

Don't know how to get to the PC Post? We're about to tell you!

The switch from a mailed PC Post to an Adobe Reader version on the MPCUG website has left some of our members wondering how to get to our monthly publication.

At the August general meeting — remember it's on the fourth Friday this month — members Claude Delphia and Jim Goodman are going to demonstrate the easiest ways to view and read the website version of the PC Post, explore MPCUG's website and learn how to navigate this corner of the Internet.

We will also be offering a limited number of CD's containing the latest version of Adobe Reader for easy installation on members' computers.

The Adobe version of the Post still looks the same as the printed version, only now it's in color. It also has some links that you can click on and zip to some important sites on the Internet. Besides saving the user group a lot of money, this Adobe version allows you to print only the pages you actually want to read. Most user groups have gone to online publication.

If you haven't quite gotten the hang of the online PC Post, this meeting is your chance to let us familiarize you with the way it works – and what you can get out of our website...and the Internet.

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Next Meeting
Friday, August 27,
Random Access SIG
6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Next board meeting
Come have dinner with the board at
7 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, at
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Be sure and check our web site at least once a week: www.mpcug.net

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President's Corner Mike Kumler

It seems like I just finished this for last month's Post. If it appears I am rambling a bit, I am indeed. Having not one single item to discuss at length, I choose to say a little about more than one.

First our program from the last general meeting. I thought it was outstanding. I truly enjoyed Eric's presentation. It was interesting as long as one keeps in perspective the fact that they relate only to visitors to modbee.com. One needs to be careful not to apply them to our general population. I was especially pleased with Eric's response to my little gibe at the Bee charge to see archived articles. He made no apology about charging for legitimate services.

Next I would like to talk about future programs. We really need some guidance in presenting programs that are both interesting and useful for YOU. Please

let us know of subjects and/or programs that you know about that would be of interest to our group.

Next I want to thank Bud for his useful info re: the XP service pack that is soon to arrive. I'm sure we all learned a lot. Thanks for sharing with us Bud.

Having talked about Bud a little, I must say that I have NOT been overwhelmed with volunteers to help coordinate the SIGs. I know that they tend to be self sustaining and need little guidance from outside of the individual SIGs, except when we may need some help in starting new ones and in coordinating the reporting to the board. Anyway--think about it and if you can help the group out please give me a call or email.

I guess that's about it from here. If you have any suggestions or complaints please don't hesitate to call me.

Treasurer's Report Barb Cameron

Modesto PC User Group Financial Statement July 2004

INCOME		CURRENT ASSETS	
Membership	\$24.00	Checking - US Bank, Modesto	\$1,187.09
Interest on savings	\$00.03	Savings - US Bank, Modesto	\$ 331.79
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$24.03</u>	CURRENT ASSETS:	\$1,518.88
EXPENSES		FIXED ASSETS	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$00.00)	TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,518.88

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Power for the masses

By Unknown from the Internet

Most people understand that electrical appliances require electrical power to work. But computers, with their surprisingly effective ability to eliminate rational thought within a given radius, cause many people to forget completely that computers are ordinary electrical appliances that require ordinary electrical power.

I worked with an individual who plugged his power strip back into itself and for the life of him could not understand why his system would not turn on.

At my high school, a computer science class student was having trouble getting his computer to work. The computer was one of those where the monitor could plug into it for power instead of having the monitor plug directly into the wall. Well, this student's computer had the monitor plugged into the wall, and the computer plugged into it.

Scenario 1

- Customer:** "My computer won't work. You guys must have broken it when you installed the modem."
- Tech Support:** "What happens when you turn it on?"
- Customer:** "It won't turn on anymore!!!!!"
- Tech Support:** "So you don't see any lights or hear any noise?"
- Customer:** "I'm telling you it WON'T TURN ON."
- Tech Support:** "Is it plugged in?"
- Customer:** "OF COURSE it's plugged in, you MORON!"
- Tech Support:** "When you push the power button it--"
- Customer:** "Power button? This computer doesn't have a power button."
- Tech Support:** "Sir, all computers have power buttons. Look at the front of the case, find the word 'power,' and push the button."
- Customer:** "YOU FIXED IT!! Thanks!!!!!"

Scenario 2

- Customer:** "I bought this computer from you two hours ago, and it doesn't work! I want my money back!"
- Store Clerk:** "Let me see..." So I plugged the computer in and turned it on. I showed him that it was working, and then I turned it off.
- Store Clerk:** "Sir, this computer *does* work. I'm

afraid we can't take it back."

- Customer:** "How in the world did you turn it on?"
- Store Clerk:** "I pressed the power switch."
- Customer:** "You must have pressed something else, because I know for a fact that the power switch doesn't work!" He reached over and pressed the reset button repeatedly.
- Customer:** "You see?"
- Store Clerk:** "Sir, that's the reset button. This is the power switch."
- Customer:** "That's a switch? I thought it was a decoration!"

Scenario 3

There was a fresh influx of new employees at my place of work, which used Sun workstations. These particular workstations had extremely well hidden power switches, so I was fielding questions about turning on the computers for a few weeks. Most were simply "Where's the stupid power switch?" but one was unique. A new employee came around and said she had a problem turning on her computer. I started to tell her where to find the power switch, but she interrupted me. "Oh no," she said. "I found the switch, but I don't know which way to flip it."

Scenario 4

A lady in our department bought a new computer but couldn't get it to work. I told her to bring it in, and I'd take a look at it. Next day she dropped it off, and I checked it out. All was fine. She took it home. Next day, she came in and said it still didn't work. I told her to bring the monitor in, thinking maybe it was dead. The next day, same story, no problem with the monitor. When I saw her later, I told her and that she should take the monitor home and, if it still didn't work, bring everything in. Next day, she dropped by my office with all she had. I set it on the table, plugged everything in, flipped the CPU power switch, and she leaned in real close, wide-eyed. "Wait!!" she exclaimed. "What was that you just did?!?!?"

Scenario 5

- Customer:** "Do I have to plug in this new power supply to make it work?"

Scenario 6

- Customer:** "Hello? My computer's power just

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Get Rid of Spyware and Popups

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG BOD; Columnist for The Examiner, Texas; Radio Show Host and Police Officer

Next to spam mail and viruses, one of the most irritating facets of web surfing is the annoying popup ads that so many of us receive. What many may not be aware of is that about 80% of the popups that we get while online, and many that may also appear if we are offline, are generated by spyware that is unknowingly installed on our computers. Spyware are software programs that typically install without our knowledge or informed consent, and may also be a part of a program that we purposely installed. Spyware, as its name connotes, is software that often gathers information on our surfing habits and may send that information to third parties. At its worst, spyware may also be used to gather personal information from our computers, including passwords, user names, and other information, and send it to persons unknown who may illicitly use that information to empty our bank accounts, charge goods in our name, and commit other various forms of identity theft. Spyware can get on our computers by visiting some unethical websites, or by installing some downloaded or commercial software. Several forms of spyware can infect our computers via viruses and Trojans. Among the most notorious sources of spyware are popular file sharing utilities such as Morpheus and KaZaA. Some of the “cookies” or small text files placed on our computers by some websites can also be used to create personal profiles on us, and distribute that information to third parties. It should be noted that some software titles will no longer function if their attached spyware is deleted, as the spyware is intended to provide a continuing revenue stream for the software publisher.

Fortunately, it is generally easy to detect and kill spyware, or otherwise render it inert. It should be understood at this point that as a general rule, even the best antivirus programs, while effective at detecting and preventing virus and Trojan infestations, are generally ineffective at dealing with spyware. Firewalls, if properly installed and configured, can prevent many spyware types from sending information from the computer, but many spyware programs utilize known security weaknesses, and other vulnerabilities in our operating systems. Contemporary thought is that we all need a good anti-spyware program properly installed, configured, and updated,

every bit as much as we need updated antivirus software and a firewall on our computers.

One of the top rated anti-spyware programs is the recently updated “Spybot Search and Destroy”, version 1.3, available for free (donations encouraged) at www.safer-networking.org and other major download sites. Spybot can detect and destroy over 13,000 spyware products, and immunize our computers from future infection by almost 1800 types of spyware. Spybot can also prevent some pesky websites from changing our “home” or browser startup pages, and make it difficult for spyware to write itself into our Windows registry. An integral utility makes it easy for Spybot to check for, and install the periodic updates necessary to detect and kill the latest types of spyware.

Another popular anti-spyware utility is “Ad-Aware”, available for download at www.lavasoftusa.com. The free version of Ad-Aware, the “Standard Edition”, is possibly the most widely used anti-spyware program, with over 42 million copies downloaded since July, 2003. Ad-Aware comes in several versions ranging from the “free for personal use” Standard Edition, the \$27 “Plus” edition, and the \$40 “Pro” version. Ad-Aware frequently releases updated “reference files” which contain lists of newly created or revised spyware information.

A popular commercial program, which is a “Swiss army knife” type of program comprising many different utilities, including an excellent spyware (parasite) detector and killer is the “SpyHunter” included with System Mechanic, version 4. System mechanic is available locally at retail (about \$49), and for download at www.iolo.com. A fully functional 30 day free trial version is available for download. As does its free standing competitors, System Mechanic’s SpyHunter also checks for updated spyware listings, and installs them seamlessly. SpyHunter has been proven to be an effective spyware detector and killer, and the other utilities included in System mechanic make this a most useful program.

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Photo editing, saving printer ink and email issues

By Claude Delphia, editor emeritus

MS photo editing — Not sure where I've been, but I just discovered that Microsoft has a small photo editing program which comes with recent versions of MS Office products. It's called **MS Office Picture Manager**. I first discovered it when I was looking over a Standard version of Office 2003. I then discovered that it was already included in my Office Professional 2003. It's accessible by looking under Office Accessories in the Programs menu.

Way back in the days of Windows 98, MS had included a small photo editing program. I enjoyed using it up until recently when I began looking at other quick and simple editing programs. I downloaded and tried out a number of them and they just seemed to be too much for everyday use.

So I was really happy when I found this little MS gem.

A lot of catalogue product type photos on Websites, are too small to view and even when enlarged, are pretty dismal. This is especially true if the product is black, such as many electronic items are.

So I made copies of these images by placing the cursor over the image, clicking the right mouse button, Copying and then pasting it into MS Office Picture Manager. Once there, I was able to adjust the brightness and contrast so that I could see what the product really looked like. This can be a pretty handy technique for viewing Internet images. I wrote about this some months ago in respect to enhancing eBay pictures of sale items. If the picture isn't too bad, you can really zoom in on fine details.

Make no mistake. This software is not for high quality picture editing. It's deliberately simplistic. It's what you would call "quick and dirty." But that has its place and this program will handle those situations.

Email, the same but so different — As a long-time email user, (oldest still saved, 9/22/96 from Joe Mangieri), I'm still surprised at how others access and use the email and the software that they use. I only

learn how others use email when they ask me for help, or how to do something. Other times I learn from others tragedies or troubles. And, of course, sometimes through my own troubles.

As I detailed recently, I learned a lot when I was sent a bad email which was over 40 megs in size and it stopped all my other emails from being downloaded. Bud Bondiotti explained how to eliminate the offending email by going to my email Website and deleting that email before it was downloaded. That was an extremely good idea, but on the email account with the problem, I don't have that kind of email access.

In case you've lost me, there are basically two primary ways to access email. The first, and oldest, is to have software on your computer which retrieves your email from the Internet and stores it on your computer. (I don't remember the early email programs offering any other choice.) The two main software choices for this are Outlook or Eudora. The second kind, mostly MSN's Hotmail or maybe Yahoo, allows you to view your email from a Website for that purpose. Many Internet Service Providers (ISPs) now offer this service, but some still don't. My primary email account doesn't have that service for various reasons. Besides I collect email from at least five different email addresses, so I need software to download from all five addresses at one time.

One of the advantages of the website-based email service, is that you can access your email from anywhere in the world. The disadvantage is that your past emails, even your drafts, are stored on a computer (server) somewhere in the world and you have no control over it or what happens to the emails stored there.

Beginning so long ago, I early on started using Eudora. At that point Outlook wasn't all that popular. Eudora took care of all my needs and I've never hesitated using it. In fact anything else feels foreign. Also Eudora is very highly rated and recommended over Outlook from a security standpoint.

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One of the important features of Eudora, and even Outlook, is that the emails are downloaded onto your computer. They are not left out on the Internet somewhere taking up space and subject to someone else deleting them.

This taking up space, became a big issue when Microsoft started deleting files on Hotmail when there got to be too many of them taking up server space. Overnight, millions of people lost all past copies of their email when Microsoft made this decision. Of course MS warned people, but millions didn't understand the implications. A lot of people really didn't understand where their emails resided, and so didn't realize the significance and the value of what was going to be lost until it was too late and there was no way to recover them.

Now we have people using Hotmail who have to watch a meter to be careful that their emails don't build up too much on the servers.

I know some of you really like to use your email this way, and that's your choice. But you do need to be aware of the dangers of storing emails or files out on the Internet where it's out of your control.

Recently, a family member had a lot of irreplaceable emails of a deceased family member stored out on an email server like Hotmail. That Internet service decided that they needed to change something, and without warning, they wiped out all those irreplaceable emails. Yes, they could — should? — have been printed out, but that wasn't the routine. It's the same old story for all of us — backup. But as usual, we go along each day not remembering just how bad we are going to feel when the disaster happens, yet again.

It's even worse, when we didn't know, for what ever reason, that the disaster could happen. So that is, in part, why I'm writing all this. If you learn what is going on, then you can take steps to save what you don't want to lose.

Canceling a print job annoyance — One of the really strange things of computing, is the length of time it takes to cancel a print job. This has been consistently slow for decades and despite the latest soft-

ware, it still takes close to a minute to cancel a failed print job, even while most computer tasks are accomplished in a few seconds. Don't know what the answer is, but it sure is annoying. It's like encountering a 15 mile an hour vehicle in the fast lane. It shouldn't be happening.

Color printer ink thoughts — I hate buying color ink cartridges because they are so outrageously expensive. Therefore I'm very cautious about what I send to my color printer. If I can, and think of it, I will change the print job to black and white. If you have a separate black cartridge, it is quite a bit less expensive to print in black-only than in color. I always recommend buying a printer that has these two cartridges separated. What reminded me of this, was two things. I just sent an Internet page to the printer — it had some important information I needed to save by printing it out — and two whole pages were printed out in color. The color had no relevant value to the information being printed. You will find this can happen often when you print out a webpage. Try setting it to black ink-only, to save the other ink colors

The other instance was helping someone with their camera program and having to test the process in multiple prints. I really hated wasting their color ink, although I can't say they were that worried about it.

One of the things I do, is always to crop photos before I print them, since many photos have a lot of areas that are of no value. These same areas will use up a lot of ink. Actually the cropped photo is better for those looking at it anyway. So by cropping out the bad or unnecessary parts of the photo, you accomplish two things: creating a better print and saving printer ink. In many cases, you can also have a larger printout.

I think I wrote about choosing what to crop recently. In some pictures, it's important to keep major parts of the background. For instance you might take a photo of your two grandchildren at a birthday party. In the background are dozens of people who are not really a part of the photo. But in the future, it may well be important to see those other people to tell who was at the party. In the future, they will probably be people who have passed on, so seeing them becomes of major importance. So deciding what to

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crop is always a judgment call.

But on the other hand, that great black shadow area that takes up the left one third of the picture will never have any value. It takes up file storage space, detracts from the esthetics of the picture and its balance and uses a lot of extra ink when you print the photo. Of course if it's cousin Judy's all-white right shoulder taking up one third of the picture, ink won't be an issue. Cropping may at least reduce the amount of her shoulder in the picture.



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died."

- Tech Support:** "Ok. Is everyone else's computer in that room working?"
- Customer:** "Yes."
- Tech Support:** "What were you doing right before it went out?"
- Customer:** "I plugged my curling iron into the power strip."
- Tech Support:** "Really? What else is plugged into there?"
- Customer:** "Well, my radio, my space heater, my cup warmer, my printer, my monitor, and my computer."
- Tech Support:** "Did you unplug anything to plug your curling iron in?"
- Customer:** "Yes, my space heater."
- Tech Support:** "Well, unplug the curling iron and plug the space heater back in."
- Customer:** "Hey! My computer is working now! Is there something wrong with the power strip?"

I work on the helpdesk for a very large hotel chain. One day, one of our hotels called in reporting that the system wouldn't power on. After going through the usual -- making sure that the correct power button is being pressed, checking to see that it's plugged in, checking the outlet, etc -- I had determined that the power supply had probably failed and needed to be replaced. Just as I was about to end the call and dispatch a technician, the desk clerk stated very matter-of-factly, "Oh, by the way, lightning hit our hotel last night. Do you think that might have something to do with it?"

More power to the masses next month

Spyware (Continued from page 5)

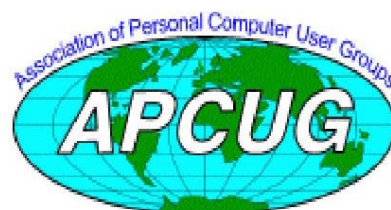
While not directly marketed as an anti-spyware product, "STOPzilla" is a very effective spyware remover that specializes in those spyware products that produce about 80% of the annoying popup ads that we may get while surfing the web. A recent update to STOPzilla also includes an integral utility that can detect and kill most other forms of spyware, including tracking cookies. With almost daily automated updates, and excellent 24/7 free tech support, including toll-free numbers, STOPzilla is available for \$30 at www.stopzilla.com.

One of the most comprehensive spyware detecting and killing programs on the market is PestPatrol (\$40), available at www.pestpatrol.com. This is an excellent program that can both detect spyware, and block many types of infection. PestPatrol has an integrated utility that enables all parts of PestPatrol to be updated on a regular basis in order to maximize the detection and removal functions. PestPatrol offers a free online scan that will detect, but not eliminate, almost all known forms of spyware.

While there are several other decent anti-spyware programs available, one caveat is appropriate here. There are some unethical purveyors of some anti-spyware programs that use spam emails, popup ads, and deceptive sales practices, including telling you that your computer is infested with spyware, and charging a fee to remove it.

Any of the titles referenced above will do a reasonable job of reducing popups, and securing your computer from spyware, provided they are frequently updated and run.

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Digital Photo SIG Holds First Meeting

By Claude Delphia, editor emeritus

MPCUG 's newest Special Interest Group (SIG), the Digital Photo SIG, met for the first time on Saturday morning, August 8. There were about 20 people present including the leaders. It was led by Claude Delphia and Jim Goodman assisted by equipment expert Bud Bondietti.

While about seven people attended to get ideas to help decide on their first digital camera, the rest brought their cameras and, at the end of the morning session, shared their camera's features, cost and other experiences, both good and bad. Some had just recently bought a digital camera while others had owned one for several years. At least one couple owned two cameras with the second one fitting in a purse. Several people had chosen their camera for its small size. Most had paid about \$400 and averaged 5 megapixels in resolution.

The two-hour session started with the basics of what to consider when buying a digital camera, the single most important feature: how many megapixels to pay for. Several members stressed the need to buy a camera with a minimum of 4x optical zoom. The digital zoom is generally not considered good. It was also stressed that lenses should be made of glass rather than plastic. Buying a small purse size camera for snapshots doesn't require the same considerations as a camera that you buy to take important shots you are going to enlarge or significantly edit.

The fact that any new camera is going to have more features at less cost was also noted. Digital cameras are no different than computers — the newer versions will be better and much less expensive.

The differences in resolution were demonstrated so that the group could understand the advantages of using the maximum number of pixels and why 5 megapixels is probably the minimum when purchasing a new camera today. Remember most camera will allow you to shoot lower quality pictures when needed. But as is true in most of life, the opposite is not true.

Several members recommended getting a mono-pod support for any photo where you use the telephoto feature. A **mono-pod** has just one leg instead of

three like a tri-pod. They are very inexpensive and are both easy to carry and stow away.



The different resolution of photo options that various cameras include was discussed. At least one owner's camera had only one resolution. Memory sticks and various storage techniques were discussed at length, in particular the relationship between picture resolution and how many pictures can be stored before they must be downloaded to a computer, CD or DVD. Most photos will no longer fit on a diskette. One member reminded others not to forget their CD or memory stick in a photo kiosk. You could lose both your expensive memory and your photos at the same time, the latter not replacable.

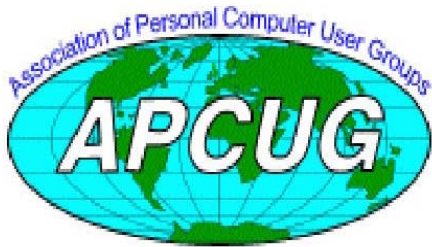
At the September meeting, we will devote a short period at the beginning to basics if there are new members there. Then we will move on to new considerations or to expanding on already discussed issues. There will always be more on editing techniques. One photo tip on adjusting the photo for problem background lighting situations will be demonstrated. The following are some future subjects.

Editing digital photos — different software choices.
More on preserving digital photos for the future.
Digital photo sharing issues
Displaying photos on websites — advantages and disadvantages
Storing images on CD's and how to view them.
Attaching or including digital photos in email.
Traveling with a digital camera — what to do with all the pictures.

We will end the next session with a question and answer period. We always welcome questions and will answer them to the best of our ability.

See the MPCUG website for more information on the Digital Photo SIG and links for techniques. You can also get directions to the meeting location at www.mpcug.net.

See you September 4th.



The Club's Meeting Place

Our General Meetings and the Random Access Special Interest Group is held in the gym behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto (between Briggsmore and Orangeburg, north of Century Center). The church faces Oakdale road and the gym faces St. Paul's Way.

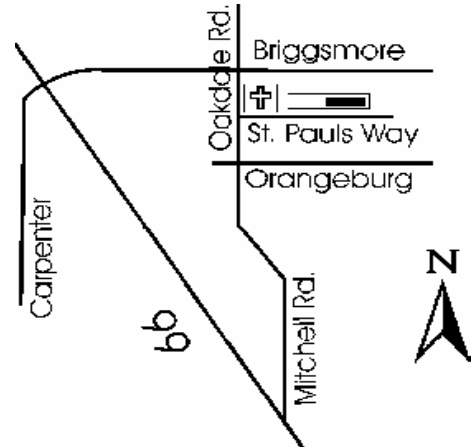
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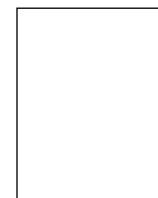
SIG meetings are held at the discretion of the leader and participants. Sometimes the date, location and time have to be changed or a meeting cancelled. Give the leader a call before the meeting if it is your first time.

SIG Name	Leaders	Phone#	Date / Time / Note
Beginners' SIG	Bud Bondietti	667-1980	6:30 p.m., 2nd Monday, Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave.
Board Meeting	Mike Kumler	531-2262	7:00 p.m., 1st Tues. after general meeting. Call for place.
Digital Photography.....	C. Delphia	537-9604	10:00 a.m., 2nd Saturday of the month
Random Access Q&A			6:30 p.m. before general meeting
Website SIG	Jim Goodman	579-0122	Looking for a place to meet.
Genealogy SIG	C. Delphia	537-9604	On hiatus
Women's' SIG	Liz Leedom	523-4218	On hiatus

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