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This Month at NOPCC

Corel WordPerfect 2000 Suite

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President's Message

Well, brother and sister digit heads, we've passed the midway point in this year's term-- and looking back, the waters have smoothed over, and sodality dwells amongst us. Our SIG's are going great, including the newer ones like the Windows SIG, the Genealogy SIG, the Fox Pro SIG (redivivus), the ACT! SIG and the NOCK SIG.

We've had better-than-usual monthly presentations (or so I've been told) and we've got ourselves an SVGA projector of our very own, for use by our SIG's and at our general meetings.

On the downside, the only thing I can see, but it is HUGE, is that we aren't showing any growth in membership. And this is important, because even modest growth would mean that we have some basis to assure continuity. Many other computer user groups are experiencing the same phenomenon, I am told. If you have any bright ideas how we can stimulate our member rolls, please contact me at 568-1239 or: ***president@nopc.org.***

Looking at the near future, we anticipate a few more additions to round out our equipment stash-- a second microphone (a wireless at that) and an inexpensive computer. This, in turn, should facilitate more presentations by club members and other local experts (not necessarily vendors) and, in fact, the dance card is already beginning to fill out that way.

We also look forward to our Flea Market, now scheduled for October-- Zeke Zimmerman and Ed Jatho are co-chairing the event. Contact them for information and to fill in volunteer slots.

With that mini-state of the union having been addressed (or is it the state of the mini-union) I am still left with a list of things I would like to get before next Christmas:

1. A way to attract new members, especially people who rely on PC's to run their businesses and/or who, having just bought a computer and just out of the door of some local emporium (or out of mind once the UPS has drop-shipped the goods) and are now desperately in need of a helping hand.
2. A way to generate income for the club by involving local business support for our organization, in cluding some sponsors to cover the cost of our new projector.
3. A way to get EVERY club mem ber's e-mail addresse, so that we can communicate amongst our selves easily and inexpensively.
4. A way to raise the media profile of the NOPCC, such as producing a video of computer hints to air on local cable access channels.
5. Someone to head a Linux SIG.
6. To see each and every one of you at each monthly meeting, and to provide programs which personally interest and helps each of you.
7. To find a way to spend a few mo ments to chat with each and every one of you.

Please keep those e-mails and phone calls flowing. And I'll see you August 4th for the WordPerfect Office 2000 presentation, along with some more fun stuff about the Internet.

Yours in lumens and LED's,

Dave Freedman

SIGnificant News

Last month, we suggested you double-check the schedule of your favorite Special Interest Group to see if there's any vacation hiatus or rescheduling of meetings during this slack time of year. So far, it appears that August will see all the regular SIG meetings, as usual, as listed on the back-cover calendar of this newsletter, except that the Genealogy SIG will begin its field trip at 6:00 pm.

Answering enthusiastic member response, Genealogy SIG leader, Bob Gordon, has arranged the SIG's first field trip, set for the August 10th meeting, to the new Jefferson Parish Headquarters Library on West Napoleon Avenue in Metairie between Transcontinental Drive and Clearview Parkway. There will be ample parking.

Bob writes, "I have made arrangements for the Supervisor of the Genealogy Department to show us around. Because the Genealogy Department closes at 7:55 pm we will meet at the Library by 6:00 pm. The Genealogy department is on the 2nd floor. While we are there we can also do some research. I will be available to help everyone. This Library has a very good Genealogy department and there are numerous records that you may find there. Hope to see all of you there at our 1st field trip on August 10th."

Don't forget that the Genealogy SIG field trip to the Jefferson Parish Headquarters Library has a special starting time. Members are asked to meet at the Library at 4747 W Napoleon Avenue in Metairie at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 10. The Genealogy department is in Special Collections on the 2nd floor, phone 849-8806.

A week later, Tuesday, August 17, John Souvestre's Small Business Internet SIG will meet as usual at McCann Electronics Conference Room, at 6:30 p.m. The main topic for that meeting will be "An Intro to Web Page Forms" presented by Roy LeBlanc.

As I've written elsewhere, there's a Club SIG in formation about using the Linux operating system. We are setting up a mailing list for the Linux SIG to exchange news and ideas. You also can phone me or e-mail **sig@nopc. org** for developments.

The popular New User SIG continues, created by Zeke Zimmerman to introduce folks to using their Windows 95 and Windows 98 computers. Thanks to Ed Jatho for his program on hardware this past month, and to Ray Paternostro for modem and Internet topics in June. This month's session will be Thursday, August 19, in the Conference Room of McCann Electronics

Our Webmaster and SIG Moderator Manny Dennis reports that he has acquired website locales for the Visual Basic Learners Group (VBLG), Visual C++ Learners Group (VCLG), the Windows Application Developers Special Interest Group (WADSIG), Assembly Language SIG (ASM), Microsoft Certified Solution Developer SIG (MCSD), Windows 2000 and Y2K SIGs; Visual Foxpro Learners Group (VFLG). Now, he is looking for SIG members to help create web pages that will keep the interest of the SIGs. Contact Manny for details.

Also from Manny, here's how his Monday SIG meetings are organized: The Visual Basic Learners Group (VBLG) meets Mondays in every week of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Windows Application Developers (WADSIG) meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays after the VBLG, usually 8:30 p.m. The Visual C++ Learners Group (VCLG) meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays after the VBLG, usually 8:30.

All of Manny's Monday meetings are held in the Conference Room of McCann Electronics, on the second floor at the corner of Airline and Division. With the acquisition of the Club's new projector to be used at this site and also at the Club's monthly meetings at Meisler Middle School, we now have superior visual presentation capability for the benefit of our SIGs and our general membership. Congratulations to our Board members, SIG leaders and especially to our Vice-President, Zeke Zimmerman, who has worked long and hard on this project.

Donald McCune

Wanted: Linux Maven

In our Club, just as among today's computer users worldwide, there is wide interest in finding out about Linux, the multitasking operating system based on UNIX, with free and open source code.

We have, so far, five Club members interested in forming a Linux SIG, expressing varying degrees of knowledge of Linux. To get things started, we have recent (though not current) Red Hat and Caldera releases on CD, plus a library of at least five recent books on Linux (some on CD).

What we really need is a maven to lead the group, someone who has not only loaded the files, but has acquired working knowledge of Linux and is willing to guide the rest of us in installing and using the Linux OS and applications.

Should you wish to accept that challenge, we would like to talk with you about leading the NOPCC Linux SIG. Interested? Just e-mail **sig@nopc.org** or phone the SIG Coordinator.

Donald McCune

THE OLD RAMBLER

"Mrs. Rambler" has been sick for the past few weeks and Frank apologized for not being able to get his column out this month, but promised it will return later this year. Frank, our prayers are with you and Mrs. Masingill.

Editor

FREE ANTI-VIRUS PROTECTION FOR PC USERS

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New Personal Edition of CA's Award-Winning InoculateIT Includes Free Upgrades, Free Weekly Signature Updates and Free Technical Support ISLANDIA, N.Y, April 22, 1999--Computer Associates International, Inc. (CA today launched an unprecedented offer to license free copies of its new antivirus software, InoculateIT Personal Edition, available to personal computer users throughout North America--along with free upgrades, free weekly signature updates and free technical support.

This unique initiative is intended to help ensure the safety of Internet computing, paving the way for more widespread acceptance of e-commerce among users and corporations alike. The free licensed software, available at
http://antivirus.cai.com
will include free access to CA's virus signature update service. This online service helps ensure that customers are protected against new virus strains, which are constantly appearing from different sources around the world every day. Users will also get free technical support via the Web or email.

"As PCs become almost universally connected to the Internet, the potential amount of harm that a single virus strain can do has become quite considerable," said Yogesh Gupta, CA senior vice president of product strategy. "Virus protection is becoming as essential for personal computers as seat belts are for motorists." Experts estimate that viruses are increasing at a rate of 350 to 400 per month, with more than 17,000 known to exist.

Viruses are usually transmitted by diskette or through an Internet download. Newer "macro" viruses, such as the recent "Melissa" strain, can be quickly and broadly distributed as email attachments. "Viruses transmitted via email, newsgroup postings and other Web sources spark business and consumer users' deepest fears about Internet computing," said Christian Christiansen, program director at International Data Corp. "By launching this aggressive anti-virus initiative, Computer Associates is making a significant contribution to Internet security."

InoculateIT Personal Edition is a desktop-only version of CA's award-winning antivirus technology, which in comparative testing has consistently excelled in discovering and isolating known and unknown virus strains, as well as other types of malicious code. It has been certified as 100 percent effective against viruses found in the wild by the International Computer Security Association (ICSA), an industry-leading independent research and testing organization. InoculateIT Personal Edition automatically detects and cleans conventional file and boot sector viruses, as well as macro viruses that infect documents, spreadsheets and databases. Certified for Year 2000 compliance, it is available for PCs using Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT Workstation 4.0.

"Because of our advanced technology, CA is in a unique position to do something about the virus problem," said Gupta. "By launching this aggressive anti-virus initiative, we are making what we believe is both a socially responsible and economically expedient contribution to the world of e-commerce."

Computer Associates International, Inc. (NYSE: CA), the world leader in mission-critical business computing, provides software, support and integration services in more than 100 countries around the world. CA has more than 13,000 employees and had revenue of $5.1 billion in calendar year 1998. For more information about CA, please call 516-342-5224 or email *info@cai.com*. CA's World Wide Web address is *www.cai.com.*

Submitted by Manuel Dennis III

News Snippet!
Nielsen Media Research reports that the number of people over 16 in the US and Canada who use the Internet has climbed to 92 million, almost evenly divided among men and women. The study says that 72 million people use the internet from home, 46 million from work and 28 million from school.

Passed on by John Souvestre

News Briefs & Interesting Stuff

GET IT NOW: WINDOWS 2000 AVAILABLE FOR EVALUATION

http://www.microsoft.com/windows/preview/order.asp

Join the Windows 2000 Corporate Preview Program and get Windows 2000 Professional Beta 3 code as well as support services to help you through your evaluation.

NEW DOWNLOADABLE COURSES ANNOUNCED

http://www.microsoft.com/train_cert

Microsoft has announced several new downloadable courses. Course 1555: "Getting Ready for Microsoft Windows 2000" helps professionals prepare a Windows NT 4.0-based network for migration to the Windows 2000 operating system. IT professionals may also want to sign up for Course 1626: "Deploying Microsoft Office 2000 Using Microsoft System Management Server 2.0" and Course 1627: "Analyzing Year 2000 Compliance Using Microsoft Systems Management Server."

WINDOWS NT SERVER 4.0 TRIAL SOFTWARE WITH ONLINE TRAINING

http://www.microsoft.com/go/windowsntserver/default.asp

Order the Guided Tour for Networking and receive Windows NT Server 4.0 trial software, CD-ROM-based training and case study interviews to help you decide if it's the right multipurpose operating system for your environment.

THE EARTH

" If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following. There would be:

57 Asians
21 Europeans
14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
 8 Africans
52 would be female
48 would be male
70 would be non-white
30 would be white
70 would be non-Christian
30 would be Christian
89 would be heterosexual
11 would be homosexual

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States
80 would live in substandard housing
70 would be unable to read
50 would suffer from malnutrition
1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth
1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
1 would own a computer
When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for both acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent."
Phillip M Harter, MD, FACEP, Stanford University, School of Medicine

Passed on by Jimmy Lightfoot III

Internet Freebies

Please visit *http://InternetFreebies.homepage.com* to see an updated list of internet freebies available that were presented at the NOPCC club meeting on July 7th. If you find any freebies to be in error or no longer valid please email me at

webmaster@nopc.org

and mention the free item or site. If you find an internet site offering a free service, we will start adding them if you would just send me an email. The site shown at the presentation will be taken down shortly, so please redirect to the above site rather than *nopc.homepage.com*. The *nopc.homepage.com* will be for future news for the NOPCC club.

Manuel Dennis III

CA News for Developers

Well, now that I attended some sessions geared towards software developers. I have a few bits of info to report. CA-Visual Objects 2.5 will be released shortly, after some problems with CD creation like missing files and Registration issues. The trial version can be downloaded from :

http://www.cai.com/products/visual_objects/trial.htm

I plan on installing the VO demo soon if anyone is interested in seeing it. Hopefully, it is solid.

I saw little mention of OLE DB nor ADO. It seems VO is still a step behind Visual Basic.

CA demonstrated a similar 3-tier solution to all our software development problems, just like Microsofts DNA. Also, for all you webmasters, please put a link to the Center for Missing & Exploited Children at www.missingkids.com . They need their web awareness raised.

Jasmine TND looks to be a viable web developer solution with its OO database and GUI tools. It looks to be a much better product this year.

Manuel Dennis III
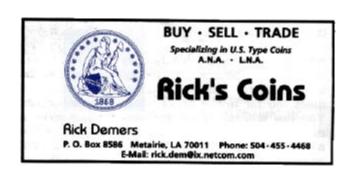
Computer Associates World Report

CA-World opened for me on July 16th, but for the rest of the world on July 19th. Computer Associates CEO, Charles Wang, made an interesting entrance on a motorbike, making a jump over his COO Sanjay Kumar. Charles Wang spoke of many new things to be seen at CA-World 99. He spoke of Nurbs, Nugents, Visualization and Infrastructure. Charles Wang showed some funny future commercials about Nugents.

Nugents are software agents or components that to learn utilizing neural networks. Nugents are supposed to help businesses "predict the future." Well, anyway, the commercials all show some sports theme where, at the last second, the opponent rudely and physically interrupts the player; then the punch line reads something about Nugents predicting the future.

Wang spoke of the Unicenter TND real world interface and showed a new cool hyperbolic view that administrators can use to easily move through objects on a network. They showed a new upstart company, that is at a site metastream.com, that partnered with CA to create a cool future site for home decorating. Basically, someone can take some digital pictures of a room in a house. Send the pics to MetaCreations and MetaCreations will render the room and allow it to be accessed online. The furniture can be arranged and replaced with furniture for sale from their site. Now I haven't gone to the site yet, so this may be just smoke and mirrors.

Wang spoke about Quokka, a cool sports internet site, and a few new company upstarts.

One impressive future view was one Office Depot is working on. Imagine having agents (Nugents) running on your network that monitor laser printer usage. After a cer-

tain period of printing, the Nugent figures that the toner will be low. Before the printer actually tells the user it is low, the Nugent signals an order to be made to Office Depot. Office Depot gets the order, fills the order and ships. The Toner cartridge arrives just in time when the laser printer warns the user. I like it. Think of all the middle men who can order more important things than toner cartridges.

Lastly, Wang spoke about the SmileTrain and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. CA sponsers the Center and in the past two years have helped develop a really good website. Charles told of a few stats, I don't remember the exact numbers, but here goes. The website helped solve more cases in the past few years with the aid of the website than the center has resolved over its past 15 year life. The website opened about 5200 cases in '97 and resolved 4800 or so. In '98 the website opened about 5400 cases and resolved 5800. CA helped develop the website and the technology to help in the incredible process of predicting a childs looks over time. CA showed an example of a boys picture at age 2 and how the computer predicted he would look when he was 5 years older. After the case was closed, the child's photo looked incredibly like that predicted view. Wang has asked all webmasters to donate a small piece of real estate to the Center, so without further objection, I will do just that.

The World Resource Center has hundreds of software vendors and a 1/4 mile go-cart race track. The theme of this year's conference was "The Fun of Software."

If anyone is interested, I have a CD of all presentations at the conference. I will probably go over a few at future Windows Application Developers SIG meetings on Monday nights at McCann Electronics.

Manuel Dennis III

Book Review

This is a review of **Taming the Internet**, a book by a local author **Charlyn Keating**, who is actively involved with Internet education in various forms. The publisher is Prytania Press and the ISBN is 1-893328-25-2. The book lists for $14.95.

This is a book for novices, not experienced users. I'm an ISP (Internet Service Provider), so I have some idea what sort of questions Internet newbies have. The author does a very good job of introducing the Internet to first time users. She concentrates on how to use the Internet without getting bogged down in the details of why things work. She also includes tips on New Orleans specific Internet sites and options.

Now for some details. The book starts off by talking about how to get connected to the Internet. It discusses hardware, software and ISP selection. Included are some New Orleans options like the public library system and gnofn.org. There is also a list of both local and national ISPs in one of the appendixes.

Next is a primer on using a web browser. The author then covers search engines, email (spam, attachments, mailing lists), downloading files, and setting up your own web site. Throughout the text there are links to useful web sites where you can get more information.

I was pleased to see a section on security. This is an important topic. It need to be understood, not ignored or feared. The author covers use of credit cards, privacy issues, viruses, and use by children.

The book winds up with a list of good web sites to visit. It lists about 40 sites, spending a full page describing each one. This is followed by an informative glossary which covers common Internet terms in non-technical language.

Overall the book presents a good balance between "what to do" and "how to do it", much like a good tour guide. Considering the attractive price, I highly recommend this book to new Internet users.

John Souvestre

Food for Thought

When minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual politically correct generalities, but what they heard instead was a stirring prayer, passionately calling our country to repentance and righteousness.

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, the Central Christian Church had logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of the prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Commentator PAUL HARVEY aired the prayer on The Rest of the Story on the radio and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired !!

THE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe on those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that:

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism.

We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative life style.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Soon now, very soon!

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NOPCC BBS	Bulletin Board System for members. The original way to PC communicate.	486-7261
NOPCC Web Site	On the World Wide Web. Our own home page and club information.	***www.nopc.org***

A Little Humor for You

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying as though he were ill, and said. "Johnny what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Kids Say the Darndest Things

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Cause dad says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

Kids Say the Darndest Things

An acquaintance of mine who is a physician told this story about her then four-year-old daughter. On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. Be still my heart, thought my friend, my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps! Then the child spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

Kids Say the Darndest Things

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