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Bob Mitchell - "It's Show Time"



So you've always had a yearning to play Rembrandt or DaVinci but never had the ability to come up with quite the right color or a most subtle brush stroke. You've settled for a stick man and hid your head in shame. Well Corel Draw may not offer the world another Van Gogh, but with a little help from the tools bar you might put together a devastating Web Page. Rick Altman, he of Ventura Publisher fame

and now the man Corel elects to dazzle the public with the wonders of all the Corel products returns to SPAUG to offer an exciting evening of visual treats. Welcome back, Prez! June 25 - EPRI - 7:30 PM 1

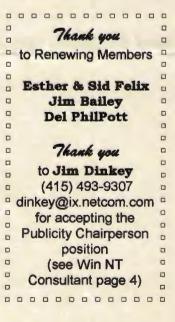
Bob Mitchell - "Words from the Prez"

It's always a good idea to start off with good news. (Probably a good idea to end with it too.) That good news is that there is a reasonably good chance that we will be offered the opportunity to use the facilities of EPRI through April of next year. Tom Passell our sponsor for EPRI has indicated that while he will be retiring from EPRI, there doesn't seem to be any objection to the present arrangement that we have with EPRI. We are exceedingly grateful (still) for Tom's efforts on our behalf.

Also on the subject of good news, all of the officers and administrators have agreed to remain on for another year, having been duly elected. Also good news, Jim Dinkey has agreed to take over Publicity for the club. Thank you Jim, and all.

Right on the heels of that dynamic, entertaining and educational presentation by Jan Altman on Excel Tip and Tricks we will have brother, Rick Altman at our June 25 presentation who will be offering some magic with Corel Draw. In addition to writing a column for a number of years, he has also been a nationally recognized authority on Ventura Publisher (now a part of Corel) and all of the Corel products. He regularly conducts seminars for Corel on a national basis. His next assignment is in Toronto, which now makes him in an international authority. For those of you who don't know, Rick is also a past president of SPAUG. Thank you Bev, for Jan and Rick.

Please be reminded that SPAUG exists for the pleasure and enlightenment of all of its members. One of the best ways to derive enjoyment out of a club such as this is participate in to the activities. This can take on a number of forms. You might wish to offer some material for the Web Page or Print Screen. You might also wish to demonstrate some fascinating software or you may have heard of a particularly good presenter that you'd like to see. Please call me on anything that you feel could work to the benefit of all the will members. It be appreciated.



General Meeting <mark>Mi</mark>nutes May 28, 1<mark>997</mark>

Members and guests were welcomed to our May meeting. There were 33 members along with 3 guests.

Officers and administrator for the SPAUG 96/97 season were individually introduced along with an acknowledgment for their past efforts on behalf of all of the members. If nominated, all of these officers agreed to serve for another year. Members present were offered the opportunity to nominate new officers. There were no new nominations. A motion was made to nominate and elect the incumbent officers and administrators by acclamation. That motion was seconded and approved.

Jan Altman as promised returned to do her latest Tip & Tricks presentation, this time on Excel. There may have some members who don't use the Excel spreadsheet application on a regular basis but you would not have known it from the rapt attention paid to every tip and trick Jan offered that made Excel fairly jump off the screen. It was another presentation you would not have wanted to miss.

Robert Mitchell demonstrated two DOM programs. One shareware program that seemed most interesting allowed you to view the content of your hard disk using a pie chart that very graphically offered a clear view of how many unnecessary programs one collects over time.

There were a number of good applications that were raffled off, including the latest Symantec (Delrina) Winfax suite.

Planning Meeting - June 4, 1997

Present: Bob Mitchell, President; Walter Varner, Accountant; Kendric Smith, Webmaster; Beverly Altman, Director at Large; Robert Mitchell, DOM Manager; Mildred Kohn, Secretary; Ted Murdoch, Member; LaVonne Murdoch, Guest.

Bob Mitchell had culled the suggested meeting times for the SIGs. Both will have first meetings

at his home at 7:30 p.m. Other times and locations can be negotiated at the first meeting. The Win95 SIG will meet the second Monday of the month. July 14 is the date of the first meeting. The Internet meetings will take place the first Tuesday of the month, so July 8 is the date of the first meeting. President Bob Mitchell's home is at 1516 Whipple, Redwood City. His phone number is 415-368-9530.

We discussed the possibility of purchasing some training tapes to be used in the SIGs and perhaps, if they are interesting enough, to be used in an emergency at a general meeting when the guest speaker doesn't show up.

Referring to the article on Info-Zip in the May PrintScreen, Ted Murdoch said that he has been unable to find clear instructions about unzipping files. When the experts present rushed to tell how easy it is and listed the steps, it became obvious that experts automatically perform the preliminary steps and fail to communicate them to the learner. Ted challenged the group to come up with a complete list of instructions which would assure success to the uninitiated. A promise was made that such instructions would appear in PrintScreen soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Kohn 🖑

Mildred Kohn - "Only Word 97 Can Read Word 97"

There was an article in the San Francisco Chronicle not too long ago stating the above. I had no reason to think about it until I appended an article to my e-mail letter to Brian Christopher, our newsletter editor, and to my son (the professor), and received protests that the appended material was not readable. Then I recalled another thing I had heard: "Word 97 is not backward compatible." Before I understood what was going on, I told this to my son. I made my peace with Brian by selecting and copying the file and pasting it in the e-mail document. Apparently the Word 97 document in the e-mail letter is not a problem for Word 6 while the appended material is.

I now differ with the "Word 97 is not backward compatible" statement because one can save a file in an earlier version of Word, just as one can save it in WordPerfect, text only, Macintosh Word and others. However, in the case of Word and the PC, this means tailoring your file to the recipient's needs even if you both are using Word.

Kendric Smith - "Unzipping A File"

This article will discuss only the DOS-based program, PKUNZIP.EXE

1. CREATE AN EMPTY SUBDIRECTORY. I use File Manager (under File select Create Directory). I have several empty subdirectories on my hard disk for unzipping stuff and copying stuff from disk to disk. I call them COPY1, COPY2, etc. If you only UnZip files, you can call them UNZIP1, UNZIP2, etc. [Below I will use COPY#, where # is any number that you choose.]

2. Keep a copy of PKUNZIP.EXE in the root directory (C:\) of your hard drive.

3. If you are downloading a zipped file from the Internet, send the file to one of your empty COPY# subdirectories.

4. If you want to unzip a file (e.g., FILE.ZIP) from a Disk of the Month disk, copy it from the distribution disk to one of your empty COPY# subdirectories.

5. Using File Manager, copy PKUNZIP.EXE to the COPY# subdirectory containing the zipped file.

6. UNZIP THE FILE UNDER DOS. Switch to DOS, and go to the COPY# subdirectory, type: CD\COPY#.

Now type: PKUNZIP FILE.ZIP

All of the unzipped files will be in one unique subdirectory, in case you want to trash them later. If you want to keep this program, you can "move" all of the files with File Manager to a new subdirectory with a unique name. 7. If you have unzipped a big program with a SETUP.EXE file, then when you run SETUP.EXE it will ask you which subdirectory you want to finally put all of the files in. After the setup is complete, you can trash the residual files in your COPY# subdirectory.

8. SELF-EXTRACTING ZIPPED FILES. If you have a self-extracting zipped file (e.g., FILE.EXE), then copy it to an *EMPTY* COPY# subdirectory, and at the DOS prompt, type FILE.EXE and it will unzip. *

Bev Altman - "The Laugh Track"

A Simple Glossary of Computer Terminology

DISK-SPACE: in the back of your computer is a small plastic pouch that fills with air whenever you turn your machine on. Anything you type on the screen is pumped into the plastic envelope. If you type too much, the envelope bursts open and oxygenates your hard drive.

MEMORY: two small antennae are wedged somewhere inside your keyboard. These antennae constantly sift obscure bandwidths until they establish a connection with a post office (a different post office is designated each day by the Internet to ensure security). There are two kinds of memory: virtual memory and magnetic memory. Virtual memory refers to numbers in your hard-drive that aren't really there at all. Magnetic memory refers to the spools of chromium-oxide tape that store phone numbers.

RAM: an acronym for "Regulated Automatic Mediator." This is a device, shaped somewhat like a tuning fork, that helps align a computer's internal gyroscopes.

DISK-DRIVE: This is a small capsule that emits ultrasound. The resultant harmonics within the hard-drive help create a tolerable atmosphere for the alphanumerics floating inside the memory.

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MODEM: a modem is a gelatin-based protein derivative that fuels the hard-drive. It can be purchased via Home Shopping Network and June 1997 SPAUG News



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Corel Draw @ General Meeting June 25th, 7:30PM at EPRI, 3412 Hillview Ave. Palo Alto



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Computer Man	Sunday	12:30 AM	Channel 4
Computer Chronicles	Mondays	6:00 PM	KCSM CH 60
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Managing Comm.App.	Thursdays	12:00 N to 2:00 PM	MEU
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