

User Friendly



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Holiday Shopping with Price Grabber
By Pamela Swatwood**

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Election of Club Directors

Please attend our meeting on November 13, 2002 to cast your vote for a new slate of Directors.

If you are unable to attend in person be sure to complete the proxy form printed on page 7 of this newsletter (or make a copy), place in a sealed envelope and leave it in the Club's folder at the Clubhouse.

Your vote is



important.

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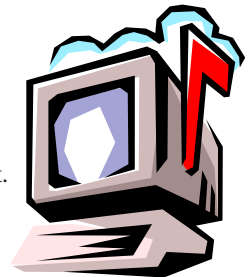
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- 3rd Friday** - MS Office (Word, Excel)Barry Robbins
(Notice: Special Time 4 to 5:30 P.M.)
- 4th Friday** - Photo Editing & Scanning Don Yenche

There is also a "HELP" SIG! This SIG is intended for beginners to answer your basic questions relating to computers (This is not a class). It meets on the first, third and fourth Mondays of each month at 10:00 A.M. The SIG leader is Joe Lebovitz.

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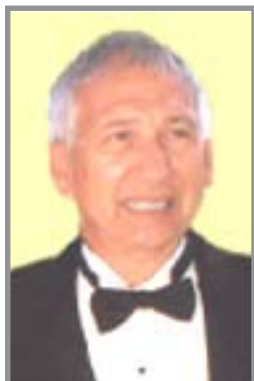
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From the President's Desk

By Don Yenche



On behalf of your Computer Club Board of Directors, it is my honor to extend to all of you our best wishes for the forthcoming Holiday Season. Our November and December meetings are intended to help with your celebration. Wednesday November 13th at 7:30 we will feature Pamela Swatwood, representing Price

Grabber.com.

Pamela will demonstrate the ease of getting the best deals to purchase your gifts on the Internet at their great site: <www.pricegrabber.com/>. Buying on the Internet can be safe and convenient. I was reluctant at first. I tried it and it really works.

There is another good reason for you to join us that evening. You will have the opportunity to select our club's leadership for the year 2003. Your vote is important in this election. Our doors will open at 6:30 P.M., plan on coming early. Bring those nagging computer questions and challenge us to give you a solution. This is one hour prior to the formal meeting time. We usually conclude our meetings no later than 9:00 PM and invite all attendees to socialize with other members. Make sure you avail yourselves to our freshly made Starbucks coffee and some delicious desserts.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT

Because this issue of User Friendly is the last one published this year, I am taking this opportunity to invite you to the special December 11th party. Remember our successful Pizza event a couple of years ago? We hope to top that this year. The menu will feature salad from the famous Souplantation, microbrew beer and sodas and piping hot pizzas. There will be gifts for some lucky members. Desserts, coffee and dance music will round the evening off. The doors will open at 5:30 for you to socialize, and then at 6PM the festivities will begin. **You need to purchase advance tickets in order for us to be able to have ample food and**

drink. The tickets are a modest two dollars (\$2) for club members and four dollars (\$4) for guests. Tickets will be available at our November meeting. You may also purchase them at our Special Interest Groups sessions. **There will not be any entry into the HOLIDAY SOCIAL without a ticket. Ticket sales will end at our Friday December 6th SIG session!**

MY TRIBUTE TO YOUR TEAM

As I leave office I am told that the job has been well done. I am not alone in the fine operations of this, the most complicated club here at Palmia. The Computer Club is involved in many facets. I feel this is the time to point out to you the many people responsible for making our club so notable.

The executive members that you elected in late 2001 have been responsible for the day to day responsibilities in managing our club:

Our Vice-President, **Richard Jenkins** has taken that position very seriously. He has been my right arm; in fact he is sometimes both arms. The great meeting programs we had during 2002 have been primarily the result of Richard taking members' input and following up with great speakers. Richard's Bylaws Committee has revised our document to a near perfect masterpiece. Finally, he put in many hours seeing that our members now have "high speed internet" accessibility in our computer room.

Bill Reinholtz not only acts as secretary (recording all that is actually said, rather than what we thought we said); he serves as assistant to our instructors during our formal computer classes.

What happens to all your dues when you pay them? They go to our great treasurer, **Ralph Lazar**. Ralph has served many computer administrations here at Palmia. He knows where every penny is being spent. We are cautious about spending club money because we know we have to answer to Ralph. In Ralph we trust.

We were your elected board for the year 2002. The other member is **Barry Robbins** who serves on the Board as Past President.

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There are others behind the scenes who help keep our club operating like a well oiled machine. You are reading this message via the backbone of our club, **USER FRIENDLY**. Many members rely on this noteworthy newsletter for up-to-date computer news. All the credit goes to **Ali Tabikh** and his diligent staff. Ali is the leader, but he has workers backing him up such as: **Herb Sax, Joe Lebovitz, Art Green, Lee Okerblom** and last but not least Ali's wife **Ruth Tabikh**.

The newsletters are composed and printed, but they need to get to you. That chore is accomplished by a well-directed group of Club members under the direction of **Eva Schmidler**. They work diligently to see that your newsletter is delivered on time to your home.

You are a computer club member and undoubtedly you are a Web surfer. Our award winning Web site was the idea of **Jerry Moore**. Jerry put our Web site together over three years ago. He continually improved upon it.

Our club is part of a national group: **The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG)**. It is an organization dedicated to helping member computer user groups succeed. Our representative is none other than our Club's founder, **Art Green**. Art has endeavored to see that our Club serves its members.

We currently have nearly 170 members. That membership is kept together by our Membership Chairman **Gary Gruenewald**. Gary is now chair-

ing our upcoming Holiday Social.

Over the years, **Chris Wiley** has served as leader of our educational programs. Chris has become involved in many other clubs and activities. She recently turned over the reins to **Sandra Hapner**. Sandi has ably organized our ongoing Saturday education classes. We welcome her to the Board of Directors.

Our Club sponsors Special Interest Groups, coordinated by **Hal Zeschmann**. SIGs meet each Friday from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. The special "Help" SIG meets on most Mondays at 10 A.M. These SIGs are intended to enlighten you about computers and common software. Check the schedules on the rotunda bulletin board and the computer room door. You can learn more about computers by attending these sessions.

Barry Robbins, Leonard Schupak, Jerry Moore, Joe Lebovitz, and Richard Jenkins have been SIG leaders.

Our Club has an inventory of 24 computers. We know exactly what each computer contains thanks to the ongoing efforts of **Stan Sacks**. We have an excellent newsletter, a superb Web site and programs (informative and social), but it needs all of you as members. It needs you to volunteer and just do a little and make it your club! There are many more members who have stepped forward to keep us a viable organization. I apologize for not having the space to name all of them. Thank you for permitting me to serve you this past year.

SURF OUR WEB SITE AT — <www.palmia.org>

Be a User Friendly Pro-Active Friend

- ◆ *Write articles to publish*
- ◆ *Send clippings of general interest*
- ◆ *Let us know what you like to read*
- ◆ *Leave material at the Clubhouse*

Words To Live By

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."

-Buddha

The nominating committee has submitted the following names as candidates for election at the Club's November meeting to be the Executive Board for the year 2003.

Doug Harley
Ralph Lazar
Barry Robbins
Ali Tabikh

Please come to the meeting and cast your vote. If you cannot attend use the proxy form (page 7). The Club's success depends on you.

Bylaws of the Palmia Computer Club

Approved on October 9, 2002

Article I Name & Organization

The name of the organization shall be **PALMIA COMPUTER CLUB**.

PALMIA COMPUTER CLUB is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these constitution and bylaws this organization will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article II Objectives

PALMIA COMPUTER CLUB is organized to provide the following services to members and the community of Palmia:

- A. Serve as an educational forum for the exchange of information relating to the use of personal computers.
- B. By member request, offer formal classes and workshops to enhance computer skills.
- C. Offer intellectually stimulating subject matter from speakers with expertise in computer operation and program specialties.

Article III Definitions

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The core group of the Board of Directors elected annually by the Membership with the inclusion of the President from the preceding administration. From their number, they will select Officers for the succeeding year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Executive Committee and appointive chairpersons of operating Committees, selected by the Executive Committee, shall be voting members of the Board of Directors.

Article IV Membership

A. Classifications.

1. Member. Anyone residing in the Palmia community is eligible for voting membership upon payment of dues.
2. Associate Member. Non-residents of Palmia are eligible for non-voting membership under qualifications established by the Executive Committee.

B. Dues will be assessed annually each calendar year at a rate to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Anyone joining within the year will have his or her dues prorated from the first of the succeeding quarter.

Article V Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors will consist of five members of the Club, four of whom shall be elected by the membership. The fifth member shall be the immediate past president. Terms of office shall be one year.

B. The four elected members, together with the immediate past president, shall comprise the Executive Committee.

C. The Executive Committee shall determine who among them, shall be the four officers defined in Article VI below.

D. The Executive Committee shall appoint Operating Committee Chairpersons who shall become unelected members of the Board, with full voting rights.

E. Should any member of the Board of Directors choose to resign his/her position the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement.

Article VI Officers

A. Officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. The officers, collectively, with the addition of the past president, shall be the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

C. Officers shall be elected annually for a term of one year.

D. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

E. Any elective office vacancy shall be filled by an interim appointment by the Board of Directors.

F. Duties:

1. President: Presides at club meetings and manages the affairs of the organization.
2. Vice President: Performs the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President and performs such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
3. Secretary: Prepares and maintains permanent records of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
4. Treasurer: Maintains financial records of the club; prepares an annual budget for submission to and approval

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by the Executive Committee; disburses funds on expenditures approved by the officers; prepares and submits an annual financial statement at the annual meeting.

5. Executive Committee: This committee will oversee the day-to-day operations of the club and develop an operating structure and agenda for the organization subject to approval by the full Board of Directors.

Article VII Voting

A. Each member shall have one non-cumulative vote.

B. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be at least 25% of the club membership entitled to vote and consist of those members either present or represented by written proxy at the annual meeting and for any special meeting of the membership.

Article VIII Nominations & Elections

A. The annual meeting and election of the Executive Committee will coincide with the November general meeting.

B. The newly elected Executive Committee will assume office on January 1 of the year following their election.

C. The President will select a Nominating Committee chairperson prior to the October meeting to provide a slate of candidates for presentation at the October meeting.

D. The four candidates with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the Executive Committee.

E. Voting may be in person or by written proxy in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Directors.

F. Removal of an officer of the club with or without cause can be accomplished by a majority of the members voting in a special election called by the Board of Directors for that purpose.

Article IX Committees

A. The Executive Committee will establish operating Committees.

B. Committee chairpersons will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

C. Ad hoc committees to further the affairs of the organization will be appointed by the Executive Committee as required.

Article X Meetings

A. General meetings of the Club shall be held periodically

at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee except as noted below in Section B.

B. An annual meeting of the membership for the election of the Executive Committee shall be held in conjunction with a general meeting to be held in November each year.

Article XI Procedural Rules

Meetings of the Computer Club will be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. Bylaws will take precedence in any conflicting interpretation.

Article XII Amendments

A. Any member may propose amendments to the bylaws by submitting a written copy to the Computer Club Secretary.

B. Any proposed amendment must be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors prior to submittal to the membership.

C. Members shall receive notification of proposed amendments one month prior to the meeting at which a vote will be taken.

D. Amendments to the Bylaws must be ratified by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting. Such voting may be in person or by written proxy in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article XIII Expenditures

A. Any member of the Board of Directors may commit seventy-five (\$75.00) in Club funds for each instance, as required in the performance of his/her duties and/or for specific club functions. Receipts will be presented to the Club Treasurer for reimbursement within 30 days of the expenditure.

B. Two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors may approve expenditure of the current treasury balance less any outstanding indebtedness of the Club or prior commitment.

Article XIV Dissolution

A. The Board of Directors may call a special meeting of members to vote on dissolution. A vote of two-thirds of the members voting will be required for dissolution of the club.

B. Upon dissolution, the Club's assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes in accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

A trip to the Computer Swap Meet

By Barry Robbins

One Sunday I talked my wife into accompanying me to the Orange County Fair Grounds to attend the Computer Fair. She wanted to buy something at the Orange County swap meet so she agreed to come with me if I would then help her carry what she wanted to buy. Normally the Computer Fair is held at the L.A. County Fair Grounds in Pomona, but this week it was in Costa Mesa. My real motivation was to see Jeff Levy, who it turns out was there the previous day.

We got there shortly after the Computer Fair opened at 10:00 AM. The admission was only \$5 per person (no senior discount) and parking was free. The event that is held in Pomona has a \$7 admission and parking is \$5 or \$6 dollars. They also have events in Burbank.

When I entered the event, there were not many people in attendance at the time, so I was quite pleased; however after about an hour, it did become more crowded. What I discovered was that there were some very good buys there if you were looking for components. Some vendors were selling complete systems, but no name brands were available. I found hard drives as low as \$20 each. 3 1/4" floppy drives sold for \$5 each. Generic ink jet cartridges for as low as \$2.00. Symantec's Norton Anti-Virus 2003 was \$9.95 and the 2003 Norton SystemWorks was \$21.95. To renew your subscription to get your regular anti-virus definition updates will cost you \$19.95 per year. In addition there were ergonomic computer carts, lo-

tions, cell-phone accessories and other miscellaneous non-computer items. I purchased cartridges for my printer at the office at about 33 1/3% less than a new cartridge. The black generic cartridge for my Lexmark Z52 was only \$18. I pay about \$30 per cartridge for new ones at Costco.

I am usually a regular at the ACP computer swap meet in Santa Ana on the last Sunday of every other month. The ACP computer swap meet is free and parking, if you can find a place to park, is free. This event is much larger than the Computer Fair and has many more vendors. There are more complete systems available, although none of them are name brands. The ACP event is outdoors whereas the Computer Fair is an indoor event. If it rains the ACP event is cancelled, but the Computer Fair would continue. The ACP event starts at 8:00 AM., but if you get there much later than 7:30 AM finding a parking place will be difficult. There is plenty of free parking at the Computer Fair, and you also have a chance to attend the O.C. Swap Meet at the same time.

My overall opinion is that if you don't mind the crowds, you can get the same bargains at the ACP Computer Swap Meet as you can at the Computer Fair, and you save the admission cost. Since I usually attend the ACP Computer Swap meet, if you are interested in attending, and leaving at about 6:30 AM, call me and we can ride together. The next event is the last Sunday in November.

If you are unable to attend the November meeting please cut out this proxy, complete it, place in a sealed envelope and leave it in the Club folder at the clubhouse.

Palmia Computer Club Proxy Authorization

I hereby authorize (check one only):

President Don Yenché Vice President Richard Jenkins ----- (a voting club member), to vote on my behalf at the November 13, 2002 general Club meeting for the election of Directors and establishment of a quorum.

In the event that I am able to attend the general meeting this proxy shall be null and void.

Name: ----- Signature: ----- Date: -----

Answers To Questions

By Jerry Moore

Question

What are “Temporary Internet files”? Where do they reside? What is to be done with them?

Answer

Every time you start a browser program such as Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Internet Explorer and view web pages, temporary Internet files are created. These are stored in one or more folders (directories) on your hard



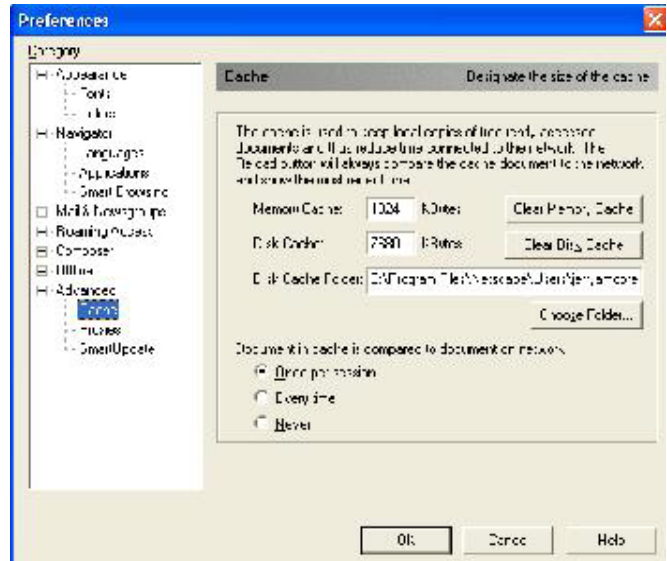
drive.

The intended purpose of these files is to save download time if you visit the same sites frequently. For example, a visit to the home page of <www.yahoo.com> will result in dozens of graphics and other related files being transferred over the Internet from the computer hosting the Yahoo site to the computer sitting on your desk. If you decide to go back and re-visit this same site tomorrow, your computer will first check to see if any of the required files can be found in the temporary Internet file folders, sometimes referred to as “cache”. If the needed files are found, then your computer does not have to pull these down from the Internet again and your page loads faster.

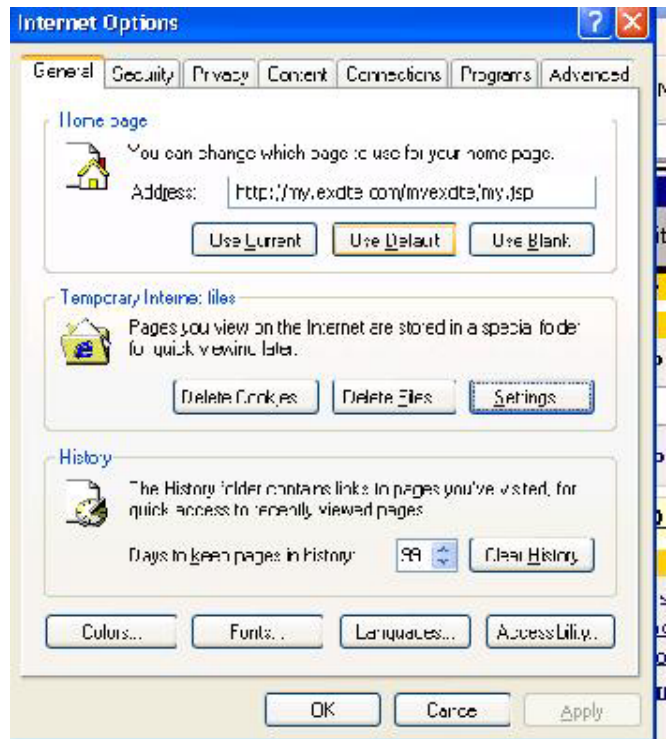
Every browser program contains settings for these files where you can adjust the amount of space used for temporary storage. When the temporary space becomes full, the oldest files are discarded and replaced with the newest files being downloaded. If you have a slow telephone line modem connection, then you probably want a large cache if you frequently visit the same web sites. If you have a fast cable modem or DSL connection, then a smaller cache is probably adequate since the time saved by retrieving files from this cache will be minimal.

In Netscape Communicator, you can view your

cache settings by starting your browser and clicking on Edit – Preferences – Advanced – Cache. You should then see a window that looks something like this:



At this page you can empty the cache by clicking on Clear Disk Cache or adjust the size of the cache by entering a new value and clicking on O.K.



Web Surfer

By Ali Tabikh

If you are like me and feel nostalgic for music of our youth days, long gone, help is here at hand.

National Public Radio has put out a public, on-going Quest for Sound, at www.npr.org/programs/Infsound. It has so far posted a wealth of sound recordings, including for instance, a reading of the Gettysburg Address by a man who witnessed it as a child, to a woman singing a lullaby in an extinct South African language called Kukasi, to a woman recording her worries about her husband during World War II.

Have you lost anything? If you lose your wallet, keys or even your pet, here are a couple of web sites with plenty of good Samaritans ready to help. In Lost and Found www.lostandfound.com/ it is easy to report an item missing or found. Simply click on the appropriate icon, fill out a short Web form, and post. Then the item seeker can scroll items by category, which are in turn listed by date. If an item looks promising, simply click on the magnifying

glass next to it for contact information. Plenty of lost pets are reported here, but another good spot to try is Lost and Found Pets USA www.lostandfoundpet.com/, where you select your state and city, and hopefully

you will find your missing dog, cat, or noisy parrot.



If you're surfing the web and not sure what you're looking for, but you'll know it when you see it, visit Neat New Stuff on the Web marylaine.com/neatnew.html, a weekly

collection of interesting, useful, and fun non-commercial sites compiled by Marylaine Block, a busy librarian from Davenport, Iowa. Here are some of her interesting listings: the Human Nature Daily Review, a portal that collects articles and other information on behavior from newspapers, magazines and journals app.consumerguide.com/, the World Wide Biome Project, an integrated biology and computer project for students human-nature.com/nibbs/, and if you are looking for an out-of-the-way rare book, record, or antique store check this site www2.kpr.edu.on.calcdciwlbioxnes/.



DEVELOP YOUR OWN WEB SITE

Many internet service providers offer their subscribers free space to have their own web page. Cox Cable, one of the providers many of our Palmia residents subscribe to offers free 70 MB for your Personal Web Pages. The space allotted gives you the opportunity to reach out to the world and tell your message. How does one develop a web site? Is it difficult for an average computer user? If you have the proper software you can have your own web page. If you are familiar with your computer and having a working knowledge of word processors and photo editing programs, you can be taught how to develop your own web site.

The PCC will sponsor a four (4) hour Saturday morning class on Saturday, December 7, 2002 only. This class will teach you how to develop your very own site. It will also inform you how to contact your service provider and have that site placed into operation on your facilities. This will not be a "hands on computer" class. Our Saddleback instructor, Raul Gutierrez, who has built many sites, will be our instructor. He will instruct the students using our fastest XP operating system computer. It will project onto the large screen the steps you need to create a site. At the end of the four hour class a model site will be made. He will be using the web design program called "Dreamweaver". This program can be purchased for less than \$100. He will also have handouts that will closely follow his actions and that you may follow for your own development.

This is a fee class. The exact fee, approximately \$25, will be determined by the number of students who are pre-enrolled. Once the minimum enrollment is achieved and the fee is determined you will be notified of the exact amount. Advance payment must be made to assure your placement in the class. Contact Sandi Hapner at 581-1465 for enrollment.

We are also contemplating having a similar four (4) hour class sometime in the near future on how to edit your videos using the XP program, "Microsoft Movie Maker". If you are interested please contact Sandi.

Tips and Tidbits

Submitted by Art Green

Personalize Shortcut Icons

You can personalize your Desktop by replacing an existing shortcut icon with one of many icons available on the Web. Right-click a shortcut icon and click Properties, Shortcut, Change Icon. Several familiar Windows icons display (note the file path; you'll need it if you want to revert to the original Desktop icon later). Click Browse, navigate to the icon you downloaded, and click Open. The new icon will appear on your Desktop. To return to the original icon, follow the same steps, using the file path you noted earlier.

Video Editing

Some home video users think video editing means removing a few bad shots from 15 minutes of footage. You can produce much more enjoyable home videos if you invest a little more time and effort in them. Trim the video footage to three to five minutes of the best material, using clips that are only a few seconds long each. With smaller video clips, you'll have more flexibility when arranging the video in your video-editing software's timeline, and your audience will find the final results more interesting.

Excel Cell Adjustments

If you have to keep adjusting the size of the cell you're working on to get your text to fit, worry no more. Excel can wrap text so you can have more than one line of text in a cell. Go to the Format menu and select Cells. Once the Format Cells dialog box appears, click the Alignment tab. Under the Text Alignment section, select Top from the Vertical drop-down menu. Then, under the Text Control section, put a check in the Wrap Text checkbox. Click OK. Also, if you need to force a line break in a cell, press ALT-ENTER and the program inserts a carriage return.

Keyboard Shortcut

If you use your computer to make price tags for all of your garage sales, you've probably noticed that your keyboard doesn't have a key for the cent symbol. One quick glance at the keyboard gives you the impression that there's a key for everything, but upon closer examination, you'll see that there is no key for the cent symbol. Instead of resorting to typing \$0.50, hold down the ALT key and type 0162 on the number keypad to get 50¢.

Changing Case in Word. Instead of going to the format menu and selecting Change Case to get the Change Case dialog box, here's a quick and easy way to change the case of your text. Highlight the text you want to change and press SHIFT-F3. While holding down the SHIFT key, each time you press the F3 key, the case changes from Title Case to UPPERCASE to lowercase.

Caps Lock Alert

Most keyboards have indicator lights for the CAPS, NUM, and SCROLL LOCK keys. If you accidentally press the CAPS LOCK key and type entire sentences in all capital letters before you notice the little green light, use audible alerts to let you know when a LOCK key changes status. Double-click Accessibility Options from the Control Panel, select the Keyboard tab, and mark the box labeled Use Toggle Keys. If you'd like to toggle the sounds on and off from your keyboard, click Settings and put a check in the Use Shortcut checkbox.

Improve Your Image

When using Windows Explorer to view image files in Filmstrip mode, you can press F11 to maximize the view. This gets rid of the Windows Explorer window outline, toolbar, and Folders pane, as well as the Taskbar that's normally at the bottom of your screen, and leaves you with a barebones toolbar and a much larger view of the image files. To return to the view, normal press F11 again.

Tech Mart

If you are in the market for a new computer here are two great choices to consider.

HellFire by DarkSide PC is a high-end system worth considering. The price of \$2,300 is a bargain when you consider it includes a \$699 22-inch flat CRT NEC monitor. The system has an AMD Athlon XP 2200+, which has 1.8GHz clock speed but performs at about the speed of a 2.2GHz Pentium 4 chip. It has one 512MB DDR memory card and an 80GB Western Digital hard drive.



To get full information about all the bells and whistles this computer has go to the company web site at www.darkside.com.

Millennia XP+ Professional by Micron PC is another computer which offers a good deal.

It comes with a 1.8MHz AMD Athlon XP processor and 256MB of DDR RAM, upgradable to 3GB. The hard drive is a Seagate 80GB. The system comes with a 17-inch NEC monitor, the AccuSync 70. One of the nicest features it has is the 4.1 Altec Lansing speaker system, which includes four satellite speakers and a sub-woofer. The sound quality is superb. Best of all you will like the price tag of \$1,474.



For complete specification details contact

MicronPC at www.micron.com.

Both of these computers come loaded with Windows XP and several other important programs.

Full reviews can be found in the November issue of Computer Power User magazine.

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In Microsoft Internet Explorer, you access the cache settings by clicking on Tools – Internet Options – General – Settings. If you wish to “clear” the cache, click on Tools – Internet Options – Settings and in the window shown below click on Delete Files.

If all of this sounds way too complicated and you would like an easy way to remove all your temporary files, pay a visit to www.webroot.com. This company offers a \$29.95 program called Window Washer that automates this process. Window Washer can clean all traces of your Internet and PC activity, including cache, cookies, history, mail trash, drop-down address bar, auto-complete forms, downloaded program files, recycle bin, registry streams, windows run and find history, chk scan disk files, recently viewed pictures, index.dat files, recently opened documents list, ms office 97 and 2000 tracks, windows temp files folder, and more. You can even download a free 30-day trial version to find out if this is the right program for your needs before investing \$30.



Donkey Business

A city boy, Kenny, moved to the country and bought a donkey from an old farmer for \$100.00. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day the farmer drove up and said, “Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the donkey died.” Kenny replied, “Well then, just give me my money back.” The farmer said, “Can’t do that. I went and spent it already.” Kenny said, “OK then, just unload the donkey.” The farmer asked, “What ya gonna do with him?”

Kenny, “I’m going to raffle him off.”

Farmer, “You can’t raffle off a dead donkey!”

Kenny, “Sure I can. Watch me. I just won’t tell anybody he is dead.” A month later the farmer met up with Kenny and asked, “What happened with that dead donkey?”

Kenny, “I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$898.00.”

Farmer, “Didn’t anyone complain?”

Kenny, “Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back.”

Kenny grew up and eventually became the chairman of Enron.



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Friday December 6th
Special Interest Group
session!

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