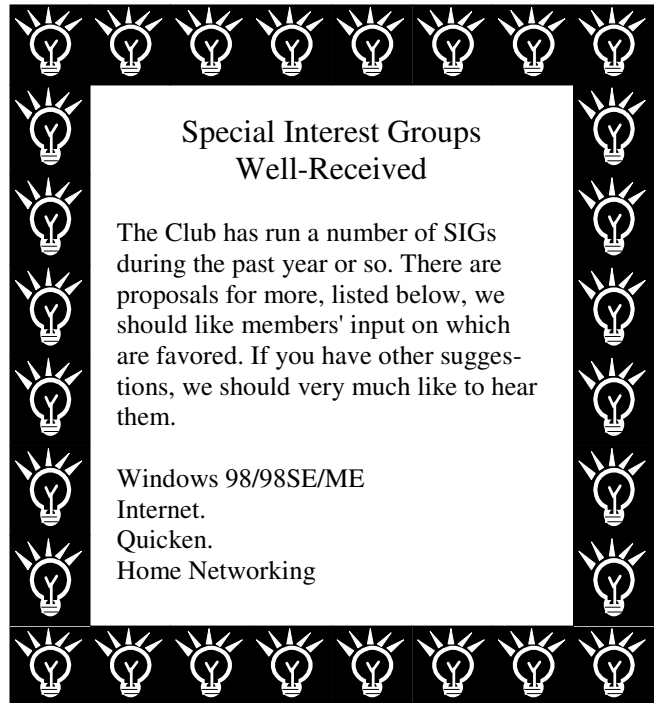
Jim Dinkey reported the laptop is in the shop for repairs. The cost for repair will be about \$500. The members present voted to repair the computer.

Rick Altman will be our presenter in June, on digital photography; RAID is in July; Gilman Louie of the CIA is in August; Hank Skawinski is in September; October or November we hope to get Microsoft talking about Office and Windows XP.

Jim Dinkey reports the publicity is going fine, the club has a lot of exposure in the local newspapers, etc..

Jim Dinkey attended a Microsoft conference, and brought back some goodies. He shared some of the edible goodies with the group.

The July planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 5th, at Jim Dinkey's house. Check to confirm the time, date, and location.



**Special Interest Groups
Well-Received**

The Club has run a number of SIGs during the past year or so. There are proposals for more, listed below, we should like members' input on which are favored. If you have other suggestions, we should very much like to hear them.

Windows 98/98SE/ME
Internet.
Quicken.
Home Networking

Newsletter Staff Changes

by John Buck

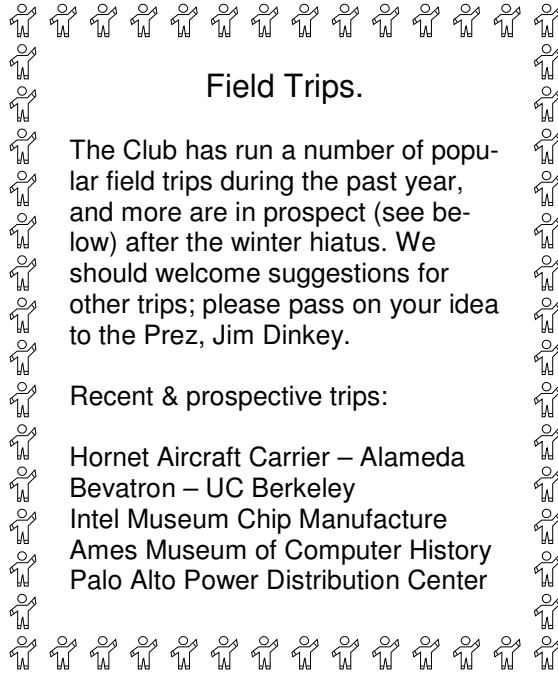
Robert Mitchell has retired as our Publisher/
Business Manager. Be sure to thank Robert for
the work he did every month to get the
newsletter to you on time.

With Robert's retirement, we are happy to
announce that we have two co-Publishers
taking on the job of printing, folding, stapling,
addressing, stamping, and mailing the
newsletters each month. The new co-Publishers
are Susan Mueller and Yuko Maye. You'll find
their contact info on the back page of this
issue.

Can you imagine a newsletter more interesting than this?

by John Buck

At our June planning meeting, one board
member said the May newsletter was boring,
and asked for a more interesting newsletter to
hand out. Pretty much the newsletter must
contain contributions by others. What the
editor gets is pretty much what you see. If
you're happy with the newsletter, great! If
you'd like to see some changes, contribute!



Field Trips.

The Club has run a number of popular field trips during the past year, and more are in prospect (see below) after the winter hiatus. We should welcome suggestions for other trips; please pass on your idea to the Prez, Jim Dinkey.

Recent & prospective trips:

- Hornet Aircraft Carrier – Alameda
- Bevatron – UC Berkeley
- Intel Museum Chip Manufacture
- Ames Museum of Computer History
- Palo Alto Power Distribution Center

Planning Meeting

Planning meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, usually at Beverly Altman's home at 7:15 pm. All members are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. Please phone Jim Dinkey or Bev Altman to confirm venue.

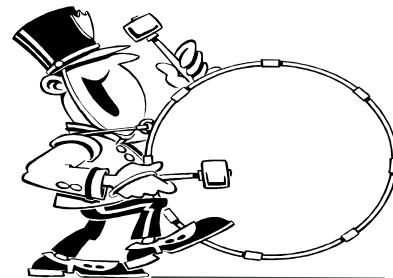
Next meeting: Thursday, July 5th, 2001 at 7:15, at Jim Dinkey's home. Note that this is neither the usual day nor place for a planning meeting.

Tech Support.

Don't overlook the list of members (on page 4) who are willing to offer help and advice on their areas of expertise. It's free so there are no guarantees! However, it provides one-on-one help, and more time than the ten minutes of Random Access at the General meetings.

If you have questions on subjects not listed, try calling Jim Dinkey. If he can't help, he may know who can.

Jim also maintains a laboratory in his home which is available to SPAUG members when intractable problems arise. Call (650) 493-9307 to make an appointment, which would normally be on a Saturday morning. This service is also available to non-members, but at the cost of a suitable donation to the Club's coffers. (That alone should be an inducement to join - any appropriate contribution would be more than the annual membership, but less than you would pay a commercial outfit. Tell your friends.)



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Please include your name and address, and optionally an e-mail address and any special interest group (SIG) you want more information about.

Questions? Call Beverly Altman (650) 329-8252 or Jim Dinkey (650) 493-9307.

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PC USER GROUP Meeting

WEDNESDAY

June 27

7:15 PM

Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Hosted by: SPAUG (Stanford Palo Alto User Group for PC)

Topic: **Digital Photography**

Speaker: **Rick Altman**

Rick Altman is one of the leading authorities on digital design and electronic publishing, having involved himself in desktop publishing before the term was even invented, and having practiced digital photography back when you would have thought it meant taking pictures of digits. Rick has authored over a dozen books on digital design, has been featured on numerous training videos, and has lectured to over 15,000 users. He is the host of the annual CorelWORLD User Conference, which attracts about 300 Windows-based graphic artists annually. He would have traded it all in for a chance to play at Wimbledon, but he wasn't good enough...

You are invited to join us for an optional no-host dinner at 5:45 pm, at Su Hong Eatery, W. Meadow and El Camino Way, Palo Alto

We meet on the last Wednesday of most months.

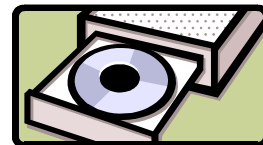
Our remaining meetings for 2001 are: 6/27, 7/25, 8/29, 9/26, 10/24, and 11/28

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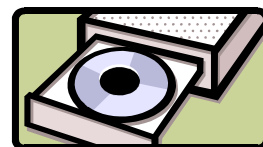
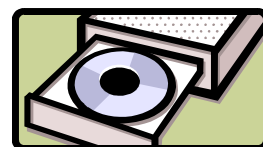
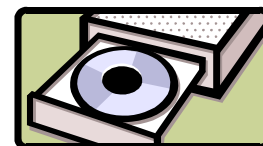
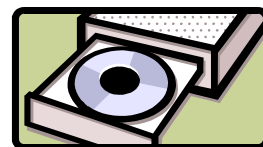
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Arachnaphilia40	HTML Editor
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CatWalkingAround	Cat walks around your screen doing cat things.
Christmas	Several programs for Christmas
Coco Calculator	Scientific Calculator
Communicator476	Netscape476
Cookie Pal	Block and control cookies
CuteFTP	FTP program
Desk Menu	A simple but flexible desktop launcher
Diskkeeper Lite41	Disk defragger for NT
DropZip50	A drag and drop program for zipping and unzipping files
Eudora Lite50	E-mail program
EZMacros	The ultimate keyboard macro utility
File Splitter	Split large files into smaller files to fit on floppies
FindItEasy	A Java applet to search and retrieve records
MahJongg	Game
MS Media Encoder7	Converts sound files to Media format
MS Media Player7	Media Player
MSN_Explorer55	All-in-One Software, browse, e-mail, music, with current ISP
NistTime	Synchronize computer clocks via the Internet
Opera402	Smaller, faster web browser
OptOUT	Internet Spyware Detection and Removal
PaintShopPro7	Easy-to-use photo editing, painting, etc.
PowerToyTutorial	Tutorial for PowerToys
RoboType	Insert blocks of text using a shortcut word
ScreenShotPrograms	Three programs to choose from.
SlidesandSound20	Prepare slide shows with sound from camera or slides
SnagIt32	Screen capture, etc.
WebWasher221	Gets rid of banner adds.
WinZip8	WinZip utility
WS_FTP Lite508	FTP Program



In addition, there are 40 files from the August 23, 2000, *PC Magazine* "Finalists in the Shareware" categories of: (1) Business Applications, (2) Desktop Accessories, (3) E-mail, News Readers & Chat, (4) File Utilities, (6) Graphics & Multimedia, (7) HTML Editors, and (8) Internet Utilities.