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Notes from the Prez by Jim Dinkey

This month is the yearly elections and so the following slate is presented:

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Further news is that the SPAUG CD is now ready for its unveiling at the Wednesday November 28 meeting (our last for the year).

Elsewhere in this newsletter are the details on the *SPAUG Late 2001* CD which has about 620 MB of data. It is NOT merely a rehash of the first two, but includes both of them and a whole new set of goodies not before presented. Merely the savings in download

time makes the CD worth it and the preselection of programs by an experienced committee makes it worthwhile. Thanks to Stan Hutchings, John Buck and John Sleeman. It is their cooperation that makes for a good product.

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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. November 28 @ 7:15 PM
4249 El Camino Real - Palo Alto (directions on page 4)**

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The index is on the CD.

The **Holiday dinner party** will be at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. Bring an under \$5 exchange gift. Still working on whatever else would be interesting. Cost will be \$10.

Nancy DeBiccari, our speaker for the November meeting, will review her operations as General Manager of the Santa Clara Micro Center computer store.

Planning Meeting Notes Wed 7 Nov 2001 by Stan Hutchings

- Members present: Jim Dinkey, Nat Landes, John Sleeman, Bev Altman, John Buck, Susan Mueller, Mildred Kohn, Robert Mitchell, Dick Delp, Stan Hutchings
- A Christmas party is proposed for Tuesday 11 December at the Elks Lodge. There will be an under-\$5 gift exchange.
- The October PrintScreen did not get delivered to many members. Apparently there was a Post Office goof. Susan will submit a complaint. Susan will send e-mail to the spaug-list a few day after each mailing to let members know the PrintScreen is on its way.

**General Meeting @ Elks Lodge
4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
November 28, 7:15 PM**

**Nancy DeBiccari,
Micro Center**

**Speaking about: What Micro Center can
(and cannot) do for us**

- The club PC battery needs replacement; it only lasts a few minutes now. It will cost \$180.
- February speaker is arranged. Jim will give the January presentation on how to correct the problems in Win98—it would be good to videotape. The November meeting is Nancy DeBiccari from Micro Center.
- The club's Late 2001 CD is just about ready. Nat suggested identifying programs as freeware/shareware for easy decision to use or not. We need to demo some useful but unknown utilities.
- Nat says we have about \$6600 in the bank. Perhaps the Christmas social can be partially underwritten by the club?
- The CD needs a Table of Contents with a short description of each application.
- Bev says the membership is stable, neither increasing nor decreasing. The sign-in is going OK. Better separation of guests and members would be helpful. She sends e-mail and phones when a member needs to renew their membership. There is also a mark at their sign-in box.
- There will be no December Newsletter.
- There will be **Planning meetings** Wednesday 5 December (at Jim Dinkey's house) and also Wednesday 2 January.

General Meeting Notes Wed 31 Oct 2001 by Stan Hutchings

Announcements

- The year-end CD is ready, it is almost full, chock-full of good stuff.
- Elections are next month.

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Random Access

- What happens when you empty the recycle bin? Where do the files go? Is there a way to recover them?
- How do you transfer your IE Favorites and Netscape Bookmarks, e-mail addresses, and e-mail messages when you get a new computer? [Check out “Back up your e-mail files, too”, in the Sept 2000 *Print Screen* <<http://www.pa-spaug.org/News00/News0009.htm#News4>>].
- The Norton Utilities Waste bin needs to be emptied as well as the Windows Recycle Bin.
- Here's some advice on the Norton Utilities: do not install WinDoctor, CrashGuard, or any other application; instead, run WinDoctor from the CD itself.
- In Windows 98, you can right-click and drag to put icons into the system tray. Left click is not allowed.
- MSCONFIG and StartUpCop will allow you to control which programs start or run at boot-up.
- End-it-all: <http://www.pcmag.com/article/0,2997,s%253D1478%2526a%253D10165,00.asp>
EndItAll version 2 will close all running programs, except those required to run Windows. This is handy when you are installing a new application and it suggests you close all open applications. You can also close visible applications one-by-one by using Alt-F4.
- You can use Windows to find files with specific text in them. Use Start-Find-Files or folder..., and then under the “Name and Location” tab, specify the text you want to find in the “Containing text:” box, and limit the search to the expected folder(s). You should also limit the search by date under the “Date” tab, and under “Advanced” tab, specify the file type (e.g., Microsoft Word), if possible. A full search could take a long time.
- Is there a program that emulates the CD drive, so you can put the CD on your hard drive and run it as if it's on your CD drive? Some programs will only look for the CD, and will not look on the hard drive. Such a program exists; Google-search the web to find it
- The January program will be given by Jim Dinkey, “How to Un-screw Windows 98”.
- If you're tired of messages from Microsoft about critical updates, best thing is to change the scheduled look-up. The default is every 5 minutes; better is weekly. Or you can remove it using the Start - Settings—Control Panel - Add/Remove Programs. You can also use MSCONFIG to remove it from Startup.
- It's a good idea to do Print Preview before printing. Sometimes there are extra lines that could be removed to fit the document onto fewer pages and avoid just a few lines on the last page. Changing font size and/or margins can also compress a document.
- Is there a good printer repair shop?
- DataKeeper is bundled with Drive Image, it allows continuous backup for data files.

Presentation

Gene and Linda Barlow from PowerQuest gave an educational presentation on how and why to partition your hard drive. The presentation, if you missed it or want to review some points, is at < www.ugr.com/products >.html. Some of the main points are:

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Questions and Answers

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Arlan Kertz - "SPAUG 501(c)(3)"

This is to remind you that SPAUG is a non profit organization registered with the IRS under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). In this regard, your dues (except for \$12 for the newsletter) are deductible. Also, any additional cash and or other non-business assets donated to SPAUG are also deductible.

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 to let you in.

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- **Upgrade your Hard Drive**

If your drive is less than 8 GB or more than 80% full, you need to upgrade. Use Drive Copy to bring the whole old drive to the new drive. www.driveservice.com has hard drive evaluations; look here before buying.

- **Organize your Hard Drive**

- You should use FAT32; if you're not, convert to it.
- Keep FAT32 partition under 8 GB for most efficient use of sectors
- Set up multiple partitions, no more than 4 Primary in the first 8 GB; these are for operating systems only (no other applications or data), then several logical drives, one or more for applications, one or more for data, one for Swap File, one or more for backup.
- Move applications and data from the Primary using the COA2 (Change of Address ver 2) available from www.pcmag.com/utilities. Follow the directions carefully.

- **Use Multiple Operating Systems**

- In subsequent Primary partitions, new OS's can be added. Use Boot Magic to switch from one OS to the other; only one can be active at a time.
- When you migrate to a new OS, you can either start fresh with a clean load of OS

and applications (into an empty program partition), or copy the old OS to a new partition and perform an upgrade (which carries along all the junk accumulated).

- Protect your Hard Drive
- You can use Drive Copy to back up your hard drive to another hard drive, or to another partition on your current hard drive.

- **Secure your Hard Drive**

When getting rid of your old computer, make sure all data is removed from the hard drive. PowerQuest has products to help.

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: Wednesday, December 5th, 2001 at 7:15, at Jim Dinkey's home.

Stanford/Palo Alto Users Group for PC (SPAUG) annual membership dues are \$35, payable to SPAUG, at PO Box 20138, Stanford CA 94309-0138.

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

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General Meeting Wed. November 28, 7:15PM

Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Palo Alto, bay side of El Camino, between Dinahs and Charleston

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PC USER GROUP Meeting

WEDNESDAY

Nov. 28

7:15 PM

Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

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

Topic: **What Micro Center can (and cannot) do for us**

Speaker: **Nancy DeBiccari,**
General Manager,
Micro Center, Santa Clara
<http://www.microcenter.com/>

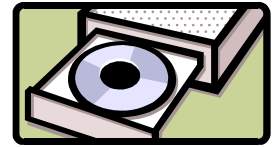
You are invited to join us for an optional no-host dinner at 5:45 pm,
at Su Hong Eatery, W. Meadow and El Camino Way, Palo Alto

We meet on the last Wednesday of most months.
Our remaining meetings for 2001 are: 11/28

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SPAUG CDOM Late 2001



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Mail the check to: Jim Dinkey, 3380 Cork Oak Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

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AdAware562

Scan your system for ad-supported software components (spyware) and remove them.

AdobeAcrobatReader50

Read Adobe PDF files from the Web. (Freeware). The upgrade from 4.5 makes reading .pdf files more transparent.<

AdOffNT

Inhibit the banner ads from loading. Speed downloads, remove ads. Freeware

AdSubtract

Inhibit the banner ads from loading. Speed downloads, remove ads. Freeware

Amazing Blocks

An interesting game

Arachnophilia40

A great HTML code generator. Stan recommends it.

Bounce Spam Mail

Bounce spam back to the generator

BusinessCards

Design your business cards with these applications:

BusinessCards\BusCardDesigner

BusinessCards\VirtualBusinessCards

CacheMan50

Speed up your system by optimizing your disk cache. OS: Windows 95/98/Me

CatWalkingAround

A favorite - a cute cat walks around your screen.

Christmas

Seasonal screensavers

Drawing Hand Screensaver

Winter Wonderlands Screensaver

ClockSetters

Use one of these utilities to set your computer clock:

AtomicClockSynch

NistTime - Set your system time by the atomic clock in Boulder, Colorado.

Coco Calculator

A full-functioned calculator

Cookie Pal

Control what cookies are put on your computer while you browse the Internet

Desk Menu

Diskkeeper Lite41

DistributedComputingScreensavers

Donate your unused computer time to a good cause

SETIatHome

Search for extraterrestrial messages in radio signals received at Aricebo

StanfordProteinFolding

StanfordProteinFolding: search for protein folding sequence, possible cures for disease, etc.

DriverDetective

Find the latest and greatest drivers for your system and peripherals

DropZip50

Drag and drop Zip file control

EasyCDCreatorUpgrade

Updates Easy CD Creator 4.02 or later to 4.05. *(The 4.05 update is not for users who have Dell system with 4.04_d10 or later. If you have version 4.04_d10 go to: <http://support.dell.com/us/en/filelib/download/index.asp?fileid=R29396> to download the Dell update at DELL.COM. This fixes the problem with the audio CD recognition service in Easy CD Creator 4.x Deluxe and Standard. It will make minor changes to the Easy CD Creator, Jewel Case Creator and CD Spin Doctor (in Deluxe only) components.)* You must have ECDC v4.02 (Standard or Deluxe) installed before running this update. If you have other versions, go to the Roxio site (<http://www.roxio.com/en/support/ecdc/eccupdates.jhtml>) and get the appropriate download.

Eudora51

A favorite email program, not subject to the many problems that affect Microsoft (Shareware and Freeware versions)

EZMacros

Create keystroke sequences to automate common tasks

File Splitter

Split large files to fit onto floppies, etc.

FileComparer

Compare files for duplicates

FindItEasy

Find the file you're looking for

FTP-Programs

File Transfer Protocol programs:

Cute FTP (Shareware) and

WS_FTP (Shareware and Freeware versions).

ICQ

(Freeware) (I Seek You), a communications program like Instant Messenger. Seek out friends and colleagues on the Internet and communicate with them in real time.

InternetExp;prer55sp2-NT

Upgrade to version 5.5 service pack 2 for Windows NT

InternetExplorer55sp2-2000

Upgrade to version 5.5 service pack 2 for Windows 2000

InternetExplorer55sp2-98

Upgrade to version 5.5 service pack 2 for Windows 98

InternetExplorer55sp2-Me

Upgrade to version 5.5 service pack 2 for Windows Me

InternetExplorer6 Win98

Upgrade Win98 Internet Explorer to version 6.0

InternetExplorer6 WinMe-2000-XP

Upgrade Windows Me or 2000 or XP to Internet Explorer version 6.0

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IomegaClickOfDeath

If you have an Iomega Zip drive, read this

LeakTest

Check your memory for "leaks" caused when applications do not release all memory.

MahJongg

A favorite "match the tile" game

MemoryTest

Test your computer RAM

MicrosoftMediaPlayer71

Microsoft's Media Player. Version 7.1 is a big improvement over earlier versions. Upgrade your installed version with this. It is an alternative to **RealNetworks** and **QuickTime** (also available on this CD).

MS Media Encoder7

Microsoft Media Encoder 7

MSN_Explorer55

Internet Explorer 5.5 for MSN

MSOfficeSR-2b

Service Release 2b for Microsoft Office

NetMonitor

Use this free utility to gain more control over your Internet connection. OS: Windows 95/98/NT/2000

Netscape Communicator 4.78

Netscape Communicator 6.2

NetworkDebugging

Check out your network

NetZero

Free email account at Juno/NetZero. NetZero is a provider of free Internet access services, launched version Z3 as a completely redesigned ZeroPort. ZeroPort is the custom navigational tool that is an on-screen device for NetZero subscribers, providing instant "speed-dial" to key Web sites and NetZero features.

Opera 5.1

Small fast browser

PaintShopPro7

Shareware image editor, full featured for \$99

PaperAirplaneMaker

Make a paper airplane

PCMagazine

These were voted the best by PC Magazine

BusinessApplications

Desktop Accessorie

E-MailNewsReadersChat

File Utilities

Graphics and Multimedia

HTML Editors

Internet Utilities

Web Development

BusinessApplications\Biblio-2

Business Applications

Business Card Designer Plus 200

BusinessApplications\PowerUtilityPak

BusinessApplications\ProcessRevolution2000

BusinessApplications\SmartDraw

DesktopAccessories\PhonePlus

DesktopAccessories\SmartSum

DesktopAccessories\SpeakingClockDeluxe

DesktopAccessories\TClockEX

DesktopAccessories\WorldTime

E-MailNewsReadersChat\Agent (Forte)

E-MailNewsReadersChat\AllegroMail

E-MailNewsReadersChat\Fundi E-lert

E-MailNewsReadersChat\ICQ

E-MailNewsReadersChat\Poco

FileUtilities\1toX

split files 1 to X

FileUtilities\Evidence Eliminator

erase your files with Evidence Eliminator

FileUtilities\FmEdit98

FileUtilities\Magellan Explorer

FileUtilities\ZipMagic2000

GraphicsMultimedia\ACDSee32

AC Dsee 32

GraphicsMultimedia\Cool Edit 2000

GraphicsMultimedia\Multiimedia Builder

GraphicsMultimedia\MusicMatch Jukebox

Play music, MP3, and CD's with MusicMatch Jukebox

GraphicsMultimedia\Ulead GIF Animator

HTMLEditors\1st Page 2000

HTMLEditors\Emotion 3D Web Edition

HTMLEditors\Smart Site

HTMLEditors\TopStyle

HTMLEditors\XMLwriter

InternetUtilities\BullsEye 2

InternetUtilities\Go!Zilla

InternetUtilities\Napster

InternetUtilities\NeoPlanet

InternetUtilities\ThirdVoice 2000

WebDevelopment\Applet Headline Factory

WebDevelopment\Auscomp eNavigator Suite 2000

WebDevelopment\DocFather Professional

WebDevelopment\LinKtoLink

WebDevelopment\StoreCreator

PopUp Killer141

Close pesky pop-up windows automatically. Free.

PowerArchiver2001-70208

Power Archiver 2000 is an archiving tool that features support for ZIP, RAR, CAB, TAR, and other formats. It also allows you to drag and drop to and from Windows Explorer and extract archives and ZIP files directly from Windows Explorer. You can rename files in an archive, create multiple spanning disks, view and write comments, run a virus check from within an archive, and test and password-protect archives. Supports creation of TAR and TAR.GZ archives; the internal viewer now supports RTF, ICO, BMP, WMF, EMF, and JPEG files; and it includes a tool for detecting archive type.

Projector-MonitorTest

Run **DisplayMateForWindows_demo.exe** to test your monitor, or **VideoProjectorTest_demo.exe** to test your projector.

DisplayMateForDOS_demo.exe can be executed from DOS.

QuickTime

Apple QuickTime for PC. For viewing files in QuickTime format. Upgrade the older version shipped with Windows:

QuickTime for InternetExplorer

QuickTime for Netscape

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RegClean

Clean up your registry, correct the mess made by deleting or moving some applications.

RoboType

From PC Magazine. Use abbreviations to speed typing. Free.

ScreenShotPrograms

PrintKey307Free

PrintKeyPro

PrintNow11

PrintScreen7_0

SnapShot

SiSoftSANDRA811

SiSoftware Sandra, our information, diagnostic and benchmarker utility for Windows 98/Me/NT4/200X (<http://www.sisoftware.demon.co.uk/>).

SlidesandSound20

Create a slide show with sound

SnagIt32

Capture and manipulate images, video, and text. Shareware \$39.95

SoftwareUpdater

Update your applications with this utility. Identifies updates for obsolete software on your machine.

StartCop

Use this utility to determine which applications start, and which don't, when you boot up. Get rid of those pesky icons in the system tray, and conserve resources for the applications you really want to run.

ThumbNails

View .gif and .jpg files as thumbnail images, instead of just the default filename.

TuneUp

CNET CatchUp 1.3: Keep your PC healthy and up-to-date with this CNET service. OS: Windows 95/98/NT/2000

TweakUI

Set many options on your computer interface. Very useful utility for advanced users.

Find out how to use it with PowerToyTutorial

UltimateZip

The ultimate Zip program - handle all kinds of zip types, convert from one to another.

WebMeisterTools

HTMLTidy: a command line HTML clean-up program. Convert old HTML to the new 4.01 and XHTML requirement, and set a switch to clean up HTML saved from a Word file.

Microsoft Web Tools

SuperBot: download an entire site to your hard drive, for study, viewing offline, or whatever. This is a useful tool if you are a webmaster, or a student.

WebWasher221

Remove unwanted ads from your downloads.

WinZIP80

The latest version of the Windows ZIP utility. Use it to archive files in ZIP format, or unZIP files downloaded from the web (or on this CD).

WordFormattingWhitePaper

For previous users of WordPerfect, or new users of Word. It explains how Word formats text, and how you can control the for-

mat. This is not an application; it is an explanation and guide for Word users.

XPUgradeAdvisor

Find out if your computer and peripherals can handle an upgrade to Windows XP

XteqXsetup61

Tweak system and desktop settings that are normally hidden deeply in configuration files. OS: Windows (all)

YahooMessenger

Lets you see when your friends are online, send instant messages, and talk online for free. An alternative to the AOL and Microsoft messengers.

ZoneAlarm26

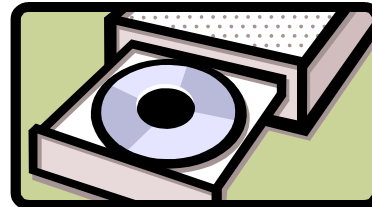
The best free firewall, lets you keep hackers out of your computer. If you have an "always on" connection, or if you spend much time connected to the Internet, you need this.

ZTree

An alternative to Windows Explorer

WordFormattingWhitePaper\Is there life after Reveal Codes_files

Find out how MS Word formats documents. For those used to using Wordperfect "Reveal Codes", there are conversion advice and techniques.



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