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This Month at NOPCC:

**Corel
Draw 10
&
Word Perfect
Office
&
Bryce 5
Speakers:
Cindy Valladares
Ruth Gmehlin**

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Message from the President

Hi yall, I am really looking forward to making the **July 6th** meeting. Corel Draw will be there with all of their bells and whistles. I am sure they will have some great give-aways as well as some very special pricing on all of their products. They always put on a great show.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members who volunteered to help Microsoft out in putting on their Office XP event. They depended exclusively on us to handle their New Orleans production, and we did it without a hitch. Hats off to the following people for giving us their time and energy for this event. Ray Paternostro Jr, Ashton C. Mouton, Jr., Zeke Zimmerman, Curtis Duhe, Manny Dennis, Nicole Dennis, Albert Fox, Virginia Kieran, Carl Henderson, Donald McCune, Hans-Georg W. Heinemann, Gerard Gaudin, William Stacom, Arthur Mott, Tony Macaluso, Julius Wilson, Edward Jahncke, and Dal Breithaupt. For these efforts it looks like Microsoft will donate

two or three copies of Office XP Professional. This will be great for the club computer and probably offer a great opportunity for a raffle or Christmas give-away. I hope Microsoft appreciated what we accomplished for them and will keep us in mind for any future event.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of the reduced membership dues. That's right, just re-up and accept the electronic newsletter instead of the mail out and you get a \$5.00 discount. We all come out ahead on this deal and you can really appreciate the quality, full color newsletter that Ed so proudly produces. As a matter of fact he is probably sitting in his little office at the Computer Emergency Room waiting for my e-mail. Or his office will become the Newsletter Emergency Room. Kinda has a ring to it ,doesn't it. Ed, Don and Ray, thanks again for being there when I needed yall. Ill be seeing yall at the

FRIDAY JULY 6th MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Charles E "Zeke" Zimmerman

A Gist of the Minutes

The minutes of the BoD Meeting were not received by this writer in time for publication. Maybe next month.

E. W. Jatho, Jr.

This month's meeting has been pushed forward from Wednesday the 4th of July to Friday July the 6th at the J. D. Meisler School Cafeteria. NO meeting on Wednesday. Don't show up then. Come out Friday night and listen to Corel speakers demonstrate their new products and releases.

Board of Directors

The MS Office XP Launch - A Preview of Windows XP



A very special thanks is due to the members who represented NOPC so well at the Microsoft eXtreme Event in New Orleans. The way I heard it, if our guys weren't there much of nothing necessary for a success would have been done. Thanks Zeke, Ray, Curtis, Ashton and all the other guys and gals from NOPC. WAY TO GO GUYS!



In the News

Attention NOPC Members

All members are reminded that we need your surveys filled out with your wishes and brought to this month's meeting. This is the only way we can ascertain what you want from your club and figure out how to give that to you. Please turn in your surveys at this meeting.

Editor

Never Mind the Computer Virus

As if a computer virus wasn't bad enough now we have a computer fungus. . .Scientist finds fungus that eats through compact discs By Robert Uhlig, Technology Correspondent

FIRST there was the computer virus. Now scientists have found a fungus that eats compact discs. Victor Cardenes, of Spain's leading scientific research body, stumbled across the microscopic creature two years ago, while visiting Belize. Friends complained that in the hot and sticky Central American climate, a CD had stopped working and had developed an odd discoloration that left parts of it virtually transparent.

Dr Cardenes and colleagues at the Superior Council for Scientific Research in Madrid discovered a fungus was steadily eating through the supposedly indestructible disc. The fungus had burrowed into the CD from the outer edge, then devoured the thin aluminium layer and some of the data-storing polycarbonate resin.

Dr Cardenes said: "It completely destroys the aluminium. It leaves nothing behind." Biologists at the council had never seen this fungus, but concluded that it belonged to a common genus called geotrichum.

Philips, the Dutch electronics company that invented the compact disc, said it believed the Belize case was probably a freak incident caused by extreme weather conditions. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/et>

Passed along by Carole Rike

VMWARE Demonstration

The Visual Basic Learners Group will be having a presentation on VMWare on Monday July 9th at 6:30pm, at McCann Electronics. For information on VMWare please visit <http://www.vmware.com>. We will demonstrate some VMWare features and discuss possible uses in a development and testing environment. Hope to see you there...

Manuel Dennis III

USIIA Bulletin, Monday, June 4, 2001

Hormel Foods has called a truce in its war against the use of its trademark, SPAM, to refer to unsolicited commercial email. The company asks only that Internet users refer to the email as a lower-case "spam" and the meat product in upper-case letters, "SPAM."

Passed along by John Souvestre

Your Boss Knows You're Reading This

A recent survey of more than 1,000 U.S. businesses showed that nearly 78 percent monitored employees' Web, email, voice mail, and other communications--more than twice as many businesses that said they did so than in a survey five years ago.

ACM TechNews passed along by John Souvestre

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Quotable Quotes

The telephone wire, as we know it, has become too slow and too small to handle Internet traffic. It took 75 years for telephones to be used by 50 million customers, but it took only four years for the Internet to reach that many users.

Lori Valigra

640K ought to be enough for anybody.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, 1981

The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do.

B. F. Skinner

Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done.

Andy Rooney

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.

IBM Chairman Thomas Watson, 1943

If you have any trouble sounding condescending, find a Unix user to show you how it's done.

Scott Adams

In a few minutes a computer can make a mistake so great that it would have taken many men many months to equal it.

Anonymous

If computers get too powerful, we can organize them into a committee. That will do them in.

Bradley's Bromide

There are two major products that came out of Berkeley: LSD and UNIX. We don't believe this to be a coincidence.

Jeremy S. Anderson

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

Elbert Hubbard

Any teacher that can be replaced by a computer, deserves to be.

David Thornburg

Those parts of the system that you can hit with a hammer are called hardware; those program instructions that you can only curse at are called software.

Anonymous

We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.

Carl Sagan

If you tried to read every document on the web, then for each

day's effort you would be a year further behind in your goal.

Anonymous

There might be new technology, but technological progress itself was nothing new - and over the years it had not destroyed jobs, but created them.

Margaret Thatcher

The last good thing written in C++ was the Pachelbel Canon.

Jerry Olson

The most overlooked advantage to owning a computer is that if they foul up there's no law against whacking them around a little.

Porterfield

Everything that can be invented has been invented.

Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899

Any science or technology which is sufficiently advanced is indistinguishable from magic.

Arthur C. Clarke

Never let a computer know you're in a hurry.

Anonymous

A year spent in artificial intelligence is enough to make one believe in God.

Alan J. Perlis

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

Thomas Edison

Get your feet off my desk, get out of here, you stink, and we're not going to buy your product.

Joe Keenan, President of Atari, in 1976 responding to Steve Jobs' offer to sell him rights to the new personal computer he and Steve Wozniak developed

The Internet is a great way to get on the net.

Senator Bob Dole

Computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and perhaps only weigh 1 1/2 tons.

Popular Mechanics, 1949

From then on, when anything went wrong with a computer, we said it had bugs in it.

Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper, US Navy

Technology is like fish. The longer it stays on the shelf, the less desirable it becomes.

Andrew Heller, IBM

NOPCC Directory

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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.nopc.org

AOL is like the cockroach left after the nuclear bomb hits.
They know how to survive.

Jan Horsfall, VP of marketing for Lycos

How could this be a problem in a country where we have Intel and Microsoft?

Al Gore on Y2K

The modern computer hovers between the obsolescent and the nonexistent.

Sydney Brenner in 1927

There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in their home.

Ken Olson (President of Digital Equipment Corporation) at the Convention of the World Future Society in Boston in 1977

During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet.

Al Gore describing his 1986 legislation to interconnect five supercomputer centers (17 yrs after the first Internet servers hooked up)

If Gore invented the Internet, I invented spell-check.

Former Vice President J. Danforth Quayle

The day I made that statement, I was tired because I'd been up all night inventing the Camcorder.

Al Gore attempting damage control

Passed along by Tom Watkins

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8	9 VBLG McCann's 6:30pm	10 Geneology SIG McCann's 6:30pm	11 NOPC BoD Mtg.McCann's 6:30pm	12	13	14 Living with Home Electron- ics 690 AM 10am—11am
15	16 VBLG McCann's 6:30pm	17	18 Suites 2000 SIG McCann's 6:00pm	19	20	21 Living with Home Electron- ics 690 AM 10am—11am
22	23 VBLG McCann's 6:30pm	24	25 Digital Imaging SIG McCann 6:30pm	26 Internet SIG after Lick 'n Stick	27	28 Living with Home Electron- ics 690 AM 10am—11am
29	30 VBLG McCann's 6:30pm	31	1 NOPC General Mtg. Meisler 6:30			

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