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The North Texas PC NEWS is now online—and it's more important than ever that the NTPCUG newsletter contain timely and informative content of interest to our members. We will welcome pertinent "How to do it" articles, book reviews, software reviews and other materials that would be helpful and interesting to NTPCUG members.

For prospective authors, there are a few, but very important, "Do's and Don'ts" involved in article submission to the newsletter, first of which is accuracy. Be sure of your facts (unless you report them as "rumors") and always remember to report the source(s) as well.

Please don't submit articles that are taken from another source without crediting the source in your article, i.e., if you excerpt something from the Microsoft (or other) Web site, please state operation. that in the article.

Remember to "sign" your article/ story to: newsletter@ntpcug.org, or to at the bottom. A simple "by Your Name" will be quite helpful, particu-

larly if the editors have questions or suggestions about the story.

Please don't submit the article or story in HTM or .PDF format. It can make editing and formatting quite time consuming and difficult.

We can accept MS Word 97, most WordPerfect files and ASCII .TXT files. The absolutely latest version of any word processor may not convert gracefully to our format and may have to be rejected as a result.

Graphics should be submitted in one of the "standard" formats, i.e., .TIF, .EPS, .GIF, .PCX or .JPG files. While "native" CorelDraw (CDR) files are also OK, other graphics editor native formats may not be convertible.

Again, we want your articles and thank you in advance for your input and co-

Finally, submit as e-mail attachments reagana@ntpcug.org

**Reagan Andrews** 

## PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS . . . Linda Moore

## SQL Server 2005

Presenter: Terry Witt, MIS Director Thomas Reprographics

Raffle Prizes: 4 copies of VS 2005 Pro, SQL Server 2005, and Lots more

#### Attention: FREE Hands-On Lab DVD Sets

Every NTPCUG member, who is pre-registered and attends the entire presentation, will receive a FREE DVD set of hands-on labs. The DVD sets are being copied by one of our members, so that each pre-registered attendee can receive a set. To pre-register, send an email to *LHM@ntpcug.org* by January 19, 2006. If you are not a member and would like to join, then please go here to join: *http://www.ntpcug.org/joinNTPCUG.shtml* 

### The Hands-On Lab DVD Sets include:

- \* SQL Server 2005,
- **\*** VS 2005,
- \* SQL Server 2005 High Availability,
- ♦ VS 2005 Team System,
- \* BizTalk Server (Pre-Release),
- \* Microsoft Launch 2005 Resource Kit and
- \* Ready to Succeed Customer Solutions in Action.

#### Terry's presentation will cover the following:

- **\*** Building Mission Critical Systems
- \* Architecting Scalable, Flexible and Secure Database Systems
- \* Delivering Business Insight New enhancements in SQL Server Reporting Services
- \* Managing and Monitoring the New Data Platform Created by SQL Server 2005 and Visual Studio Team Systems 2005

Come join us for a great presentation.

## Prez Sez

The NTPCUG is still experiencing a growth in new members. We have many new programs and exciting opportunities. The January third Saturday will have a four hour presentation on SQL server 2005. The SQL server presenter will be **Terry Witt**, MIS Director with Thomas Reprographics and he is a NTPCUG member. The SQL presentation will offer door prizes, study materials and discounts on certification exams.

**Scott Dockendorf** will be our ASP speaker for second Saturday in January. Scott Dockendorf will present 'Test-Driven Development & .NET Today & Tomorrow''.

We have the .Net Certification Study Group starting in January. Microsoft .NET certified developer offers free study materials and reduced prices on certification.

The big news this month is the Consumer Electronics (CES) show in Las Vegas. CES replaces Comdex which had been the top technology annual show in Las Vegas until it was discontinued by Japan's SoftBank two years ago.

The Consumer Electronics show has been much bigger than Comdex in the past and may hastened Comdex's demise. Bill Gates offered a peak preview of the *Vista* operating system and an upgrade to the Windows media operating system at CES. Microsoft will release a new ver-

sion of its Tablet PC in Vista with better handwriting recognition. The online music business will have a new retailer named Urge. Urge is a joint venture of Microsoft and MTV.

One revelation of this years technology shows is technology is about to change again. The DVD is considered obsolete but there is no one replacement for the DVD. In one cor-



ner is Sony's Blu-Ray. Toshiba and NEC have a blue laser format that can store 36GB on a single sided disk. These two disk technologies are similar to the VHS and Betamax controversy.

The upcoming competition between these two new technologies is not good for the consumer. One or both optical disk technologies will be included in future PC's. You could buy a PC with the disk drive that is not industry standard. The music and movie industry will not want two formats to produce on media

Skype WiFi is a new service which will allow Skype users to call anyone on Skype anywhere



in the world free without using a PC whenever they are connected to WiFi. Netgear has a WiFi phone that allows phone service wherever there is a WiFi connection. A WiFi phone preloaded with Skype's software, will allow phone users simply enter a username and password to access their list of Skype contacts to make free calls or use the company's Skype Out service to

## **NTPCUG Accomplishments**

By Linda Moore

### **Great News:**

The purpose of this article is to update, you the NTPCUG membership on NTPCUG accomplishments.

#### New Memberships:

I am happy to report that NTPCUG is attracting lots of new members. During the years of 2003 and earlier, NTPCUG typically had a new member rate of 1-3 new members per month. During 2005 the average new member rate was 6 per month. The last two months of 2005, 7 new members joined and we had a high of 11 new members one month.

Thanks to **Birl Smith** and **Jeff Frauenheim**, we improved our ranking with the various search engines by changing the meta-keywords that the search engines use. In many instances, NTPCUG is now listed on the first webpage instead of the third or fourth webpage.

## Prez Sez... Ctd.

interconnect to non-Skype users.

The new member for December are: **Donna Allen** - Carrollton, TX., **Garry Bargsley** - Everman, TX , **Wilburn Cason** - Mesquite, TX , **Paul Crowder** - Grand Prairie, TX , **Jon Daniel** - Royse City, TX , **Scott Swortz** - Denver, CO and **John Whitecar** - Plano, TX.

I want thank the NTPCUG volunteers for their efforts and accomplishments of the Club over the past year. Hope you had a Happy New Year.

Happy Computing

Birl Smith

#### birl.smith@ntpcug.org

This may also explain the explosive increase in our new members, who live out-of-state. In fact, we now have 13 new members and 8 of the 13 joined during 2005. The states represented include Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, New York and Ohio.

We still have the issue of membership retention and increasing our retention rate. **Diane Bentley**, 2006 board nominee, has agreed to accept the responsibility for both membership retention and starting a new mentoring program for new members. If are willing to help in either of these efforts, then please let Diane know by sending her an email message at . *Diane.Bently@ntpcug.org* 

#### Membership Benefits added:

Here are the membership benefits, which have been added.

- Vendor Discounts
- Product Reviews
- SharePoint Development Project
- Microsoft Certification Study Group (MCAD & MCSD)

#### Major Accomplishments:

For the first time ever, NTPCUG has raised \$ 1,984 in its fundraising efforts during 2005. From 2003 – 2005, corporate sponsors have contributed \$ 51,953 in products and services.

One of the things that I am most proud of is the fact that more and more of our members are getting involved as volunteers. In fact, we have almost tripled the volunteer base since January 2003. Hopefully, this volunteer base will continue to increase. In the future, I would like to see NTPCUG start a volunteer of the month recognition program, which would result with a volunteer of the year.

Diane Bentley needs volunteers, who are willing to telephone expired members. We also need volunteers, who are willing to mentor new members for 6 months. The task of a mentor is to contact new members via telephone and email. In November 2004, I did an analysis of 678 expired members and 63% or almost 427 members did not renew their membership. This 63% were NTPCUG members only 1 or 2 years.

It is absolutely mandatory that we improve our membership retention. Join the fun, and volunteer for this effort.

At our meetings, it is very easy to visit with the people that we know. There is also not a lot of time between meetings, which is part of the reason that the InfoDesk now has blue name tags for members and red name tags for visitors. This will make it easier for all of us to make visitors feel welcome.

I have had several new members make comments similar to, "I come and attend the meetings, but no one notices me or talks to me. Everyone seems to already be part of a clique or to already know each other."

SIG leaders, officers and BOD leaders have only 5 minutes to get from one meeting to the next. They also have lots of other tasks that they need to do, so look for those red name tags.

**Bob McNeil**, InfoDesk Manager gets lots of kudos for his dedication and long term volunteering efforts. He has been volunteering and running the InfoDesk every month but due to the lack of volunteers, he is unable to attend any of the SIGs. Every hour of the morning, he needs at least 2 volunteers at the InfoDesk, so that he can handle all of the inquiries and requests. So talk to Bob about volunteering one hour on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

#### **SharePoint Development Project**

The SharePoint Project has had some successes and some setbacks. Its successes include:

- The NTPCUG member log-on completed
- First NTPCUG SharePoint Survey completed
- Code written, so that each member can change their password
- SharePoint SIG homepages have been completed
- Two project team members have gotten jobs as a result of their work on this project

The following applications are currently in development

- ♦ Membership database 70% complete
- New PayPal instantaneous updates code
- ♦ Consolidated Calendar 50% complete
- ♦ Vendor discount database 50% complete

This project has not proceeded as quickly as I had hoped that it would. First, it took 5 months to get the software installed on the development server. Then some of our key volunteers with SharePoint experience could not participate as much as they wanted due to job demands.

In May 2005, the system administrators discovered that Windows Update and other Microsoft malware detection tools would not work. Three months were spent trying to determine whether the problem was IE corruption or malware. Art Yasui, system administrator, did several online anti-virus scans and discovered that both servers were infected. The production server had 219 malware instances and the development server had 43 malware instances. Art removed all of the malware but windows update would still not work on the development server.

Then we discovered that the only cure was to do the f-disk and start over. However, we wanted to save our Active Directory and other SharePoint files. Once the backup process has been completed, then the install process is going to be documented. This is especially important, when it comes to Active Directory and SharePoint because there are many ways that it can be configured.

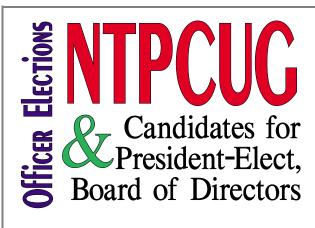
Our servers became infected because neither server had ever had anti-virus software installed nor was there an intrusion detection hardware firewall installed. Both of our servers were vulnerable, so after much research, the

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## NTPCUG President-Elect & Board of Director Elections – January 21

The North Texas PC Users Group will hold elections for a new President-Elect and five members of the NTPCUG Board of Directors (BOD) in January. One volunteer, Birl Smith, stepped forward this year to run as a candidate for President-Elect. The President-Elect is a member of the BOD and serves in that role for one year, then becomes President the following year.

The five other Members of the NTPCUG Board of Directors serve one-year terms. Candidates for President-Elact and the BOD are listed below.



### President - Elect

#### **Birl Smith**

Birl Smith is running for NTPCUG President-Elect. He Joined the North Texas PC Users Group in 1990. Birl has been SIG leader and Coleader of the SIG of the



Communications SIG since 1995. He is currently Co-SIG leader for the PDA SIG, which has been renamed Handheld Technology SIG. He has also served as a NTPCUG secretary. He is currently serving as NTPCUG President, board member, and SIG Coordinator.

He is a CPA, who specializes in non-profit organizations and provides audit, tax and management consulting for non-profit organizations.

## **NTPCUG Board of Directors**

There are five Board of Directors positions to be filled in the January NTPCUG elections. Each of the candidates submitted biographical sketches for this newsletter which range from very brief and succinct to quite detailed and humorous. The candidates are:

#### **Diane Bentley**

Diane Bentley, Certified Technical Trainer, has been a member since 1995. In 1992, she received a Training & Development Certification from the University of Houston, including Accelerated Learning teaching methodology; Instructional Design process; Designing, Managing and Leading a Training and Development Department.

Since 1995, Diane has worked as an independent software trainer teaching Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Quattro Pro, PowerPoint, Presentations, Access, Outlook, Lotus Notes and legal-specific software. Her clientele includes individuals, as well as small business, legal, engi-



neering, government, airline, jewelry, manufacturing, sales, hospital and petroleum environments.

Since 2001, she has been the Microsoft Word SIG leader and assistant SIG leader for the WordPerfect SIG. The appreciation and support of those who attend those groups keeps her coming back. Entertaining her grandchildren and tweaking her landscaping design provide relaxation.

#### **Glynn Brooks**

Glynn Brooks is president of RGB Technical Solutions, an IT services company that focuses on small businesses. He joined NTPCUG in 1989 and became a SIG leader for the first time in 1992. While the group still met at Infomart, Glynn was the Intel



Assembly Language SIG leader, and assisted in the Hardware SIG. He also was a frequent guest presenter in programming SIGs.

During the past two years, Glynn has rejuvenated the Internet SIG with month after month of interesting presentations on a wide range of topics. In 2005, he started the Windows XP Inside Out SIG, which continues to attract SRO crowds. He has a good sense of the topics and level of information that the membership wants, and strives to give that to them at every opportunity.

Glynn believes that the best way to improve our membership numbers is for us to provide valuable information and training opportunities to the membership. If we have the kind of meetings that no one wants to miss, our numbers will grow.

#### Jeff Frauenheim

Jeff Frauenheim was elected to the board in December, 2005. He was an early member of



NTPCUG when he coowned a computer store and turnkey microcomputer company. Prior to that, he sold mainframes, minicomputers and computer services.

He rejoined NTPCUG several years ago as a Web software developer. His company, Texas Systems, Inc., provides Web content, market research and associated software development.

Jeff serves on the Web Content Committee, and as the NTPCUG Product Review Coordinator. Since the current secretary has been out of town on a contract, Jeff as served as the interim board secretary.

He can be found at mall playground areas with his grandchildren, working out at a Plano recreation center or jogging along area trails.

#### **Tuc Goodwin**

Tuc was an active member of NTPCUG from 1988 until 1994 and then he stopped attending while starting his family. He rejoined NTPCUG in 2000 and became the SIG leader of the Beginning Visual Basic SIG. This was combined with the Advanced Visual Basic .NET SIG in June of this year and is now known simply as the Visual Basic .NET SIG. Tuc has served on the NTPCUG Board of Directors from 2003 – 2005.

Tuc has also served as the board's Secretary and as the team lead for the NTPCUG SharePoint development project.

Copies of his presentations and source code can be found at the web site he runs as part of the Microsoft Developers SIGs. The URL is



http://groups.msn.com/NTPCUGDevToolsSIG

He joined Software Architects, Inc. in 1988 where he has been ever since. He's a Senior Managing Consultant specializing in the Microsoft technologies. He is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), and a Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD). He is also a Certified Technical Trainer.

## NTPCUG Board of Directors Nominees ... Ctd.

#### **Charles Rem**

Charles Rem is a relatively a new member of NTPCUG starting in 2002. For the past 23 years Charles has worked for MCI in various capacities as installation, support and test engineering. For the past five years Charles's project is Next Gen-

eration VoIP international services.

While working for MCI, Charles had a small PBX and Mid Range computer installation company. The private business was dropped with the starting of a family. Prior to MCI, Charles worked for Centel installing and main-



taining PBX and Midrange computers. In 1978, Charles completed an Associate Degree in Electronic Engineer and 1991 complete an Associate Degree in Telecommunication. Charles holds several vendor certifications including Cisco CCNA.

## **Official NTPCUG Ballot**

The 2006 election ballot is a little different this year and is printed on the next-to-last page of this newsletter. One of the reasons for the change is the expanded nature of the member information requested to verify the ballot this year.

The new ballot was designed by Linda Moore and takes an entire page to print.

Reagan Andrews

## NTPCUG Accomplishments... Ctd.

NTPCUG board approved the purchase of the Fortigate 60 hardware firewall, because this was the best and most cost effective solution. The Fortigate includes anti-virus firmware, which is updated on a daily basis.

NTPCUG needs each and every member to participate in the rebuilding effort of the user group. Come join the fun.

Linda Moore



Join the crowd of NTPCUG Members rushing to make sure their votes are counted at the January 21, 2006 Business Meeting at the North Lake College &IG Meeting &ite!

## 1,800+ & Counting

## NTPCUG Volunteer Effort Report

by Gil Brand

#### Status of the computer refurbishing project?

NTPCUG Volunteers have assembled, tested and shipped their **1,800th** PC since the project began. Currently, the volunteers are averaging 500 refurbished PC's for impaired users per year.

For new members, NTPCUG sponsors a volunteer program to refurbish "old" PC's using NTPCUG volunteers with the finished computers going to visually impaired individuals via the Texas Center for the Physically Impaired (TCPI), *http://www.handicapability.org*. All of the equipment goes to blind or visually-impaired persons in America and in several foreign countries.

If you have basic hardware skills, or just want to learn, contact me at *gb1@ntpcug.org* We only have 12 work stations, so please request a place. Don't just arrive expecting to find a station available.

We have regular sessions every Tuesday and Thursday, 1-4PM, at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway (West bound serv-





ice road from the Hillcrest exit). Our workroom is in the basement level of the church. Ring the outside bell for entry into the building.

If you, your employer, or a friend, have older computers (Pentium III -500Mhz or better) and/or components (56k-modems, hard drives, sound/video cards, 72 & 168-pin memory, monitors, keyboards, mice) that are just gathering dust, please contact me about donating them to this tax-deductible effort. We have received several corporate donations in the last few months; PLEASE keep checking with your company about donations.

We are also in need of a couple of volunteers to assemble some donated shelving, if you can't or don't want to work on computer hardware.

And last, but not least, we need a volunteer to: determine the proper driver for various donated sound/video/modem cards; download and test the drivers; and save the drivers to floppy disks.

So you can see that we need volunteers with different skills, and have a continuing need for additional computer refurbishing help. Let me know if you can assist.

[For those of you who have requested weekend sessions, these do occur on occasion and if you let Gil Brand know of your interest, he'll get in touch to let you know the date and times.]

*Gil...* 

### **!!!** Mark Your Calendar **!!!**

Future Newsletter Deadlines and Meeting Dates: Please Note: The January meeting will be on January 21 at North Lake Community College in Irving, TX.

Our main meeting presentations [and most SIGs] will be on the **third Saturday** of each month.

The **newsletter deadline** each month will be **fifteen days before** the main meeting. See the schedule below at right for a listing of those dates.

## The Perfect Gift!

Looking for a last-minute gift that's quick, easy and keeps on giving for the entire year? Take a tip from Doug Gorrie and consider giving a one-year membership in the North Texas PC Users Group. This is an especially appropriate gift for a friend or relative who is new to computing and interested in learning how to use and enjoy the PC.

Point out the Genealogy SIGs to people who are collecting information about their families, tell friends how much the Internet SIGs can help in easing their way into really using the Web, and the benefits of friendly, early computer lessons in the Introduction to the PC SIG.

More experienced users would appreciate value of vendor presentations in making important software and hardware decisions during the year.

If you have a friend or relative who constantly "borrows" your copy of the latest *North Texas PC News*, a gift membership might be especially welcome.

Doug Gorrie



Newsletter Meeting Deadline Dates

January 6 January 14, 2nd Sat. January 21, 3rd Sat.

February 3 February 11, 2nd Sat. February 18, 3rd Sat.

#### Off-Site SIGs

The North Texas Microsoft Developers SIGs Beginning Visual Basic, Advanced Visual Basic, Access, and Application Developers Issues SIGs) will meet the **second** Saturday of each month at Microsoft Corporation's Building #1 located at 7000 State Highway 161 in Irving, Texas.

Up-to-date Information

Make it a habit to check our Web site at *http://www.ntpcug.org* for any last minute changes. Keep informed through our Web site.



## Dear Tech Support,

#### Contributed by Mary McWilliams Johnson

Last year I upgraded from Girlfriend 7.0 to Wife 1.0 and noticed that the new program began unexpected child processing that took up a lot of space and valuable resources. No mention of this phenomenon was included in the product brochure.

In addition, Wife 1.0 installs itself into all other programs and launches during system initialization, where it monitors all other system activity.

Applications such as Poker night 10.3, Drunken Boys Night 2.5 and Saturday Football 5.0 no longer run, crashing the system whenever selected.

I can not seem to keep Wife 1.0 in the background while attempting to run some of my other favorite applications. I am thinking about going back to Girlfriend 7.0, but the un-install does not work on this program.

Can you help me, please!!!

Thanks,

Joe

Dear Joe:

This is a very common problem men complain about but is mostly due to a primary misconception.

Many people upgrade from Girlfriend 7.0 to Wife 1.0 with the idea that Wife 1.0 is merely a UTILITIES & ENTERTAINMENT program. Wife 1.0 is an OPERATING SYSTEM and designed by its creator to run everything.

It is unlikely you would be able to purge Wife 1.0 and still convert back to Girlfriend 7.0. Hidden operating files within your system would cause Girlfriend 7.0 to emulate Wife 1.0 so nothing is gained.

It is impossible to un-install, delete, or purge the program files from the system once installed.

You can not go back to Girlfriend 7.0 because Wife 1.0 is not designed to do this.

Some have tried to install Girlfriend 8.0 or Wife 2.0 but end up with more problems than the original system. Look in your manual under "Warnings-Alimony/Child Support". I recommend you keep Wife 1.0 and just deal with the situation.

Having Wife 1.0 installed myself, I might also suggest you read the entire section regarding General Partnership Faults (GPFs). You must assume all responsibility for faults and problems that might occur, regardless of their cause. The best course of action will be to enter the command C:\APOLOGIZE.

In any case, avoid excessive use of the Esc key because ultimately you will have to give the APOLOGIZE command before the operating system will return to normal. The system will run smoothly as long as you take the blame for all the GPFs.

Wife 1.0 is a great program, but VERY high maintenance. Consider buying additional software to improve the performance of Wife 1.0. I recommend Flowers 2.1 and Chocolates 5.0.



# Selected SIG REPORTS ...

News and meeting notes of Special Interest Groups Further background information about a SIG is available from the SIG's Web page at http://www.ntpcug.org

#### Access

We join in *A Big, Big Thank-You* to Microsoft Access Fundamentals SIG Leader Jim Wehe, who has led every one of the joint meetings of the Microsoft Access SIG and the Microsoft Access Fundamentals SIG through and including October, 2005. We have met as part of the main meetings of the North Texas PC User Group SIGs on the third Saturday of the month at North Lake College.

Regular attendees got a good grounding in *Microsoft Access*, with an occasional diversion into somewhat more advanced topics of current interest. It has been a great introduction for those just starting and a great review of topics for the more experienced user. No matter how long we use this great database software product, there is always more to learn about using it effectively, efficiently, and easily.

*In December, 2005*, we took a onemeeting holiday and hope you enjoyed your holiday season.

*On January 21, 2006:*, the focus of our meeting will be to discuss what our members want to do in 2006. Consider what approach you want to take, what topics you want to cover, and any other item you would like to discuss.

#### Valuable Prizes:

Throughout our long history, we have given away 'Valuable Prizes' -- some were software packages worth several hundred dollars at retail; others were just diskette or CD copies of presentations. We plan to continue this tradition in 2006. At each monthly meeting in 2005, we gave away a full, retail copy of Microsoft Office 2003 Professional System. These (truly valuable) prizes were courtesy of Microsoft, through its South Central Developer Guidance Council, of which Larry is privileged to be a member.

Larry Linson

#### Alpha Five Database

When NTPCUG members check-in at the front desk by scanning their membership card, an Alpha Five database is doing the work. This month we will look at the design of the member checkin application for some techniques that you may want to incorporate into your own designs.

There is more here than can be covered in an hour, so the interest of the group will determine the topics we cover. Some of the possible topics are

- ✤ Barcode scanning
- ✤ Form button flyover effects
- Popup data entry
- Action scripting vs. xBasic for more complex tasks
- Rebuilding indexes
- Using function keys as hot keys
- Useful utilities There will also be time for your questions, and suggestions for future topics.

Bill Parker.

#### ASP.NET

The ASP.NET SIG is a place that developers that are new to ASP.NET can come and learn what they need to learn

#### **SIG Meeting Schedule**

#### 8:00

Windows Tips & Tricks - (Formerly Microsoft Networking and Hardware Solutions) Excel/Spreadsheets Website Development

9:00

Wireless Communications Operating Systems Dallas Corel Microsoft Word

#### 10:00

Alpha Five Data Base Microsoft Word (Continued) Handheld Technology (PDA) e-Commerce

#### 11:00

Access/ Access Fundamentals Internet WordPerfect for Windows Digital Photography

#### 12:00

#### NTPCUG Business Meeting

#### 12:30

Investors The Master Genealogist Linux XP Inside Out DSDA (12:30 - 2:30)

1:30

The Master Genealogist (continued)

SIG meetings are listed by time for the October 15 meeting. Times may change, and members are advised to check the NTPCUG Web site for latest listings. Room locations will be posted on the day of the meeting.

The following SIGs are meeting at separate locations, and are not included in the schedule above. Check the SIG notes for time and location.

Meets on 1112 SharePoint ASP.net Visual BASIC - Advanced Visual BASIC - Beginning

The following SIGs meet at other times, and are not included in the schedule above. Check the SIG notes for time and location.

DSDA IT Pro Enterprise SIG



to successfully develop a production quality website using ASP.NET.

Our meeting place has changed; Instead of meeting on the fourth floor of the Microsoft building, we now meet on the first floor. Our new meeting space is gorgeous!

#### ASP.NET 2.0

We will be having a very special meeting in January. **Scott Dockendorf** will be our speaker

Our January meetings will be special 2 1/2 hour events. The schedule is as follows:

10:30 AM People arrive and refreshments are provided10:45 AM Announcements11:00 AM Main Presentation12:50 PM Door Prizes

Upcoming Meetings

- January 2006 Scott Dockendorf, Test-Driven Development & .NET - Today & Tomorrow!
- February 2006 Caleb Jenkins, Developer Evangelist for Microsoft

Toi B Wright

## Handheld Technology

January Meeting

#### **New Products**

We will discuss the Sony PSP this month. The PSP was built to be a hand held gaming device. PSP's are a 3D gaming console that is poised to change the way we think about portable devices. With wireless Internet, video and digital music playback, and incredible data storage and connectivity options, the Sony PSP or PlayStation Portable, is a complete solution for the mobile digital lifestyle. The PSP's ability to connect to the Internet, and to other PSP's and USB-based peripherals, is a real advantage. At the top of the list is WiFi connectivity, or IEEE 801.11b. Use this wireless Internet standard to connect to other gamers around the world. The PSP's USB 2.0 port is great for PC connectivity, but it also opens the PSP up for a whole range of future peripherals. Sony has plans for the PSP in other ways, too; the unit's infrared port speaks of remote control capabilities in the near future. The PSP is a portable video player and photo viewer. By using the new H.264 MPEG-4 video standard, Sony obviously has made the PSP a robust video device with support for feature length movies and more. In addition, the PSP offers a great way to transport and share your photos in JPEG format. And let's not forget the music. Load up vour favorite MP3-encoded songs onto a Memory Stick Duo and you've got a portable audio powerhouse.

A new Palm PDA, the Tungsten TX will be able to receive broadcast TV via the MobiTV service. The MobiTV service has been only available to cellular services. Delivery of broadcast services will be available via Wi-Fi networks. The Palm 650 already supports the MobiTV service. The MobiTV service delivers programming from services such as CNBC, NBC, ESPN, Fox News and CNN. We will talk about these devices and more in our January SIG.

> Birl Smith Craig Windler David Martin

#### Internet

In 2006, we will continue our exploration of the Internet with emphasis on hot topics, emerging technologies, solving common problems, and consumer issues.

January's topic: Diagnosing Internet Service Problems. In this one, **Tom** 

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Sweet and Glynn Brooks will describe how Internet service is delivered to your home or office, what the pieces of equipment do, and how to properly connect and configure your PC, router, firewall, and network devices. We will also show you what to look for when things don't work.

We will also spend a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting to demonstrate some of the VoIP equipment that did not work properly at the December meeting.

As for the future, here are the early 2006 topics:

February: Shopping Safely on the Internet - Guest Speaker: Dick Guckel March: Blogging and RSS April: What You Need to Know About UPnP (Universal Plug 'n Play) May: DDNS (Dynamic Domain Name Service) June: NetMeeting, Windows Messenger, Internet Conferencing

#### Glynn Brooks

#### **IT Pro Enterprise**

Topic: SQL Server 2005 When: January 21, 2006, 10:00 AM – Noon

#### Break for Pizza

12:30 – 2:30 PM Presenter: Terry Witt, MIS Director, Thomas Reprographic

Raffle Prizes: 4 copies of VS 2005 Pro; SQL Server 2005, and Lots more

Attention: FREE Hands-On Lab DVD Sets

Every NTPCUG member, who is preregistered and attends the entire presentation, will receive a FREE DVD set of hands-on labs. The DVD sets are being copied by one of our members, so that each pre-registered attendee can receive a set. To pre-register, send an email to *LHM@ntpcug.org* by January 19, 2006. If you are not a member and would like to join, then please go *http://www.ntpcug.org/joinNTPCUG.sht ml* to join:

The Hands-On Lab DVD Sets include:

- 1. SQL Server 2005,
- 2. VS 2005,
- 3. SQL Server 2005 High Availability,
- 4. VS 2005 Team System,
- 5. BizTalk Server (Pre-Release),

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Terry's presentation will cover the following

1. Building Mission Critical Systems

2. Architecting Scalable, Flexible and Secure Database Systems

3. Delivering Business Insight – New enhancements in SQL Server Reporting Services

4. Managing and Monitoring the New Data Platform Created by SQL Server 2005 and Visual Studio Team Systems 2005

Come join us for a great presentation.

For more information about any of the presentations above, check the Background area below. Since Windows Vista is still a beta product, there is not a presentation available.

In the background area, you will find URLs or presentations that you can download and review.

#### Linda Moore

#### **Microsoft Word**

Welcome to the Word SIG — please join us each month for a terrific meeting!

MEETING TOPICS ... are tentative and do change

FOUNDATION - 9-10 am

JANUARY — Formatting a Document (*cont.*)

We're continuing formatting the document(s) we started in December.

FEBRUARY — The Mystery of Section Breaks Section Breaks are part of the basic foundation of Word. They control the result of changing page formatting, such as page orientation, headers and footers, and page numbering. Even if you have never even heard of Section Breaks, let alone used them, there have probably been times when understanding how they work would have resolved a problem you were having with a document. Sometimes, Word inserts them into your document, without you ever knowing!

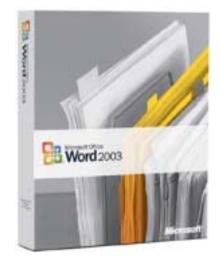
#### MARCH — Headers, Footers & Page Numbering

Headers and Footers are another Word challenge if you want anything more than the same one throughout the entire document. Even if you have figured out that you need to use Section Breaks to make the changes you need, if you attempted to make changes to them, you may have had additional surprises! If you hate Headers and Footers, you must attend this meeting. Word incorporates Page Numbering into Headers and Footers, so you get three-for-one at this meeting!

ADVANCED - 10-11 am

JANUARY — Reviewing Documents, Part I

This meeting was originally named Compare Documents, then Track Changes, but the current name will



stick. Although the name has changed, Compare Documents and Track Changes are included, as well as several other features used when reviewing your documents. Compare Documents enables you to compare one document to the other, identifying the differences between them. Track Changes enable you send your document revisions to others. After reviewing your revisions, they can accept or reject your revisions, proceed to make their own, and send theirs back to you. We will begin by looking at the three ways to track changes.

## FEBRUARY — Reviewing Documents, Part II

At this meeting, we'll introduce Comments and Highlighting as additional ways to identify changes in your documents. These features work side-byside with Track Changes. We'll also address the serious issue of Metadata (*think of it as personal, possibly confidential, information*) that travels along with your documents, especially when Track Changes is used.

## MARCH — Reviewing Documents, Part III

I am expecting to need this meeting to finish topics from the preceding meetings. If, by some miracle, this is not

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#### WordPerfect / Windows

Cindy Adams ..... (817) 481-1300 wM cadams11@earthlink.net Diane Bentley ..... (972) 724-0855 w&h diane.bently@ntpcug.org necessary, this meeting will present using charts and graphs in Word.

WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

Change Line Spacing You can toggle line spacing within a paragraph, or selected paragraphs, with: Ctrl+1 ... Single Spacing Ctrl+2 ... Double Spacing Ctrl+5 ... Space-and-a-Half Spacing

The Formatting toolbar in Word 2002 has a Line Spacing button.

#### WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

Got a problem with Word? Describe the problem to me in an e-mail. I will do my best to provide a satisfactory answer. I will also post the question and answer on this Web page, as well as in the next newsletter so others may benefit from the information.

#### WHAT'S NEW @ MICROSOFT?

Microsoft and Computer Security in 2005

Real progress was made by Microsoft and its industry partners in 2005

REDMOND, Wash., Dec. 21, 2005 — In the ongoing challenge to deliver a safer, more secure computing experience for PC users, Microsoft and its industry partners in 2005 made considerable progress on the security front with achievements such as greater customer awareness of the existence of spam, viruses, spyware and other security threats, as well as the availability of more effective and powerful software protections against software attacks and security breaches, which has resulted in improved security for Microsoft customers.

"At Microsoft, we're focused on protecting customers from current and emerging cyber security threats," says Mike Nash, corporate vice president of Microsoft's Security Technology Unit. "Our strategy is to make the right technology investments, to provide clear guidance to our customers about how to stay better protected, and address in-

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dustry-wide challenges through partnerships in the public and private sectors."

In looking at the past year, Nash adds, "The deep investments we've made in technology are resulting in a more secure computing experience for our customers. More than 250 million copies of Windows XP Service Pack 2, which includes significant security enhancements, have been distributed. Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 1, which is more secure by design and default and includes the security configuration wizard, has been downloaded approximately 4 million times. Over 18 million customers are using the Windows Anti-Spyware beta to help protect themselves against spyware threats."

Additionally Nash offers, these new tools, coupled with customers' better understanding of security best practices, are paying dividends. "We look forward to continuing our efforts to build greater trust in computing in 2006," he says.

Jon Oltsik, senior analyst on information security of the Enterprise Strategy Group says in "Could Microsoft Make Security a Competitive Differentiator?" — "Microsoft has proven time and time again that its corporate focus equates with execution excellence somewhere down the line. The com-



pany is now delivering on security in a way that sets it apart from other software companies."

Microsoft's security efforts are focused on three areas: technology investments; prescriptive guidance and education; and industry partnerships.

Read the entire article at http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/features/2005/dec05/12-21Security2005WrapUp.mspx.

Diane Bentley

#### Operating Systems SIG WMF Bug – MS06-001 & Apple Releases Intel-Powered Macs

Busy, busy month. First, Microsoft reveals a new vulnerability in Windows XP called the WMF Bug that opens the door to new virus attacks and Apple's Steve Jobs announces/releases the new Mac's powered by Intel CPU's six months ahead of schedule—and supposedly 3 - 4 times "faster" than the original IBM/Motorola G-5 – *PowerPC* powered Macintoshes.

#### More on the new Mac's later.

Most important is the Microsoft WMF bug. Microsoft revealed a significant flaw in the Windows OS in their Security Update, MS06-001, detailing the problems with the Windows Meta File graphics rendering engine that allows "critical" vulnerability to external virus threats.

Unusual for Microsoft, the patch for the vulnerability was posted in early January, 2006, rather than in Microsoft's usual monthly Windows updates. This patch is approximately 700 KB and has some unmentioned aspects in the update bulletin.



It is an important update and can be easily reached via a simple Google search on "MS06-001" rather than directly addressing Microsoft's Website.

What Microsoft forgot to mention is that the patch has several actions, including instructing *Outreach Express* to deny downloading "dangerous" files such as attached JPG graphics files. I stumbled into this factor while doing the NTPCUG newsletter and requesting photos of the January BOD nominees. Received several MS messages that attached graphics were eliminated because of potential threats to my computer.

"Fix" is easy. Go to "Tools" "Options" and undo the graphics block placed there by Microsoft. Makes me wonder if the WMF patch works or if MS simply blocked graphics to solve the problem

Just as this issue was being put to bed, test results of several antivirus programs indicated that Symantec, McAfee and other major publishers were finding and removing the new viruses designed to attack the 'bug."

#### **Apple Early with Intel Macintoshes**

Steve Jobs, Apple Computing CEO, made some surprise announcements at this month's *AppleWorld* expo in San Francisco. First was revelation that Intel-powered Mac's were available now—six month ahead of schedule and would be featuring the Intel dual-core CPU's. Problem for me was claim that these Intel machines would be "three – four times as 'fast' as the PowerPCpowered Mac's.

Now, I remember Steve as a super hustler, so the claims weren't that much of a surprise. My problem is the claim of "three – four times as 'fast." Steve Jobs is a very bright guy and should know he's comparing Apples to Oranges. Whole concept of "speed" really is a marketing ploy rather than a technological reality. Really amazing second quote from Steve Jobs was comment that Apple hadn't done anything that would prevent Windows from running on the Mac hardware. While that may give Apple a possible entry into the IT areas denied Mac's for all these years, it may also indicate that the Apple Mac OS-X might run on other, i.e., Intel-powered PC's.

#### Lot's to consider here.

This should make the January Operating Systems SIG a really interesting discussion group meeting.

> Reagan Andrews & Chuck Stark

#### SharePoint

Starting in December 2004, 2nd Saturday includes a SharePoint SIG. This SIG will cover all things SharePoint, including Windows SharePoint Services, SharePoint Portal Server, etc.

Here is the topic schedule for the next few months. This schedule is subject to change based on the interests of the SIG participants.

Saturday, Jan 14, 2006 – No SPS Meeting (ASP.NET continued) Future topics

SPS/WSS Installation in details Please send email, if you like to see some particular topic presented.

Ram Yadav

#### The Master Genealogist

In January, TMG sig will start meeting at the Dallas Public Library in the East-West Room the second Saturday of the month 2 PM to 4 PM.

See you at the meeting.

Jeri Steele

#### Visual Basic - Beginning

We will be meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 14th at the Las Colinas campus of Microsoft Corporation.

For the January Meeting, **Tuc Goodwin** along with his fellow co-SIG leaders: **Terry Witt, Tom Perkins**, and **David Stark** will begin 2006 with a bang and present the schedule for the coming year.

The first presentation of 2006 will be on dynamically generating code using the CodeDom features of the .NET Framework.

We will have free magazines for all attendees.

So come on Saturday, and don't forget to bring a friend along!!!

Tuc Goodwin

#### Windows Tips and Tricks

This month we will have a presentation called Home Networking 101.

If you have any specific topics for which you would like to see a demo or presentation, send me a note.

#### Gil Brand

#### Windows XP Inside Out

You already know your way around a desktop – so now dig deep into Windows XP and really put your PC to work! Find out how in the Windows XP Inside Out SIG. Each month we pick a Windows XP feature or program, and discuss ways to make it work the way we want it to.

In December we discussed *Customizing the Windows Interface*. In that one, I showed how to modify the entire look and feel of your XP desktop with



Themes, Visual Styles, and free-for-thedownload Alternatives.

January's subject: *Hacking Windows Explorer*. We will look deeply at how File Associations work, how to hack the Context Menu, how to customize Folder Appearance, how to unhide hidden and system files, and how to disable the Common Tasks Pane.

Note: **Joli Ballew**, the guest speaker originally scheduled for January, will not be available for a few months due to some needed surgery.

Planned Topics: 02/06: XP Folders, Files, and User Profiles

03/06: XP Multimedia Support [rescheduled Joli Ballew presentation] 04/06: Tweaking Internet Explorer

#### Glynn Brooks

#### Wireless Technology

January Meeting The New Opera 8.5

The Opera was initially available on for purchased on the Internet. The Opera 8.5 version is free, with no annoying banner ads. The features included are Email client, IRC chat, RSS News Feeds, pop-up blocking, tabbed browsing and integrated searches. Opera pioneered tabs and pop-up blocking in early versions of their browsers. The Integrated search function allows you to

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search your favorite sites, for example Google, eBay, or Amazon without having to go to their Web pages. Opera displays security information inside the address bar, located next to the padlock icon that indicates the level of security present on a site. Opera 8.5 also provides protection against phishing attacks and automatically checks for security updates.

Opera's has a built-in password manager. The Wand, remembers your user names and passwords so you will not have to. The password manager can store more than one user name and password combination for each page, and will let you choose which one to use if multiple combinations are stored. Opera includes support for issuing voice commands for browser functions. Full support for Gmail and Atom news feeds. Opera is the first Web browser to natively support Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)This new browser is worth considering. See ya at January 06 Wireless SIG.

#### **Birl Smith**

#### WordPerfect

WordPerfect SIG Meeting Topics

January — WP11 — Formatting a Document February — WP11 — Jim's To Do List March — WP11 — Jim's To Do List (cont.)

*These topics are tentative and may change at any time.* 

Our newsletter, In a WordPerfect Min-

*ute...*, can now be accessed from here. Follow the links at the end of this Web page.

#### JANUARY

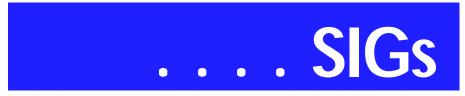
Over the last two years, we have covered many types of formatting in Word-Perfect 11. Rather than dissect a feature, we will use many of those features to format a document. If you have a document you would like to have formatted at this meeting, please send it to me as soon as possible.

#### FEBRUARY

I'm reserving this month for continuing formatting a document. However, if it's not needed, our new series for working with Jim's To Do List will begin. I've not yet started to develop it, so I can't give you even a clue as to what you can expect. I can assure you, though, Jim has some pretty high expectations



Join the crowd of NTPCUG Members rushing to make sure their votes are counted at the January 21, 2006 Business Meeting at the North Lake College &IG Meeting &itel



for what he wants to accomplish. This should be fun!

#### <u>MARCH</u>

More on Jim's To Do List. As soon as we develop a list of topics, I'll update this information.

#### WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

## Proof Your Document from Thumbnail Printouts

When proofing a document from the screen, it is easy to overlook layout problems since you're most likely concentrating on the contents. In versions 9 through 12, you can print pages as thumbnails and proof them for layout errors, such as headings at the bottom of a page, widow/orphans, indentations, graphics, and so on.

Thumbnails allow you to print several pages on a single sheet of paper, in a smaller size, of course.

- 1. File | Print | Layout
- 2. At Position and Size: Thumbnails

3. In the first text box, specify the number of thumbnails to include across the width of each page

4. In the second text box, specify the number of thumbnails to include down the length of each page The more thumbnails you specify, the smaller they will print.

5. To print thumbnails in order down the page: Down

6. To print thumbnails in order across the page: Across

7. To include a border around each thumbnail, mark: Show Borders

8. To number the pages (not the individual thumbnails), mark: Show Index

9. Print

#### WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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## WHAT'S NEW WITH WORDPER-FECT?

Create instant bibliographies using WordPerfect 12 and Reference Manager 11.0.1

WordPerfect 12 users can now organize and cite references with Reference Manager 11.0.1, the popular bibliographic management software from Thomson ResearchSoft. Search your personal reference database to identify citations then let WordPerfect 12 and Reference Manager deliver instant bibliographies in over 1,000 styles! The cost is \$99.95 for a single-user upgrade and \$449.95 for a 5-user workstation upgrade at *http://www.refman.com/*.

Cindy Adams



## **Digital Camera CCD Failures**

At the October 2005 Operating Systems SIG, I reported that a number of digital cameras were experiencing CCD (Charge-Coupled Device) image sensor failures, but didn't have a complete listing of the potentially affected models and makers involved. My experience with my Kodak DC4800 losing its LCD capability appeared to fit the described failure. I looked a little further into the matter with *Google's* help.

A little background: It turns out that Sony was a major supplier of CCD's for both digital cameras and camcorders. Evidently, between 2002 and 2004, a number of defective CCD's were shipped to a number of camera makers. The failures began to be reported by digital photography Websites in October 2005 and national print media also began running the story.

Vendors began responding with some assistance via their own Web support sites and repairs for the affected models became available. Spokespeople for Sony and other vendors felt that these "older" cameras were not still on dealers' shelves so current customers shouldn't be alarmed.

The listing I finally obtained follows.

This listing is for digital cameras only and does not contain camcorder models.

Canon

- o PowerShot A60
- o PowerShot A70
- o PowerShot A75
- o PowerShot A300
- o PowerShot A310

o PowerShot S230 Digital ELPH / Digital IXUS V3 / IXY D320 o PowerShot SD100 Digital ELPH / Digital IXUS II / IXY Digital 30

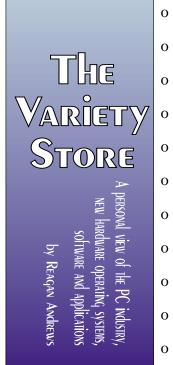
o PowerShot SD110 Digital ELPH / Digital IXUS IIs / IXY Digital 30a

#### Fujifilm

- o FinePix A303
- o FinePix F410 Zoom
- o FinePix F700
- o FinePix S2 Pro

#### Sony

- o Cyber-shot DSC-F717
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P10
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P12
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P2
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P31
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P32



- o Cyber-shot DSC-P51
  o Cyber-shot DSC-P52
  o Cyber-shot DSC-P7
  o Cyber-shot DSC-P71
  o Cyber-shot DSC-P72
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P8
- o Cyber-shot DSC-P92
- o Cyber-shot DSC-U10
- o Cyber-shot DSC-U20
- o Cyber-shot DSC-U30
- o Cyber-shot DSC-U60

- o Cyber-shot DSC-V1
- o CD Mavica MVC-CD250
- o CD Mavica MVC-CD400
- o CD Mavica MVC-CD500
- o FD Mavica MVC-FD100
- o FD Mavica MVC-FD200

#### Konica Minolta

(note: all affected models were actually released prior to the merger with Konica, and hence carry only the Minolta brand name)

- o DiMAGE A1
- o DiMAGE 7i
- o DiMAGE 7Hi
- o DiMAGE Xi
- o DiMAGE Xt
- o DiMAGE X20
- o DiMAGE S414
- o DiMAGE F300

#### Nikon

- o Coolpix SQ
- o Coolpix 3100
- o Coolpix 5700

#### Pentax

- o Optio330RS
- o Optio330GS



- o Optio33L
- o Optio43WR
- o Optio550
- o Optio555

#### Ricoh

- o Caplio RR30
- o Caplio 300G
- o Caplio G3
- o Caplio G3 model M
- o Caplio G3 model S
- o Caplio ProG3
- o Caplio G4
- o Caplio G4 wide
- o Caplio 400G wide
- o Caplio RX

#### Olympus

(note: added 10/13/05 09:56ET)

- o Camedia C-5050 Zoom
- o Camedia C-730 Ultra Zoom

A Google search on ''digital Camera CCD failures will provide some very helpful information.

Reagan Andrews



## Official 2006 Election Ballot

NTPCUG Member No.

Name

The President-Elect, Linda Moore, will assume the position of President for the year of 2006. The positions of President and President-Elect are also directors of the NTPCUG board of directors.

There are 7 directors on the NTPCUG Board of Directors, which includes President, President-Elect and the five remaining director positions.

Vote for one President-Elect:

President-Elect: Birl Smith

Nominees for Board of Directors: Vote for 5 directors.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Bentley
- \_\_\_\_\_ Glynn Brooks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Frauenheim
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuc Goodwin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charles Rem
- I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that my NTPCUG membership is current and valid.

Member's Signature

If you are unable to attend on January 21 for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday meeting, then you may mail your ballot postmarked no later than Saturday, January 14, 2006 to the address below. You MUST include your name, membership number and sign your ballot where it is indicated.

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