

How to get to the PC Post (and how it gets that way)

PC Post editor Bud Bondietti will tell Modesto PC User Group members how to get to and print out their computerized monthly newsletter when the group meets on Thursday, Nov. 30 — a week late because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition to his short course on handling Adobe Reader and the pdf system, he will disclose how he selects the news and puts it together and what he needs from readers who have something to say and would like to say it in the PC Post.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Random Access Special Interest Group, where members can get their most pressing computer questions answered. After refreshments at 7:30 p.m., Bondietti will present his program.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party. Members are being urged to think about what kind of party they want and to talk it over at the November meeting.

The November general meeting, as usual, will take place at Destiny Christian Center on Carver Road just south of Roseburg Avenue. Members and friends should park on the south side of the building.

For directions to the meeting location see page 11.

**Next Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 30,
7:30 p.m.
Random Access SIG
6:30 p.m.**

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Next board meeting
Come have dinner with the board,
7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, Ridgeway's,
Century Center, Modesto.

Be sure and check our web site for last minute information www.mpcug.net



President's Report Mike Kumler

Boy! Where to start? There just seems to be so much happening these days. New, faster, more powerful processors; more gadgets, Microsoft entering the MP3 world in competition with Apple; new GPS computers that you wear on your wrist (move over Dick Tracy) and on and on and on! Speaking of new processors, how about the new "cell" processor? A board with 9 P-4 processors; one just to coordinate the other 8. How is it used? In the new Play Station and soon in the new generation of smart TV's. How are we supposed to keep up? Well, I hope the MPCUG will help with that. We try to stay in touch and keep you as informed as we can. Our own Mr. Gadget (Bud of course) stays up with a lot of it and presents it to us.

News for our Holiday meeting. We usually have a social, and will continue that this year. One new twist is that the board has decided to host the party this year instead of its being a potluck. We won't be having a catered, sit-down dinner, but we are asking for suggestions from you—the members. What would you like to have happen for our December meeting? Bring your ideas to the November general meeting and we will set aside some time to talk it over. See you there.

Membership Report Hank Mudge

Members renewing - Thank you for your support:

Paul Martelli 7/07 Vivian Neuman 10/07

Members dues expiring in September:

Donald Thill Joyce Frost Dorothy & Roy Schmidt

Members dues expiring in October:

Elizabeth Adkinson

Members dues expiring in November:

Glenn Davis Dorothy Libby Leonard Olives George McMahon
Dan Fiol Nancy Haneline Johnny L Jones

Members dues expiring in December:

Kirk Stockham Gordon Tolson Bill & Flora Goodridge Mike Mensinger
Betty Hinkley Bill & Virginia Nylander

Members dues expiring in January:

Orval Brewer Joe Sousa Lynn French Don Vera
Thomas O'Brien Jeff & Michelle Barnes Russell Clark

Special Interest Groups

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 p.m., 1st Wed. of the month.
Digital Photography	Bud Bondietti	667-1980	6:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave.
Random Access Q&A			6:30 p.m. before general meeting

Treasurer's Report Barb Cameron

<u>Income</u>		Modesto PC User Group Financial Statement October 2006	<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership	\$ 120.00		Rental—Meeting Room (June—Dec. 2006)	\$150.00
Interest on Savings	\$ 0.01			
Donations	\$ 0.00			
Total Income	\$ 120.01		Total Expenses	\$ 150.00
		Current Assets		
		Checking - US Bank, Modesto		\$ 2,219.91
		Savings, US Bank, Modesto		\$ 332.33
				\$ 2,582.24
		Total Club Assets		\$ 2,552.24

MPCUG Digital Photo SIG Photo Contest

The first annual MPCUG Digital Photo SIG photo contest is open to all members of the MPCUG only.

There will be three categories:

- People
- Nature
- Other

Contestants may enter any or all categories – ONE entry per category per member only.

Prizes:

- Best of show
- First Prize – People
- First Prize – Nature
- First Prize – Other

Judging will be by members in attendance at the December General Meeting/Holiday Party.

A PowerPoint presentation will display all entries with forms available to members to place their votes.

Entry deadline is December 7, 2006.

Entries to be emailed to editor@mpcug.net

Non commercial photos only.

A new SIG group forming

A new SIG group, “The Office SIG,” will be forming in January 2007. Tentative plans for a Special Interest Group for Office users are being formulated. The board had hoped to be able to form the group in November, but delays in scheduling will have to move the first meeting to January. The group will be discussing the various office programs, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook and possibly Publisher in module form. Various versions of Office — Office 2000, Office 2003 and Office 2007 — will be used. The meeting date has yet to be determined but we are sure that the location will be at Denny's, 1525 McHenry. For more information or suggestions please contact Bud at editor@mpcug.net.

Claude's Bytes

By Claude Delphia, Editor Emeritus, Modesto PC User Group

24th Anniversary • Antivirus needed • Interests wane

24th anniversary last month — I almost missed noting the 24th anniversary of MPCUG except editor Bud remembered it was about this time of year. I checked last year and the 23rd anniversary wasn't noted as far as I could find. Noting the advancement of our years isn't usually important, but this now begins the countdown to the 25th anniversary and that has to have some importance to our current members.

For some of us who were there in the beginning, it is really in some ways a surprise that MPCUG has lasted this long. There were times when some of us almost lost hope, based mostly on financial problems. If the board hadn't decided to switch to an online PC Post, the club would have run out of money sometime ago. It would also have died if certain officers hadn't stuck with the board, such as Bud Bondiotti, Liz Leedom, Barbara Cameron and Hank Mudge. Without Bud, there probably wouldn't be a PC Post. Without Jim Goodman, there probably wouldn't be an MPCUG website.

So for humble beginnings when founder Liz Leedom decided that a user group was needed in October 1982, to the next spring when Barb Cameron and I first joined the club, it has been a long period and maybe we'll witness its 25th anniversary next October.

Antivirus needed — A few weeks ago, my Norton Antivirus protection expired. I'd known for months that I could get McAfee antivirus software free through my internet service provider, Comcast. However I didn't do anything for a few weeks to switch over to McAfee.

In the meantime, my spam email went way up. The jump was dramatic, as much as 500 percent. So I finally made the leap and uninstalled the no longer updateable Norton and installed McAfee. We don't always see in a dramatic way what our software is doing for us: for example, that Norton was eliminating a lot of spam emails. I'm hoping that McAfee will give me the answer and show that it also eliminates a lot of spam.

Interests wane — As some of you who know me realize, my involvement in MPCUG has waned for a number of reasons. Even before I moved back to Patterson, early this year, after living in Ceres for seven years, my interest in technical subjects had grown less and less. This meant less attendance at MPCUG general meetings.

Part of the reason for that is that I've tried to be as productive as possible with my computer. I just want it to keep running and for the programs I own to keep working as they are supposed to. I use my computer some eight to ten hours a day. I don't need to spend time fiddling with it to keep it working.

Windows XP has made that possible. It has been super good — knock on wood — and I just keep working on various website projects, database work for organizations, writing various pieces, some of which you can read in the Modesto Bee, and taking and editing digital photos which I really enjoy. I also spend time doing historical research and laying out historical publications, some three major ones a year. I'm beginning to realize we all have to decide which way we are going to take our computing experience. I admire those who are willing to take the time to keep up with technology such as Bud Bondiotti and Jim Goodman. They keep on learning.

Unless something changes, I really don't have a major need to get involved in the hardware side of things. I have enough basic info to keep things running. I think the new version of Windows will take many of us even further away from the technical hardware side of things.

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How Do I Get My Home Videos Into the Computer?

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I have stacks of VHS and 8mm tapes that I want to convert to digital format before they are no longer accessible. I know that once I get the analog videos converted to digital format I can preserve them, edit them, back them up, etc. But, what technology is available to me?

First of all, let me explain that I have never been good at reading about a technology, learning all it's terms and features before I have had a chance to use the technology. When I am making a decision about software, frequently the feature, which sounded so good on the box and enticed me to purchase it, is not the feature which I really use. It often is something that I was unaware of when I initially got the program but which I use the most and like the best. An example of this is the "Reveal Codes" feature in WordPerfect.

When VCRs first came on the market, I wanted one. I heard about the pros and cons of VHS and BETA formats. I had a hard time remembering which was which. I had never used a VCR before I purchased a VHS model. I rapidly learned the different recording speeds and how they affected the quality of the image. The next VCR I purchased was a BETA format. The image quality was much better and I couldn't understand why it was not the format of choice for everyone.

Since that time, I have had a VHS camcorder, an 8mm and a Hi8. Again, the quality difference between the three formats is noticeable. I have not purchased a digital camcorder yet so I have not learned the difference between the different types of digital camcorders. When I was looking for the technology necessary to convert my precious memories to digital format I was focused on analog conversion devices.

The first analog capture device connected to the computer with a USB1 cable. That did not work well and I put the project aside for a while. I then received a ADS Instant DVD USB 2 capture device as a gift. By this time I had acquired a couple of video editing programs. I had installed them, read the documentation (much of it was incomprehensible to me without actually using the program), and attempted to capture some video from a Hi8 tape. This did not work well. I found that software programs are very touchy about which video capture device they will talk with. Fortunately, the video capture device came with capture software so I am able to transfer my analog video to digital. But, not in the way I wanted and I am still learning the terminology.

I wanted to write this because some of my confusion may be the same as yours. The software programs say that they can "capture" both analog and digital video. They also talk about "capture card" for the digital video. It is necessary to have a "capture card" or "capture device" to take the analog information from your VHS (or other analog input) and convert it to digital information. This is usually accomplished by connecting the video-out and audio-out from your analog device (VHS player, camcorder, etc) to the input section of your capture card (this may be your video card) or external device. When you are in the process of capturing the video, the analog information is converted in the capture device to a digital format (there are several such as MPEG1 and MPEG2) and then stored on your computer. Once stored, they can be used by video editing programs or can be burned to a disk.

Please note, if you have a digital camcorder, you do not need a conversion device. The information that is on your camcorder is already in digital format. Depending on the type of camcorder the digital information may be stored on a tape, memory card, hard disk, or even on a DVD. If you cannot remove the storage device and put it into a reader on your computer then the way to transfer data is through a FireWire or USB2 connection to your computer. If you are using a video editing program to enable the transfer, there are some nice things that

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The New, the Best, and the Worst

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Backup, Schmackup.

I can't pick up a computer magazine without being harangued about the urgent need to back up my hard drive(s) before the world is coming to an end. I have never been able to bring myself to follow that well-meant advice, although not without lingering feelings of guilt. On a few occasions I have used the latest hot backup program to store data folders to a compressed file on a backup drive. Then I wondered if I would be able to retrieve my data from that file if the need arose, and conveniently forgot to update the backup.

Last year I bought a 200 GB external hard drive to store backups. It came with a backup program that I used to back up those data folders I wanted to protect. After I was done I had about 199 GB of external disk space left. It dawned on me that it might be easier to just copy the data folders I wanted to back up directly to the external drive. No big deal and no worry about the integrity of my backup data .

After all, what is there that's irreplaceable? I edit our User Group's Web site, about 12 MB by now. After every update I publish the site to my external hard drive and two locations on the Web. Once or twice a year I also copy the whole thing to a CD-ROM that I give to our president for safekeeping. That's safe enough by any measure.

I keep extra copies of photos and genealogy data on several hard drives, and annually copy them to a backup CD. Current financial and tax data I keep on removable storage with backup to CDs, as well as hard copies in a file cabinet. Personal email correspondence gets backed up occasionally, although I can't remember ever going back to letters from years ago. I might have to borrow a computer from the Smithsonian to recover my earliest correspondence, written in the late eighties with a Textra word processor on floppy disks that actually flopped.

During the past two Christmas seasons, while nostalgia was running high, my son Mike and I dug out some old 8-mm family movies, taken in the 60's, 70's, and 80's, for conversion to digital format. The old projector suffered from a broken drive belt, but thanks to Google I managed to find a replacement on the Web. I still had some splice tapes left to repair the brittle film as needed. We used a Vivitar UVC-1 All-In-One Universal Video Converter to funnel the images into Mike's digital camcorder. The converter is a rectangular box with an opaque glass projection window in the long side, and a condenser lens in the short side. The camcorder, on a tripod, is focused through the condenser lens and a diagonal internal mirror on the projected image. We needed to adjust the frame rate of the camcorder to obtain a steady picture. Mike then recorded the camcorder copy with a SONY RDR-GX300 DVD Recorder on DVDs for sharing with relatives and archiving. Now THAT is worthwhile backing up! The quality of the old movies is primitive by today's standards, but the contents are invaluable and irreplaceable.

If you run a business I can see the importance of regularly and completely backing up everything, making sure to keep extra copies off-site. But as a private individual, just use common sense and stop worrying. What is there to lose, really? And while you are at it, maybe you should look around the garage, the attic, or the basement for clutter that can safely be thrown away!

TV Tuner Troubles

We live at the edge of the city of Evansville, with a small, wooded area behind our back fence. That provides great privacy and a wide variety of interesting wildlife, from birds, squirrels, and raccoons to occasional deer. Unfortunately, over the past 50 years or so the trees have encroached on the overhead power line, and we suffer frequent power outages whenever a storm passes through the area. Naturally, that happens just

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Happy "Gadgetholidays!"

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Have many of us become "gadgetholics?" Do we rush in mass like drunken lemmings annually, especially during the holidays, to rush over the cliff of technology only to fall even deeper in debt as we race to upgrade to own the newest and the coolest gadget? The Associated Press reported that a poll says Americans are showing early signs of addiction to their gadgets. Fifty percent say they could not get along without computer and mobile telephones, and 40 percent say the same for broadband use. The Associated Press article also quotes a psychologist who is an authority on INTERNET addictions so there must be truth to this new addiction. Those addicted broadband users are fortunate since "they can get help online."

Is gadget addiction generic? You might be a neophiliac if you are constantly upgrading with the latest technical gizmo. Media Life magazine reports neophiliacs are people addicted to the new. A study conducted by Yamagata University School of Medicine in Japan reports some people may be genetically predisposed to wanting the newest things. Their study suggests the cause may be a mitochondrial enzyme called monoamine oxidase. However, a University of York sociology professor disputes the findings of the study pointing out, "people were far more suspicious of change in the past – so the urge to constantly move on is sociological, not a genetic one."

Do you suppose gadgetmania may be gender related? Reality checks suggest

Males, far more than females, are gadget addicted to various degrees. This finding has been a boost to wives who often receive the blame for compulsive overspending while shopping. Jean Chatzky, author of "Make Money Not Excuses" gives this advice to spouses of gadgetholics: "They get excited in anticipation of their next purchase. They get a little higher when they are making it. And they feel a huge let down when it is over.

Compulsive shoppers also put their own families at risk by racking up bills they can not pay. If you think he is simply over-shopping, he needs your help. Offer to be his shopping buddy, which may contain his urge to splurge. And help him find new ways to avoid falling into that new-tech trap by getting off the email and mailing lists that are tempting him or by finding a new hobby to occupy his time." (I am sure glad that I am a single male so nothing will interfere with my gadget shopping during the holidays!)

Why I even understand that Mrs. Claus is having problems with Santa this year. Some say that Santa has global navigation installed in his high tech sleigh and no longer relies totally on Rudolph, the lead red-nosed reindeer, for navigation. The elves in Santa's workshop have been upgraded and some even replaced by robotics as more high tech gifts are being manufactured than ever before for children of all ages. Mrs. Claus is also concerned about Santa's belly that you recall "shakes like a bowl full of jelly" for fear he will get stuck in a chimney, and his deliveries could not be made on time, disappointing millions globally. Don't worry Santa has been working out daily in his high-tech gym loaded with all kinds of the newest and coolest gadgets. Santa who is male, of course, apparently seems to think that today's addictions are tomorrow's necessities.

Happy Holidays from the Computer Club of Oklahoma City and the Association of PC Users Groups!

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IE7

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If you are using Windows XP, in the next few weeks when the Microsoft automatic Windows update appears on your computer, you will be asked if you want to upgrade your browser to the newly released Internet Explorer 7. It's great that Microsoft is giving us a choice rather than installing the new browser automatically. However, questions like these are always difficult for the average user.

Yet with this question, you don't have to hesitate to answer "yes" because the new Internet Explorer (version 7) is a great improvement over previous versions. I have been using it as part of beta testing for the last six months with no issues. I love its many new features.

While the toolbar has been simplified and some buttons have moved to new locations, you will find that the move to the new version is pretty intuitive. So you can continue to browse the Internet with minimal additional effort.

In fact, any effort you need to exert to learn how to use this new browser is more than worthwhile because it has some extremely useful features that make Internet surfing easier and more fun.

First and foremost is the fact that Microsoft has added tabbed browsing. While other browsers like Firefox and Opera have had these for years, this is a new addition for Internet Explorer. Tabbed browsing allows you to open a new webpage in a tab rather than a new window. So you can have several web pages open at once and you can switch from one to another easily. You will see all of the tabs across the top of the browser with the webpage name or part of it on the tab.

With tabbed browsing you can have your favorite newspaper (www.thepilot.com) open right next to the weather, your favorite financial website, and your favorite computer help website (www.compukiss.com). Click on the small icon to the left of the tabs and you can see each open web page as a thumbnail. Click on the arrow next to the icon and you get a text list of the open web pages. You can close any open web page by clicking on the red x on its tab.

The ability to view and to print web pages has also been improved in Internet Explorer 7. In Internet Explorer 6 you are able to change the size of the text, but often that change made the whole web page look askew because the size of the graphics is not increased. Not so with IE7. Just look in the lower right hand corner of the IE screen for the magnifying glass. You can click on the magnifying glass to make the entire web page, including the graphics, larger. This lets you adjust the size while keeping everything in proportion. . . . a boon to aging eyes and those with vision problems.

Printing functionality in IE 7 has also been greatly improved. Remember how when you tried to print a webpage the right side was cut off or you wasted paper as a second page would print out with only a line or two on it. Well, IE 7 has solved those problems with a feature that automatically shrinks the webpage content to fit the printed page. This does not necessarily work with web pages that have been poorly formatted, but it does work well for most web pages. Also there are many other printing options including adjustable margins, customizable page layouts, and removable headers and footers.

IE7 also has a search box that can be customized to use your favorite search engine. So you can perform a Google, MSN, Ask, or Yahoo! search without having to navigate to the search engine's home page first.

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the program may be able to do with the data as it is received. It may automatically create chapters and provide other information that is handy when you want to edit the information (rare is the tape which cannot be improved with cutting out the unintentional video of the pavement).

There are programs which let you transfer your converted VHS tape directly to a DVD.

The reason to do this is to get the analog tapes preserved. I know that I will never have the time to edit all the old tapes which I have, but I do want to preserve them. The CapWiz program which came with my ADS Instant DVD USB2 capture box has this feature. If you purchase a program that is not bundled with the capture box (or card) be sure that specific version of that program will work with your model of capture device. Expect to put in some time learning the terminology. Read carefully what the program will do and what it will not do so that you are realistic in your expectations. Keep in mind that what you are working with, once you have your video in digital format, is a file. The file can be in several different formats with different characteristics. What I mean is that, just like with digital photos, a file format which is really compressed will not look as good as a larger file with more information. When dealing with video information, you must remember that you need a lot of storage on your disk and it really helps to have a disk with fast response time.

A fast computer with lots of RAM is also important. It is only recently that video editing has become practical for the home user. Before really large, fast hard disk storage was affordable, the home user was very limited in the size of file that could be edited. With today's fast computers, inexpensive RAM, large storage disks, and inexpensive DVD writers it should be within the reach of many home users to be able to preserve valuable analog tapes. Plus, be able to make home movies from them that friends and family are willing to watch.

If you are planning to buy a new computer in the near future, keep in mind the requirements for video editing as well as the requirements for VISTA. Fortunately, the requirements for the Ultimate version of VISTA are also good for video editing purposes.

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Just to the left side of the magnifying glass on the bottom bar of the screen, Microsoft has also added a security bar. This lets you change your security settings without sifting through menus. Also included is an icon that you can use to check whether the website you are visiting is a bogus site known for phishing. Microsoft has also added other security enhancements and it is worth upgrading just to get a more secure browser.

The only time you may not want to upgrade is if you are using a specialized Web software program. This caution will apply most to corporations and Web developers who need to make sure that the customized or specialized software they are using will work with this new version.

For the rest of you, take the jump. Internet Explorer 7 is stable. It is chock full of new features. And it's FREE.

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For the latest club and computer information

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when you are glued to the TV screen to follow the progress of the storm on the radar.

I went looking on the Internet for an external TV tuner that I could plug into the USB port of my laptop when the power went off. As it turns out, there are several models available. I first chose a Hauppauge WinTV USB2 unit, about \$90 online. Unfortunately, it didn't work as advertised. The picture was all right, but I could not get the sound to come on, and the software did not manage to activate the remote control. FAQs on the Hauppauge Web site did not help and the latest drivers were identical to those on the CD. I tried the unit on my desktop computer with the same lack of success. The vendor, J&B Music, readily gave me a Return Authorization number, although I'm still out the shipping charges both ways.

Undaunted, I bought an ATI TV Wonder USB 2.0 tuner at Circuit City, \$80 with a \$20 mail-in rebate. Same features but without remote control. Same problems too, except that this time I received no picture either. Checked their Web site's FAQs, downloaded and installed newly updated drivers. Now I didn't even get the black screen. Called support who referred me to a help file on the FAQ site. No luck. Returned the unit to Circuit City and got all my money back. Oh well... If you know of a reliable external USB2 TV Tuner, please let me know. It better be good this time.

Freespire

For those of you with an interest in the Linspire Linux distribution, there is now a free distro called Freespire. It is essentially the same as Linspire 5.1, without some help files, but with developers utilities. To quote freespire.org: "The regular, complete version includes legally-licensed, 3rd party codecs, drivers and software, to offer better hardware, file type, and multimedia support. Freespire includes turn-key, out-of-the-box support for MP3, Windows Media, QuickTime, Java, Flash, Real, ATI drivers, nVidia drivers, proprietary WiFi drivers, modem drivers, fonts, and so on."

It has all the functionality of Linspire 5.1, including some new features forthcoming in Linspire 6.0. The expectation is that Freespire will function as a core around which volunteer programmers will add new functionality under the Open Source system, similar to other Open Source projects such as Firefox, Thunderbird, and OpenOffice.org. Meanwhile, if you were thinking of giving Linspire a try but were unwilling to pay \$40 for the program, you can now use Freespire for free and have essentially the same functionality.

Dell DeCrapifier

Dell stock has gone down more than 50% during the last several years. Many reasons are given, including the presumed ineptness of its CEO during the last two years, Kevin Rollins. Specifically mentioned are poor customer service and the loss of key personnel (The Wall Street Journal 8/22/06). There is no mention of the disgust of many new Dell customers when they find their new computer loaded with unwanted software and spyware that slows everything down and is almost impossible to remove. Jason York to the rescue! He has written a script called the Dell DeCrapifier that automatically detects and removes unwanted software from new Dell computers. If you have a new Dell you can find it at www.yorkspace.com. (PCWorld September 2006).

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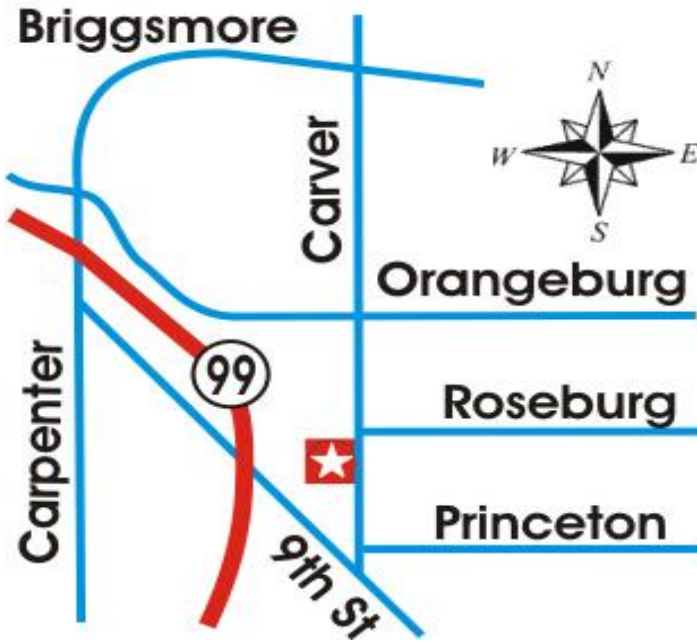
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A former MPCUG president decided quite a few years ago that he wouldn't keep up with the programming or hardware side. He would get others to help him.

The years I spent both with MPCUG and where I was employed before I retired were good years of delving into technical issues was both enjoyable and a big part of my life. But now I've moved on and my writings here will reflect computer productive usage rather than hardware. When I can't think of something to write, then my involvement in MPCUG may end. I don't see that I will be able to attend meetings in Modesto since that is now a difficult trip for me. But don't hesitate to call me if you just want to chat. I'm at 892-5037 now.

The Club's Meeting Place

Our general meeting and the Random Access Special Interest Group are held in the Destiny Christian Center, 1161 Carver Road, Modesto, on the west side of Carver Road, right across from Sam's Food City.



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