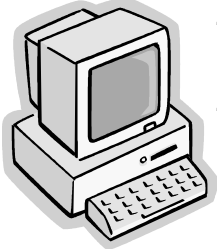


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New Macs

are coming!

The Prez Says

By Lyn Morse

It's been a busy first month as your President.

One of the first "challenges" to the new board was to learn that the carpet is to be replaced in the lab. That means that the lab has to be closed down and everything moved out. This will be no small task for the Board and Barbara Kaye's maintenance committee, getting the computers ready to be moved out and then getting the lab back into running order. So, get your lab computing taken care of before Saturday, August 13, **as the lab will be close from August 13 through August 27.** Classes will resume on August 29.

The door to the lab has been re-keyed. There was difficulty with old keys not working, and that was rather frustrating for those trying to get into the lab.

The new Macs will have been installed when the lab re-opens. Kent has been working at getting the programs loaded onto them, and that has been a long task. Many thanks to Kent for that solitary work.

We've been a club since 1993, and that's a lot of meetings that have taken place. Jan has taken

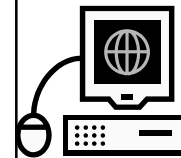
upon herself the awesome job of getting a summary of all the minutes put onto CD for the Board members. It was just something she thought should be done, so she did it.

Let's Compute is now on the Wheel. You'll be able to check it once General Meetings start in September to see what the program will be for the month.

Handbooks of Let's Compute information and policy have been made for all Board members. We'll be adding to it throughout the year as we define and redefine Club information. The object is to have information on policies and procedures in writing to pass on to future Boards.

We're one month into the new club year, and we're already past the half way mark of last year's membership. Thank you, One and All, for continuing to support the club with your interest and presence in both classes and general meetings. I know we're all looking forward to a super listing of classes later in the year.

After such a HOT July, let's hope for a cooler August. And if the heat does continue, aren't we glad we're computer users and can turn to them when we don't want to venture out into the heat. Stay cool!



Internet SIG

By Helene Barker

Can you imagine going on the internet and seeing the earth from far, far above? Then being able to zero in on your home or the street you live on? Well, Google has done it again, with Google.earth.com.

A very interested group gathered to hear and see Terry Kay's presentation on , not 'Mars to Earth' or 'Earth to Mars', but 'Google to Earth'. It's a strange feeling to see your street listed and the outline of your home. We were able to look at our complex and see the area directly north of us, where some 2,000 plus homes will be going in. We also looked at San Francisco, Sacramento and Seattle.

Our world is changing fast, so fast it's really hard to keep up in not only our minds, but on our computer's internet. So, in the lazy days of summer, you might want to 'Google' to Earth and spend some time visiting places around our world that are just a click away.

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Internet SIG

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Terry did this by: Googling: 'google earth' (go to Google and enter: 'google earth' and click Search/or Go).

The URL <http://earth.google.com/> should come up. Click on it.

Click on Get Google Earth .

Three options will come up, and he chose the first one.

Download the free version and enjoy.

Some of you with older computers may not be able to bring it up. It did not work for me as my computer is four years old.

Kent McDonald also updated us on the iPod. It seems each time it's looked at, it's being upgraded. My grandson is on his second upgrade. It's not only for music, but also for radio recording. Much too much for me to comprehend or write about. So check with Kent, and/or re-read his 'Internet SIG' article for July. He really makes it sound doable.



The Next meeting is Tuesday, August 9th at 7 PM in the Computer Lab. Bring your Internet sites and/or questions, summer is a good time to hone your Internet skills.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR LAB MONITORS

by Lyn Morse

The first and most important thing you need to remember about the monitors is that they are all volunteers who are there simply to keep the lab open for your use. Without them giving of their time, you would have no Open Lab.

The monitors are not experts in the use of all the computers in the lab, nor are they familiar with all the programs loaded on the computers. They are not there to teach you how to use a program, or the slide scanner, or the flatbed scanner, or even the beginning steps of how to use a computer.

They have responsibilities to the Club and to its members, such as:

- 1 Making sure that the person using the computer is a member of the club, and telling a member that his/her guest or grandchild can't use the computer.
- 2 Answering questions in regard to classes that are in Bits and Bytes and helping to locate the signup sheets in the books.
- 3 Answering questions about membership.
- 4 Keeping paper in the printers. They cannot replace the ink as that is in locked cupboards.
- 5 Seeing that everyone abides by the request for no food or drink in the lab. Notices to that fact are posted in the lab for everyone to see, but some people seem to feel that this doesn't apply to them, and they bring in the drink from the Daily Grind or the bottle of water from home. Please don't do that; you put the monitor, your neighbor, in the awkward position of having to ask you to remove it. The purpose is to prevent keyboards from being damaged by accidental spills, and even drinks on the carpet can be kicked over.

I'm sure that most of you are wondering why I'm writing this column; you know all of this. What you may not know is that some of the monitors have been verbally abused by some members when they were told that the monitor couldn't help them with the slide scanner or with a program or to please remove the drink. This has not been just an isolated case or two.

It must be noted that in the Rules and Regulations for our Association there is a section that deals with both physical and verbal abuse, stating it is not to be tolerated. It would truly be sad to revoke a membership because of behavior and attitude toward one of Let's Compute's valued volunteers.

We want to keep the Open Lab going, and to do that, it takes volunteers. For those of you who make the monitors' experience in the lab pleasant, thank you; your attitude toward them keeps the monitors coming back. And to all those volunteers, thank you for giving of your time,



Mac Notes

Problems with Safari?

Courtesy of MacHome.com

Q: All of a sudden I have lost the use of Safari. When I try to open the application it tells me immediately "Application Safari has unexpectedly quit." I have repaired permissions. I have even trashed Safari and downloaded a new version from Apple's website, and I still have the same problem. I am using OS 10.2.8 and Safari version 1.0. Any help would be appreciated!

A: Typically when an application crashes on startup, there's a problem with a preference file. So, what you'll need to do is remove the suspect files. Go to the Finder and choose Go>Home. Now choose View>As Columns. Click Library and look for a folder called Preferences. In it, you'll find a file called com.apple.Safari.plist. Toss this file in the trash and then try to launch Safari. Now, if this doesn't cure what ails you, go back to your Library folder. Search for a folder called "Safari" and drag it to your desktop. (You don't want to trash this folder, since it contains your bookmarks.) Launch Safari again to see if works. Assuming it does, quit the application. Open the Safari folder on your desktops and find the file called Bookmarks.plist. Drag this file back into your Library folder, tossing it into the new Safari folder that was created when you successfully open the application. You'll be asked if you want to replace the existing file "Bookmarks.plist." Click Replace and then open Safari. Things should be more or less back to normal now, with your bookmarks

August Monitor Schedule

DATE		Time 10-12:00	Time 12:00-2:00
Aug.1	Mon	Frank Diaz	Bill Crowley
Aug.2	Tues	Shirley Cronin	Howard Reese
Aug.3	Wed	Pat Palladino	Frank Diaz
Aug.4	Thur	Norma Streeter	Jack Drill
Aug.5	Fri	Moe Sullivan	Doris Keniry
Aug.6	Sat	L. Rowe	
Aug.8	Mon	Bob Osborn	Bill Crowley
Aug.9	Tues	Shirley Cronin	Howard Reese
Aug.10	Wed	Pat Palladino	Frank Diaz
Aug.11	Thurs	Norma Streeter	Jack Drill
Aug.12	Fri	Moe Sullivan	CLOSED
Aug.13	Sat	Lab Closed	
Aug.15	Mon	Lab	
Aug.16	Tues		
Aug.17	Wed		
Aug.18	Thur		
Aug.19	Fri		
Aug.20	Sat	Closed	
Aug.22	Mon		
Aug.23	Tues		
Aug.24	Wed		
Aug.25	Thurs		
Aug.26	Fri		
Aug.27	Sat		
Aug.29	Mon	Bob Osborn	Bill Crowley
Aug.30	Tues	Shirley Cronin	Howard Reese
Aug.31	Wed	Jan Grenert	Help !!

TUCOWS



Tucows

One of the most popular download sites on the Web, Tucows is a very cute, very cow-themed site which give you access to a ton o' stuff. You can finds Windows, Linux, Mac, JMobile, and PDA applications and utilities. You find lots of themes, along with games menus, patches, and reviews. Oh, and don't forget to click on the Tucows banner and savor a cows's bellow. Website: Tucows.com

Source: Smart Computing Website.

August Class Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Mon	Aug. 1	3:00	Apple Works I – Setting Preferences	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Aug. 2	10 – 2	Open Lab		
Wed	Aug. 3	10 – 2	Open Lab		
Thurs	Aug. 4	3 - 5	Word 5 Part 2	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Aug. 5	10 – 2	Open Lab		
Sat	Aug. 6	10 – 12	Open Lab		
Mon	Aug. 8	10 – 2	Open Lab		
Tues	Aug. 9	10 – 2	Open Lab		
		7:00 p.m.	Internet SIG		
Wed	Aug. 10	8:30 - 10	Computing for Beginners - PC	3	Shelia Harbet
Thurs	Aug. 11	3 – 4:30	Word Art	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Aug. 12	10 – 12	Open Lab		
Lab Closed Aug. 13 – 27					
Thurs.	Aug 18	9 – 11:00	Board Meeting		
Mon	Aug. 29	3 :00	Apple Works II Formatting Documents	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Aug. 30	10 – 2	Open Lab		
Wed	Aug. 31	10 – 2	Open Lab		

August Classes Listed Alphabetically

Class	Date	Time	Class	Date	Time
APPLEWORKS SERIES			INTERNET SIG		
Setting Preferences	8-1	3:00		8-9	7:00
Formatting Documents	8-29	3:00+	WORD SERIES - Advanced		
BOARD MEETING	8-18	9:30	<u>Jan Grenert</u>		
Computing for Beginners PC	8-10	8:30+	Word 5, pt. 2	8-4	3:00+
			Word Art	8-11	3:00+

Jargon 101: Phishing

Phishing tries to lure users into entering personal info, such as banking account numbers and passwords, by hiding a fake site under what appears to be a respected company or bank's URL. Don't take the bait. (NOTE: Hover your mouse pointer over a phishing email's supposed hyperlink to the bank or company, and you may be able to see the URL of the server it really connects to.) **Phishing** tries to lure users into entering personal info, such as banking account numbers and passwords, by hiding a fake site under what appears to be a respected company or bank's URL. Don't take the bait. (NOTE: Hover your mouse pointer over a phishing email's supposed hyperlink to the bank or company, and you may be able to see the URL of the server it really connects to.)

Source: Smart Computing Magazine

Board of Directors Meeting - July 13, 2005

The Board of Directors met on July 13, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the Saddleback room of the Mountain View clubhouse. The meeting date was arranged to assure board members attendance. President Lyn Morse presided at the meeting. Board members attending were: Kent McDonald, Barbara Kaye, Bill Crowley, Jack Drill, Shelia Harbet and Jan Grenert. Member Lou Shapiro and Monitor Coordinator, Moe Sullivan also attended.

The minutes of the previous board meeting of June 19 were read and approved without change.

Treasurer Jack Drill reported a treasury balance of \$40,490.58. He said this includes a large number of membership renewal checks that were sent with ballots and held for deposit in July. Jack said he has made arrangements to receive bank statements electronically. He will also post monthly financial reports in the lab for members' reference. Kent will post the monthly financial reports on the web site.

Kent McDonald said membership is now at 544, which includes 52 new members. A duplicate payment by a member will be refunded.

Bill Crowley gave a report on three possible programs for presentation at general meetings. Resident Dave Nay will present the September program. Bill said he is planning to seek out vendors at the SWUG conference who would be potential program presenters. Bill will provide information on upcoming programs for placement on Channel 78.

Lyn explained that the reason for mailing ballots to all members is to comply with the Association rule that a specific percentage of the club's members be present for the official election of officers.

The Association has informed the club that the carpeting will be replaced in the lab in August. The board plans to close the lab from August 13 through August 27 and use this time to remove the old Macs and then set up the new ones. The tables in the lab are connected in sets of 2's (Mac side) and 3's (PC side) and the wiring will have to be disassembled so the tables can be moved. Barbara Kaye said all the monitors must be moved individually, not moved with the unit still on the table. As chair of the Maintenance committee, Barbara will take charge of seeing that the machines are properly handled and set up again.

Shelia Harbet indicated that she would like to use the Message Board function on the web to have teachers fill out the schedule.

The board reviewed two maintenance invoices, (1) An extended warranty on the last 4 Dells. (2) Maintenance on Corel WordPerfect software. The board declined to renew either offer.

The Association has changed the lock on the lab door and has put tight restrictions on who may be issued a key to the lab: Board members, teachers who hold night classes and the monitor coordinator. A key will still be available at the front desk but the person must sign for the key and return it after opening the lab. Teachers who have early classes are instructed to knock on the Association office door to obtain a key.

Under old business, the board discussed a previous board ruling restricting General Meetings to one hour. Shelia made a motion to reverse the ruling and Barbara Kaye seconded the motion. A discussion followed in which the members agreed that the one-hour restriction would be too limiting, especially when a program is presented. The motion passed.

The Association has advised the Board that the club has not submitted the Annual Audit report that was due July 15, and in fact has been late in submitting the report for the past two years. (By way of explanation, the members of the Audit committee and/or the Treasurer are often gone during that time of year from Sun City and the records are not available). Lyn has submitted a letter of apology to the Association with an explanation, an indication of how the reserve funds will be used and a promise that the report is forthcoming.

Lyn has also appointed Betsy Lewis to chair the Audit committee for the coming fiscal year. Dale Seffer will continue to serve on the committee and a third person will be found to bring the committee membership to three. Treasurer, Jack Drill, will assist the Audit committee. Lyn requested that Betsy be included in all board emails.

Moe Sullivan, Monitor coordinator, said that she needs more monitors to fill all the open lab times. Moe related that some monitors have complained of rude, demanding behavior by some members. She said it seems that some members expect the monitors to know how to 'do everything' i.e. instruct on the scanner, fix software problems etc. Lyn said she would write an article for the newsletter letting members know what the monitors' duties are and are not.

Moe also asked what the procedure was to inform the Maintenance committee of problems with computers. Barbara Kaye asked that she be sent an email explaining the problem and the problem machine and she would take care of it.

Sharon Kiel will continue to oversee the lab supplies.

The Board has received a letter from Association General Manager Paul Brady approving the sale of the old Mac machines. The sale will be conducted as a lottery, for members only, with each member allowed one offer. Information on the sale will be announced in the newsletter, by email, and will be posted in the lab.

The sale price set by the Board: (A specific report is attached to these minutes).

- Six iMac G3 400 MHz machines at \$300.00 plus tax each.
- One iMac G3 233 MHz machine at \$100.00 plus tax

Lyn presented handbooks to Board members and committee chairs. She asked that each person list their responsibilities, duties and other information that will be helpful to future office-holders.

Jan Grenert made a motion to reinstate the Volunteer Recognition party. Shelia seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jan will find someone to chair the event.

The Board discussed when the PC's might need to be replaced. Jack Drill recommended that we wait until the new 64-bit technology is available.

Lyn asked the Board members to review the By-Laws for possible changes.

The meeting ended at 11:30 when Shelia motioned to adjourn and all approved.

Written by: -Secretary, Jan Grenert

August General Club Information

BOARD MEETING

August 18,

INTERNET SIG

August 9, 7:00 p.m.

DIGITAL SIG

No Meeting in August

Meeting Schedule

WINDOWS SIG

No Meeting in August

GENERAL MEETING

No Meeting in August

MAC SIG

No Meeting in August

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If you would like to be a volunteer call Sharon at 772-0745

Betsy Lewis - Financial Chairperson
Moe Sullivan - Lab Monitor Coordinator
Jack Drill - 34MM Scanner Monitor Coordinator

August Lab Monitors

Shirley Cronin	Doris Keniry	Leonette Rowe
Bill Crowley	Bob Osborn	Norma Streeter
Frank Diaz	Pat Palladino	Moe Sullivan
Jack Drill	Howard Reese	

35 MM Scanner Monitors

Felice Bourne	Walter Goldsmith	Leonette Rowe
Pete Claar	Sheldon Plotkin	Harvey Schwarts
Jack Drill	Conrad Lembers	

August Teachers

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Remember
The lab will
be closed
8-13
to
8-27



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