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This Month at NOPCC:

ADSL: High Speed Internet Access

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The President's Message

Now that we have sprung forward into the month of April maybe we can get our information correct about what is going to be discussed at our monthly meetings. I am really sorry about the screw up. The Microsoft dude notified David Friedman about his visit to New Orleans. As you know Dave has been MIA for the past year and I know he is still trying to get a grip on his health. Well needless to say I, nor any other NOPCC officer knew of his scheduled visit. The crew at Microsoft have been great friends of the club and I am sure most of yall felt as I did. "Let the show begin".

This month we will be making another attempt to cover ADSL from end to end. John, Ray and I have had an extra month to prepare and I think we will capture your learned ears for a little while. We will have modems, splitters, filters and testers available for all to see and touch.

Try to bring some challenging questions to the Q&A session. These questions always seem to bring the best out of everyone. The auction is alive and well, I just wish we could find an auctioneer who is alive and well. So if anyone out there would like to test their ability to draw money

out of the members for the "Top Notch" merchandise we are selling please show up at the speakers mike when the auction begins.

Lastly I cannot avoid telling yall about all of those bargains out there. PC133 SDRAM is going for about 35 cents a meg that's right 256 Meg chips for less than a hundred bucks. The CPU war is going hot and heavy also. If upgrading is on your mind and this darned Bear Market hasn't eaten away at all of your fun money now is the time. Maybe with a faster machine you might be able to outrun the bear and catch the bull. There are really some great prices out there on computers and parts so take advantage of them if you can.

In closing I again want to apologize about the speaker mess up at our March meeting and I hoe yall can understand. Looking forward to seeing yall at the April meeting...See Ya There....

Charles "Zeke" Zimmerman

A Gist of the Minutes

The Treasurer/Membership Chair reports that we are 175 members strong as of this month.

A new SIG has been approved by the BoD. The Digital Imaging SIG will commence meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month, beginning on April 25th. The group will devote itself to imaging of all types: scanning; photography and graphics. The major software platforms addressed will be Photo Suite and Photo Draw. Interested members and guests are cordially invited to attend meetings at

McCann Electronics at 7:00pm.

Our newsletter, The Motherboard, needs your help. Please submit articles of general interest, digital photos and/or original artwork directly to the editor at :

www.a1collectables.com

or

ejatho@bellsouth.net

Again, ideas are sought for revamping the NOPCC Web Page. Got an idea? Suggestion? Smart Remark? Speak up now and give us a hand. It's your web page.

Suites 2000 SIG News

I want to thank the four people who came out to the March meeting. Many questions were addressed with one being what was a suite. Another person asked about business letters, how to use the Wizard in generating a business letter, and what were some other types of templates to use for business letters. We also covered leader tabs, how to use them and when they are put to use.

This meeting was a short meeting due to some personal work that the SIG leader needed to take handle. At this meeting we covered indenting and outlining. Since all the users here were using Microsoft's Word we only looked at using this application in regards to both items.

There are four types of indenting: left, right, first line, and hanging. A left indent is where the entire paragraph is indented or moved over a specified distance toward the right from the left margin (or starting position for the entire paragraph). Right indenting is where the entire paragraph is indented or moved over a specified distance toward the left from the right margin.

The first line indent and the hanging indent are relational; they are both opposite of each other. A first line indent involves the indenting of only the first line of a paragraph. Only the first line of the paragraph is moved from left to right a specified distance while the rest of the paragraph remains at the left position or margin. The hanging indent is just the opposite; the first line stays put while the rest of the paragraph indents or moves from left to right a specified distance.

Outlining was covered next and is used for organizing a document in a hierarchical way. There are three ways for creating an outline in Microsoft Word: use the outline view, format with outline levels, format with bullets and numbering. If you use the outline view you will find that it is the easiest way for doing an outline. The outline view has built in formatting based on the styles in your document.

In our April SIG meeting we will continue our discussion of advance functions. We will work primary docu-

mentation, secondary documentation, research related word processing functions and how best to use them. Usages of justification, indenting, bulleting, lists, text spacing, line spacing, paragraph spacing and when not to use them will be presented. Line numbering, page numeration and identification, special insertions (dates, time, registration, propriety marks, and others) will get a detail review. Creating master documents, tables of contents, indexing, and other large document functions will get a detail treatment.

For those who may not know, we are covering all three major suites (Microsoft Office 2000, Corel WordPerfect Office 2000, and Lotus SmartSuite Millennium) in this SIG. At present we are covering word processing. Depending on how much time it takes to finish we will later cover databases, spreadsheets, presentations programs, or organizers.

The e-mail for this SIG will be suites2000@nopc.org. Any communications outside of SIG meeting time is accomplish by e-mail or though phone calls (Ashton C. Mouton, Jr. at 246-7759). There will be samples of work, problem solving, and a question and answer session at each meeting. Hope to see you there.

Ashton C. Mouton, Jr.

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Computer Humor from Around the Club

FOOT-AND-MOUTH BELIEVED TO BE FIRST VIRUS UNABLE TO SPREAD THROUGH MICROSOFT OUTLOOK

Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Symantec's AntiVirus Research Center today confirmed that foot-and-mouth disease cannot be spread by Microsoft's Outlook email application, believed to be the first time the program has ever failed to propagate a major virus.

"Frankly, we've never heard of a virus that couldn't spread through Microsoft Outlook, so our findings were, to say the least, unexpected," said Clive Sarnow, director of the CDC's infectious disease unit...

Executives at Microsoft, meanwhile, were equally skeptical, insisting that Outlook's patented Virus Transfer Protocol (VTP) has proven virtually pervious to any virus. The company, however, will issue a free VTP patch if it turns out the application is not vulnerable to foot-and-mouth. <http://grc.com/x/talk.exe?cmd=article&group=grc.security.software&item=7840&utag=>

Passed along by Carole M. Rike

IDIOTS IN SERVICE:

This week, all our office phones went dead and I had to contact the telephone repair people. They promised to be out between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. When I asked if they could give me a smaller time window, the pleasant gentleman asked, "Would you like us to call you before we come?" I replied that I didn't see how he would be able to do that, since our phones weren't working.

IDIOTS AT WORK:

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many deer were being hit by cars and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.

IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE:

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

IDIOT SIGHTING #1:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

IDIOT SIGHTING #2:

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually-challenged coworker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

IDIOT SIGHTING #3:

At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker who is leaving the company due to 'downsizing,' our manager commented cheerfully, "this is fun. We should do this more often." Not a word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare.

IDIOT SIGHTING #4:

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

IDIOT SIGHTING #5:

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!" To which he replied, "I know - I already got that side."

NOW DON'T YOU FEEL BETTER !!!

Passed along by Tom Watkins

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A NATIVE OF N. O. IF..."

You don't mind sticking your tongue into the abdominal cavity of a bug and sucking out juices, but eating rutabaga repulses you.

You'll glop up handfuls of entrails from deer, ducks and fish, but changing a dirty diaper makes you nauseous

Your mother keeps a key to your apartment.

You still write NOPSI on your utility bill.

You call public transportation a NOPSI bus.

Your 1st meal after childbirth is a beer (WOMEN ONLY)

You never ask a lawyer what school he went to because you assume he went to Jesuit and don't care where he went to college.

Softball is more important than your marriage...at least on game days.

You gave \$5,000 to re-elect a politician you don't like.

You wash your clothes at your mama's.

You can navigate miles of marsh in the dark but can't find the sink to put your dirty dishes.

You have a mirliton vine in your yard even though you don't really like mirliton.

You get your tomato stakes from political signs on the neutral ground.

You still won't shop at Dillard's because they bought out Holmes'es.

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See What You Missed?



A Badge loading class by Don Herrmann...



...and an informative, entertaining speaker.

Bill of Non-Rights ???

The following has apparently been attributed to State Representative Mitchell Kaye from GA. I hope this guy runs for President:

"We, the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid any more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior, and secure the blessings of debt free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt ridden, delusional, and other liberal, bedwetters. We hold these truths to be self-evident: that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim that they require a Bill of No Rights.

ARTICLE I: You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone - not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of idiots, and probably always will be.

ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful, do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care.

That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim, or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you fry in the electric chair.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen color TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE VIII: You don't have the right to demand that our children risk their lives in foreign wars to soothe your aching conscience. We hate oppressive governments and won't lift a finger to stop you from going to fight if you'd like. However, we do not enjoy parenting the entire world and do not want to spend so much of our time battling each and every little tyrant with a military uniform and a funny hat.

ARTICLE IX: You don't have the right to a job. All of us sure want all of you to have one, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE X: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to pursue happiness - which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights."

If you agree, we strongly urge you to forward this to as many people as you can. No, you don't have to, and nothing tragic will befall you should you not forward it. We just think it is about time that common sense is allowed to flourish - call it the age of reason revisited.

Again, passed along by Tom Watkins

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NOPCC BBS	Bulletin Board System for members. The original way to PC communicate.	486-7261
NOPCC Web Site	On the World Wide Web. Our own home page and club information.	www.nopcc.org

"YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM NEW ORLEANS IF..." cont.

You swim in Lake Pontchartrain, but not after a thunderstorm.

You don't pay for Jazz Fest tickets or speeding tickets.

Your wife won't undress in front of you but she'll show her tits to a thousand people during Mardi Gras.

You don't make your fishing camp too nice so your wife won't come on weekends.

You order Rocky and Carlo's macaroni with both brown and red gravy.

You know the difference between a good snowball and a mediocre snowball.

You drink beer for breakfast at Gulf Shores.

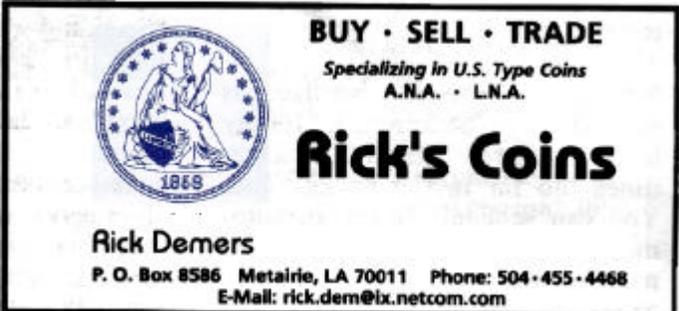
"They" will let you ride in Rex (gotta bleed blue too).

During teen years, you never dated someone from the other side of Canal Street.

Passed along by Jackie Elliott



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4 NOPCC General Meeting	5	6	7 Living with Home Electronics 690 AM 10am—11am
8	9 VBLG SIG McCann's 6:30	10	11 Board of Director's Mtg McCann's 6:30	12	13	14 Living with Home Electronics 690 AM 10am—11am
15	16 VBLG SIG McCann's 6:30	17	18 Suites 2000 SIG McCann's 6:00	19 New User's SIG McCann's 6:30	20	21 Living with Home Electronics 690 AM 10am—11am
22	23 VBLG SIG McCann's 6:30	24	25 *NEW* Digital Imaging SIG	26 Lick 'N Stick & Internet SIG	27	28 Living with Home Electronics 690 AM 10am—11am
29	30 VBLG SIG McCann's 6:30					

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