

# New Style

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## January 31, 2001

in the Overholt Auditorium at 7:00 PM.  
Presentation will be by Dr. Ernest Brauer on using Palm Pilots.

We are fortunate to have the beautiful and well equipped Overholt as our meeting site again this year. We thank Gundersen-Lutheran for their generosity.

## Outgoing President's Message

*Marian Havlik*

December meeting

As the LCPC past-president, I want to again thank all who helped with the goodies for the December 13 meeting: Barb and Keith Bargham, Shane Lambert, La Vonne Buchner, and Shirley Bryhn. A special thanks also to Ted Latham for playing Santa (and to Shirley Bryhn for providing most of the Santa suit). We hope everyone had a better chance to get acquainted.

Thanks also to those who gave us program suggestions. If you think of additional things you'd like to have for LCPC programs, send a personal email to our President, Shane Lambert (private email address elsewhere in newsletter).

## Ink jet refills

I finally tried the JR Ink Jet Refill Starter Kit that Don and Carol brought back from Comdex 1999. My first piece of advice would be do not attempt to clean a cartridge with the cleaning solution, unless you absolutely think your cartridge is clogged. Actually, the refills seemed to work quite well, even after refilling the same cartridge twice, but the whole process is a bit messy. However, now my 3 year old, small BJ 70 Canon printer is on the fritz, and I have absolutely

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## New President's Message

I am looking forward to serving as president for the year 2001 and hope that I can live up to the expectations of everyone in the club. I am trying to get everything taken care of for future meetings but could always use some help. Take a look at our meeting schedule, we still need meeting topics after May. If you have any ideas or if you are willing to present a topic, please let me know. I can be reached at: [shane@couleeweb.net](mailto:shane@couleeweb.net).

It's nice to see how active our List Server has become this last few months. I am glad that it has worked so well and I encourage all members to use it more often. If you have a question about your computer or some software you are interested in, feel free to post to the list server. If you don't know how, e-mail me and I will send you instructions.

*Note:* Because the list server is open only to paid members, I can not include information on how to join or post in this letter. If you wish to take advantage of our List Server, please consider joining our club.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January 31st meeting where Dr. Ernesto Brauer will talk about Palm Technology. This should be a very informative meeting as Dr. Brauer has been in charge of Palm Technology for Gundersen Lutheran Hospital. I am also putting together a very informative presen-

tation for our February 28th meeting on Windows File Management. I will talk about moving and deleting files, removing unwanted programs, e-mail attachments, zipping and unzipping files, and much more.

Thank you for allowing me this time to introduce myself and to talk a bit about our great club. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to e-mail me, or better yet, attend our next meeting and see for yourself why I am so excited about this club!

*Shane Lambert*

*2001 Club President*

*Santa Claus (impersonated by Ted Latham) takes time from his busy schedule to help Arlene Weise and Marian Havlik drawing for prizes.*



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*Gary Stelzig - Treasurer*

The club checking balance as of 1/13/2001 is \$503.98. November and December transactions include: Income of \$60 for two new members and one renewal. Expenses of: \$18.46 for copies for the December newsletter, \$6.60 for stamps, \$59.58 for Tribune and UWL advertising, snacks for the December meeting of \$24.48 + \$31.88 + \$21.10 = \$77.46 snack total

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*Refreshments before the meeting*



The one member renewal was from Ted and Jean Latham - thank you. The two new members are: Ed Lietzow and Mike Henderson. Welcome new members

Renewals for January include: Robin Alexander, Don/Carol Atkinson, Ken Buckley, Marian Havlik, Chris Hornbeck, Paul Shie, Gary Stelzig and Jack Storlie.

Past due include: John Kuschel, and Bill Brockmiller.

## Meet new member!

Ed Lietzow

I am retired from the Trane Company as of 8/1/2000 having spent 35 years in LaCrosse in the disciplines of manufacturing engineering and operations management.

This past July I purchased a Dell PC and entered the brave new world of cyberspace. My previous experience with computers consisted of basic e-mail communications and use of the MS Office package.

My machine is a Dell Dimension XPS T700r(700MHz Pentium III) with a 30GB hard drive, 128MB SDRAM, 8x/4x/32x CD-RW, 12x DVD ROM. The software is MS Office SBE2000.

I am currently using DellNet as my ISP for e-mail and the Internet access.

I also purchased a 19-inch Dell Monitor and an HP T65 Office Jet printer.

At this stage I am a PC novice. My objective in joining the LCPC User Group is to further my expertise and enjoyment in using the PC, share mutual issues and problems, and hopefully contribute to the Group as time goes on.

# Holiday 2000 Meeting

*Carol Frank, secretary*

The December 13, 2000 meeting was festive with food provided by Barb & Keith Buchner, LaVonne Buchner, Shirley Bryhn and Shane Lambert. We even had a guest appearance by Santa Claus! (Ted Latham).

There were only four nominees to the Board, Carol Frank, Marian Havlik, Gary Stelzig, and Shane Lambert. So the election was dispensed with and there was a general motion to approve the board.

The presentation was given by Todd Patterson of Office Max about digital cameras. Don Atkinson mentioned the limitations of digital cameras; resolution, capacity, and price. Jack Storlie mentioned an article in PC World that addressed these issues. Marian Havlik had read an article in the Wall Street Journal that reviewed inexpensive digital cameras. According to that article the Kodak EC215 (\$299) had the best combination of price and quality.

Mr. Patterson had this camera with him. It uses an expensive memory card (\$50) that is easy to damage—sunlight, bending, magnetism. It has a flash, zoom (both optical and digial), LCD viewer and rechargeable batter-

ies. It is simple to use and pictures can be reviewed to decide if they are worth saving. Pictures are downloaded into your PC using the USB port. The necessary cable comes with the camera.

Some cameras use floppies or small CDs or hard drives to store the pictures on the camera. Most are not weather resistant. Those that are are extremely expensive.

Mr. Patterson also had Olympus and Sony cameras to show.

There was some discussion on hardcopy output of the pictures. The options are: online services that upload files and mail the printed copies to you, home inkjet with the right kind of paper and a copy service with a laser printer.

Ernesto Brauer described the practicality of using digital cameras professionally. He can take pictures of a case and send them



*Mark Patterson from Office Max*

immediately over the internet to a colleague for an opinion. Marian also has a professional interest in sharing visual information immediately. This saves time and steps in developing and scanning photos.

The immediacy of digital cameras is also useful for small businesses that post product pictures on their websites and for those who do a lot of web auctions.

Digital cameras are not good for action pictures, there is a slow "shutter speed" It takes 1/2 second for warm-up. Don't use them for pictures that you want printed in a larger size, like 8"x10". The image will be soft and pixilated because of the low resolution.

After the presentation there were drawings for door prizes by Santa Claus.

LaVonne Buchner got a Microsoft T-shirt, Paul Pfaff a keyboard, Peter Schaele thirty floppy disks, Arlene Stolpa got McAfee Virus Scan.

*Editor Don Atkinson making his annual appearance.*



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no idea if the ink refills caused the problem, or if the problem is something else. But two brand new cartridges didn't solve the problem.

## **Will phone numbers be our internet address>?**

There is a move underway to make our telephone numbers our internet addresses. The process is called Enum, but making it a reality won't be easy.

# Do you hold the Future in the Palm<sup>®</sup> of Your Hand?

by Beverly Rosenbaum, reprinted from Phoenix PC Users' Group News, July 2000, Newsletter of the Phoenix Personal Computer Users Group

The role of handheld devices has changed dramatically in the past year. Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) originally used primarily as personal information managers, now have a bigger role in business and are doing much more than simply tracking appointments. Salespeople, builders, doctors, and students are using more powerful handheld devices to keep notes on clients, send e-mail, store essential information, and just help them get through their daily routines.

Researchers at International Data Corp. estimate that 35% of the 3.7 million handhelds sold in 2000 will be purchased by individuals who will be reimbursed by their company. That figure is up from 21% in 1999. Another measure of the growing demand for PDAs in the workplace is the explosion of new applications being written specifically for business use. Third-party applications for Palm OS and Windows CE devices include databases, communications software, inventory control, project management, and business productivity tools.

If you own a handheld that uses the Palm OS, you are among 73 percent of the Palmtop user in the United States. The Palm OS is also used on IBM's WorkPad and the new Handspring Visor, among others.

Visor is the Palm OS-based brainchild of Jeff Hawkins, Donna Dubinsky and other creators of the original PalmPilot. It includes a Game Boy-like cartridge slot called the Springboard, which can accommodate a wide and growing variety of expansion modules. Already available are an 8-MB Flash RAM module, a 33.6-kilobit-per-second land-line modem, a backup module and a golf game featuring Tiger Woods. Coming soon are several MP3 players (including one from Diamond Multimedia's Rio division), a Bluetooth communications module, a text scanner. Other noteworthy Springboard modules due this year include: InfoMitt, a one-way pager from InnoGear (www.innogear.com) that supports alphanumeric messaging and a host of other advanced paging features.

SixPack, also from InnoGear, is a module that features a land-line modem, a cell phone connection (for wireless communications), a vibration motor for silent alarms, a flash-

ing LED (also for silent alarms), a digital voice recorder and 8 MB of Flash RAM.

Pocket Webster from LandWare (www.landware.com) is a 60,000-word dictionary accessible from within any application. It includes definitions, spellings and usage.

Quo Vadis Handy GPS is a full-featured GPS module from MarcoSoft (www.marcosoft.com) that comes with graphical mapping software for the Palm OS.

## More Palm OS Devices

The handheld TRGpro (www.trgpro.com) is basically a modified Palm IIIx that combines a CompactFlash expansion slot with the Palm OS, enabling mobile professionals to access large-scale information and databases normally confined to a desktop PC. Compatible with most Palm III & Palm IIIx third party hardware add-ons, the TRGpro uses Palm OS 3.3. It can operate Type 1 and 2 CompactFlash cards including modems, serial cards, bar-code wands, and memory cards as well as the 340MB IBM MicroDrive. (Although CompactFlash memorycards have modest power needs, cards with greater consumption needs, such as the MicroDrive, will shorten battery life.) It also has an improved speaker capable of sounding louder alarms, playing WAV files and producing DTMF tones with included software. The TRGpro has 8 MB of RAM and is priced at \$329, only \$30 more than the 4MB Palm IIIx.

Symbol Technologies' niche of pocket computing devices for either the Palm or CE-based OS combines ruggedized mobility, bar code scanning and wireless communications. A member of the "Extreme Environments" category of Symbol products (www.symbol.com), their devices are sealed for protection against windblown rain and dust, and withstand multiple drops to concrete from up to 4 ft, enabling their users to collect and manage data in the field, at the point of activity.

This Palm-size PC comes with 16 MB of RAM and 12 MB of flash ROM to meet data or program storage needs. An application-programming interface (API) from Symbol allows bar code data capture and wireless

communication to be easily integrated into a new or existing application.

Symbol also has other areas in mind: Physicians and caregivers can always have access to current patient records anywhere in the hospital. Using bar code data capture and wireless communication, matching of data to patient is facilitated, helping to ensure the accurate dispensation of medications. Or school administrators, teachers, and staff can retrieve and update student records from anywhere on campus, automating paper-intensive processes such as attendance tracking and grading.

## New Color Palm

In addition, Palm Inc. (www.palm.com) has added a new model to its line of personal digital assistants. The new Palm IIIc resembles the Palm III, but has a color screen, and runs on a 20-MHz Motorola Dragonball processor with 8MB of memory. The bright always backlit display lets users view images, play games, and read text easily.

The Palm IIIc offers 8-bit (256) color with 160-by-160-pixel resolution, a color range limited by the fact that the device maintains the small unit size and long battery life typical of Palm products. The Palm IIIc runs continuously for 10 hours, or for about two weeks with intermittent use. Its lithium-ion battery recharges in the Hotsync cradle. Competitive color devices running Windows CE claim around 5 hours of use (less for multimedia functions) and don't charge in the sync mg cradle, but do offer higher-resolution images.

Bundled with the Palm IIIc is Album to Go, a photo-sharing application from Club Photo; a color version of AvantGo's Web content service; a backgammon game; and a color calculator. According to Paul Osborne, a product manager at Palm Computing, developers are working on another 20 to 50 color games and business applications. The color applications included with the Palm IIIc can be found in the "Add-On Folder" within the Palm directory on your computer. This folder is set up automatically once you install the Palm IIIc desktop CD on your com-

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puter. You can also click on the install button on the Palm desktop and then "Add". AvantGo can be found directly on the CD.

Although only a dozen or so of the 350 Web sites provided to Palm through AvantGo's Web content service support color for handheld PCs, Stuart Read, vice president of marketing at AvantGo, predicts that the Palm device will inspire more Web sites to support color on handhelds

Other new accessories for the color Palm include Kodak's Palmpix digital camera and Rand McNally's upcoming Streetfinder 2000. While the IIIc is not compatible with some peripherals for other Palm devices (including the wireless modem service from Novatel and Omnisky), it does work with the standard modems designed for the III series

Kodak PalmPix Camera is compact, lightweight and easy to use, allowing you to frame, take, review and transfer pictures to your Palm through its serial connector. Images are reviewed in color on the Palm IIIc LCD, or viewed in grayscale on other models. Using the HotSync, images can be uploaded to a desktop or laptop computer where they can be accessed as color 24-bit (16.7 million color) VGA (640 x 480) pictures. Once transferred to the host computer, the images can be saved, manipulated and e-mailed as standard BMP or JPEG files. The Palmpix is compatible with Palm III, IIIc, IIIe, IIIx, IIIxe, VII, IBM WorkPad, and TRGpro. It can be made compatible using an optional Dock V adapter.

My Docs Online, Inc., ([www.mydocsonline.com](http://www.mydocsonline.com)) a privately held provider of free Web-based "virtual drive" file storage, offers users of the AvantGo free mobile Internet service ([www.avantgo.com](http://www.avantgo.com)) the ability to send important desktop files, stored at My Docs Online, for free as e-mail attachments from their wireless devices. From the desktop, mobile professionals can create a "mirror image" of important folders and files on their free My Docs Online virtual drive. Users may later gain access to their files through the My Docs Online wireless channel on AvantGo, enabling them to select files from their wireless Palm devices and send them as e-mail attachments. In addition to using the wireless messaging capability to deliver files, AvantGo users can wirelessly access and view other Palm-

friendly files stored on their My Docs Online virtual drive.

My Docs Online for Palm VII is a Web Clipping application—a combination of a Palm Query Application that is installed on the Palm VII and web pages and data that reside on the My Docs Online Server. MyDocs.pqa is the Palm Query application that must first be downloaded and installed via HotSync on the Palm VII

## Other Accessories

The Palm Navigator ([www.precisionnavigation.com/palmmain2aux.html](http://www.precisionnavigation.com/palmmain2aux.html)) is a hardware sensor module that plugs into the PalmPilot just like a modem, turning it into a map navigation system and electronic compass. The free MapSync software included allows you to easily store downloaded maps from the web onto your PalmPilot and use them with the PalmPilot Navigator software, also included. PalmLaw ([www.palmlaw.com](http://www.palmlaw.com)) is an informational resource for Palm users with law-related needs and interests, providing links to legal news, reference documents, articles and reviews.

Ximuoi Technologies of Fort Lauderdale, FL ([www.ximuoi.com](http://www.ximuoi.com)) produces the Pyro, a solid-state hard disk and audio coprocessor for Palm devices that will provide a large amount of non-volatile memory for use to store Palm programs and data. It will also function as a digital audio player, which is basically a high-tech Walkman device, storing the music in internal memory instead of using tapes or CDs. It has no moving parts and is very reliable, immune to skipping due to vibration or other reasons. The company offers a free 12K Tic-Tac-Toe game for the Palm on its website.

## Dick Tracy Never Had This

But if it's just music you want, Casio has a new Wrist Audio Player the world's first wrist-type wearable MP3 format file player. You can use your computer to download MP3 format files from authorized sites on the Internet, or you can use commercially available MP3 file creation software to create MP3 files from your favorite music CDs. The MP3 files can then be downloaded to the Wrist Audio Player for listening over the included stereo earphones.

Casio's GPS Pathfinder packs powerful GPS navigation capabilities into an ultra-compact wristwatch configuration. A built-

in antenna picks up signals from satellites orbiting high above the Earth to produce instant position and navigation data. The new PC UNITE models are equipped with infrared capabilities plus enhanced PC synchronization functions. In addition to being able to exchange PIM data with a computer, the new PC-UNITE models also can link with Microsoft Outlook and even exchange data with a portable terminal such as a Cassiopeia Palm-size PC or a Palm OS platform device.

Last month Palm, Inc. announced that more than 50,000 developers are registered to create third-party solutions for the Palm OS, ranging from Internet stock trading and package tracking to medication dispensing and travel guides. Applications span mobile, wireless and web applications in financial, transportation, government, retail, automotive, healthcare and education, as well as specific solutions for key corporate tasks such as customer relationship management and sales force automation.

Even Stephen King, author of more than thirty worldwide best-selling books, recently released a 66-page novella available only for electronic download, including the Palm. His "Riding the Bullet" is a short story about a young man who hitches a ride with a driver from the other side.

What does the future hold for your Palm? *Beverly Rosenbaum is a HAL-PC member and a 1999 Houston Press Club "Excellence in Journalism" award winner. E-mail me at [mfooster@hal-pc.com](mailto:mfooster@hal-pc.com).*

## address change

The listserve is going great guns and blowing out my mailbox. I'm concerned that I may miss some newsletter related items in the mass of messages.

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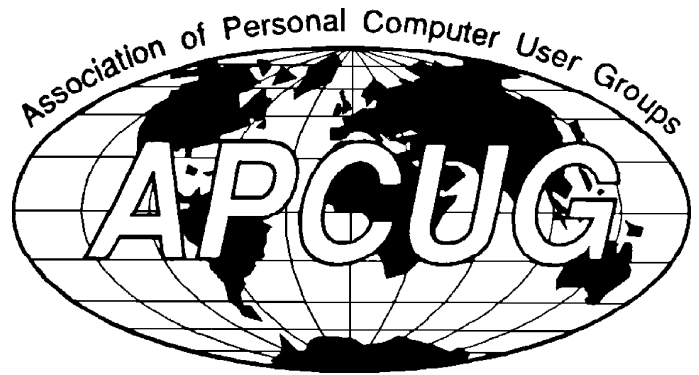
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