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This Month's NOPCC Guest Speaker

Mr. Robert Ryder

Topic

*Internet Banking:
What it means
to you.*

President's Message

Hello everyone, I hope you are managing to stay cool during this heat!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Flea Market, buyers and sellers alike. We had several donations of equipment to the club, and were able to unload several pieces out of the locker that we keep at J. D. Meisler Middle School. I personally did a fair amount of business at the market and I hope those of you as buyers were able to walk away with some good deals as well. Preliminary reports from Don indicate that we broke even on the market.

I want to give a shout-out to the rest of the NOPCC board for managing the food and raffle items; the food in particular was very tasty!

I also want to give special thanks to Mr. Mike Clark of Westbank Engraving for providing

the club with the signs that we were able to post outside around the school to promote both the club and the Flea Market, and also to my father through Cue & Cushion Billiards for the donations of the plates, napkins, bus trays, ice, and use of the cookers. Thanks also to my mom for helping with my table!

At our August meeting, we will have a representative from Bank One come to discuss the future of banking on the Internet. We are also working towards having representatives of Microsoft and Corel at future meetings. Please help spread the word!

Those of you who frequent the SIGs that I moderate or help moderate will surely have noticed, from time to time, that I will point out some the things that the content industry is doing to take away our fair-use rights concerning how we use their media. This refers

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Speakers Resume

By Tom Ford

Our topic for the August meeting will be on internet banking. Every day we see more and more banks offering not only internet access to our accounts but also ways for making bill payments and account transfers. To explain the current state of internet banking and what the future of banking using the internet holds for its customers, our speaker will be Robert Ryder.

Mr. Ryder is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana and has been in the banking business for over thirty years. He attended Louisiana State University on a football scholarship and was elected team captain of the 1969 L.S.U. football team. He has attended graduate banking

schools at Northwestern, Ohio State, and Stanford Universities.

He had spent nineteen years with First Commerce Corporation before their merger with Bank One in 1998. Immediately before the merger came about Mr. Ryder was President and CEO of the First National Bank of Lake Charles for five years. Now he is the Market Manager for Bank One in South Louisiana with responsibility for Consumer and Business Banking.

Bank One, Inc. South Louisiana Market consists of sixty (60) branches, 900 employees, twenty-one (21) Business Bankers, and a number of businesses worth approximately \$5 billion.

Suites 2000

By Ashton C. Mouton, Jr. (SIG Leader)

Sorry everyone for not attending Wednesday's meeting. A last minute commitment came up.

We previously covered how to make a master folder so your presentation work can become easier. If all work is kept in a master folder you can save time and energy in putting a presentation together. Not only do you want a master folder you also want subfolders for graphics, sound files, photos or pictures, and so on. Additional subfolders are labeled clip art, logo, or some other working title. Remember to group like files together to make it easier to find. This helps to save your presentation and stay organized.

You can save a presentation by using icons, toolbars, and buttons. Remember first time saves will send you to the Places Bar so be careful. Note that PowerPoint only saves changes you made in a presentation when you save a file. Remember to always save your work, especially when leaving your desk.

Do not forget to back up your work. It may mean changing to a larger format for archiving such as a tape drive, zip drive, or CD-ROM. This saves your work so that it can always be recovered if lost, damaged, or destroyed.

Various ways for starting a presentation were covered from

using AutoContent Wizard to Design Template. Remember AutoContent Wizard will not meet all your needs. It only covers board areas such as General, Corporate, Projects, Sales/Marketing, and Carnegie Coach. You will need to go back and edit each slide for specific information or situation you have.

Design Templates are best used when you already know how to do your presentation and it is already fully developed. Design Templates are nothing more than a group of preset background design templates. It helps bring about a unified look of your slides for other elements such as bullets, fonts, and fonts. Using Design Template helps give your presentation a professional look. Another tool is AutoLayout, which allows you to get the very best layout that will communicate legible and instantly the key points you are trying to get your audience to acquire.

Hopefully these short reminders will spark more interest in getting other to come to this SIG and see how we can help then in doing presentations and how presentations can help in other areas not necessarily involving a visual presentation to an audience.

The e-mail for this SIG will be suites2000@nopc.org. Any communications outside of SIG meeting time is accomplished by e-mail or through 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.

“Fair Use Rights” Web Links

By Ray Pasternostro, Jr. (NOPCC President)

Many of you have heard me rant at SIG meetings about our willing lawmakers and Senators and how they are rolling over (prostituting themselves is a better phrase) for the music and media content industry. For those who have an interest in their “rights,” this article will help provide some more sources of information that you will find helpful. The following list of web links will give you more information on just how hard the music and media content industry will fight to deprive you of your fair use rights.

<http://www.eff.org>

The Electronic Frontier Foundation. Be sure you watch the “Tinsel Town Club” video which is in Macromedia flash format.

<http://www.digitalconsumer.org>

Protecting fair-use rights in the digital world

<http://www.anti-dmca.org>

This link will help you find out exactly what the **Digital Millennium Copyright Act** is all about and how it is being abused each month.

<http://digitalspeech.org>

Digital Speech was founded in February 2002 to coordinate

digital freedom activism and advocacy across the United States.

<http://www.publicknowledge.org>

The public's voice in the Digital Age.

<http://www.dontbuycds.uncoveror.com>

While I'm not ready to give up my new CD purchases entirely, this site outlines the steps that the music industry is taking to stop consumers from copying their CDs in any way, shape, or form.

Hope this is useful information to all who have read this article. Any more ideas or views please write the editor with your comments.

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Jornada Phones in its Swan Song

By Ian Fried

Staff Writer, CNET News.com, 25 July 2002, 11:20 AM PT
<http://news.com.com/2100-1040-946345.html>

The Jornada is dead. Long live the Jornada.

Although Hewlett-Packard is killing off the Jornada line of handhelds in favor of the more popular iPaq line, the company on Thursday introduced a new Jornada, which is likely to be the last. The Jornada 928 that HP plans to sell in Europe is a combination cell phone-handheld that can make phone calls, surf the Web wirelessly, and send and receive e-mail.

HP said that European carrier Vodaphone will start selling the combination device for \$615 with a service contract. The device features a 16-bit color screen and a compact flash slot, and is the first handheld to use Texas Instruments' OMAP 710 processor. The Jornada 928 also has a second, smaller screen that will display information about phone calls without the need to power up the main color display.

Until its announcement Thursday, it was unclear whether the device would see the light of day, even though HP had demonstrated prototypes of the gadget. When HP completed its acquisition of Compaq Computer merger in May, the company said it was still evaluating whether to bring the device to market.

HP first showed off the Jornada 928 in February.

The device is the second product to use a new, phone-enabled version of Microsoft's Pocket PC operating system. The U.K. wireless carrier mmO2 has already announced the XDA handheld, which is made by Taiwan's HTC, the same company that makes the iPaq. T-Mobile, until recently known as VoiceStream, is offering the same HTC-made device in the United States.

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New Computer Users

By Ashton C. Mouton, Jr. (SIG leader)

We had a nicely attended meeting with 12 people. Two new members came to the meeting and said it was helpful. Sorry for those that could not make it to our SIG.

As was done last month we made a quick summary of past meetings and took an exam to see what we had learned. Folders and saving information were the main issues covered.

We had a lot of questions at this meeting and thanks to Mr. Ray Paternostro technical support all were answered. We even discussed the dangers of trying to make changes in the computer's registry. For new users and those that do not know very much about what the registry does, just leave this alone. Do not make changes in your registry unless you really know what you are doing.

Copying and moving files about the computer and between the computer and the "A" drive were not only discussed but we showed how it was done and what the difference was between the two. We showed how to move files from the "A" drive into a folder and how that differs from moving a file in the "C" drive to another folder on the same drive.

Copying files is similar but a little different and we discussed and showed the difference. For some of our members it was a little confusing but we were able to show how copying and

moving differed from each other. What it means when you do one instead of the other and how to avoid having problems when you do these simple tasks.

Some of our attendees were having a problem with their printer. We explained about printer drivers and how to get them and how they should be used. We explained that you may need to update your drivers by going to the Internet and getting your drive updated to fix a problem. We explained that most new computers have a drive section and you can go there to get most of the drives for most of the printers on the market today.

If you have any questions on using your computer now is the best time to attend this SIG because we will cover all aspects of computer usage during the year. If you call ahead of time we can better prepare for your specific question and have an answer for you at the meeting. Tell your friends and help get some new members into the club by coming to this very informative program. This SIG is geared to helping all users of their computer no matter their level of expertise. The e-mail for this SIG will be newusers@nopc.org.

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AMD Cuts Prices on Athlon, Duron

By John G. Spooner
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Advanced Micro Devices cut prices Friday on its Athlon XP and Duron processors for both desktop and notebook PCs.

The chipmaker shaved up to 20 percent off prices for Athlon XP chips in an effort to make AMD-based PCs more attractive to buyers, a company representative said. AMD's last price cut was in late May.

Price cuts on desktop chips ranged from a 20 percent cut on the Athlon XP 2100+, which went from \$224 to \$180, to a 5 percent cut on the Athlon XP 2200+, which dropped from \$241 to \$230.

AMD also lowered the price on its Athlon XP 2000+ by 16 percent, from \$193 to \$163. The Athlon XP 1900+ chip fell 13 percent, from \$172 to \$150; the Athlon XP 1800+ dropped 11 percent, from \$160 to \$142; and the price of the Athlon XP 1700+ was shaved 7 percent, from \$140 to \$130. AMD's Athlon XP 1600+ desktop chip stayed at \$130.

AMD's price drops reflect chips purchased in 1,000 unit lots. Prices for Athlons sold individually by retailers often vary widely from these list prices, based on chip supply, and are often much lower. Prices for the Athlon XP 2200+ chip, for example, ranged from \$202 to \$250 or more Friday afternoon, according to Web site Pricewatch.com.

AMD made fewer cuts on the mobile Athlon XP. It held the line on its new mobile Athlon XP 1800+, which lists for \$335. But it did lower the price of its mobile Athlon XP 1700+ by 11 percent, from \$235 to \$210, and cut the mobile Athlon XP 1600+ by 4 percent, from \$192 to \$185. The company kept prices on the mobile Athlon XP 1400+ and 1500+ chips the same at \$150 and \$175, respectively.

AMD's biggest price reductions of the week came on its mobile Duron chip. Pricing on that chip, aimed at low-cost notebooks, was lowered by up to 26 percent. The price on AMD's 1.3GHz mobile Duron was sliced by 10 percent, from \$134 to \$120. The largest cut, 26 percent, dropped the 1.2GHz mobile Duron from \$120 to \$89. The 1.1GHz mobile Duron was reduced by 22 percent, from \$89 to \$69.

AMD also sliced the prices of its 1.3GHz and 1.2GHz desktop Duron chips by 11 percent, from \$72 to \$64, and by 6 percent, from \$68 to \$64, respectively.

Price cuts on its Athlon MP 1800+, 1900+, 2000+ and 2100+ chips for workstations and servers ranged from 14 percent to 16 percent. The chips, which once sold in the range of \$192 to \$262, now list for \$166 to \$224. AMD also dropped the price on the Athlon MP 1600+ by 3 percent, from \$154 to \$150.

Intel, AMD's main competitor, is not expected to cut prices for a few more weeks, when it's expected to introduce a new 2.8GHz Pentium 4 for desktop PCs.

Radio At Its Best

By Ray Paternostro, Jr. (NOPCC President)

As most of you know, Mr. Gerry McCann runs the radio show "Living With Home Electronics" every Saturday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on WTIK 690 AM on the Radio. Perhaps some of you caught this past weekend's show in which Ashton C. Mouton, Jr. and myself were featured guests.

This coming Saturday, 3 August 2002, Mr. Gerry McCann will be out of town and has temporarily lost control of his senses and has entrusted us to run his show by ourselves. I invite you all and all your friends to listen and call in with your computer questions so that we might be able answer them on the air. Be forewarned, this is only an hour show and the time goes by lighting fast. Call early with your questions and we might be able to set up a Question and Answer section at the same time.

Mr. McCann's radio show handles numerous types of questions and can sometimes get deep into computers, computer hardware, networking, and various types of computer software. Not only does the show covers all aspects of computers but it also covers home electronics that is audio and video equipment used at home. If you have a home electronics problem question just call Mr. McCann the following week and let him solve your problem.

The phone number is 260-WTIK (9849)

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specifically to how we can play back or record music and video. You will also notice this month that the selection of Internet links I have provided is geared towards this as well. This is an issue that is close to me, since I am what I believe to be a rather large consumer of both music CDs and DVDs. Please visit these sites when you can and get involved, even if it's just an email to our representatives in government.

One last thing: Ashton and myself have been lucky enough to appear on both of the radio shows that are listed on our calendar page. Please take the time to check those out periodically; you never know when we might show up! ☺

Webmasters Take Note

NOPCC webmasters can enter this year's Best Web Site Contest for free. The deadline for valid entries is September 1, 2002. Winners will receive individual and group recognition, and every group that enters could receive comments from judges about your work. This message is being sent to one person from each APCUG member group. Details about these contests and their categories that will result in 20 winners can be found at: <http://www.apcug.org/reports/jul02/r020728.htm>

The week in review: PCs under attack

By Steven Musil
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Imagine trying to boot up your computer and finding that a hacker had disabled it or destroyed your data, and then imagine that you had no legal recourse because the U.S. government sanctioned it.

That nightmare could become a reality if Hollywood executives get their way. A bill introduced into the House of Representatives would allow copyright owners to legally hack into peer-to-peer networks and disable PCs used for illicit file trading.

The measure would dramatically rewrite federal law to permit nearly unchecked electronic disruptions if a copyright holder has a "reasonable basis" to believe that piracy is occurring. The bill would immunize groups such as the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America from all state and federal laws if they disable, block or otherwise impair a "publicly accessible peer-to-peer file-trading network."

The bill doesn't specify what techniques, such as viruses, worms, denial-of-service attacks and domain name hijacking, would be permissible. It does say that a copyright hacker should not delete files, but it limits the right of anyone subject to an intrusion to sue if files are accidentally erased.

That's just the tip of the entertainment industry's anti-piracy push. A lawyer for the MPAA said we could also expect a new bill soon to curtail the piracy of digital TV broadcasts. Other proposals likely will seek to limit piracy by outlawing future components that receive digital TV broadcasts unless they follow anti-copying standards.

Future hardware and software would treat digital television differently if it were designated as copy-protected, preventing people from saving multiple copies or uploading them. Another standard would, in industry jargon, "plug the analog hole" by embedding watermarks in broadcasts and limiting the redistribution of broadcasts with those hidden watermarks.

In a related battle, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit in an attempt to overturn key portions of a controversial 1998 copyright law. The suit asks a federal judge to rule that the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) is so sweeping it unconstitutionally interferes with researchers' ability to evaluate the effectiveness of Internet-filtering software.

By suing on behalf of a 22-year-old programmer who is researching the oft-buggy products, the civil liberties group hopes to prompt the first ruling that would curtail the DMCA's wide reach.

Deal breakers

Hewlett-Packard plans to stop supplying printers, cameras and scanners to Dell Computer, citing that company's intention to enter the printer business. An HP representative said Dell's

business represented an "insignificant" portion of HP's total printing and imaging business, equal to only a few days' sales per year. Dell currently offers HP's printers, scanners and digital cameras as well as its Jornada handhelds for sale on the Dell Web site.

It has been widely speculated that Dell is planning to enter the printer business, although the company has not laid out its plans. A Dell representative said the company was surprised by HP's move: "We're befuddled that the mere possibility of us entering the printer business would make them so nervous."

The state of California officially canceled its sprawling six-year deal that united scores of its contracts with software maker Oracle under one mega-contract. Negotiations between the state and Oracle to cancel the complex contract took more than two months because some money had already changed hands, and state agencies were starting to operate under the new deal.

Although the state hadn't paid any money, by early 2002, Koch Financial, which financed the deal, had already paid \$52.7 million to Logicon, which passed \$35.5 million on to Oracle. Additionally, dozens of state agencies using Oracle software stopped paying maintenance and support under the new agreement and had to sort out what they owed Oracle for the last several months of lapsed payments.

Heat on handheld makers

The worldwide handheld market is suffering the pains of contracting for the second time this year. Palm held the top spot in the market, but competitors HP and Sony were able to encroach on its dominance.

Palm shipments declined 33 percent in the second quarter compared with its first-quarter shipments. Handspring also saw steep declines during the period, after having turned its focus to its Treo line, which combines the features of cellular phones and organizers.

"The picture isn't pretty," one analyst said. "Nobody is doing well." The decline in unit shipments of handhelds, the sales of which are driven primarily by consumers, shows that people are sensing that the economy isn't really turning around quickly and are holding off on at least some purchases, she said.

Perhaps in response to its slipping market share, Palm joined the list of handheld makers slashing prices in hopes of enticing new customers during what is traditionally a slow sales season. The handheld maker is cutting prices by up to 34 percent on five of its six handheld lines. Palm joins Sony and Handspring in reducing prices as the competitors muddle through the late summer sales doldrums.

Despite dropping the Jornada in favor of the iPaq after merging with Compaq Computer, HP has promised to provide at least three years of technical support to owners of the handheld. All devices in that line will be phased out by year's end--with the exception of the Jornada 720, which resembles a miniature notebook computer, and the newly introduced Jornada 928,

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Java Ring

Article from Whatis.com dated 2 July 2002

A Java Ring is a finger ring that contains a small microprocessor with built-in capabilities for the user, a sort of smart card that is wearable on a finger. Sun Microsystem's Java Ring was introduced at their JavaOne Conference in 1998. Instead of a gemstone in the ring there was contained an inexpensive microprocessor in its place inside a stainless-steel iButton which was running a Java Virtual Machine that was preloaded with applets (little application programs). The rings were built by Dallas Semiconductor.

Workstations at the conference had "ring readers" installed on them that downloaded information about the user from the conference registration system. This information was then used to enable a number of personalized services. For example, a robotic machine made coffee according to user preferences, which it downloaded when they snapped the ring into another "ring reader."

Although Java Rings aren't widely used yet, such rings or similar devices could have a number of real-world applications, such as starting your car and having all your vehicle's components (such as the seat, mirrors, and radio selections) automatically adjust to your preferences. Just think of all the possibilities that one could use such a device.

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which features telephone capabilities.

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Connecting .Net

Microsoft took some big steps in hopes of broadening the appeal of its .Net software plan. The company announced that it would link to Apache, one of the most important open-source software projects, in a move that could give Microsoft access to a far larger audience of software developers, as Apache is used by more than half of all Internet sites.

Previously, Microsoft announced new connecting software that will link its .Net Framework to rival Oracle's database software. The framework--a crucial piece in Microsoft's .Net Web services software strategy--simplifies and automates many software development tasks, and helps software run across multiple servers and computers.

The .Net agenda includes new releases of the company's Windows operating system and other server software, along with development tools and plans to make programs more Internet-aware. One new technology supported by .Net is Web services, which promise to make linking internal computer sys-

tems, and systems residing in multiple companies, far easier than current methods.

The software giant acknowledged that its .Net plan has been slow to catch on, and it laid out an agenda to move the software strategy ahead. Chairman Bill Gates said, "in some respects we are further ahead, and in some respects (we have) not (moved) as fast (as we hoped)" with .Net, which the company introduced two years ago.

Although developers and analysts have given .Net high marks for its technical design, some Microsoft customers have called the company's marketing plan confusing. Microsoft largely rebranded existing products under the .Net label but added little new technology. Gates acknowledged that shortcoming.

Also of note

Apple Computer and Microsoft are expected to release important updates to their operating systems next month...A Japanese start-up has come up with a mutant piece of hardware that it says may deliver "perfect security" for Web servers: a two-headed hard drive...Intel aims to boost consumer interest in PCs and its processors by announcing hardware and software that will help manufacturers design a device that can store and play digital Amazon will start accounting for stock options as a regular expense on future earnings reports.

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Tech Trivia

By Gerry McCann

Software counterfeiters are now copying the Microsoft Hologram onto their bogus CD's. Window's XP's first service pack is about to be released. Microsoft will shut off pirated registration numbers with this new upgrade, so be very careful with the new upgrade. It will be very important where you gave purchased your software. If it was too cheap to be true... it is probably not legit.

Epson recently introduced their new model C-80 ink jet printer with a special ink cartridge. Each of these C-80 ink jet cartridges contain a small implanted circuit board. A casual observer would expect that these circuit boards will limit the use of a generic type replacement ink cartridge. Not so. You can get "knock-off" ink jet cartridges now that seem to work. The Epson C-80 software will not report the presence of something other than a genuine Epson type cartridge, but it does allow a "knock-off" full functionality. Multiple test prints of Photo Quality printing using one brand of a Chinese clone black ink reveals no visual difference in quality.

One of the most useful things you can do to practice with your a Digital Camera or Camcorder is to inventory the contents of

your home or business. If anything is stolen, lost, damaged, or donated one or more agencies may require that you prove ownership for the object in question. This could be for insurance, tax, or estate settlement reasons. Make sure you set the correct date and time in your camera when filming. Then go through the property taking pictures or video of each wall and inside each closet. If the camera has audio capabilities add your explanation of the object being filmed at the same time. Then make a copy or two of the digital pictures or video tape. These pictures and audio will now become vital legal support for the future incidences that may occur in the future.



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