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Our Next DMA® General Meeting is
Tuesday, May 27 - 7:30 pm, at Univ. of Dayton
Meet the DMA® SIGs

DMA® SIG Leaders

By Randy Young and Lisa Singh

This month's program literally has something for everyone as well as FROM everyone. This will be a fantastic opportunity for members to see and hear about all the components that make up the incredible workings of the Dayton Microcomputer Association. Have you ever had the feeling that there's a lot going on in this association but you weren't sure how it all fit together?

We'll wonder no more. We will be having representatives from nearly every facet of the association give a brief presentation about their unique piece of the DMA® puzzle. You'll get to meet some of our newest SIGs including the Northern SIG, the Digital Photography SIG, the Digital Sewing SIG, and the Certification SIG. You will learn what DMAPUB is and how you can use it FOR FREE. You'll hear about Gemair, Computerfest, OTAP and yes....even the Board itself.

Everyone will have a chance to ask questions and learn about the wide array of activities that make up this dynamic association. After all presentations are completed, a panel will be formed for a question and answer session. The Q & A will be unlimited in subject matter. Whether you have a question about some aspect of DMA® or a tech question about your PC at home, no matter, everything is fair game.

So come prepared to learn more about the ins and outs of YOUR DMA® and see for yourself why DMA® is a leader among the leading PC user's groups of this country. Bring your tech question no matter what platform, operating system, or hardware you're using and we'll challenge the best minds you'll ever be likely to see in one meeting hall.

DMA®'s June 24, 2003 Meeting — INTEL —

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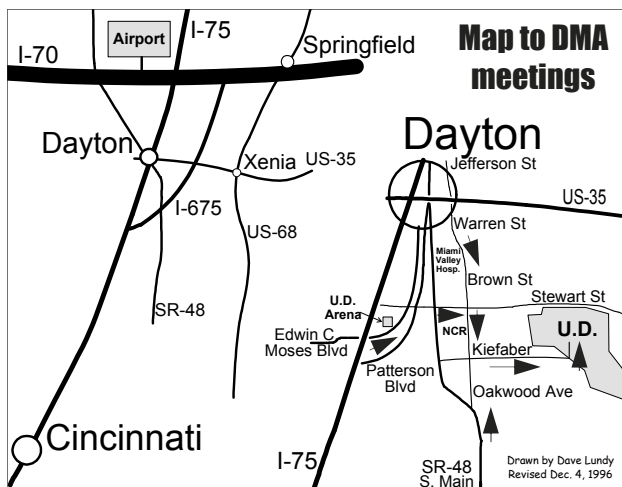
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AGENDA FOR 5/27 MEETING:

Announcements/Intro.....	7:30 p.m.
(President Lisa Singh)	
On tap: DMA® SIGs in Action.....	7:45-9:00 p.m.
Presenter: SIG Leaders	
Q & A, Attendee Prizes.....	9:15 p.m.
(DMA® Board Member Leah Day)	
Closing Statements	9:45 p.m.
(President Lisa Singh)	
Meeting Adjourns	10:00 p.m.
(Adjourn to Marion's for Pizza SIG @ Patterson/Schroyer)	

If there is enough interest, the 'Internet Q&A' period may be held immediately prior to this Meeting, same room.

DMA®'s main meeting is held in Miriam Hall, O'Leary Auditorium, on UD's campus (add'l map p.29). The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Park in lot 'C' on campus (follow the map's arrows) to avoid parking tickets.

Editor's Box: Are you sitting home alone? DMA® needs your help! Check our Volunteers needed section Pg. 29. You can help transform DMA®.

Join us at our June 24th meeting for a special presentation entitled Intel 2003: New Technology Update and Product Review.

The DataBus

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DMA® MEETINGS

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Meetings - Guests are always welcome.

- All general DMA® membership meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., University of Dayton, the last Tuesday of each month, except December. See our Web page (www.dma.org), dmapub, or email to: happenings@dma.org for more info.

Our monthly general meeting

consists of a brief opening, SIG reports, announcements, and a 60-90 minute program by a guest speaker, followed by door prizes for members.

Board Meeting - The regular DMA® Board of Trustees meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at DMA's home at 119 Valley St. Dayton, Ohio

Board meetings are open to all.
Members are always welcome to attend.

OTAP RECYCLES COMPUTERS -

The Ohio Technology Access Project is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. This all volunteer group of devoted people generously give of their special talents & skills.

OTAP puts donated computers into the hands of people with handicaps, limitations, challenges and special needs - and provides computers to institutions which serve the needs of these individuals.

DMA® volunteers gather computers and then teach other volunteers machine inspection, testing, diagnostics, as well as adjustment and repair techniques.

After these donated computers are put into working order, they are then provided "as is" to qualified individuals and institutions which request them. Very basic, free, computer instruction follows some computer distribution.

If you would like to learn more about OTAP, please set your browser to <http://www.otap.org> Computer donations are tax-deductible and to date, more than 2000 computers have been distributed by OTAP.

If you or your organization wish to donate or receive used equipment, or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Project Manager. Al Russell at (937) 222-2755 or email russella@dma.org.

Located at 119 Valley St., Dayton, OH

DMA®'s Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings

Do You Have a Specific Computer-Related Interest ? —

and need an organization to support that interest? Are there others you know who would join you? DMA® can help sponsor groups of approx. 6 or more who have common software or hardware interests by providing meeting venues, AV equipment, etc. Contact vice-president@dma.org for more information.

Apple-Dayton SIG -for those who want to get the most out of their Apple computer & learn about the Apple/Mac platform. Group meets the 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. at 119 Valley Street now, but watch our website. Contact Keith Ciriegio (meeting coordinator) at 937-773-0676, email: keithc@gemair.com

Certification SIG - Purpose: to assist you in passing various Certification exams. Meets 2nd Tues. and 4th Wed. of each month. Contact George Ewing, ewingg@dma.org or Larry Ford, lford@woh.rr.com or call 937-361-8917. **Networking SIG** meetings have been combined with this group which now covers both areas.

Classic Computer SIG - the keeper of the Dayton Computer Museum. Classes in older computer hardware and software are taught by the Curator, Gary Ganger; 1st & 3rd Sat. of ea. mo. 3 to 5 p.m. at the Sugar Grove Church, Email gangerg@dma.org or call Gary at (937) 849-1483 for directions.

Digital Photography SIG meets 1st Thursday of each month. Interested? Email millard@millard.net or call (937) 879-5419. Covering all aspects of digital photography in a friendly small group atmosphere.

Digital Textiles SIG - The place to indulge your interest in computerized machine embroidery, cross stitch, knitting, quilting and sewing. Meetings will start at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at 119 Valley St. Explore what's new in the world of textiles and share your projects and experiences with others who share your passions. Contact Lou Childs for details at 888-276-3578 or lou@downhomedreams.com.

Gaming SIG - Now meeting online. Please contact SIG leader Bill Myers at gamingisig@technomutt.com or (937) 275-3583 for further details, & <http://www.dma.org/sigs.html> for the latest time/date/program information.

Northern SIG - one of DMA®'s newest SIGs, is for those interested in open source software who live near or north of I-70. For more details, see <http://www.dma.org/northernsig/> or contact Robert Ruby III- aprinciple@hotmail.com

Software Development SIG - The former Greater Dayton Delphi Group meets 2nd Thurs. each month at 6:30 p.m. at 119 Valley St.. Focusing on all aspects of software development including design, implementation and testing, we are language and platform independent. For more info, call Bill Gross at 937-602-3946 or email him at pss@woh.rr.com.

UNIX/LINUX SIG - Meets the 3rd Thurs. of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Wright State's Russ Engineering Center. Call Tony Snyder at 275-7913 for info. www.dma.org/linuxsig/

Venture Scouts - meets 3rd Mondays @ 7:00p.m. at Oak Creek United Church of Christ, on Bigger Road at the corner of Springmill Rd, in Kettering. Please contact Ron Schwartz at: (937) 434-2144 schwartr@gemair.com

Pizza SIG

- the unofficial snack or meal of the computer enthusiast is enjoyed following each DMA®



General Mtg. at Marion's Piazza on the corner of Patterson and Shroyer roads.

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Open to all, it is the "Pizza SIG".

Club Purpose and Membership

The Dayton Microcomputer Assn., Inc. (DMA®) is an Ohio non-profit organization dedicated to the education of, and providing information to, microcomputer users and the general public. DMA® members use and own a wide variety of computers and possess various levels of computer experience.

Annual dues are \$25 for regular members, which includes a subscription to *The DataBus* newsletter, and \$12.50 for associate members living at the same address. Associate memberships must run concurrently with a regular membership.

For other user groups with DMA®, see page 31.

- The Wireless Technology with the Funny Name -

by Beverly Rosenbaum, HAL-PC member.

After years of promotion, will Bluetooth-enabled devices begin to make a splash in the marketplace?

IT industry analysts predict that 2003 will finally be the year that Bluetooth goes mainstream. Bluetooth is a radio frequency-based cable replacement technology designed to be an inexpensive wireless personal networking system for all classes of portable devices such as laptops, PDAs (Personal digital assistants), mobile phones and headsets. Bluetooth can also replace cabling in a static environment between desktop computers and printers.

In 1994, Ericsson Mobile Communications, the global telecommunications company based in Sweden, initiated a study to investigate the feasibility of a low-power, low-cost radio interface to eliminate cables between mobile phones and their accessories. As the project progressed, it became clear that applications for this kind of short-range radio link were virtually unlimited.

The engineers at Ericsson code-named their new wireless technology "Bluetooth" to honor King Harald Blåtand (Blåtand is Swedish for Bluetooth), who ruled Denmark in the 10th century. He helped unite his part of the world, as the developers and promoters of Bluetooth hope their technology will unite the mobile world. Bluetooth applications will bear the figure mark "HB."

Ericsson's work in this area caught the attention of IBM, Intel, Nokia, and Toshiba, and together they formed the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG) in May 1998 (www.bluetooth.com). By December 1999, they were joined by 3Com, Lucent Technologies,

Microsoft and Motorola. These nine companies jointly developed the Bluetooth 1.0 specification, released in July 1999. By December 1999, the SIG already had 1,200 companies on board, and in 2000 the first consumer products were launched.

The Bluetooth SIG charges no royalty for licensing the technology; it will remain an open standard, and the role of the Bluetooth SIG is restricted to the definition and promotion of the specification. Companies signing the Bluetooth Adopter Agreement are given access to the Bluetooth specification, updated on the latest developments in the technology, and granted permission to build Bluetooth-enabled products. The SIG optimistically estimates that by 2005 almost 670 million products will be Bluetooth-enabled.

Bluetooth wireless technology is implemented in tiny, inexpensive, short-range transceivers in mobile devices, either embedded directly into existing component boards or added into an adaptor device such as a PC card. A Bluetooth-equipped device establishes instant connectivity with one or more other devices as soon as they come into range. Each device has a unique 48-bit MAC address.



Bluetooth enables almost any kind of device to go wireless and still communicate successfully with other devices. In addition to mobile phones and PDAs, Bluetooth is also turning up in keyboards, mice, trackballs, projectors, printers, scanners, notebook computers and digital cameras. The most widespread Bluetooth products so far are headsets for cell phones. Although Bluetooth's 10-meter range is smaller and its 1Mbps (megabits per second) transfer speeds are slower than other wireless technologies, its battery-friendly design makes it easier to implement in small devices.

When Bluetooth devices come within range of each other, one device initiates contact with the other through software embedded in the transceiver chip. These devices can communicate with each other within a 30-foot range. Unlike an infrared signal, it does not require a line of vision. This is an advantage over infrared wireless devices, which require an unobstructed path between the infrared emitter and receiver in order for the connection to be established and retained.

The Bluetooth radio transceivers operate in the unlicensed ISM radio band of GHz. The ISM (industrial, scientific, and medical) bands include the frequency ranges at 902 MHz to 928 MHz and 2.4 GHz to 2.484 GHz, which do not require an operator's license from any regulatory agency. This is a globally available frequency band, ensuring worldwide compatibility. The transmission will travel at speeds that are roughly equivalent to 20 times the speed of a 56 K modem. While that's slower than infrared, it's about the same speed as a home broadband connection.

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- Online Dating -

By Jerry Wonderly, regular contributor to *The DataBus*. A native Daytonian, Jerry has been involved with computers since the mid-80's. "I cut my teeth on CP/M Plus." He says that 'computer' can be very expensive but doesn't have to be. "Ask questions. Think cheap. Shop around. And don't assume your computer needs to be traded in. I'd rather put my money in my 401(k) than spend it on a complete new system and software."



There's a Brave New World out there, folks, when it comes to dating and finding a special someone, or even marriage. Besides going to clubs or grocery stores (does that really work?), running personal ads, joining clubs you don't like (that knitting class had lots of women but was a bore!), and relying on friends and co-workers for blind dates (ugh!), thanks to the internet we now have the world, and its singles, literally only an email away. Recently divorced, I have now rejoined the ranks of available bachelors looking for love. Rather than hitting the bars and learning to disco, I have opted to explore the world of cyber dating. Sure you're skeptical. But, believe it or not, in the month that I have been cyber mingling, I've found that there are definitely possibilities out there. So forget the grocery shopping for women and let me tell you about a few of the basics I've learned so far.

First, where do you go online to search for someone to date? Well, a friend (enemy?) of mine at work highly recommended www.matchdoctor.com. I'm told there are both free and fee-based dating sites. Match Doctor is the first one I've tried, and quite frankly, has been so good that I haven't checked any more yet. However, I'm told that www.friendfinder.com is also free and very good.

Match Doctor is free for a standard listing but you can also pay extra to have your ad come up at the top of searches by women. If you're desperate, pay the \$25 or so to get your listing featured prominently for three months. That's what I did! Hey, gimme a break! Anyway, with a standard listing, you create a "profile" of who you are and what you're like.

You also describe the kind of woman you're looking for and upload a picture of yourself. There are optional extra "Essay Questions" to answer in order to give women a better idea of who you are. If you're like most guys, if you don't want women to know you're really a creep, don't fill out the essays! Feeling a bit overconfident, I filled them out. Maybe that's why I don't get many responses, eh?

Next, after you've filled out your profile and uploaded a fairly recent picture of yourself, you start looking for women you may like. Oh, by the way, give yourself an attractive user name like NiceGuy234 or MrClean875. Don't choose user names like Stud753 or SkirtChaser907. Women seem to steer clear of those types of names for some reason.... Anyway, until some sucker, errr, woman, emails you, you need to start beating the bushes looking for someone you'd like to date. There are two ways: searching female profiles and looking to see who's online. Just designate your search terms and start reading their profiles.

Before I go on, I should take a moment to cover some ethics of online dating. First, remember that this is cyber dating and people aren't necessarily who they say they are. The guy who says he's 40 may be 50 and has posted a picture of himself from grade school! The woman who says she's "a few extra pounds" probably is heavy-set. Many, many people don't post their pictures or say much in their profiles. Let's be reasonable here. Post a fairly recent picture and take the time to honestly describe yourself. If you hate walks in the moonlight, don't put it down! If you love watching NFL games, put it down! Lots of women love football if you are willing to explain it to them. Women who are

looking for financially secure men are gold-diggers. Beware of really cute women with webcams. They're cyber babes who make their living getting guys to visit their webcams for a fee. Guess there's a seedy side to everything internet, eh? Also, lots of foreign women are looking to hook up with American men. Unless you want a foreign woman, avoid them. Also, you have some blocking ability in the site's emailing feature. Anyway, be skeptical. If they don't have a picture, get them to email you one at a dummy email account you can set up, like sucker@yahoo.com.

OK, you've met a really special lady on Match Doctor and you've corresponded a little via Match Doctor's emailing feature. Now what? Next, you graduate to regular email correspondence and instant messaging. Remember, don't use your regular email account and she shouldn't either. You still only want to use first names. If one or both of you has not posted a picture, email pictures back and forth. After that, assuming you both are still interested, exchange phone numbers. This is important. For obvious reasons, you need verification that she is a she! When getting to know each other via emailing, keep in mind the general rules of courtship: watch your language and be careful of sexual innuendo. You're getting to know one another and wording can be misleading. So, think before you type! Now you've corresponded and talked on the phone and have both decided to meet face to face. This will be the deciding point on chemistry and all of that. You don't really know her yet; it's still more of a blind date than anything, so where do you go? Well, the norm seems to be to meet for coffee somewhere public. You want to pick a

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- Wireless Technology (Cont.) -

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To clearly explain the difference between Bluetooth and WiFi technologies, a good analogy would be that Bluetooth would be the wireless equivalent to USB, and while WiFi would be used for the connectivity equivalent of Ethernet. Bluetooth and WiFi can both be used on the same computer to perform different tasks, and these technologies are not mutually exclusive.

Bluetooth Applications

Bluetooth is receiving industry support in both the computer and consumer electronics industry. HP has introduced the DeskJet 995C color inkjet printer with Bluetooth already built in and plans to release the DeskJet 450 soon, while 3Com has produced a wireless printer adapter and Motorola added Bluetooth to their newest phone models. Eventually, Bluetooth may justify all the hype surrounding it, but so far it hasn't made it to the mainstream at the pace predicted. Bluetooth applications are finally starting to appear, often in odd places like restaurants, hospitals, zoos and even cruise ships.

One of the companies on the leading edge of Bluetooth implementation is FedEx Corp., the package delivery company that plans to put Bluetooth into the hands of every one of its couriers later this year. FedEx is testing a new PDA-like device with Bluetooth connectivity called a PowerPad, built to FedEx's specifications and tested in tandem with Bluetooth-capable phones.

FedEx, already known for its ability to track packages, will use Bluetooth to refine that capability even more. In the past, couriers scanned pickup and delivery information into a tablet device called a SuperTracker. That information was sent wirelessly back to FedEx's computer center when the courier returned to the truck. Using the new Bluetooth system, the FedEx courier can transmit information as soon as the package exchange is made, without having to return to the vehicle. Customers also will be able to more precisely locate a package in transit. With 5 million wireless transactions every day, this additional timesaving will add up quickly.

German carmaker Audi says that it will also adopt Bluetooth in some of its models rolling out in Europe and Asia by the end of this year. Inside the car will be an Audi-made Bluetooth-ready Telematics Control Unit, or TCU, that combines an embedded module for a wireless phone. The system will also have a phone handset and a hands-free system. PDAs and laptops will be able to pair with the TCU, and use the mobile phone as a modem, allowing users to check e-mail from the car. Daimler Chrysler is expected to announce similar plans for its new models.

United Parcel Service will outfit its package handlers with 55,000 Bluetooth scanner rings and Wi-Fi terminals around the world later this year. The scanner rings, made for UPS by Symbol Technologies, are worn on

the finger and send data to Wi-Fi terminals on the waist. The tracking data taken from the packages is sent into the UPS computer network. Testing was done in four beta sites, and rollout will begin in June with completion by 2004. UPS already uses Wi-Fi devices and scanner rings, but the two are connected by a cable, which the company considers the weakest link in the chain. Replacing it with Bluetooth will mean a 30 percent reduction in annual repair costs for the scanning system.

One of the more unusual early Bluetooth uses has been on a Norwegian luxury cruise ship called The World of ResidenSea, which took its maiden voyage in May 2002 out of Cannes, France. The ship offers the world's largest single-site public wireless network. While on the ship, passengers and crew can use Bluetooth in laptops, PDAs and even digital cameras to access the Internet. The unique ship has 110 privately owned cabins, as well as 88 guest suites.

Bluetooth devices also are being used at the Denver Zoo, where visitors can get information automatically on a PDA when they walk by an animal area; and at several hospitals, where doctors and nurses use the devices to input billing information.

Another innovative use of Bluetooth involves a chain of restaurants called La Pesquera in the Spanish resort city of Marbella. Imagine the diner's surprise to see the waiter pull out an iPAQ PDA with an SD (Secure Digital) card sticking out to take the order, which was sent automatically via Bluetooth to the kitchen.

Apple recently unveiled a new PowerBook G4 with both AirPort Extreme and Bluetooth wireless networking built in. Bluetooth-enabled

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Online Dating - (Cont.)

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safe place for the both of you. Don't invite her to your place or vice versa. You could invite her to dinner, a museum, or something but coffee would be just fine. Then just ad lib from there!

So, that's a peek at the world of online dating. Believe me, there are lots of great people available and looking online. Go ahead, get your feet wet; you just may find the love of your life waiting out there! If so, let me know! I'd sure like to know if I somehow managed to play matchmaker! Have

UH - OH !

These Memberships have expired, or are about to expire soon!

Remember to send your check & the completed application form (in the center of this newsletter) marked "DMA® Dues" to P.O. Box 340402, Beavercreek, OH 45434-0402. Or if you give them to Carol Ewing at the next General Meeting, please have the form filled out in advance and have correct change or a check. **We do not have change at the meeting.**

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Turzynski	Joanne
Ude	Roland W. (Buzz)
Ungard	Matthew L.
Uphaus III	James A. (a)
Urbanas Jr.	Clifford A.
Warner	Susan
Wert	Robert
Young	Kristy
Young	Laura J.
Young	Roger
Zelasco	Jennifer A.

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Batka	Helen
Black	Kathi
Brown	Denis
Burgmeier	Bill
Carrier	David
Corpstein	Robert R.
Crabtree	George
Feigleson	John P.
Fleck	Shawn
Gyenes	Colleen
Hansford II	Paul D.
Harris	Robert L.
Hildebrant	Kurt
ICE	Alan Doll
Knapke	Mark Joseph
Landaburu	A. Carlos
Linden	Michael K.
Merrill	Gregory
Midlam	Tom
Moore	Harold
Nash	Tracy
Peters III	Roscoe H.
Rhodes	James C.
Schumacher	James L.
Seibert	Karl F.
Setterfield	Patrice
Singh	Lisa
Sprauer	Ronald J.
Straw	Douglas
Taylor	Vivian K.
Wade	Joseph F. (Joe)
Walton	Rhonda J. (a)
Weaver	Jeannette M.
Wrinkle	Kathy (a)

- DMA® supports THINKTV Auction -

by Carol Ewing

WPTD-Channel 16 Public Television held their annual THINKTV Auction April 7 - 12, 2003. DMA® provided several volunteers who had a great time and enjoyed plenty of food and drinks. We had people taking bids over the phone and sometimes on camera including our DMA® President, Secretary, Trustees, Computer-fest® Staff and members.

Our members who volunteered were: Gary Turner, Joe Fulk, Steve and Kathy Wassenich, Tom and Tommy Sheibenberger, Lisa Singh, Rammy Meyerowitz, Steve and Sherry Hayden, and George and Carol Ewing. James McCutcheon brought Debbie McCutcheon, Amanda Espenschied and Michael Norton.

DMA® sponsored Computer Chronicles on THINKTV, WPTD, Channel 16 until it was removed from their schedule, and we continue to support THINKTV by volunteering at the auction.

We want to thank everyone who donated their time for this worthwhile auction.

- Software Review : Kworld TV Tuner -

by Dan Woodward, DMA® member, DataBus Software Reviewer



Dan Woodward: *At the tender age of 9, Dan got his start enjoying computer games on his TI-99/4a home computer, and he's been at it ever since. He graduated in 1996 with a B.S. in Environmental Studies. Dan has been a DMA® member for about 9 years now, and enjoys playing Othello, other strategy and role playing games, backpacking, fishing and gardening. He also dabbles in computer repair and upgrades, & is currently studying for his Network+ certification.. Dan is a regular software reviewer in The DataBus.* - dgw@dmapub.dma.org

Back in college, in the early 90's, I recall my first encounter with a video capture board. The fellow across the hall had a nice computer setup. While I pretty much waited until most computer technology matured before buying it, he always had to have the latest and greatest. He shelled out several hundred dollars for a card that seemed like a fantastic toy at the time, but in retrospect was really an expensive peripheral that produced pixellated output. I remember thinking that I would probably never have anything similar on my computer system. Times certainly change. A couple of months back, I noticed that TV tuner card prices had fallen under \$50, and I finally decided to pick one up to play with. After looking at the features for a while, I decided on the Kworld Mpeg Station PCI.

The Kworld tuner card is based on the Conexant 878 chipset. The model I went with is specifically known as the kw-tv878rf pro. There are several different "flavors" of this card available, including a USB model, a digital satellite tuner card, a motion sensor model for security purposes, and a Firewire version for working with DV camcorders. The model I selected was the cheapest, coming in at \$36 (with shipping!), but still had a lot of features. Not only did it act as a TV tuner card, it also allowed capture of video streams into MPEG-1 and MPEG-2. It has an RCA input for camcorder hookup, a coax cable hookup (which can also be used for rabbit ears), a SVHS input and it even has an infrared remote control unit that comes standard with the package. Plus, it has an FM radio tuner incorporated into the card,

which turns your speaker system into a nice stereo system and also makes it very easy to capture the latest music to MP3s.

My second impression of the card was rather poor, especially when I noticed that documentation was



pretty sparse. Although the packaging states that the card is compatible with Windows '98, I was unable to get the card recognized properly after more than a half dozen attempts. Luckily, I had picked up a copy of Windows ME at a yard sale a month earlier, so I installed that and got the card installed without even a small hiccup. I was instantly able to start watching TV on the system, and although the picture was just a bit grainier than a regular television, it was still quite acceptable full screen. There were several software applications included, and overall it seemed like a well-rounded package.

The learning curve involved with the Kworld tuner is a bit higher than might be anticipated. This is not so much because of the card itself, but because its features are controlled through several different software programs. Some of the programs, especially the Intervideo WinProducer editing software, proved to be

needlessly counterintuitive and frustrating. On the other hand, I found the Intervideo WinDVR recording software to be easy to use, and robust with features. After a couple of hours of trying various settings, I was able to record an hour-long TV program at VCD (Video CD) resolution using only 600 MB, which would easily burn onto a single CD.

Summary: For an entry level TV Tuner card, I was rather impressed with the Kworld 878 Pro. For only \$36, I was able to turn my computer into a digital video recorder, and also turned my speakers into a nice FM stereo. Also, I now have the capability of transferring our old VHS home videos to VCD or DVD format. The only thing keeping me from giving this a perfect 10 score was the lack-luster editing software that was included. Thankfully, this can be remedied by an inexpensive download of something like MPEG VCR software. (<http://womble.com/>)

Rating: 9 out of 10

Requirements: 500MHz CPU, 64MB RAM, DirectX 8, 250+ MB HDD, full duplex sound, empty PCI slot (or USB port for USB version)

Reviewed: Athlon 700, 128 MB RAM, 32MB Video, 50x CD, Win ME, DirectX 8, 30GB HDD

Best Price: \$36 (includes free shipping!) www.memorylabs.net/digvidapweb.html

Manufacturer website: www.kworld.com.tw

- Technology.talk — Joyce Maynard -

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Patrick J. Suarez is a nationally recognized Internet writer, trainer, speaker and consultant. He has appeared on numerous radio and TV programs across the United States. He is the Internet speaker at the annual Computerfest® trade show in Dayton, OH each spring. Mr. Suarez published a tutorial software program called "The Beginner's Guide to the Internet" in 1993, and a book by the same title followed in 1995. In addition, Mr. Suarez has been published by Que. Mr. Suarez operates a Web site supporting people who have just learned that they have a tumor. Pat is an independent writer and trainer and shares his computing time between Linux and Windows.

Illustrious DMA® member Gary Turner once said that the true power of the Internet was the willingness of people to share information and experiences with one another. Perhaps truer words about the Net were never spoken. I might further that idea with the notion that the Internet gives us the ability to discover new friends (while expanding, refining, testing and perhaps validating our own beliefs) and, maybe more important, rediscovering old friends. Recently, the Internet, by way of an e-mail advertisement for a book on CD, helped me rediscover someone who had been my writing mentor and a significant influence.

All writers have mentors and role models. Mine were Al Misenko, one-time Adjunct Professor of English at Wittenberg University, and authors Joan Didion and Joyce Maynard.

Didion and Maynard are America's finest writers. Their styles and works are interesting, thought-provoking, literate and intelligent. Didion has been writing for nearly four decades, Maynard for three. They write about life and the Byzantine influences that surround and shape it. I cannot imagine literature without their contributions.

Maynard's introduction to the public was startling. She was just 18 years old when no less than the Sunday New York Times Magazine published her thoughts about life from the vantage point of America's youth. Shortly thereafter, she appeared in Newsweek's My Turn column with a piece called "Searching for Sages". At 19, she published "Looking Back", probably history's only memoir by someone not yet two decades old.

While still in my early twenties, I caught the Newsweek article and was mesmerized by its profound sense of expression. As I read those paragraphs, I had to look at the author's head shot over and over. I was reading something recondite, a work from the pen of a person who had decades of wisdom under her belt. But the photo was of a teenager, a youngster with huge eyes and an intense gaze. How could this be?

When "Looking Back" hit the shelves, I snapped it up. The Newsweek article was no fluke; Maynard was the real deal and her writing voice and style helped shape my own less accomplished one.

Throughout the '70s and '80s, I followed Joyce Maynard's work where I could find it. She wrote several successful works, including one, "To Die For", that became a movie starring Nicole Kidman. In the '80s, the Dayton Daily News dropped her column and I was outraged. When a junior editor told me that the DDN wanted to concentrate on local writers, I found his explanation specious, and I dropped my subscription.

However, in the '90s, I did far less reading than any time in my past, and I sadly shelved my long-time mentor. In the process, I missed a publishing event that shook up the literary world. And, oh my, what an event it was.

In her 1987 book, "Domestic Affairs", Maynard chronicled her life as a wife and mother. On the surface, it was entertaining. But there was another, more important story that Maynard needed to get out, the story of her hellish relationship with famed author J. D. Salinger ("The Catcher in the

Rye") and her near destruction at his manipulative and bizarre hands.

That she did in 1998 in "At Home in the World", an autobiography of jaw-dropping intensity and honesty. In it she chronicled her relationships with: her gifted but eccentric and sometimes difficult parents; Jerry (as she calls him) Salinger; her ex-husband Steve; her sister, Rona; her three children, Audrey, Charlie and Willie.

This is no ho-hum compendium of events. It is a riveting exploration of the extent of torment one human being can endure at the hands of people, excepting here her three children, who are supposed to nurture but instead have to be, literally, survived. Trust me when I tell you that you will read incidents where you will have to put the book down, if only to catch your breath to recover. And then pick it right back up again to see what follows. As it turns out, I didn't read this book in 1998, I heard it earlier this year as a book on unabridged CDs during my daily trek to and from Columbus each day.

Words have a special character all their own. Reading epithets or horrific episodes in a life carries certain weight; hearing those words carries an additional wallop. There were times when I felt as if I'd taken a right cross to the jaw as I listened to the CDs. The pointed cruelty in them was, for me, unprecedented. And they came from people from whom they should not have come, including Salinger.

While Maynard felt liberated with "At Home in the World", her critics and Salinger's supporters attacked her

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relentlessly, viciously and unfairly. While such behavior was wrong on many levels, it was particularly unjust because Maynard, throughout "At Home", had the good grace and journalistic integrity to not whine or overly opinionate. She merely stated what happened to her and what her reaction was at the time. Not too many human beings have the character to hold back with that kind of objectivity, especially in light of the carpet-bombing she took for years from almost all sides.

"At Home in the World" is a testament to the power of redemption and the ability to forgive. It also should be required reading for anyone planning to have a relationship with or marry someone else. If you can't read this masterpiece of the human condition and not treat your significant other better, you have ice water, not blood, coursing through your arteries.

These days, Joyce Maynard is a happy, fulfilled woman who has more than earned the fame that she sought as a youngster. Her Web

site is as endlessly fascinating as she is, filled with photos, thoughts and an electronic bulletin board to which she occasionally contributes. Visit it soon at www.joycemaynard.com.

One should choose one's influences and mentors carefully, and I couldn't have chosen a better person than Joyce Maynard. Thank you, Joyce, for all that you've done and taught us, and for all that you'll do in the future.

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- Really Stupid Internet Explorer Crash -

From Woody's Windows XP ** online:

I can't believe this.

Ramon Cascales on Bugtraq reports that a simple five-line HTML document (and I mean a *simple* five-liner) will crash Internet Explorer. Or Outlook. Or FrontPage. Or anything else that uses Internet Explorer's SHLWAPI.DLL to render HTML. No, I'm not going to show you the code, or give you direct links. But you do need to know about this because some cretin, somewhere may use it soon to make your life a little miserable.

If you view (or even preview) a formatted email message, or you go to a Web site, and all of a sudden Internet Explorer dies ("Internet Explorer has encountered a problem and needs to close"), or Outlook dies, there's a chance that IE is trying to interpret this incredibly simple piece of HTML.

What can you do about it? Not much. If IE crashes on a Web page, avoid the page. Right-click any crashing message and delete it before Outlook slaps a preview on the screen. There's no workaround. It isn't a major security exposure. Just a stupid bug in IE - and a potential pain in the neck.

** [Once again I suggest my readers

visit Woody's Office Watch and Woody's Window Watch. Great information and tips on all aspects of Microsoft's Windows and Office Suites. These are the sites I keep recommending to you readers who use Windows and Microsoft Office.

Go to <http://www.woodyswatch.com/wow/> Or for the Windows newsletter <http://www.woodyswatch.com/www/>

You can, and should send e-mail to www@woodyswatch.com to get your own **free** subscription to this great collection of news, information, and tips of Windows. - RJE

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- President's Corner May 2003 -

by Lisa Singh

Last month we had a wonderful meeting with Microsoft. This month we are providing an opportunity for everyone to share some wisdom and for members to view some of the exciting programs that our SIG's provide. We will have an "Ask the Experts" accompanying the meeting so that any questions can be answered by experts in our panel or our audience. This is a great opportunity to get some of those questions answered. Our June meeting will host Intel and in July we will have a special WMUB on-site, on-air radio special. Details and time changes will be pub-

lished in the DataBus and on our website: www.dma.org.

Of course don't forget that we will also be having a great product raffle with a few extra prizes donated from our generous sponsors.

This month's volunteer of the month is Mr. Randy Young. He has been recognized for his outstanding service to our organization, his willingness to be available at all times of the day and night, and for his unfailing service to both Computerfest® and OTAP.

Last month the DMA® Board met in a special strategic planning meeting to address immediate planning needs for the next six months. Fundraising was the number one concern. Under fundraising, the needs recognized are: 1. Making Computerfest® more profitable, 2. Finding other fundraising streams of revenue, 3. Developing and supporting Gemair and 4. Working with OTAP to improve intake and processing of donations as well as identify potential programs that can attract grant funds.

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- Consumer Computing -

Author unknown

I just recently received a new laptop, and with it all the instruction manuals and warranties that you never read. But I wonder what you'd find if you actually read them. I've come across a warranty message that was designed to be one of those never read pieces of paper. This one apparently came inside a box for a disk drive from "Bubba's" in Louisiana. No kidding!

IMPORTANT! READ THIS BEFORE USING YOUR NEW DEVICE

Congratulations! You have purchased an extremely fine device that would give you thousands of years of trouble-free service, except that you undoubtedly will destroy it via some typical bonehead consumer maneuver.

Which is why we ask you to:

PLEASE FOR GOD'S SAKE READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU UNPACK THE DEVICE. YOU ALREADY UNPACKED IT, DIDN'T YOU? YOU UNPACKED IT AND PLUGGED IT IN AND TURNED IT ON AND FIDDLER WITH THE KNOBS, AND NOW YOUR CHILD, THE SAME CHILD WHO ONCE SHOVED A POLISH SAUSAGE INTO YOUR VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDER AND SET IT ON "FAST FORWARD", THIS CHILD ALSO IS FIDDLING WITH THE KNOBS, RIGHT? WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST BREAK THESE DEVICES RIGHT AT THE FACTORY BEFORE WE SHIP THEM OUT, YOU KNOW THAT?!?

We're sorry. We just get a little crazy sometimes because we're always getting back "defective" merchandise where it turns out that the consumer inadvertently bathed the device in acid for six days. So, in writing these

instructions, we naturally tend to assume that your skull is filled with dead insects, but we mean nothing by it.

OK? Now let's talk about:

1. Unpacking the Device

The device is encased in foam to protect it from the Shipping People, who like nothing more than to jab spears into outgoing boxes.

PLEASE INSPECT THE CONTENTS CAREFULLY FOR GASHES OR IDA MAE BARKER'S ENGAGEMENT RING, WHICH SHE LOST LAST WEEK, AND SHE THINKS MAYBE IT WAS WHILE SHE WAS PACKING DEVICES.

Ida Mae really wants that ring back, because it is her only proof of engagement, and her fiancée, Stuart, is now seriously considering backing out on the whole thing in as much as he had consumed most of a bottle of Jim Beam in Quality Control when he decided to pop the question. It is not without irony that Ida Mae's last name is "Barker", if you get our drift.

WARNING: DO NOT EVER AS LONG AS YOU LIVE, THROW AWAY THE BOX OR ANY OF THE PIECES OF STYROFOAM, EVEN THE LITTLE ONES SHAPED LIKE PEANUTS.

If you attempt to return the device to the store, and you are missing one single peanut, the store personnel will laugh in the chilling manner exhibited by Joseph Stalin just after he enslaved Eastern Europe.

Besides the device, the box should contain:

Eight little rectangular snippets of paper that say "WARNING"
A little plastic packet containing four 5/17-inch pilfer grommets and two

club-ended 6/93-inch boxcar prawns. You Will Need to Supply: a matrix wrench and 60,000 feet of tram cable. If anything is missing or damaged: You IMMEDIATELY should turn to your spouse and say "Margaret, you know why this country can't make a car that can get all the way through the drive-through at Burger King without a major transmission overhaul? Because nobody cares, that's why."

WARNING: This is assuming your spouse's name is Margaret. And not Pete.

2. Plugging in the Device

The plug on this device represents the latest thinking of the electrical industry's Plug Mutation Group, which, in a continuing effort to prevent consumers from causing hazardous electrical current to flow through their appliances, developed the "Three-Pronged Plug", then the "Plug Where One Prong is Bigger Than the Other". Your device is equipped with the revolutionary new "Plug Whose Prongs Consist of Six Small Religious Figurines Made of Chocolate".

DO NOT TRY TO PLUG IT IN!

Lay it gently on the floor near an outlet, but out of direct sunlight, and clean it weekly with a damp handkerchief.

WARNING: WHEN YOU ARE LAYING THE PLUG ON THE FLOOR, DO NOT HOLD A SHARP OBJECT IN YOUR OTHER HAND AND TRIP OVER THE CORD AND POKE YOUR EYE OUT, AS THIS COULD VOID THE WARRANTY.

3. Operation of the Device

WARNING: WE MANUFACTURE ONLY THE ATTRACTIVE DESIGNER CASE. THE ACTUAL WORKING CENTRAL PARTS OF

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THE DEVICE ARE MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN. THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE TRANSLATED BY MRS. SHIRLEY PELTWATER OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, WHO HAS NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN TO JAPAN BUT DOES HAVE MOST OF "SHOGUN" ON TAPE.

Instructions: For results that can be the finest, it is our advising that: NEVER to hold these buttons two times!! Except the battery.

Next taking the (something) earth section may cause a large occurrence! However. If this is not a trouble, such rotation is a very maintenance action, as a kindly (something) viropoint from Drawing B.

4. Warranty

Be it hereby known that this device, together with but not excluding all those certain parts thereunto, shall be warrantied against all defects, failures and malfunctions as shall occur between now and Thursday afternoon shortly before 2:00, during which time the manufacturer will, at no charge to the Owner, send the device to our Service People, who will emerge from their caves and engage in rituals designed to cleanse it of evil spirits. This warranty does not cover the attractive designer case.

WARNING: IT MAY BE A VIOLATION OF SOME LAW THAT MRS. SHIRLEY PELTWATER HAS "SHOGUN" ON TAPE.

I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding?

That's my idea of a perfect day.

- Wireless Technology (Cont.) -

products are also available from IBM (ThinkPad X30 laptop) and Sony (camcorder and Vaio laptop).

Microsoft offers a Wireless Optical Desktop For Bluetooth keyboard and mouse combo (\$159.95), or a separate Wireless IntelliMouse Explorer For Bluetooth (\$84.95). Logitech's Cordless Presenter (\$199.95) is a Bluetooth-enabled remote control for presentations. With a range of 30 feet, it also serves as an optical mouse and has a built-in laser pointer.

Last month Nokia announced a handheld game player/cell phone called N-Gage (no relation to model railroad-ing). It has a 4,096-color active-matrix display and built-in camera for video and still images. It offers Short Message Service text messaging and Internet access, and has built-in Bluetooth technology for short-range wireless

connectivity. It also has a built-in FM radio and MP3 player.

Other Bluetooth devices on the horizon include the new Palm Tungsten handheld; Toshiba HOPBIT 5-GB Pocket Server external hard drive (a wireless / USB module with an integrated battery) that weighs 180 grams; and the TDK BluPac, an accessory for iPAQ that enables wireless communication to other Bluetooth-enabled devices like mobile phones, PC Cards and USB adaptors. These announced offerings are only the beginning for Bluetooth, as many more products are in the development stage.

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- Planning The Future of Computerfest® -

Randal Young, Exhibitor/Vendor Coordinator, Exhibitors@computerfest.com

Many of you by now have noticed that Computerfest® is on a pathway of evolution that is taking it away from the tired old "flea market for techies" theme to a fully integrated computer, technology and information event. While other shows have become extinct due to their inability to adapt to the changing market, the future of Computerfest® is a bright one with many, many opportunities for growth and expansion. I have been charged by the Co-chairs of the August show, Gary Mullins and David Thomas, to become the Exhibitor/Vendor chair. I hope to provide for a wide array of technology to be represented at the Fall Computerfest®. To this end, I ask for your help by giving me any suggestions you think would be a source or a lead for me to contact.

I would also ask that if anyone is interested with getting involved with this exciting area of the show, I

would be happy to bring you on board. The Computerfest® staff is not a closed society, but rather an open family seeking new members constantly. Let the Co-chairs, anyone on the staff, or me know if you are interested and the doors will be opened for you.

Congrats
Randy Young
Volunteer of
the month
May

- Microsoft Insider Update May 2003 -

WHAT'S NEW

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COMING SOON

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game from Big Huge Games' Brian Reynolds, designer of the PC game classic Civilization II. For the first time ever, gamers will experience the pulse-pounding thrill and speed of real-time gaming combined with the epic scope and depth of turn-based strategy games. ESRB Rating: T for Teen. <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142308>

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Security update for Internet Explorer A number of security issues have been identified in Microsoft Internet Explorer that could allow an attacker to compromise your Windows-based system and then take a variety of actions. You can help protect your computer by installing this update dated April 23, 2003. <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142310>

Security update for Outlook Express A security issue has been identified in Microsoft Outlook® Express that could allow an attacker to read files or cause a program to run on your computer. You can help protect your computer by installing this update dated April 23, 2003. <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142311>

Keep your Microsoft Windows and Internet Explorer software up to date with Windows Update <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142312>

Update your Microsoft Office soft-

ware automatically with Office Update <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142313>

Sign up for the free Microsoft security update e-mail service <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142314>

STEP BY STEP

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TIPS FOR POWER USERS

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Office security settings in depth You've wrapped your mind around this macro safety business-but what do you do with all those dialog boxes and alert messages that appear when you're working with macros and security settings in Office? This sec-

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NOTICE: PLEASE ALLOW UP TO THREE WEEKS FOR APPLICATION PROCESSING AND INTERNET SET-UP

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
Phone: (Home) (____) _____ - _____ Phone: (Work) (____) _____ - _____ x _____
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2 **Internet Service Application Modems at 910-0006 settings 8-N-1**

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User's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print user's name here _____

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- Digital Photography SIG Does Video -

By Edwin Davidson, Editor - *The DataBus*

The Digital Photography SIG is one of the best-attended SIGs I have visited. I think Dave Lundy must go to all of



Millard Mier editing while Dave Lundy and Lou Childs watch.

the SIG meetings, or else he's just a camera stud. All of the best pictures seem to have him in the frame at some point.

I thought that SIG leader Millard Mier had bitten off a bit more than the computer could chew. There is nothing wrong with trying to do a nice little video in a couple of hours, but when there are computer glitches, you won't get



People waiting while Millard was editing

back the time you lost. As the Digital Photography SIG was already shooting the video before I got to the meeting, I only got to see the energetic group giving a hearty welcome on video. For Windows XP or ME to finish this task in the time allotted, I think you would have had to have a real time video card, and some luck.

Millard not only wanted to create the video, but also add some animation and stills. Everyone was having fun, but

there were only a few computers editing pictures. They would have had to network all of the computers together to make a finished product feasible that night. Many of the people who can network their computers together were there, and to get these more elaborate projects finished, I am sure that putting their heads together will make for some fun computing in the near future.

Having fun waiting around can be part of the gathering, so this was the most relaxed SIG that I have seen gathered since my first visit over half a year ago. At the upcoming General Meeting on May 27th, the main presentation will showcase many of the Special Interest Groups we have and remind you of all the extra information you can learn if you can spare some time. In a nice informal gathering, the time can seem to fly by and you can learn quite a few tips for completing those pesky photo projects you have been trying to get done.

Jessica Corbett, hidden standing behind Dave Lundy in the first photo, was trying hard to implement the desired effects in the allotted time. The Linux software she was using looked similar to PhotoShop, so the Windows operating system was not the only operating system being used that night. Perhaps we'll see some people using Apples one of these times.

Lou Childs is one of the people here. She is able to take a photo and embroider it on your shirt. If you visit her during her SIG meetings, you might get some tips and tricks for doing some embroidery with your own computer. Millard made some final announcements before the group broke up this night.

New software comes out so often it can boggle the mind if you try to learn all of it, but with the right group and some time, along with some patience, much can come out of spending a few hours with friends.

Jim Ullom, in the picture to the right beside Millard, is the President of the Springfield NASAC computer users group, which meets in Xenia. I came in with my camera to take some pictures of the group for *The DataBus*. The talk we

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Millard sitting up and Jim Ullom on the right.

The Deals Guy

Bob "The Cheapskate" Click,

Greater Orlando Computer User Group



Thanks for your messages about my income tax problems. At my readers' suggestions and my own curiosity, I returned to the AARP volunteers to see what was wrong. Since I took the printout of my TaxAct version, they quickly compared the numbers and found that the one prepared by their person was incorrect. She had miscalculated the ratio of income to Social Security received and we actually did have to pay on some of our SS income. I was glad to know I had made the right decision. Anybody can make a mistake and I'm just glad I checked it all out before I sent it in.

I've had great response from my doctor item. Two of them were PAs and it is unfortunate that they missed the entire point of the item, which was that I feel a patient should be completely informed about who they are going to see and be completely aware. I didn't mean that PAs and NPs are incompetent. They both did agree that they are NOT doctors. Many readers completely agreed with my view, but surprisingly I also had many negative responses about doctors in general. A few were soured on doctors and preferred seeing their PAs, and knew the status. The messages have been very interesting.

***Beware If You Remodel A Dell**

I read this in the Macon Users Group's newsletter and thought you might like to know about it. Dell computer is a very popular choice and many people own them. What if you decide to upgrade your Dell's power supply or motherboard? You could easily fall into a trap if you are inexperienced since these parts in a Dell are proprietary. Seems that several wiring connections are reversed. You are advised to do your homework. Either buy the parts from Dell, or replace **both** the motherboard and

power supply if you use non-Dell parts. I hope this information prevents somebody from encountering a serious problem had they not known.

***As for the deals,** I have been busy this month and simply don't have much. Two vendors I tried to contact didn't respond. I've been working on my Web site a lot and my deadline crept up fast. I have a mixed bag, thanks to my readers. Last month's software deals from Gene and Linda Barlow are good indefinitely [<http://www.ugr.com/order/>] and the Metlund hot water pump deal will continue to be good this month [<http://www.gothotwater.com>].

***Need Memory? I Think I Do, But Can't Remember**

Lots of people purchase their memory on the Web and a very popular place is from Crucial. Did you know that they have a special deal just for user group people? Neither did I. Thanks to Russell Albach of The Alamo PC Organization, I can pass his information on to my readers. Head for [<http://www.crucial.com/usergroups>] and you'll find yourself eligible for a 5% discount. However, if you took advantage of the exceptionally good user group special offer from Intel for APCUG Comdex attendees, you won't get any help from Crucial though because they do not carry RDRAM. If you need memory, many consider Crucial highest in quality. I checked with their sales department before writing this up and they said to go ahead. As far as I'm concerned, we need all the help we can get when making a purchase.

***Plenty of Choices For An Office Suite**

In the past, I have mentioned several office suites that were either free or

low cost. This is just a reminder list for your perusal.

I realize that they may not have all the features that you would get in MS Office, but you can save a lot over purchasing the big names. It is a known fact that most office suite users only know about 30% of a program's capabilities, so why be captive to a big name? Below are some alternative office suites:

<http://www.gnome.org> (Win.& Linux)

<http://www.hancom.com> (Win./Linux)

<http://www.gobe.com> (Win. & Linux)

<http://www.thinkfree.com> (versions for Windows, Mac & Linux)

<http://www.staroffice.com> (not free any more, but not expensive)

(Windows, Linux & Sun Solaris)

***Mac Sources**

I'm sure I don't have many Mac readers, but many user groups are multi-platform so I'll include this offering sent to me by a Mac user. It is said to offer lots of goodies. Check out [<http://macsupport.about.com/mlibrary.htm>]. Unless I miss my guess, most of the Mac users already know about this one, but I'm including it anyway.

***Fed Up With Doubleclick cookies?**

I don't remember where I saw this, but some of you may have noticed that if you use AdAware or another spyware sniffer, it usually finds a cookie by Doubleclick on your machine. Take it off and it will be right back. They actually provide a way to opt out of that situation. Point your browser to [<http://www.doubleclick.com/us/corporate/privacy/privacy/ad-cookie/>]. One click at the bottom will do it, but be sure to read the caveat on their Web

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site. After opting out, it tells you which cookie NOT to delete; otherwise you have just defeated your objective.

*Free Photo Editor

GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program), which boasts many of Photoshop's features without the high price tag, will create layers, feather, manipulate text, and even

animate. You'll find handy floating palettes just like in Photoshop as well. One drawback noted in the write-up I read is no support for GIF files. Download it at [<http://www.gimp.org/~tml/gimp/win32/downloads.html>].

That's it for this month. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers I have found or ar-

ranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of any products, no matter how enthused I might sound.

- Bob (The Cheapskate) Click
[Bobclick@mindspring.com]

Visit my Web site at [<http://www.dealsguy.com>] for past columns. I have also been busy putting up some interesting new articles on my Web site so take a look.

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ond part of a three-part series answers that question. <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142319>

Create customizable XML reports in Microsoft Project 2002 Did you know that you can use the XML Reporting COM add-in to easily create customizable, Web-based reports from Microsoft Project 2002? This article explains how to download the XML COM add-in and make a custom report in any format. <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142320>

HELP FOR PREVIOUS VERSIONS

Windows 2000: Resolve video lockup when you run a 3-D graphics program <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142322>

Windows 2000: Troubleshoot DVD problems <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142323>

Windows 98: Get back to the desktop quickly <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142324>

Windows 98: The word on passwords <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142325>

Office 2000: 14 tips and tricks from users <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142326>

Outlook 2000: Add a still or animated picture to an e-mail message <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142327>

QUICK TIPS

PowerPoint® 2002: Make your favorite view the default <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142328>
Windows XP: Automatically download pictures to a specified folder <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=142329>

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Fun Quiz

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. There are two plastic jugs filled with water. How could you put all of this water into a barrel, without using the jugs or any dividers, and still tell which water came from which jug?
4. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?
5. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

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had led to me speaking at his last computer function. Someone had cancelled at the last minute, but who could pass up chance to speak to the Springfield computer group, especially when most of the people go to Young's at the end of the meeting.



Picture where slave unit didn't flash



Picture with slave unit

I mostly use a film camera but then again, my background is in film and lighting, so the light, the lens, and the film are my friends. I must confess that I have not been into a darkroom in a long time. The computer has made my photo manipulation a lot easier. I was able to get most of the people to agree that they had most of what they needed in their old film cameras. I have a couple of nice scanners that can take in photos at a level easily surpassing most of the digital cameras under \$2,000 today.

I am not about to spend \$25,000 on a top-quality, professional-level digital camera, especially when most people are shooting for the web. The digital camera is most important for getting something out immediately. The Polaroid is still around because it can give you an immediate photo. The digital camera is slowly taking its place, but most people are not ready to spend close to \$2000 to get a good photo right now. Scanning is a slow process but I don't mind. If I have a good negative, I can make a big picture.

My digital camera's memory card is quicker to import pictures to my computer. When you are in a hurry, there is nothing like a full-fledged digital camera 1.3 megapixels or above. 3600 dpi scans can take a minute or more per frame. The resulting 44 megapixel image is not easy for most computers to handle unless you have lots of memory, and good hard drives. I have about 2 gigabytes left on my hard drive, and it is starting to run slowly. It is time for me to write the information to CD and catalog it to free up my hard drive.

I am into integrating old and new devices. I am not about to throw away some very good equipment just because something new is invented. Film keeps getting better, and is still nice for producing quality photos. Many old usable devices are able to help you even with the new digital cameras. The two pictures shown of the NASAC Computer Users Group (Dave Lundy keeps jumping in front of the lens), one with and one without an extra flash. One of the group was able to help me with this demonstration. An automatic sensor kicked off the slave unit, which was not needed in this instance, but I wanted to demonstrate how old and new equipment could be used together.

Make time soon to come out to one or more of the User Group meetings and get some insights, tips and tricks about using your computer for those daily chores. The computer was once a toy. It is now integrated into our daily lives. It is almost impossible to keep up with all of the changes, and our different SIGs can help keep you in touch with the people who use these tools regularly. Many of the SIGs will be highlighted in these pages over the coming year. If you have a special agenda or event scheduled at your SIG meeting, don't forget to invite one of us here at *The DataBus* (email us at Editor@dma.org) to come and write up a story on your meeting. If you forget to invite us, but have pictures and wish to write your own summary, you are invited and encouraged to send us an article about your Special Interest Group event or meeting.

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You choose the time(s) and day(s) you can provide assistance, and the subject. We'll ask the caller to be ready to provide his/her membership number (on the back of each DataBus) to you; to respect your stated times; and to keep inquiries to a minimum.

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Training - **\$149.00** (reg. \$199) course voucher

- **The Mac Depot**
2025 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45420
937-643-2667
Save **25%** off Macintosh Computer Repair.
Discount applies to labor charges only; excludes parts.
- Maximum discount is \$25.00 Valid through 31 Dec. 2003

- **Ohio Custom Computer**
1866 S. Maple Ave. Fairborn, OH 45324
937-879-9650 www.ohiocomputer.com
5% off regular priced items - valid through 12-2003.

- **Sam's Club** **Sam's Club**
6955 Miller Lane 1111 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.
Dayton, OH 45414 Dayton, OH 45459
937-454-6200 937-436-0299
www.samsclub.com

DMA® membership card qualifies you to receive an Advantage Membership for \$35.00. This is for you & anyone in your household. *But they must live at the same address as the DMA® member.* Call Sam's Club, identifying yourself as a DMA® member, for information on their specials of the current month.

- **Nuclear Computers**
6333 N. Dixie Dr.
Dayton, OH 45414 nuclearcomputers@hotmail.com
937-264-8260
10% off labor bill over one (1) hour in Shop.

If you have a question or problem with a Benefit Discount Store, contact Carol Ewing.

DO NOT HASSLE THE STORE !

Be sure to mention you learned about these discounts in *The DataBus*.

**For membership card, send a SASE to: DMA® Membership, PO Box 4005, Dayton, OH 45401-4005*

NEW! - DMA® Member Benefits - Page 2! - NEW!

*It was just a matter of time before we had to start **Page 2!** Check out these newest additions to your member benefits.*

If you manage or own a company or store, or know of one that would like to join in attracting DMA® customers, please contact Carol Ewing, ewingc@dma.org or 937-667-3259. As a Board Member, Carol is always listed on page 2 of The DataBus. Discounts are printed in The DataBus every month. They are also on the web site, www.dma.org.

For more information on any of these discounts, call the store or email Carol Ewing - ewingc@dma.org..

Members MUST show their current membership card to receive any discounts. Please check The DataBus each month for new and even more exciting discounts for our members. NOTE: Discounts are subject to change without prior notice.

• Click Camera & Video

Nine area locations - see www.clickcamera.com

10% off digital camera accessories with purchase of any digital camera or digital camcorder.

10% off prints from digital cameras.

Not valid with any other coupons or offers.

Valid through 12-31-2003.

• Down Home Dreams - www.dhd-emb.com

433 Troy St.

www.embroiderydreamers.com

Dayton, OH 45404

937-224-4586

10% off all regular priced items to DMA® members.

25% off all regular priced items to DMA® members who are also members of the Digital Textiles SIG.

May not be combined with other offers.

Here's a harmless prank a reader's coworkers pulled on a "snooty" peer. Ah, payback ...

Fred, I've been subscribing to your letter for about a year and I think it's great!

I just wanted to let you know of something that happened at my office to one of the help desk personnel. He was

one of those types that is pretty snooty and rude to users who weren't too familiar with a computer, while not knowing much himself. But anyhow this is what happened:

He had left his desk for lunch and someone had minimized all his apps and then did a "Print Screen" of his desktop and pasted it into MSPAINT. They saved

the image and made it his desktop background. They hid all his icons under his taskbar at the bottom of his screen and used the monitor's vertical stretch/shift to hide the actual taskbar. When he came back from lunch he clicked on some of the desktop icons and nothing would happen. He re-booted several times and about 1/2 hour later figured it out. 'Twas pretty darn funny. ---Tom Naganuma

Welcome to our newest DMA® members

May your association with DMA® bring you many new friends, be enjoyable, informative & entertaining. Introduce yourselves to those around you when you attend our meetings. Any questions?

Since the May 2003 of *The DataBus*

Last Name	First Name	City	Last Name	First Name	City
Benton	Steven	Jamestown	Karavish	Karen T.	Kettering
Breuer	D. W	Dayton	Weaver-Reiss	Juanita (a)	Dayton
Hallum Jr.	Lyle O.	Dayton	Wilkinson	Patrick F.	Beavercreek

(Sometimes additional new members who indicated they did not want their names published. One this month, is not listed.)

If you would like to automatically receive occasional mailings describing the upcoming meeting topic and other timely DMA® news, simply place "subscribe dma-announce" (without the quotes) in an email message area and send that message to: majordomo@dma.org

- Certification SIG Members Graduate?? -

By George Ewing

Well, not really, but it feels like it. At our April 23rd meeting, we concluded our studies of the Network+ certification. There were seven people taking a simulated exam. Five of our regular members passed, as well as one of our first timers. We were all really excited with the results and eager to move on to our next challenge - Linux.

By the time you read this, DMA®'s Certification SIG will have had their first training session for CompTia's

Linux+. At this time, I still have a few copies of the study materials we will be using. Contact me if you are interested.

As we progress in our studies, I hope to have some guest 'trainers' from the Linux SIG to make learning more 'fun'. Several of the topics we will be covering include: Planning the Implementation, Installation, Configuration, Administration, System Maintenance, Troubleshooting, and Identify, Install & Maintain System Hardware. For more information, visit [http://www.comptia.org/certification/linux/](http://www.comptia.org/certification/linux/objectives.asp)

[objectives.asp](http://www.comptia.org/certification/linux/objectives.asp) to see the objectives we will be studying.

DMA®'s Certification SIG meets the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of each month at 119 Valley St, Dayton. See <http://www.dma.org/to-us.html> for directions.

We look forward to seeing you at our SIG meetings.

SIG Leaders: George Ewing, George Lee, Larry Ford
Email certsig@dma.org
<http://www.dma.org/certification/>

- Anti-Spam -

by Lisa Singh

[At the April General Meeting, there was a brief discussion about anti-spam software during the question and answer period. DMA® President Lisa Singh made mention of a particular package she had heard of but couldn't remember the details at that time. She has since made that information available to us, and on her behalf we pass it along here to the questioner. – GG/ED, Acting editors]

Here is the information I have about the anti-spam material:

Spam Sleuth monitors your e-mail box behind the scenes and analyzes e-mail messages for spam and virus characteristics. When your e-mail program gets your e-mail, the spam has already been removed and you can read your messages the same way you always have, but without sorting through the junk e-mail to find the gems.

Product Information:

<http://www.bluesquirrel.com/products/spamsleuth/index.html?ASCID=633>

Download a trial: <http://www.bluesquirrel.com/download/SpamSleuthSetup.exe>
50% off User Group Discount: <http://www.bluesquirrel.com/usergroup/>

www.bluesquirrel.com/usergroup

System Requirements: 486+ Processor, 8MB RAM, 2 MB Hard Drive Space, POP3 e-mail account

I was wrong about free, but it does have a user group discount and a free trial.

Thanks, Lisa. In the next month or two, we'd like to run more information about anti-spam products in the marketplace and/or efforts to reduce spam. If you would like to write an article on one of those topics for our readers, or contribute product review information regarding your favorite anti-spam software package, please email us at Editor@dma.org. What product works best for you? Let's hear from you!

Note from ED—I use MSN 8 at the current time, and like the Spam filter used. Make sure to look for software that has a Junk Mail folder. The best filters seem to use your contact list as a way to allow email into your inbox. Without this folder to check you will not have a way to check for missed new contacts, or friends with new email addresses.

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For you techies, here's a site you want to check out. You system operators and PC technicians who need to maintain all the PC's in your company, this gives an explanation and **all the tools you need on one Bootable CD-Rom**.

Go to:

< <http://www.nu2.nu/corpmoboot/> >

- Answers -

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1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.
3. Freeze them first. Take them out of the jugs and put the ice in the barrel. You will be able to tell which water came from which jug.
4. The answer is Charcoal. In Homer Simpson's words: "Mmmmm..., Barbecue."
5. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!

- DMA® Board Minutes - April 7, 2003 -

by Carol Ewing DMA® Board Secretary

Call to Order

by Lisa Singh at 7:12 PM.

Trustees present: Don Corbet, Gary Mullins, Gary Turner, Leah Day, Carol Ewing, Millard Mier, Lisa Singh.

Visitors present: Dave Lundy, George Ewing, Paul Bullock, Jim Rowe, Peter Hess, Ed Davidson, Jim Hendrix.

Recognition of visitors:

Reading/Acceptance of past minutes

Motion to accept March, 2003 minutes made by Millard Mier. Gary Mullins 2nd. Motion passed with yes 6, no 0, abstain 0.

Officer Reports:

President-Lisa Singh. Lisa attended the Affiliate Societies Council (ASC) meeting and DMA® was accepted as a member. We need to fill out application and send fees. We are required to have at least one representative at each of their meetings. Services are standardized address and telephone number and may pick up mail from box outside Kettering Center office, monthly meeting room (first come, first serve), phone answering & information services, separate business listing of ASC number in Ameritech Business white pages for \$30 a year. A fee is charged for reservations for general meetings & reservation check-in lists and email it for our special meetings. An organization must not be directly involved in any form of employment contract matters on behalf of its members. They asked for list of officers, copy of by-laws and names of our representatives.

Vice-President- no report.

Secretary-Carol Ewing. She requested personal information for D & O insurance. She needs a response when she asks. She is not getting any committee reports prior to board mtg.

Treasurer-John Friedenbach. John sent financial report by email. Motion was made by Don Corbet to accept John's recommendation to withdraw \$25,000.00 for this quarter from Smith Barney account, 2nd by Gary Mullins. Motion passed with yes-6, no-0, abstain-0. There was a discussion on DMA® Corporate resolutions on required signatures for money handling. The officers will discuss issue of bonding all officers and discuss it next month. Science Fair Bonds are being processed for winners. We got a letter from IRS that we do not owe anything now. Carolann Lemen resigned as DMA® Treasurer, accepted by Lisa Singh. Motion was made by Gary Turner and 2nd Leah Day to make John Friedenbach acting treasurer. Motion passed yes-6, no-0, abstain-0.

Committee Report:

OTAP-Randy Young. Randy sent his report by email. All but two trustees read it so they then read it. OTAP had a relatively successful Computerfest®. Randy visited TAPIN, the Cincinnati recycling center. There was a misunderstanding on them testing equipment at Computerfest® but was resolved. The policy of TAPIN and other groups coming to show will be discussed at the next Computerfest® meeting on April 13. Randy is looking forward to devoting more time and effort to OTAP.

Membership-Carol Ewing. Had over 900 members at general meeting. Some did not renew in March so we dropped to 892. Membership is 798 full, 46 associates, 46 students and 2 lifetimes. At the March meeting we had 10 guests, 2 new and 29 full and 1 associate renewal. Four of the Science Fair winners joined as students. There is an issue of people not paying new dues and what to do with the 2 month referral credits. The trustees want the members notified that the dues have increased and ask to send the \$10 balance and the 2 month credit is applied.

Membership discount benefits were extended from MacDepot, Fairborn Camera, CompUSA and PC-Club. We have a new discount from Click Camera. Marion's Piazza fundraiser got \$32.40 from March. Some members do not understand they do not get a % off their bill, DMA® gets a % off of the total of all DMA® people spend. The coupon required when ordering is in The DataBus and at the general meetings.

Heartland - Peter Hess. Peter handed out a cost break down sheet and brochure. He recommended a separate account be set up. Attendance was 30 last year, this year with cancellation was 15. He would like to be liaison for user groups to be Computerfest® ticket sellers for fall show. An officer from Columbus user group offered on-line registration for next spring and method to accept credit card payments, DMA® would only have to pay bank fees. Heartland had a complimentary booth at Computerfest® and handed out brochures. Peter will email his long report to all trustees. He read part of the report that said Heartland is not considered an asset to DMA®, Computerfest or the user group community. He is willing to be an advisor or consultant for next year's conference. Peter said he is not resigning, he is choosing not to renew his contract for an indefinite period of time.

GEMAIR, Inc.-John Friedenbach. He provided financial report. They met with CNR today and are trying to get in to a lot of non-profits. They are offering email access only for \$4.95 a month. They signed up with ICG as an authorized partner, a voice over IP services. He reminded the board he is leaving as President. A joint committee with DMA® has not started and Lisa wants to use the joint email alias for correspondence. She will send email to start process.

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Publications-Ed Davidson. They are still looking for a full time editor, and need someone to sell advertising. They are trying to cut costs, could go from 32 pages to 28 pages. They are printing about 100-150 over membership count. He decided he did not want any board action to increase printing due to membership increase until the Publication Committee reports. Carol Ewing would like some for guests and new members at general meetings. He suggested DMA® be promoted as a fun group. They have major articles from The DataBus on-line.

Programs-Lisa Singh. We still need a program director. April-Microsoft, May-tba, June-Intel, July-tba, Aug-Gene Barlow.

Computerfest-Randy Young. Randy sent report by email. Lisa read it for the record. Highlights of this show was: School program with Hubble was a success, new staff binders, use of yahoo groups email, new staff members and management chart, IT/Networking committee made up of Northern SIG members, ad agency success, early ticket & poster delivery, great web page. Insurance coverage for Fall 2003 sent to Hara. After payment in Sept they will confirm coverage to Hara for 2004 shows and confirm with DMA® by phone. This will be done yearly. He feels major changes are needed for future shows. The wrap meeting is April 13 and expects to close books soon so audit, stated in by-laws, can be done. He thanked DMA® for the opportunity to be Show Chairman, Spring 2003. Lisa handed out some reports on Computerfest® data. We will be discussing a Computerfest® SPC chairman before next meeting.

Motion was made by Millard Mier to go into executive session. Gary Turner 2nd. Motion passed with yes-6, no-0, abstain-0. Executive Session ended at 9:30 PM.

Lisa Singh called for a ten-minute break. Break over 9:45 P.M.

Old Business:

Publications Committee-Don Corbet. They had two meetings, handed out two-page report. He asked the board for directions. The newsletter is a membership information publication. We should clean up newsletter as information tool, cut costs then let the tactical marketing people tell us what we need. We need organizational and professional types of corporate members. Ed and George only want to produce one newsletter. Four goals are to cut cost, increase value to reader, maintain award-winning newsletter, meet and exceed purpose of newsletter objectives. He suggested we make some changes and review monthly for three months then review for a quarter then an annual review. There was a very long discussion on this and we will revisit this next month.

Volunteer of the month-Lisa Singh. Randy Young was nominated and approved for the month of May. Millard will make the monthly certificates.

ASC-Lisa Singh. This was covered in the President report.

SG contract-Gary Turner. Committee will have a meeting April 14, 2003 at 10:30 AM at GEMAIR office to start reviewing the contract. Taping presentations at general meetings was discussed. Don Corbet said SG tapes every presentation he does as part of D.L. Corbet & Assoc., LLC. We need to think about this in connection with SG contract and in the future.

Fundraising-Lisa Singh. Lisa handed out sheet with ideas of capital fundraiser, geek auction. She did not get any volunteers for this committee.

SPC Retreat-Lisa Singh. Board retreat will be May 3, 2003 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Lisa will find room availability.

Science Fair-Millard Mier. Millard sent an email report. We awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in grades 10-12 and 1st in grades 7-9. All four winners joined as student members at the March meeting. He has ideas on future awards, planning and promotional procedures.

New Business:

Door Prize April 2003-Leah Day. Lisa will bring Microsoft Mindshare items for the door prizes.

Nomination Committee-Lisa Singh. Lisa named George Ewing as chairman with board approval. Millard Mier volunteered to be on committee. There is a set procedure that must be followed per by-laws.

George Ewing asked to talk. He said DMA® states we support Channel 16 and they need volunteers for auction April 7-12. The Certification SIG needs a cabinet for storage to start a lending library and floor space for cabinet. Lisa will talk to OTAP and building manager before next meeting and we will review the building usage policy.

Good of the Order:

Don-good attendance at his presentation

Millard-meeting is too long
Carol-meeting too long, time limit discussions

Leah-good meeting, E.S. should be last item on agenda

Gary T-meeting double what it should be, need to manage time better
Lisa-need discussions because we do not discuss on email and reports are not emailed prior to meetings, possibly more SPC meetings.

Adjournment.

Motion was made by Millard Mier to adjourn. 2nd by Gary T. Motion passed yes-6, no-0, abstain-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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- Pres. (Cont.) -

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I struggle with the issues of the organization, as do many of my colleagues and the Board as a whole. We realize that in spite of doing well compared to other nonprofit user groups in the nation, we also face challenges with a shrinking economy and the ability to maintain our streams of income. Currently we are exploring options to invest in our future. I certainly welcome anyone who would be interested in having a voice in this process. Anyone who is interested in helping us with strategic planning and/or developing programs that can add revenue to our organization, please contact me. Again, the address is president@dma.org. I would welcome the input and suggestions of any and all members.

Thank you. I look forward to talking to you at the next DMA® meeting.

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- Volunteers Needed -

Volunteer Coordinator.— Someone who will help coordinate volunteers for, Computerfest®, Heartland Regional conference and other groups and events DMA® puts together over the year.

Program Director — Do you like the monthly meetings? Have you ever thought? “I wish we would get these people in to give a demonstration of some software.” If you like talking on the phone, and getting more information about your favorite software. This could be the position for you.

Board members — for GEMAIR Inc. Your club owned local ISP and web hosting green eyed monster is in need of guidance as we move into competition with high speed internet, low cost dial up, and other internet realities. Do you have ideas to help guide the direction GEMAIR Inc needs to take, to meet the needs of the club ?

President of GEMAIR Inc.— John Friedenbach is stepping down, and would like to get someone who can take over the responsibilities of making executive decisions for GEMAIR. You should be able to handle the fiscal responsibilities of payroll and other logical duties as needed.

Fundraising Committee Members — Are you good at raising money? Would you like to try? We are looking to find other ways to fund our yearly expenses. Computerfest® is no longer keeping up with our expenses. We need People who can help the club raise new funding.

Write to us here at *The DataBus*, if you are interested in any of these DMA® positions, to Editor@dma.org, or write to a board member that you know, as they are listed on page two. You can also come to the monthly meetings, or possibly the board meeting. See Calendar on page 32 for other events.

Map courtesy of Millard Mier III, DMA®

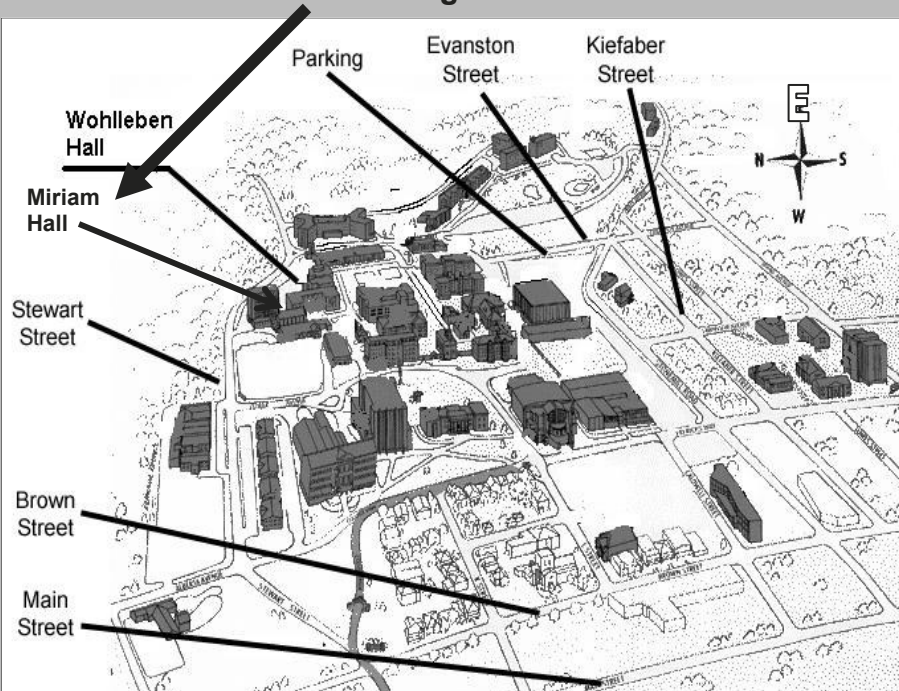
Location Change!

We're back at U.D.'s Miriam Hall through April of this year, again in O'Leary Auditorium,and still the last Tuesday of each month.

However, you should know Gary Mullins and others are looking into alternate locations (due to the fact that it appears we may outgrow O'Leary Auditorium in the near future.)

Add'l directions online at: <http://www.dma.org/to-us.html>

Note the change in DMA®'s monthly General Meeting location!



Digital Photography SIG

By Millard Mier

The May meeting of the Digital Photography SIG was held on May 1st at Wright State University. During the meeting, the group attempted to Film, Edit, and Produce a 3-minute video describing the SIG. The video was to be composed of video footage, and still clips with a voice over narration. Sadly, the group bit off more than it could chew. In spite of a tornado warning, we successfully shot all the video, stills and audio, but technical difficulties prevented us from editing the still shots so the video was not completed during the meeting. The video will be completed and posted on the DMA website by May 15th. You will need to have the DivX Codec installed on your computer to view the movie (a free download for PC, Linux or Mac at www.divx.com.)

Despite its technical problems, the meeting was not a loss. The group received an overview of the steps in video production and a tour of the

basic functions of Windows Movie Maker II. We also had a great chance to compare video and still cameras owned by the attendees, and had a great deal of small group discussions about photography and computer related topics. Special thanks go to Jessica Corbett and Lou Childs for their valiant efforts to edit still photos under sub-optimal conditions. And thank you to the 35 attendees who patiently waited while the meeting hovered in limbo.

The June meeting will be held at 206 Fawcett Hall at Wright State University on Thursday June 5th at 7:00 pm. The topic will be "Creating VCDs From Your Still Photographs". Joe Solch will show us how to use a host of inexpensive programs to create a slideshow of your still photographs on a CD that is playable on most DVD players. You can even add music or narration to the slideshow. This is a great way to share your digital photo-

graphs with friends or relatives that are not computer enthusiasts!

The July meeting will be held at Wright State University on Thursday July 10th at 7:00 pm. The meeting room is TBA at this time. Please check the website later for its location. This meeting will be dedicated to a group discussion on digital photography buzzwords. We will attempt to de-mystify the jargon used by salesmen when selling digital still and video cameras. This will be a great meeting, both for beginners and people who are still contemplating their first digital camera purchase.

If lawyers are disbarred and
clergymen defrocked,
doesn't it follow that
electricians can be delighted,
musicians denoted,
cowboys deranged,
models deposed,
tree surgeons debarked, and
dry cleaners depressed?

Pizza SIG

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Pizza Party
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Tuesday, May 27, 2003
Marion's Piazza
711 Shroyer Road
(937) 293-6991

Ticket good ONLY
May 27, 2003
From 8:30 pm – Closing
Pizzas, Sandwiches &
Spaghetti ONLY
Eat In or Carry Out

**Please present this Ticket
when Ordering**

As many of you know, DMA®'s Pizza SIG meets after every General Membership meeting. We have been meeting at the Marion's Piazza located at 711 Shroyer Road in Oakwood. Marion's Piazza has started a new program where, if you purchase pizzas, sandwiches or spaghetti AND use the SPECIAL Coupon (at left) when ordering, DMA® will receive up to 20% of your food purchase.

We know some of you don't get a chance to come to the meeting but still like to join us at the SIG meeting. We can NOT distribute these coupons at the store so be sure to bring this one. We will also have coupons available at the meeting.

DMA® Trustee Nominations

Each year at the September General Membership meeting, the membership of DMA® elects three new Trustees. We start accepting nominations on June 1, 2003 and will close them on August 31, 2003. The three Trustees elected will each serve for a three year term. The four DMA® Officer positions are each for a one year term and are elected by the Trustees.

If you or someone you know is interested in one of these positions, please contact the Nominations Committee at elections@dma.org or call George Ewing at (937) 667-3259.

Additional Area User Groups

This list is provided as a service to anyone looking for a group supporting a particular computer, operating system, etc.

These user groups are not directly associated with DMA®. See page 4 for a list of DMA®'s Special Interest (SIG) Groups & their meeting times.

If you know of a user group which would like to have their meeting schedule listed here send details or a current newsletter to:

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DAYTON MICROCOMPUTER ASSOC.

119 Valley St

Dayton, OH 45401-4005

ACM - Association for Computing Machinery holds monthly dinner meetings, dinner 6:30 PM, 7:30 p.m. speaker. Contact Marie Hreha (937) 435-7822

AITP - Association of Information Technology Professionals (formerly DPMA) meets the 2nd Thursday each month. Holds dinner meetings at the Antioch Shrine Temple at 107 E. First St, Dayton [1st & Jefferson]. Contact Jim Stryker (937) 865-6800x2599 for details.

AMITECH AMIGA USERS GROUP - (AMIGA-DAYTON has merged with this group.) Meets the third Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM at the Huber Heights Library. A Programming SIG will meet after the general meeting. Soft drinks/snacks will be provided. Contact Ron Schwartz, (937) 434-2144.

BDPA - The Black Data Processing Associates is made up of data processing entrepreneurs, managers, and employees. Their objective is to accumulate d.p. knowledge and business experience to strengthen the expertise and broaden the data processing knowledge of the minority data processing community as a whole. Contact Denia Byndon 937-455-0373.

CCCC - Cincinnati Commodore Computer Club meets the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM at the School of the Nativity, Norwood, OH. For more info call Ed Gase at (513) 829-0942.

CCS - Columbus Computer Society holds two meetings per month: the second Monday (at Chemical Abstracts) and the Wednesday nine days later (OCLC). 6:30 p.m. - New member orientation; 7pm General meeting. For further information, contact their Information line at (614) 447-0227.

CINTUG - Cincinnati TriState Users Group meets the 2nd Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church. Go South from Forest Fair Mall on Winton Road and turn left on Lakeview Dr. (on the north side of Winton Lake) then left on Bossi Lane. Contact Terry Ferguson at (937) 825-2505 for more information.

CPCUG - Cincinnati Personal Computer Users Group meets the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the auditorium of the Cincinnati State College - Evendale Branch at 10100 Reading Road. For more information call (513)333-6777 or www.cincypcug.org on the web.

DACUG - Dayton Area Computer Users Group meets the second Saturday of each month at 3:00 P.M. at the Moraine Civic Center in Moraine. Contact Mona Spurgeon at (937)298-6743.

DAYTON.PM - A group for programmers of all levels who use Perl. Meetings: 2nd Wed. of each month. Website at ????????.pm.org or contact: eric.smith@b2.wpaafb.af.mil

DACW - Dayton Advocates for Computing Women, meets the 4th Mon. of ea. mo. Oct-May, (except Dec.) at the Stockyards Inn. Networking is at 5:30, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM speaker. Contact Chris Zurbuchen 227-9500x303(days), 767-1043(evenings) or dacwweb@yahoo.com

DECUS - the Digital Equipment Computer Users Society is the world's largest volunteer-run computer users organization focused on a single vendor. The Greater Dayton Local Users Group Chapter meets the last Tuesday of every month.

Contact: Jim Poltrone (937) 438-0140

IEEE - The Computer Society of IEEE meets third Thursday of each month from 11:30- 12:30 during lunch (can vary). Bring own lunch. Meetings are held at TASC, across from Wright State University.

Contact Bret Givens at (937) 255-8635.

NASAC (Xenia PC users group) - meets 7pm on 2nd Thursdays in at Library, 76 E. Market St., (1/2 block E. of Detroit St / RT.68), behind Police Dept, downtown. Visit our website at www.nasac.org for details.

TMG/ The MAC Group - is an Apple Corp. authorized Macintosh User Group. Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month at Kettering Arts Building 2900 Acosta St., Kettering. from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. More information? Call (937) 293-6980.

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DMA® Events for May 18 - June 28, 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May 18</i>	<i>May 19</i> Apple SIG 7:00 PM 119 Valley 2:00 PM OTAP	<i>May 20</i> Gaming SIG 7:00 PM on-line	<i>May 21</i> 2:00 PM OTAP	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 23</i> 2:00 PM OTAP	<i>May 24</i> 12 PM "On Technology"
<i>May 25</i>	<i>May 26</i> 2:00 PM OTAP Memorial Day (Observed)	<i>May 27</i> Main Meeting 7:30 PM O'Leary Auditorium, Miriam Hall	<i>May 28</i> Certification 7:15 PM 119 Valley 2:00 PM OTAP	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i> 2:00 PM OTAP	<i>May 31</i> 12 PM "On Technology" 12 PM Northern SIG Troy-Hayner Cult. Ctr.
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