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Bob Mitchell - Words from the Prez

Nothing inspires one to greater efforts than one's peers acknowledging those efforts. A letter was sent to a few members who had been active in the group in the past but who had not attended meetings in the last few months. They were asked for their thoughts on what they would want to see improved in SPAUG along with a special invitation to the next meeting. The response was very pleasing and gratifying. This is to express my appreciation for those who took the time to write and offer their very positive thoughts. In almost all cases they valued their membership in SPAUG and there was a desire to continue as members and attend future meetings as free time would allow them to do.

A number of people have been asking about the Internet and Windows 95 SIGS that they signed up for. I have been attempting to come up with meeting dates that will fit the schedule of the most number of people. By the next meeting we should have that locked up.

The guest appearance of Richard Katz which featured all of the new bells and whistles of Quicken and other Intuit products, drew the largest crowd that we have had in a very long time. It was a meeting not to have missed. Richard is one of the better presenters of software products, exhibiting a thorough knowledge of his product accompanied by some very amusing material, well delivered.

In the next few months our guests will include a repeat appearance of Jan Altman who will have some more tips and tricks on Word for Windows and possibly a touch of tips and tricks for Excel, time permitting. Those who were here for her last tips and tricks may remember she was a very big hit. Rick Altman has also agreed to take time out of his very busy schedule of personal appearances and do a session on the magic of Corel. That session should be an outstanding visual treat. In addition, Larry Magid who as you know is a columnist and industry expert on just about everything relating to the computer field has also volunteered to be a guest, whenever he can fit us into his busy schedule.

Suffice it to say there are some big times ahead for SPAUG. We hope that every member will be able to attend our upcoming meetings, and bring their guests.

General Meeting Minutes April 30, 1997

Members and guests were welcomed back to EPRI for our April meeting. There were 40 members along with 7 guests. Richard Katz who represents the Intuit Corporation put on an outstanding presentation combining wit and humor with a serious product nstration that was entertaining as well as informative on Quicken and other Intuit products. It was a lively session with a Q&A session that went well into mid-break. Robert the Mitchell demonstrated some of the programs contained in the disk of the month (DOM). Random Access also was lively with many problems brought up followed by a number of responses offering a fix. There were also some problems that seemed to stump everyone. The raffle included such prizes as Quicken Pro, Quicken Financial Manager donated by Intuit. There were also a number of other software applications that were included in the raffle. "

Planning Meeting May 7th

The May 7, 1997, Planning Meeting came to order at the home of Beverly Altman at 7:30 p.m. Present were Bob Mitchell, President, Arlen Kertz, Vice-President, Walter Varner, Accountant, Beverly Altman, Membership Director, Mildred Kohn, Secretary, Ted Murdoch, Member, and LaVonne Murdoch.

Our last general meeting was the most successful in our recent history, probably sparked by 3 factors: the rallying letter of President Bob Mitchell, the return to our favorite meeting site at EPRI, and the promise of a great presentation by Richard Katz of Intuit. Present were 40 members and 7 guests. The guests included one or two former members who have been guests for several meetings. These may find themselves confronted with a request to rejoin the club.

The next general meeting will be on May 28 at EPRI. Most of our Silicon Valley technical people will be in Chicago at the Comdex meeting. Coming to our rescue will be Jan Altman with the second of her fabulous lectures on the Tips and Tricks of Word 6.

Someone at the meeting suggested an occasional "field trip" to a video studio, for example. Opinions and suggestions are requested.

Elections, which should take place in April, were overlooked. Bob Mitchell agreed to run for President again, and all the other officers agreed to run also. However, nominations from the floor will be gratefully accepted at the next meeting. Volunteer-Nominate yourself!

Ted Murdoch attended the meeting in order to tell us he has been unable to get help from club members with difficulties which occur with his 486. Having written a manual for the Unix, he is able to find solutions for many of his problems by looking through books in the library, but for the problems he can't solve, he gets no help from our members. He likes his set-up and doesn't wish to upgrade.

Many of our DOMs are zipped, so it was suggested that the PrintScreen publish

directions for unzipping in DOS and Windows.

Walter Varner presented the financial report, which is much more favorable since we have returned to EPRI and don't have to pay the rentals and insurance fees required at Cubberly.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.[®]

In Memory of Sim Rowell

This last month we received word that on March 15, 1997 long time member of SPAUG, Jim Powell, passed away. He was an active participant in SPAUG meetings and was a volunteer in the preparation of monthly disks-of-themonth. We will miss him. Our deepest sympathies go out to Jim's wife, Ruth Powell.

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Excel 97 Tricks

Jan is back....again. She provided our members with a wealth of WORD tips and tricks in her last visit. She has a singilar wealth of tips and trigks for EXCEL Now before you say you don't use a spreadsheet program, wait until her presentation and we think you will come away from that presentation with a world of ideas on why you should add the EXCEL icon to your Windows program manager. If you know Jan, you will be assured this will be a high energy meeting that will keep everybody tuned in throughout the meeting. Don't miss it!

May 28th - EPRI - 7:30PM



http://www.cdrom.com/pub/infozip/Info-Zip.html

About Info-ZIP

Info-ZIP is a diverse, Internet-based workgroup of about 20 primary authors and over one hundred betatesters, formed in 1990 as a mailing list hosted by Keith Petersen on the original SimTel site at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Info-ZIP's purpose is to provide free, portable, high-quality versions of the Zip and UnZip compressorarchiver utilities that are compatible with the DOS-based PKZIP by PKWARE, Inc.

Info-ZIP supports hardware from microcomputers all the way up to Cray supercomputers, running on almost all versions of Unix, VMS, OS/2, MS-DOS, Windows NT/95 (a.k.a. Win32), AmigaDOS, Atari TOS, MacOS, BeOS, Acorn RISC OS, SMS/QDOS, VM/CMS, MVS and Human68K (Japanese). There is also some support for TOPS-20, AOS/VS and Novell NLMs, and a *full Windows graphical interface* is available for UnZip (soon for Zip as well). Tandem, VMOS and VxWorks ports may or may not be underway...

Zip 2.1

Zip is a compression and file packaging/archive utility. Although highly compatible both with PKWARE's PKZIP and PKUNZIP utilities for MS-DOS and with Info-ZIP's own UnZip, our primary objectives have been portability and other-than-MSDOS functionality. Features not found in the PKWARE version include:

- creating zipfiles in a pipe or on a device
- VMS and OS/2 extended file attributes
- conversion between Unix, MS-DOS and Macintosh text file formats
- the ability to run on most of your favorite operating systems.

Plus it's free, as is the source code. Whoa.

UnZip 5.3

The Third Most Portable Program in the World! *

UnZip is an extraction utility for archives compressed in .zip format (also called "zipfiles"). Although highly compatible both with PKWARE's PKZIP and PKUNZIP utilities for MS-DOS and with Info-ZIP's own Zip program, our primary objectives have been portability and non-MSDOS functionality.

UnZip will list, test, or extract files from a .zip archive, commonly found on MS-DOS systems. The default behavior (with no options) is to extract into the current directory (and subdirectories below it) all files from the specified zipfile. A companion program, Zip, creates .zip archives; both programs are compatible with archives created by PKZIP and PKUNZIP for MS-DOS, but in many cases the program options or default behaviors differ. (For example, UnZip recreates the stored directory structure by default; PKUNZIP unpacks all files in the current directory by default.)

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New Media News	Monday through Saturday	6:30 PM & 10:30 PM	Bay-TV
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Users	Sundays & Wednesdays	6:30 PM	MEU
C/Net Central	Saturday	6:30 PM	Channel 5
Computers	Sun, Mon, Wed, Sat	8:00 PM	MEU
Computer Man	Sunday	12:30 AM	Channel 4
Computer Chronicles	Mondays	6:00 PM	KCSM CH 60
Computer Connection	Saturdays	12:00 N and 1:00 AM	CNN
Log on TV	Saturdays	7:30 - 8:00 PM	Channel 7 - KGO TV
Managing Comm.App.	Thursdays	12:00 N to 2:00 PM	MEU
Silicon Valley Business	Sundays	10:00 PM	KICU CH 36
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