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### **Hardware Class: How to Upgrade Your Modem**

***Hosted by***

***Ed Jatho***

### **New Software**

### **"File Tracker"**

***By Enfish***

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## President's Monthly Message

Albert Fox, NOCK SIG Leader, opened the very first meeting of your newly-elected Board of Directors with the challenge that the NOPCC emphasize new user help and education; and that we establish a carpool for those members who have a hard time getting to the monthly general meeting.

This was soon followed by Treasurer Tom Ford's report that the NOPCC has suffered a 35% drop in membership in 1998, falling from 351 to 229 members. While our financial resources have remained level, a similar decline in membership next year is projected to result in at least a 20% decrease in our cash balance.

I recently had occasion to visit our computer brothers and sisters in Baton Rouge, the Cajun Clickers, whose membership hovers over 2,000, with a monthly income larger than our entire cash reserve! How are they doing this, I found myself asking not so quietly or calmly? The answer appears to be as simple as W. E. Deming's "constancy of purpose principle," i.e. staying focused on your organization's mission of service. In a word, the Clickers are providing more services and, thus, creating more value in club membership. How are they doing it? Here are just a few ways:

Their computer club is truly about users helping users. You'll see people's names and phone numbers listed in the newsletter. These are people willing to share their time and

expertise in specific areas of computer use. Just call them! Members with greater skills in certain computer applications offer hands-on instruction, in the form of 3-hour workshops. While the emphasis is in novice areas, there are a number of people who are attending sessions that are resulting in their getting MCSE certification. Are there any members in our club who would be willing to step forward to list themselves in the Motherboard as a resource? Or who would be willing to hold a workshop or two to help some of our developing members? Please snail, e-mail or phone me at your earliest moment of inspiration and willingness to share!

After an hour-and-a-half consultation with their president and membership chair, I attended the entire board meeting of the Clickers. I especially want to thank their President, Roger Carlyle, Program Chair Kay Tisdale, Vice President Phyllis Phillips, and Secretary Julie Peters for affording me this opportunity. In addition to the many services which clearly create high value for those holding club membership, I note that the Cajun Clickers have, and always have had, many more women on its Board of Directors and, I suspect, in all facets of their club. I will ask our Treasurer, Tom Ford, if he can run a membership check to get our percentages; but from what I see at meetings, it should be obvious that we are not

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## A Gist of the Board Meeting

Membership stands at 229 and is still in decline, but slowing. Club assets include \$6,219 with a to-date annual profit of \$368.

Annual budget is being made as we speak. Suggestions? Comments? Smart remarks? Call Tom Ford, Treasurer, before next meeting of BoD.

There is a movement afoot to form a

"Car Pool" for members who wish to share a ride or need one. Contact Al Fox via Email with ideas, needs and offers.

Kudos were passed to Manny Dennis for having the most attended and well received SIGs NOPCC has. His structure, teaching skill and zeal are all key factors in his marked success.

Ed Jatho

## ADSL and Cable Modems - What they aren't telling you!

Both ADSL and Cable Modems claim to offer 100x performance gains over standard modems. Monthly rates are about twice what a normal dial-up connection to an ISP costs. Setup charges are much higher. Are these new technologies as good as the sound? Yes, for some. But there are some important considerations which you should be aware of in both cases.

Both BellSouth and Cox Cable are currently offering "home" service. Business service will come later at a higher cost. Neither seems to be able to provide details at this time. As a "home user" you can't get a fixed IP address nor will you be allowed to run any Internet servers.

Security is always a concern, but much more so when you are connected 24 hours a day with an operating system like Windows 98, which is not secure. Businesses typically use special "firewall" software and separate machines running secure operating systems for their 24 hour Internet connections.

Your ADSL hookup or cable modem will only work at one location. You can use either of these accounts both at home or at the office. Also, forget about using your laptop to dial up while at a friend's home or a customer site.

In the case of a cable modem, there is nothing but the cable modem itself between you and about 800 other users on the same cable segment. It's a party line and anyone can listen in with the right equipment. This makes phone taps look obsolete in comparison.

How fast is ADSL, really? Not as fast as BellSouth's advertising. Not even close! Consider this claim: "Super fast con-

nection speeds with BellSouth.net FastAccess ADSL allow you to download a 7Mb file in about the time it takes to read this sentence." Notice the "7Mb"? The "b" is for "bit", else it would be "B" for byte. When is the last time you talked about the size of a file in bits?

Downloading a 7/8MB (917504 bytes) file in 4 seconds (time to read that sentence) requires a transfer rate of about 1.75M bps plus about 5% overhead, for a total of about 1.85M bps. An ADSL line, at the maximum speed possible, is only 1.5M bps. The minimum speed is 0.

BellSouth won't guarantee any speed at all except for the link between you and the local office, which isn't where that file you want is located. Indeed, even for that link BellSouth is only willing to guarantee 256K bps.

From the local office, the ADSL link then uses BellSouth's ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) network. Of 4 classes of ATM data, ADSL uses the lowest class, which has a CIR (Committed Information Rate) of 0, no guarantee at all. From the ATM network it goes to BellSouth, via DS1/DS3 (T1/T3) links.

Here's where the real bottleneck is. BellSouth plans to allocate one DS1 per 800 ADSL customers. A DS1 is 1.5M bps. That 1MB file you downloaded in 5 seconds would require use of the full DS1 for those 5 seconds. The other 799 customers would have to be idle during this time for this to happen.

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## "Drive Copy" Software Review

To test the capabilities of this software I used an HP Pentium 133 with two hard disk drives. I copied all files from a Quantum 1.2 MB drive to a Western Digital 3.2 GB drive. The 1.2 had Windows '95 and Lantastic 7.0 Network operating systems on board.

I installed the (new or Target) Western Digital hard drive on the primary IDE Interface cable and put the (old or Source) Quantum hard drive onto the secondary IDE Interface cable. By using two cables I was able to set both drives as Master drive. Also, there were no worries about the two drives being compatible with each other. After connecting each drive to its respective cable I ran the CMOS Setup and used the "Hard Drive Auto Detect" feature to setup each drive's parameters.

Since the "A" version of Windows 95 uses FAT 16, I used a DOS 6.22 BOOT diskette to get an "A" prompt. Then I inserted the "Drive Copy" disk into "A" drive and ran the program. I was curious to see if Drive Copy would handle the long file names used by Windows '95. If it copied by sectors from one drive to the next, it would. If it copied by individual files, it would not.

After only 25 minutes "Drive Copy" had finished copying all the data onto the Target drive. It would have taken almost that long to run FDISK and format the hard drive. I shut down the PC

and removed the source drive. I set it aside just in case the data transfer didn't work. I then booted up with only the Western Digital 3.2 Gigabyte drive in the system. Windows '95 worked just as it did with the Quantum 1.2 Gigabyte hard drive and the network also had no problems either.

When using "Drive Copy" software, the Source drive must always be the "D" drive and the Target drive must be the "C" drive and you cannot copy data from a larger to a smaller hard drive.

The original "Drive Copy" had trouble transferring files to a hard drive larger than 4.0 GB. A quick pass on the Internet to Power Quest's home page ([www.powerquest.com](http://www.powerquest.com)) will get you a patch that makes transfers to drives up to 6.4 GB go very smoothly.

If you are planning to upgrade to a larger hard drive and would like to save a lot of time and keep ALL your data, I recommend you use "Drive Copy." It used to be necessary to reinstall all programs to upgrade a hard drive. That could take many, many hours. Not any more.

Fred Johnson

# The Old Rambler

Wife missed an issue of her family magazine? Check to ascertain if the magazine has a web site. In a recent case involving Mrs. Rambler, we went to the site listed in the current issue and went there in only seconds, even on the OR's old 486/133. Sure enough, the site listed a link for sending the magazine mail. We stated the problem and gave the information on the mailing label which contains your status as a subscriber.

The OR also purchased a scanner online in response to an ad that came on as he was accessing the Internet. He received the item and was satisfied with the purchase, but, as is often the case these days, there was a rebate involved. He sent in what we deemed to be the necessary information, then shortly thereafter, came the response from the agency handling the rebate that we had failed to list a number appearing on the box in which the item was shipped. He promptly wrote back with copies to the online service and the seller indicating our unhappiness with the possible loss of the rebate due to our lack of cleverness in spotting and using the correct information on the box which had been thrown away. Within three days he received a long distance phone call from the seller asking only that he send the shipping invoice and the rebate would be approved and sent. The OR has received his rebates as promised in all cases that he remembers, but if one feels that one has been treated unfairly the seller usually wants to know about it. Be on the alert.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1998, the jolly women and men of the New Orleans Personal Computer Club gathered around the hour of six-thirty in the P.M. at the Meisler Middle School on Cleary Avenue to educate themselves, have some fun, enjoy friendly conversation and eat a happy meal, not courtesy of McDonalds where happy meals often originate but instead, a dish lovingly prepared by the Jatho family and consumed with great gusto and gratitude by an eager and hungry crowd. There was a generous choice of two different dishes and we saw nobody with a downcast face!! The coffee was free for the evening, prompting the OR to have TWO cups instead of his usual one! Rick Demers assured us that the winning ticket was nestled in the clip of six for a dollar but, alas, Rick, (chuckle) the OR was not even close. Maybe next time!! Let us hasten to assure you we're joking. You couldn't get Rick to do anything like that for all of the tea in China, assuming there still IS tea in China!!

The President surprised a number of members, including the OR, by calling them to the front and awarding, on behalf of the club, a most colorful, framed Certificate of Appreciation. The recipients will be named elsewhere in the *MotherBoard* we're certain, but the club members rendered a hearty applause for each one and especially for Gary Shurman and Carole Rike whose awards were presented in absentia. The OR was pleased to take his home to show to his good wife as proof that he is recognized as good for SOMETHING!! (Footnote: Mrs. Rambler, who proofreads this column for free, ALMOST made the OR DEL that last crack!!) BTW, there may now be users who never knew that all the way up through DOS version 6.22 "DEL" and "ERASE" were both retained to perform the same function. I still love ya DOS!!

As a part of a busy evening, Matt McCann of Intuit presented Quicken for Windows '98 in an expert and highly informative manner, a program that was well received by his audience.



With the cooperation of the Membership crew the OR was able to identify some of our members who graciously permitted the OR to introduce them to their fellow club members.

In fact, Don Herrmann, a computer hobbyist who joined us this year, was assisting at the Registration table, busily welcoming guests and signing up applicants for membership. Don began using a computer about 1983 when he was still in the workaday world and had to teach himself Lotus as a part of his budgeting responsibilities. Like the OR, Don uses America Online for Email and access to the Internet. He says he enjoys the club because it affords him valuable information about software, old and new. Thank you Don, for helping with a very important part of the club's activity and the very best of everything to you in all that you undertake in the future.

Don helped the OR to meet Harry Stinchcomb who had just signed on as a new member and was attending with his lovely and very personable wife as his guest for the evening. She gave us the definite impression of possessing overwhelming support for her spouse's embarkation on the seas of personal computing upon his recent retirement in October. Doubtless, part of the reason for this is the handiness of their brand spanking new, high-powered compatible to be used in no small part for keeping in touch with family members around the country. Harry is a civil engineer but he intends to be fully retired and wants to continue learning and is interested in developing skills in the field of animation and, as he puts it, "nuances of the Internet." We much enjoyed conversing with this enthusiastic couple and to assist them in contacting the NOPCC and other bulletin boards. Marc Lewis, who rummaged around in our closet, came up with one of the Banana.Com disks we frequently distribute to new members. It might be a good idea to have a few of these at the membership table every meeting night, especially now that this software has become freeware. Much happy computing, Harry and Anne in the retirement years.

Finally the evening was climaxed in enjoyment for the OR when, after securing his plate of the "hot" Jambalaya (it really wasn't all THAT hot, Ed, in fact it was 'just right') and locating a spot at a table, he found himself in conversation with a fellow veteran of WWII ("the big one" as Archie Bunker was fond of saying), Frank Seavey. We were soon immersed in war memories, finding much of mutual interest to talk about. Frank was an aviator who was stationed in England. We hope we have made a good friend and another "computer buddy."

Do your best to come out to the January meeting on the first Wednesday of the last year of the twentieth century. Who knows what interesting folks you might meet, how much more you might learn about "computing" and what door prizes you might win!

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

Frank Masingill

## SysOp Reminder Note

Check your settings for contacting the BBS. The rollover numbers are: **486-7249** (also our fax line) & **486-7261**

Lanny Goldfinch

# QuickBooks for Windows 5.0 Software Review

You can choose which accounting activities you want to perform with your copy of QuickBooks using the setup questionnaire. Intuit has researched and gathered advice from small-business experts to help you set up and use QuickBooks for your particular business or industry. Documentation is available for more than 20 industries.

Instead of using a cash register, you may record sales (the program calculates sales tax if you enter the correct rate and mark the items that are to be taxed in your inventory). The program can be setup to print an invoice immediately after the sale to serve as a sales slip.

Thanks to the word wrap feature, businesses with significant inventory can enter long, paragraph style descriptions on forms for the products and services sold.

You can pay your bills via the Internet and check your bank balance (if you use a bank that participates in online banking). You can see which checks have cleared, view current balances, and transfer money between accounts. To pay bills online, just schedule when you want your vendor to receive payment, click, and you are done.

List reporting makes it easier to run reports on customers, vendors, items, and more. You can create your own reports, or choose one of the many preset reports. Report customization and filtering are similar to the "Find" feature included in the program.

For repair jobs and construction, you can improve your understanding of job costs and project profitability with the new ability to allocate payroll taxes, commissions, and company contributions by job.

If you give a copy of your QuickBooks data file to your accountant to make adjustments such as year-end adjusting entries, you can continue using QuickBooks while your accountant is working. When your accountant returns the updated file, you can import the adjustments into your QuickBooks data file.

The printer set-up allows you to quickly switch from printer to fax at print time so you can easily fax invoices and other forms to your customers.

With the enhanced Notes feature, it is easier to keep track of all your conversations with vendors and employees. Add a date stamp to your notes and quickly create new To Do's.

The QuickBooks Navigator is a graphical user interface that makes it easier to learn and use QuickBooks. It is designed to be organized the way you think about your business.

The Payroll functions are comprehensive, but you must pay for a subscription to payroll tax table updates to assure that you are using the current rates. Some accounting programs allow you to update the tables yourself and save the

## Reviews?



### SOFTWARE

**Spell Catcher** – Jim Lightfoot III, due in Feb. 99

**Smart Sketch** – "EasyArt" program for refreshingly simple precision drawing. Microsoft Office compatible. Still Avail.

### BOOKS

**Java Beans Programming** – Being reviewed by Gordon Rush and is due in the February issue.

**Corel Word Perfect Suite 8** – Tom Stirewalt

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Q: What is the best Iraqi job? A: *Foreign Ambassador*

Q: How do you play Iraqi bingo? A: *B-52...F-16...B-2*

Q: Why is it easy to train Iraqi fighter pilots? A: *You only have to teach them to take off.*

Q: Why does the Iraqi Navy have glass bottom boats? A: *So they can watch their Air Force.*

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serving the needs of the vast number of women who use and purchase computers in the Greater New Orleans Metro area. Carole Rike, who recently resigned after being our newsletter editor for 13 years, shared with me more than once that she felt the NOPCC was not interested in including women in significant leadership positions. AND, I have heard from more than one source that there are member's wives who see their husband's attendance at NOPCC meetings (especially the Pig SIG post-meeting colloquia) as a "night out with the boys." If this is true--even half-true-- we've met the enemy and it is us! For the women who are reading this or who hear of this commentary, please contact me by snail, e-mail or phone and let me know: (1) if you share these feelings, (2) how the NOPCC can create an environment and a set of programs which will serve your needs? And, (3) who among you or your friends would have an interest in being brought on to leadership positions in this club. After our last Board meeting, I am convinced that the NOPCC is ready to change its style and substance if such changes were to result in more services being rendered to a wider community. All we need now, is to hear from you!

Yours in red beans and bytes,

# WAD, VBLG & CLG SIG News



First of all, I wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year! All our SIG meetings will be postponed until after the New Year.

The WADSIG will start meeting after the VBLG on the the third Monday at McCann Electronics and not on the first Thursday of each month. The formation of a new Learner's Group will also meet after the VBLG.

The VBLG will start fresh on January 11th at 6:15pm. VBLG members voted not to have a meeting on January 4th. The VBLG hopes to have the additional TV and VCR up and running for the meeting on the 11th. If you have a workbook for one of the Learning VB tapes, please return them so we can keep each workbook with the appropriate tape. The VBLG will start the new year watching the advanced Client/Server Level 2 and beginner VB Level 2 tapes. We will start with some demonstrations at 7:30pm to help us get more familiar with new VB6 technologies.

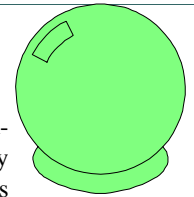
The CLG will discuss our new goals and directions for the SIG. The CLG will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month until further notice, so the first meeting will be January 11th at 8:30pm.

The WADSIG will meet at McCann Electronics on January 18th after the VBLG at 8:30pm.

We are still looking for speakers for the 1999 season. The VBLG and WADSIG member lists are available online in PDF format. Please visit <http://www.banlen.com/wadsig/members.htm> to view or download them. If you would like your information deleted or modified please send an Email requesting us to do so. We are still trying to determine the best course of action to get more storage space for the new VB6, VC6 and MSDN help files for the SIG, any suggestions will be appreciated.

Manuel Dennis II

## RealHelp Software Review



REALHELP is a utility containing many diagnostic tools to correct problems with your system. As noted in the manual, REALHELP is a "solution for automatically preventing and troubleshooting problems on PCs running Windows '95."

Included with the software are a one-year subscription to Quarterdeck's web site, TuneUp.com and Office '95 (and Office '97) support. The TuneUp.com site contains the latest hardware drivers and application updates. REALHELP can compare the software on your system to the latest versions available, letting you know if there is a newer driver or update. Some of the many solutions are the ability to "find and fix application conflicts, missing DLL's, disk errors" and other tools to check the CD-ROM, hard disk, keyboard and other hardware. Another feature is Find-A-Fix. Using the REALHELP CD and the Internet, you can search for solutions to PC problems.

As noted above, REALHELP is installed from a CD (which is also used for Find-A-Fix) and the package includes a 198 page manual. I found the manual easy to read and use. Requirements to run REALHELP are as follows:

- Windows 95
- 256 color VGA or higher monitor
- Intel 486 DX or higher
- Internet access required for Updates
- 16 MB of RAM
- 35 MB of hard disk space (60 MB required for install)

I installed REALHELP on a 233MH Pentium system with 65 MB of memory and a 4.1 GB hard drive. Installation was very easy and quick; under five minutes. Also easy and quick was the uninstall feature of REALHELP.

I set up REALHELP as an icon on the desktop and kept REALHELP running (shows as an icon on the toolbar). The

screens, buttons and layout were clear. Navigating through the various windows was pretty quick. REALHELP also plays subtle sounds when buttons are clicked or windows are opened. At the bottom of the window is a bar showing the completion percentage of the task being performed. There's hover help for all buttons.

REALHELP's tools are shown on the main menu and opened by buttons for each group: Prevention, Repair, Diagnostics, Inventory and Support. Each button opens another window which shows the various tools. Under Diagnostics, I ran tests on video, memory, mouse and speakers. Each one of the tools ran several different tests. For example, the video checked the grid, palette, bitmap and pixel. Fortunately for me, unfortunately for this review, all the tests showed my equipment was in order. With each test there was additional information which was helpful under a button entitled "Details."

Under the Repair category I created an emergency diskette using REALHELP. The procedure was quick. REALHELP also showed me a list of applications and files which were going on the diskette; I could chose which items to load. I also ran the Performance Optimizer under Repairs. My components were all set for optimal performance.

Under the Support category, I used the Find-A-Fix feature. With the REALHELP CD, I was able to see solutions from various problems. Using the Find-A-Fix feature was effortless. For example, from a general category like "Issues with Windows '95", I was able to select "File Management," then "Associating the file types with applications." By pressing the "Submit" button, I was given several "How to" questions with answers and also error messages with the appropriate correction.

The current retail price online for REALHELP is \$59.99 from Quarterdeck's web site ([www.quarterdeck.com](http://www.quarterdeck.com)). It is also available from Egghead for \$46.99 ([www.egghead.com](http://www.egghead.com)).

Tom Ford

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The average ISP allocates a DS1 for each 1,000 - 1,500 dial-in customers. These connections are typically about 40K bps each. So it's obvious that 800 ADSL customers sharing a DS1 are not going to get "download speeds 30 to 100 times faster than a typical dial-up connection" [BellSouth].

BellSouth's own estimate is that on average (no guarantee!) each customer will actually get about 100-200K of effective bandwidth. This seems realistic. However, in an add BellSouth claims 11.25 MB is the "Average amount of information downloaded in 1 minute" via their FastAccess ADSL service.

Do the math: 11.25 MB is 196608 cps, or 1.57M bps. This is the maximum possible ADSL rate, not the "average" rate by any stretch of imagination.

Finally, "BellSouth.net's ADSL Internet service will be the fastest access the average small business or consumer customer can get" is also false. Cable modems are capable of providing about 5M bps, about 3 times faster.

How fast is a cable modem, really? 30M bps is the bandwidth available per segment. Cox Cable plans on about 800 customers per segment. A segment is like a party line. The bandwidth is shared by all. Your cable box filters the data addressed to you so that's all you get.

The maximum data rate you can possibly achieve is about 5M bps, limited by the EtherNet connection between the cable modem and your computer. This assumes that the other 799 people are idle.

Cox's ISP, @Home Network, recently disclosed that they will limit the length of broadcast-quality video downloads over their high-speed cable network. Whether this is to limit bandwidth or to protect the cable's TV interests they didn't say.

You might hear that cable modems share bandwidth (true), but ADSL doesn't (false). Others won't affect the rate on the line between you and the local office. But the ATM network part of the link is shared as is the connection between the ATM network and BellSouth with the ISP. Finally, BellSouth's feed to

the Internet Backbone is shared.

Anyone who currently uses the Internet knows that the Internet itself is quite often slower than the dial-up modem link to their ISP. A faster link to the ISP won't change this any more than driving a Corvette will help in rush hour traffic.

Everyone defines "reliable" and "dependable" in different ways. Personally, I don't consider any system with no guaranteed data rate to be either. Contrast this with ISDN, for example, which guarantees 128K bps, all the way to the ISP. STAC compression will typically double this. There is no compression offered on ADSL or cable modem connections.


Bottom line: Who are these services suited for? Home users who are willing to pay 2 to 3 times what a dial-up account costs (don't forget the setup fees). Business users who need more speed will often find that ISDN provides it, along with full service (fixed IP addresses, server access) and guaranteed performance.

John Souvestre

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## SIGnificant News

Talk about "auld acquaintance," we have good news on two Special Interest Groups that have long been dormant in the Club, Genealogy and FoxPro. Aubrey LeBlanc is leading the way in reestablishing the Club's Genealogy SIG. If you are interested in researching the family tree on computer or Internet and want a group in which to learn effective methods for researching ancestry, please e-mail Aubrey at aubrey1@ix.netcom.com or phone him at 889-2094. Aubrey is a member of the Jefferson Genealogical Society and Terrebonne Genealogical Society. We are happy to have him leading our renewed SIG; I am contacting everyone who was active in the Club's Genealogy SIG a year ago and encouraging them to get in touch with Aubrey.

Gary Shurman is organizing the FoxPro SIG at his Software and Stuff office on Metairie Road; the emphasis will be the transition from FoxPro to Visual FoxPro. Interested members should e-mail gshurman@software-stuff.com or call Gary at 838-9999.

Meanwhile, the Club's other active SIGs continue. Albert Fox's NOCK SIG will meet twice in January, on Monday, Jan. 4 and on Wednesday, Jan. 20. At the meeting on the first Monday

Albert wishes to talk about structuring the meetings to better fit members' needs; and plans to show a videotape about "Corel Quattro Pro."

Manny Dennis' SIGs continue to flourish and multiply. Check out Manny's column in the newsletter about times and topics, including the new C++ Language Programmers Learner's Group. Manny has also set up a number of mailing lists through our listserv at nopc.org in support of the SIGs and their subject matter.

Following his election to the Club's Board of Directors, Ray Paternostro will resume his monthly meetings on using the Internet, Thursday, Jan. 28. On the previous night, Marc Lewis leads the Communications SIG, emphasizing BBS and communication software and use.

Check the NOPCC Directory and Calendar in this newsletter for information; or ask me, I'll be glad to answer your questions. My Email address is dcm01@gnofn.org or phone me any time at 288-1852.

Donald McCune

# NOPCC Directory



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## QuickBooks Review

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