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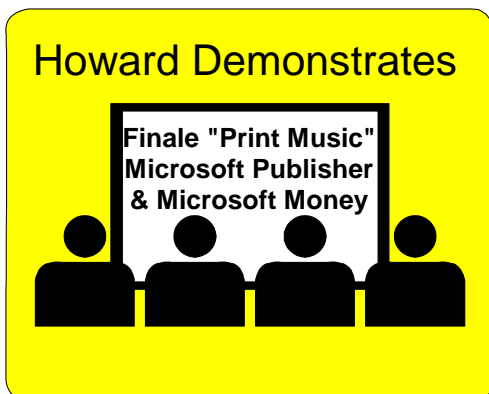
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January Presentation



President's Message

Ring in the New Year

A new year has begun. A new year often means we take time to review the past and plan for the future. It is a time to make resolutions. As BGAMUG rings in the new year of 2002, I began my two-year term as the president of this organization.



By Linda Todd

As the first woman president of BGAMUG, the opportunity to serve this organization both excites me and scares me. The opportunity to begin my term with a full slate of officers—each of whom are well prepared to serve in their elected positions—is a unique event in itself. The opportunity to work with such a committed group excites me. We as an organization will face many challenges during the upcoming year. I'm grateful for the team players on the BGAMUG Executive Board and BGAMUG members who desire to make our organization stronger. As I begin my term as with any new venture, there are concerns that I will fail as a leader or fail to fulfill your expectations.

At our first BGAMUG Executive Board meeting, most of the officers shared at least three resolutions or goals they have for their position or the club during the coming year. When you read the minutes of the Executive Board, you will have an opportunity to read the goals of these officers.

My first goal is to be able to call each BGAMUG member by name. Please help me with this goal. When you arrive at each meeting, you will either wear your BGAMUG Membership Card as your nametag or you will be given a nametag. This will help all of us identify the members of our organization and our visitors.

The second goal I shared with those at the Executive Board meeting is my desire that **every** BGAMUG member will contribute and participate in a meaningful way. Again, we will need your help. What area of our organization's work would you like to serve? You know your talents or gifts and the ways that you find meaningful.

As we again meet at KATI, we need greeters and members to help with directions. We are seeking members for several committees. Volunteer to work on the Membership Committee, the Program Committee, the Picnic or Banquet Committee, the PC Replacement Program, or as a Mentor at the Digital Library. When we are all involved and working together, the organization will become stronger and new members will quickly find a meaningful place to serve.

The last goal I shared with the Board is my desire to help the BGAMUG Executive Board and Membership develop a Mission Statement. Good organizations have a Mission Statement.

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Rules Committee Report
By Betty Lyne

Currently, I see this organization as a computer club interested in computer education of all kinds, a group of people who enjoy spending time together as we learn more about computers, and a group of people who have computer knowledge and skills that could be shared with others in our community.

A mission statement will help BGAMUG focus on the opportunities and challenges we will face as an organization. As with any resolution, when we share our vision and goals with others, we then are accountable to follow through and find solutions to make our resolutions a reality. At the end of this year, we can look back and see if we've accomplished what we hoped to accomplish.

As the new president of BGAMUG, I know I cannot do what needs to be done alone. I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

BGAMUG has advanced from its beginning in 1987 not only in size and expertise through the succeeding years but also in reaching out beyond its membership to others in the Community by offering help in training sessions and valuable assistance through the ever enlarging Placement Program.

As a guideline for our growth and activities, our foundation has been based on the tenets found in our Constitution/By-Laws, first adopted in 1989. Each year with each new administration, the Constitution/By-Laws is reviewed by the Rules Committee and updated, if deemed necessary by the membership.

That time has again rolled around, and as the newly elected Vice President of Protocol and Chairman of the Rules Committee, I am asking for your input in making our current Constitution/By-Laws more viable as a strengthening tool for increased interest and productivity. Thus far, the following have volunteered their services to the committee:

- Michael Moore
- Elbert Young
- Howard Margolis
- Linda Todd

If you would be willing to share your ideas and meet with us, I would welcome your contribution.

Please phone me 843-9452 or
e-mail bbl6728@aol.com.

**BGAMUG
Smart Computing
Good News**

Thanks to members response, BGAMUG has already earned a FREE 12 Month Subscription to Smart Computing Magazine.

This means five new subscriptions have been made by members or supporters using our group source code 8343.

Some lucky member may win this free subscription as a door prize at our January meeting. If you are already a subscriber, we will have an alternate prize.

You must be present to win, so

BE THERE!

KATI

Tuesday, January 22nd Seated by 6:30 PM

Another Election

At the January BGAMUG Meeting, we will elect a new treasurer. Shortly after L. Rhea Taylor was elected Treasurer, Rhea accepted a business opportunity that he feels will prevent him from serving as the BGAMUG Treasurer.

So, we must elect a new Treasurer. Ramona Bobbiitt has agreed to serve as the interim treasurer and is willing to accept the position in addition to serving as the Vice President of Membership.

Here is the possible scenario: If Ramona is elected by the membership to serve as Treasurer, we will need one member to serve as an Officer-at-Large.

As a result of changes in our bylaw, last year was the first year we had any Officers-at-Large. Jay Eatherly, Jim Molloy, and Edwin Phelps were elected as the first Officers-at-Large. They served the BGAMUG membership well as your representatives on the Executive Board.

Please consider if you are willing to serve the membership in this way during 2002. When it is time for nominations, please let us know of your willingness to serve.

KOOKABURRA SOFTWARE REVIEW

Cookie Pal Version 1.7a

OVERVIEW

Cookie Pal is a complete cookie management system. It allows you to interactively filter cookies as they are received while you are browsing the web. Cookies can be accepted or rejected based on your preferences and Cookie Pal makes it easy to define rules for handling cookies and can prompt you when it needs input (at which time you can easily set a filter so that Cookie Pal knows what to do from then on). Cookie Pal can also display and let you delete cookies that are stored on your hard disk.

TUTORIAL

A tutorial is available and can be accessed by going to:
<http://www.kburra.com/cptut/home.html>

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Cookie Pal runs on Windows 95, 98, ME, NT 4.0, 2000, and Windows XP

SUPPORTED WEB BROWSERS AND PROGRAMS

- ✓ Internet Explorer 3.x, 4.x, 5.x, and 6.x
- ✓ Netscape 3.x and 4.x
- ✓ Opera 4.0 and 5.x
- ✓ AOL 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0
- ✓ CompuServe
- ✓ Neoplanet
- ✓ Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express
- ✓ Media Player
- ✓ Real Player

In addition, Cookie Pal can easily be configured to work with other software that uses the standard Internet Explorer or Netscape cookie mechanism.

Using Cookie Pal

When you start Cookie Pal, you will see a small cookie icon added to your taskbar tray. This icon indicates that Cookie Pal is running and provides user access.

Clicking on this cookie icon with your right mouse button brings up a pop-up menu of user options. Double clicking on this icon with your left mouse button brings up the main window. If you hold the mouse pointer over the cookie icon, a small message will pop-up displaying the number of cookies that have been received so far in this current session.

When Cookie Pal is running it will monitor cookies coming in through your web browser (or other supported software). When it detects that a cookie is being received it will use your preference settings to determine whether to accept or reject the cookie.

You have three choices on how Cookie Pal starts:

1. You can start it manually and exit at any time
2. It will start automatically when your browser is activated
3. It will start automatically when your Windows Operating system is activated

These choices can be setup when you first install and register this program or later after it is operational on your computer.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

The program is easily accessed and downloaded off of the KOOKABURRA web site. Once downloaded, the setup instructions are easy to follow.

You will need to register this software to have a fully functioning and non-trial 30 day evaluation software.

The program functions as advertised and user preferences are easily setup.

The program does not identify which cookies should be deleted. The user has to make that decision. The program will alert you when a cookie has been created on your system. It will also show all cookies already present on your system. Once again, it is up to the user to identify which cookies they want to delete.

Deleting cookies can be risky. If the user has subscribed to a specific website or service and gets automatic uploads from the service site, deleting the cookie added by that site may disrupt the automatic uploading of information.

It appears that using this software does slowdown certain functions of your Internet Service Provider program.

For those users that are not able to use the operating system's tools to access the cookie folder to manually delete those unwanted cookies, this program will support their efforts quite nicely. The cost of this program is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and well worth the price.

Sincerely;

Howard J. Margolis

Fitznik

Reviewed by Ginny Molloy

Fitznik is a computer game from Dexterity Software retailing at \$19.95. It comes on a CD and is very easy to install with a normal Windows install. There is a short readme, which you can print out. It gives brief instructions for play, which is hardly needed as it is a very easy game to learn.

It is a fantasy adventure puzzle game, with maze like interface. There are deadly cobras who can kill you with a fire ball. You can use rocks as shields. You are a wolf like biped who moves through the game with the arrow keys. There are also spiders which you can crush between rocks and cause to explode. It is a very difficult game to solve.

Fitznik reminds one of the old Apogee DOS games. Lots of variety in each level and you must really think in order to solve each level which is done by picking up all gems and keys before you can advance to the next level. Younger children would have difficulty solving it, I think. But, Jr. High through adult could play this game.

System requirements:

- Microsoft Windows 95, 98, 2000, ME, XP, or better.
- DirectX5.0 or better, which is furnished
- Pentium 166 or better
- 32 MB Ram
- 10 MB hard drive space
- DirectX-Compatible 16 bit video and sound cards

I like it very much and I can foresee many hours of playing enjoyment.

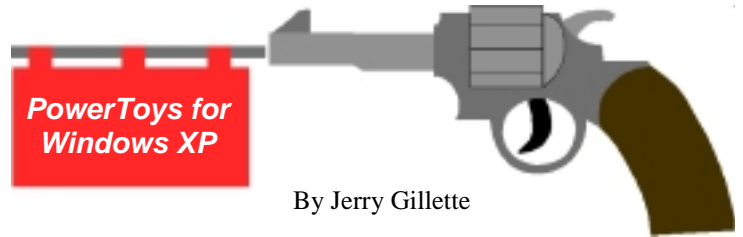
CLUB LAPTOPS FOR SALE

The club has several Compaq Pentium 120 laptops for sale. They have carrying case, 32 meg. of memory and 1 gig hard drives. Hinges are cracked but if treated gently will last a long time.



You can have one for a donation of \$150. They have been "wiped" but I will install any software, including operating system you furnish. I can supply win 95 which would be best for this size unit. Note, they don't have CD drive or modem.

Contact Gene at lglehart@aol.com or 842-4570



PowerToys are additional programs that Microsoft developers worked on after the product had been released to manufacturing, but before the next project began. These toys add fun and functionality to the Windows XP experience!

The developers have taken great care to ensure that PowerToys operate as they should. These programs run on Windows XP only. They provide additional value to some of the great features in XP. However, the PowerToys are not subjected to the same rigorous testing Microsoft provides for the operating system and are therefore not supported. Microsoft Technical Support is unable to answer questions about PowerToys, however, in the December 26, 2001 issue of PC Magazine, the First Looks article reported a very positive quote, "we couldn't find so much as a hiccup in any of the applications".

The PowerToys are installed into the directory you specify during setup. Typically this is the system32 directory (%windir%\system32). By default, most all files in this folder are hidden and must be manually viewed in Windows Explorer.

Some of the PowerToys reside in the taskbar. Before resizing these PowerToys you will first need to check and make sure that the taskbar isn't locked. Right click the taskbar and ensure there is no check mark by 'Lock the Taskbar' menu item.



11 Toys included:

1. Super-Fast User Switcher

When using the regular Fast User Switching you must first go back to the Logon screen to switch to another user but with this PowerToy you can switch users without having to go back there. You simply press and hold the Windows key and then press the Q key to cycle through available users. When the desired user tile is showing on the screen release the Windows key to switch to this user.

Note: You cannot use this toy unless you are on a workgroup and you have Fast User Switching enabled.

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The Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute, KATI, will be the official BGAMUG meeting location for 2002. KATI is located at 1227 Morgantown Road, just east of Veterans Boulevard. We will meet on the 2nd floor in the “Round Room”. The gavel will fall at 6:30 PM sharp so you may want to arrive early.



As KATI is closed May, June, and July we will meet at the WKU South Campus, also on the above map.

Just look for the sign

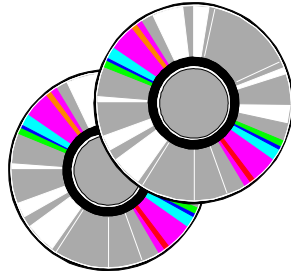


LIBRARIAN REPORT

By Pat Vincent

Software Available for Review:

If you are interested in reviewing any of these titles, please e-mail Pat Vincent at pat.vincent@wku.edu for further details and review guidelines.



Drive Image 5.0 (Power Quest) - A disk imaging utility for the proficient PC user and a complete solution for disaster recovery, backups and system upgrades. System Requirements--Processor: Intel Pentium compatible or higher; RAM: 16MB (32MB for FAT32 or hard drives larger than 4 GB); Hard Disk Space: 16.5 MB; Operating System: Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0 Workstation, Windows Me, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP or DOS (5.0 or later); 3.5" disk and CD-ROM; Video Support: VGA or higher.

Encarta Reference Library 2002 (Microsoft) - Includes encyclopedia deluxe, dictionary and thesaurus, interactive world atlas, researcher, online deluxe-free access to the online edition of Encarta encyclopedia, FactFinder-instant definitions, translations, etc., Africana-black history and culture multimedia reference. (5 CD's enclosed) System Requirements- Hardware: Multimedia PC with a Pentium 200 MHz or higher processor; Operating System: Windows 98, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows Me, or Windows XP; Memory: 32 MB of RAM for Windows 98 or Windows Me; 64 MB for Windows 2000 Professional or Windows XP; Hard Disk: UP to 330 MB of available hard-disk space; CD-ROM: Quad speed or faster CD-ROM drive; Input Device: Microsoft Mouse, Microsoft IntelliMouse or compatible pointing device; Multimedia: Super VGA, 16-bit or higher monitor supporting 800 x 600 screen resolution. Local bus video with 1 MB or more of video memory.

FlipAlbum Professional 4.0 (E-Book Systems, Inc.) - Create and sell 3D page-flipping albums on CD's, Retouch photos with built-in editing tools, enhance and customize your FlipAlbum, upload on Internet, protect your copyrighted material with image encryption and include a list of your favorite MP3 musical tracks to spice up your FlipAlbum. System Requirements--Windows 95/98/2000/ME & NT 4.0; IBM PC compatible-Pentium 166MHz; 32 MB RAM, 15MB hard disk space, 16 bit color display adaptor, 800 x 600 pixels screen area; CD-R or CD-RW drive and CD writer software; Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher and internet access is required.

Money 2002 Deluxe (Microsoft) - Organize finances, budget, reduce debt, balance your checkbook, pay bills, manage investments, simplify taxes, portfolio analysis. System Requirement-- Multimedia PC with Pentium 166 or higher processor required, Pentium II 300 recommended; Windows 95/98/2000/ME/XP or Windows NT 4.0; 32 MB of RAM required, 64 MB recommended; 85-165 MB of available hard disk space; double speed or faster CD-ROM drive, super VGA graphics card or compatible video graphics adapter; super VGA color monitor with minimum 256 colors.

OmniPage Pro 11 (Scansoft, Inc.) - Optical recognition software that quickly and easily converts paper into digital documents you can edit in over 100 languages with accuracy and format retention. System Requirements-- Windows 95/98/2000/ME and Windows NT 4.0; Intel Pentium processor or equivalent; 32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended); Required hard disk space: 115-170 MB depending on operating system requirements; CD ROM drive; SVGA monitor, minimum 800 x 600 (256 colors or higher).

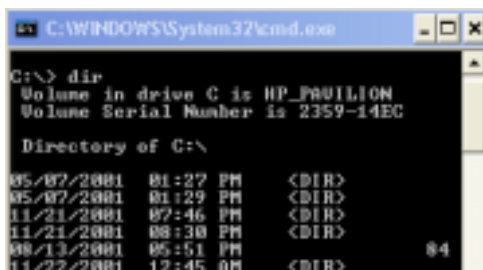
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2. Open Command Window Here

A must for DOS diehards

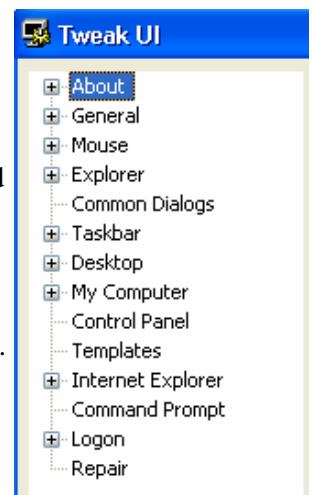
This PowerToy adds an "Open Command Window Here" context menu option on file system folders.

This gives users a quick way to open a command window (cmd.exe) pointing at the selected folder. After installation, right click on the folder you would like to have a quick launch command window for and select "Open Command Window Here."



3. Tweak UI

Provides access to system settings that are not exposed in the Windows XP default user interface. There are many settings and options that you can only set from Tweak UI. You can setup your mouse to your liking by setting click speed, hover sensitivity, etc. You can also customize many Explorer settings, taskbar settings, My Computer settings, and a wide variety of other settings.



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REPORT from Gene Iglehart
PCPP Director

I would like to make my annual report of PC's placed during 2001. I would also like to give a total number of computers placed. Problem is, I am not sure myself. I have a list of 99 people or groups we gave to but I am not sure it is complete. We had several hectic periods where we were placing 5 or 6 a week so I am not sure I listed them all. We probably topped 100 but, 99 or 101, whichever, it was quite a year. I am glad to have been a part. Tired, but glad.

Linda Todd did a very significant thing at the Christmas Party by presenting "Angel" awards. Florence is very proud of hers and I think it is great that the empowering forces in us guys lives (the wives) have been recognized. Also, maybe they will put up with it all for another year.

The wives, as you know, made it possible for us to have such things as a BBS, a newsletter, and of course the Placement program as well as other activities. Again, our experiences were very rewarding. The highlight probably being when we gave an "old 486" to a disabled lady in Franklin and she won 5th in a national story writing contest.

Or maybe it was when we gave a system with a 20 inch monitor to a little girl in Brownsville. The people working with her said "She is very bright but she keeps scratching her glasses because she has to put her face right up against the monitor to be able to see it." If you want to know whether the big monitor helped, just ask Robert Priddy and watch his face light up. He presented it to the family and was amazed at the gratitude expressed. We never have had that big a working monitor donated before and probably will never again.

BGAMUG also made page 2 of the Daily News on Nov. 6th. Page one carried a story telling how a Puerto Rican lady was using computers to teach English. Page 2 told where they came from. It also mentioned that we needed monitors. They started arriving next day from people wanting to help, and I still get one occasionally. Most of them even work. Hope you saw it.

Also, hope you saw the Channel 13 spot where BGAMUG was recognized for furnishing 6 computers to the Girls club.

We are still getting donations from folks who heard about the Jefferson Award. Also from former members who still have fond memories of BGAMUG and remember how it affected their early computer days. Again, my thanks to those who donated, and also to those who helped us place computers last year. All efforts are appreciated and very effectively used.

Banquet Highlights

By Jerry Gillette

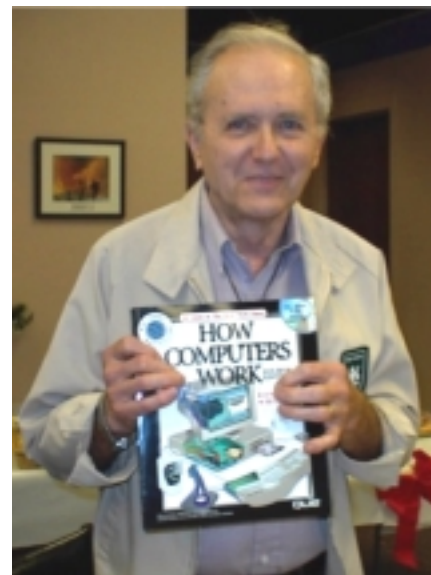
First of all I want to thank the great team that made up this years banquet committee. Betty Lyne, Edwin Phelps, Sandra Lancaster, Jennie McCoy, and John Lancaster, each helped in the planning, preparation, and the actual execution of the event and should be commended.

For myself, the evening got off to a very dim start as I did not see any of our new members that joined during the year 2001. I guess it showed throughout the night, and concerns me to this day. We had something especially for these special people, as new members have always been and always will be the foundation of our club, as they each bring new ideas and let us know how to address current digital needs through their questions.

I quickly shifted my focus to the wonderful members and guests present and we ate great food, presented, and received awards, and won some of the best prizes ever awarded, thanks to our many supporting local and national APCUG vendors.

I would like to list here who received what during the evening, but no one was taking minutes as we were all too busy having a good time.

I do recall Gene Iglehart getting the most inappropriate gift. Of all people, Gene received a book titled "How Computers Work".



The most popular gifts during the White Elephant segment was a Wolf Figurine Clock and a mouse with no balls. Members and guests battled so long and intensely for these items it has the White Elephant production team scrambling to amend the rules or limits of engagement.

The night was a big success and everyone returned home safe and sound.

Wow, what a night.

That New Holiday Computer

by: Ira Wilsker email iraw@apcug.org

This holiday season, many of you are giving or receiving a computer as a gift. They make great, but pricey, gifts. Generally, they work fine out of the box, but are lacking many useful software products and peripherals. With many of the local retailers having both pre- and post-Christmas sales, there will likely be some useful goodies available to go along with the new holiday computer (or the not-so-new one previously owned).

Most new computers do not come with any meaningful virus protection. Viruses, and their cousins worms and Trojans, have been the most frequent topic in this column. At COMDEX last month, one of the leading publishers of antivirus software stated to our group that fully 40% of household PCs totally lack any virus protection, and another 40% have antivirus software that is more than a month out of date. Since dangerous viruses are becoming an even greater threat, good antivirus software is imperative. Some of the better programs can be scheduled to auto-update as often as daily (strongly recommended).

I use Panda Antivirus Platinum, which is available from some of the local stores or online (<http://www.pandasoftware.com>), and have it scheduled to auto-update at 8 p.m. every evening. As I have stated many times before, check the Sunday sale books for bargains on the software, as the major titles are frequently available very reasonably, or for free, after rebates.

Another very useful item for a new computer is good Internet access. Locally, broadband (high speed) Internet service is available, along with some excellent local Internet service providers (ISPs). We have DSL service widely (but not universally) available from most of our local ISPs, and the new cable Internet service is being heavily advertised. While somewhat pricey, broadband can easily spoil anyone who has ever tried it. Despite the growing availability of broadband, traditional dialup service is still far more popular due to typical price advantages, and the fact that broadband is still not universally available. The local ISPs generally offer superior and faster service than the heavily advertised national providers, usually at a much lower price. Even in the same price range, the local ISPs typically offer better service than the big national providers, which is well worth it. Consider signing up the new computer and its owner with a local ISP or broadband provider, and enhance the users computing experience. If broadband is purchased, then also get a firewall. This restricts unauthorized access from hackers. Several commercial titles are available in the local stores, and some new

antivirus software includes a firewall, but also consider ZoneAlarm, from www.zonelabs.com. It is available for free for personal use.

Good peripherals do not have to cost a lot of money. There is nothing more frustrating for a computer user than having a balky mouse. Most of the time it is not the mouse, but the mouse pad, or lack of a mouse pad. Some of the mouse pads included with new computers are terrible. Buy the new computer a decent mouse pad, preferably one with a wrist pad. My personal favorite is the Belkin mouse pad with the "gel" wrist pad. It is comfortable, and works very well. The gel pad reduces strain and stress on the wrist, and is typically available for under \$10. Again, watch the Sunday sale books; they are often in there with a substantial rebate, even free after rebate. I bought one for myself and each of my children.

Most mice are mechanical, and contain a ball and some rollers. A little preventative or routine maintenance can avoid a common frustration. If the mouse pad is dirty, or picks up moisture and body oils from the user, the mouse will work erratically. For under a dollar, a bottle of alcohol and some cotton swabs can be used to clean the ball and rollers in a few minutes, restoring the mouse to pristine operating condition. Look at the bottom of a mechanical mouse, and there will be an arrow showing how to remove the ball. Clean the ball with an alcohol-dampened paper towel, and then use some alcohol-dampened swabs to remove the obvious debris off the rollers. When dry, reassemble the mouse. Finish up by cleaning the pad with the alcohol-dampened paper towel. For less than a dollar, the user now has a gift that will enhance the joy of computing.

Almost everyone has a printer attached to his computer. Some new computers come bundled with a printer, but most do not. Most new printers on the market are color ink-jet models, and all will do satisfactory printing for most household and small business tasks. If printing photos may become a common task, then look at printers with higher resolution (more dots per inch, or "dpi"). If the printer is to be used for business purposes, then print speed may be an issue. One factor that should also be considered is the cost of printer accouterments, such as paper and ink. While regular copy paper may be fine for routine work, ink-jet capable paper tends to be not much more expensive, and often results in a sharper output. Photo grade paper comes in a variety of weights and qualities, but tends to be expensive. When printing photos, a good tip is to print first on plain paper in draft mode (minimize ink usage) and verify the desired output. When satisfied, print in high quality on the more expensive ink-jet photo paper. Ink cartridge cost is another significant factor in printing. Note the cost of ink cartridges and their capacity before buying any printer.

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If the user is likely to be doing a lot of printing, the availability of generic or third party ink cartridges can significantly lower printing costs. Personally, I will not purchase a printer for which I cannot buy reasonably priced ink cartridges. One of the decent quality universal refill kits may be a good gift as well.

Ira Wilsker is a member of the LIT Computer Resources Group and is on the Board of Advisors for APCUG.. He writes a weekly column for the Examiner..

7. CD Slide Show Generator

I can't wait to put this tool to work. It enables you to view images burned to a cd as a slide show. Add only images to a CD-RW drive using Windows XP Explorer and then write these files to a CD-R or CD-RW disc. A new task is presented in the wizard for generating the autorun for the slideshow. Now when you take this disc to another computer that isn't running Windows XP you can still view your images as a slide show.

8. Virtual Desktop Manager

Manage up to 4 desktops from the Windows taskbar. You can choose a different background for each desktop and run different applications on different desktops. Right click on the taskbar, click toolbars, and then click "Desktop Manager."

4. Power Calculator

This special calculator is great for engineers or students as it offers graphs, can evaluate functions and perform many different types of conversions.

5. Task Switcher

This neat PowerToy enhances the existing Alt + Tab application switching mechanism of Windows XP. It provides a thumbnail preview of windows in the task list and is compliant with the new Windows XP visual style. You use this just as you do the existing Alt + Tab mechanism. Press and hold the Alt key and then press the Tab key to cycle through the running applications. When the desired application is highlighted release the Alt key. You can move backwards through the task list by pressing and holding the Shift and Alt key and then pressing the Tab key.

6. Image Resizer

This PowerToy enables you to resize one or many image files. When resizing you can choose from one of four standard sizes or choose a size that you specify. You can also choose to resize the original image or create a new one. Right click any image(s) and select 'Resize Pictures' in the context menu.

9. Taskbar Magnifier

Allows you to magnify part of the screen from the taskbar. This is very similar to Magnifier that can be found under the Accessories menu on the Start Menu except that this PowerToy remains in the taskbar and has a smaller viewing area. Right click on the taskbar, click toolbars, and then click "Taskbar Magnifier."

10. HTML Slide Show Wizard

This wizard helps you create a slide show of your digital pictures. When you're done, you can put your slide show on the Web so that your family and friends can view it. Follow the steps of the wizard to select and arrange your pictures, choose from a few simple options, and then save a Web-ready HTML slide show to a folder.

11. Webcam Timershot

This PowerToy allows you to take pictures from one of the webcams connected to your computer at specified time intervals. When a picture is taken it is saved to a location and with a name that you specify. A simple save option allows you to save all the pictures or only the last picture taken.

Download these great Win XP utilities from

www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/downloads/powertoys.asp

January 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Exec. Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
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20	21	22 BGAMUG Meeting 6:30 @ KATI	23	24	25	26
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February 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Workshop 10:30 AM @ Barnes & Noble
3	4	5 Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 PM @Lone Star	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19 Newsletter Folding TBA	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 BGAMUG Meeting 6:30 @ KATI	27	28		

The Brightest Star

We've survived
a difficult year,
one we'll never forget,
a year fraught with
economic recession,
tragedy, and war.

But 2001 was also a year
of change,
of patriotic rebirth,
a year of lessons learned,
a year that made us think
about what's truly important.

We were reminded about how dear
our family and friends are
and how meaningful they make our lives.

We learned that we should
be thankful for the time
we have together,
and for our many blessings.

And we learned that,
united, we're strong!

So as we take the lessons
of 2001 into the new year,
let's deign to make it
the best year ever!

Let's make 2002,
a year of peace and goodwill,
of prosperity and growth,
of healing and hope,
a year that shines as bright
as the brightest star.

Happy New Year!

*"The Brightest Star," was written by Bobette Bryan, 2001
and thoughtfully brought to our attention by BGAMUG Member
Elbert Young. The animated musical version should be viewed at
<http://www.passionup.com/newyear/html/newyear6.htm?lk=364>*

Calling All BGAMUG Members . . . Remember the Alamo!

The BGAMUG Executive Board is the main place
we handle the routine business of the organization.
These meetings are open to all members.

At our January meeting, the following members
attended: Jenny McCoy, Jim Molloy, Edwin Phelps,
Leon Vincent, and Elbert Young.

The Executive Board will meet on the first Tuesday
of each month at The Alamo Room at Lone Star
Steakhouse. Our meeting will begin at 6:30 pm, but
most of us will gather at 5:30 pm for dinner and a time
of fellowship together.

Remember The Alamo and join us the first Tuesday
of each month.

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