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Presented by Liz Ash - WWTC

PDA's, a whole new level in personal computing

*December 2002 meeting
Carol M. Frank, secretary*

We had elections to the board. The electees are Marian Havlik, Chuck Whalen, Jack Storlie and Dick Dahlby.

There was some talk about ISP Fullfeed of LaCrosse and a discussion about spam filters. Spam blockers can prevent legitimate research on STDs and breast cancer. Some clever spammers have disguised sexually explicit messages by using html coding to break up words.

Ernesto put on his doctor's hat and warned about doing medical searches. A search through an ordinary search engine will bring up many hits that are just medical scams. He has created a site that prefilters medical scam sites and allow searchers find legitimate medical advice.

Jack Storlie had goodies from Comdex to give away. There was a motion to give Jack \$75 to help cover expenses. Later in the meeting there was a drawing done to hand out the bigger items and the rest was up for grabs.

Ernesto Brauer gave a talk about Palm PDA. The Gundersen Lutheran gave many of these to physicians and it has proved very useful. Doctors have found them to be a great help in the practice of medicine by having databases instantly available. It can fit into a shirt pocket and has an infrared port that can beam information to any printer in the hospital and print out a report. This has allowed them to get immediate information while on rounds. 75-80% of healthcare providers now use PDA's.

The Hippocrates application is an example of the "new" economy. This is a free database on medications. A doctor on rounds can have instant reference to information that is normally sitting in his office in a 1600 page book.

Marian asks if a PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded into a Palm. Ernesto answers it depends on the device model. They all have different capabilities. To find out the difference between models, Gundersen Lutheran has a web page devoted just to Palm. www.gundluth.org/palm. This site also describes the various security systems available.

Letter From The Editor

By Shane Lambert

Ok, for those of you wondering, Yes, I am still alive, but if you'd asked me last week I would have said "barely". Over the last week I suffered from an illness I wouldn't wish on anyone, including Bill Gates. It was the flu, a severe case of the flu and one made worse by the fact I had received a flu shot this year. Turns out I am allergic to the flu shot in a way that makes flu symptoms worse when you get it. I guess there are quite a few people allergic to it as well. This was the first winter I received the flu shot and I can assure you it will be the last.

Anyway, since this thing had to be late (again) thought I would try to make it a good one. It's eight (yes I said 8) pages this month because the APCUG was nice enough to send me three nice sized articles to use. This is a new thing that started in November and I will receive new articles every month to use - which should make my job a lot easier.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter and accept my apologies for the lateness. At least this month the computer didn't add to the misery! :)

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The short list of other professions and trades that found PDAs useful are teachers, farmers, repairmen, meter readers, paramedics, inventory managers and salesmen.

It can also be applicable to any hobby that needs a database for instant reference. For instance Ernesto uses his to keep track of his daily bicycling performance. Others have used it for dieting, knitting. But it must be emphasized that PDAs are not a substitute for the PC but an extension of it. Information from the PDA is stored on the PC and if the PDA is lost or damaged, it is easy to download your accumulated info into the new one.

The military have given troops PDAs to carry classified info and data about their missions. These devices are easy to destroy if needed and comparatively cheap and convenient to use.

To use a PDA just for addresses, clock, alarm, phone numbers and a to-do list is using only a small fraction of the capabilities. Some models have reminder alarms for appointments. Some people use it also for Web surfing despite the tiny screen. The tablet computers that are coming out are better for this task. Ernesto has also found it easy to resell his older models as he upgrades to more advanced models.

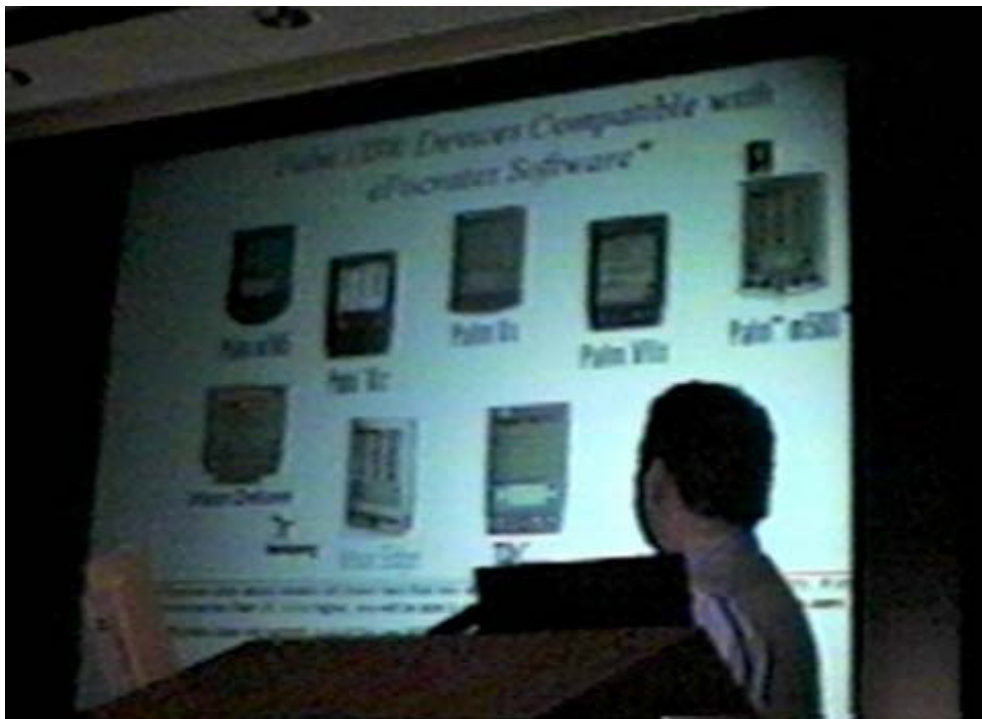
Palm is extremely fast, programs are extremely small, inexpensive and rarely crash. The programs are between 40 to 100 K. There are over 100,000 program developers and there should be programs for just about any need or interest, if not, there soon will be.

The Palm is instantly on. There is no loading of the Operating System, no DLLs to load. Some of the basic applications that come with the Palm Operating System are calculator, date book, expenses, mail. There are applications for any interest that can be found on the internet that are free or inexpensive.

By the use of an emulator (which is free) to run on Windows, Ernesto can show audiences how to use various models of Palm. To use a Palm, the user has a stylus, (quite inexpensive, so have extras if you lose one) to point and click on the touch sensitive screen. There are three ways to input information: Point and click on an onscreen keyboard, use "graffiti" a method of writing letters that the Palm recognizes, or a special fold-up keyboard. This keyboard is full size but can fold up into a pocket size. Each model of Palm has a keyboard available.

To save time making reports, certain common phrases can be preloaded to flesh out the data entered.

To share information between the Palm and the PC, there is a HotSync cradle for USB or serial ports. The Palm sits in this while recharging and exchanging information. The software for using this comes with the Palm and there are other software that can translate between the Palm applications and Windows applications such as Quicken and Word. Palm Operating system can be backed up on the PC and if there is a problem reloaded back into the Palm.



There are several considerations in choosing a model:

1. How does it look, feel, weigh. Best if you can handle in the store.
2. Batteries disposable or rechargeable? Some can also be charged through the USB port while being synced to the computer.
3. How visible is the screen under various lighting conditions, especially outdoors.
4. Would you need expansion cards for greater capacity?

Palms and other PDAs have taken personal computing to another level by making it even more personal.

White Space

By Shane Lambert

Get it?

La Crosse PC Users Group (LCPC) Treasurer's and Membership Report December 2002

Dick Dahlby, Treasurer

Income received in November through December was \$100.00 from five membership renewals. Membership renewals were Barb and Keith Barghahn, Ted and Jean Latham, Marian Havlik, Art Osborn, and Ed Lietzow. Thank you all for your continued interest and support.

Expenses paid in December were: \$13.19 for 25 photocopies of the Holiday edition of the LCPC Newsletter, \$75.00 to Jack Storlie for his attendance at the November COMDEX Convention, \$14.80 for postage stamps, and \$50.00 to APCUG for membership renewal for 2003.

The LCPC checking account balance as of 12/31/2002 is \$1,01.66.

Following is a Financial Summary for the Year 2002:

Opening Balance 01/01/02	\$893.88
Total Income (dues)	980.00
Total Expenses	854.22
Ending Balance 12/31/02	\$1,019.66

A detail Monthly Cash Flow Report for 2002 is available to any member who would like a printed copy. Please contact me.

We presently have 51 enrolled members in LCPC.

Members whose annual renewal fees (dues) are presently past due are: (December) Bill Brockmiller.

Membership renewals due in January are: Don and Carol Frank Atkinson, Ken Buckley, Brian Hopkins, Paul Shie, Gary Stelzig, and Jack Storlie.

Annual dues are \$20 (individual or couple), and checks should be made payable to **La Crosse PC Users Group**. Dues may be mailed to either of the following addresses.

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Reminder to all members: If you become more than three (3) months delinquent in paying your membership dues, you will be subject to removal from the ListServ, and from LCPC. So please, be prompt with your renewal fees.

Also, if you change your email address, it is very important to inform LCPC of the change, so that the Membership ListServ (membersonly@lcpconline.com) can be changed accordingly. To do so, please send me an email with your new email address and I will make the change to the ListServ. If you haven't received an email from the ListServ within the last two weeks, please let me know that also, so that I can check on it. Thank you.

INSTALLING BURNERS IN OLDER SYSTEMS

By Jack Storlie

Just before Christmas, Eileen Temte posed the following request to the LCPC Listserv: "I am thinking I would like to do the following. Take photos, scan them and burn them onto a CD. I do not have a CD burner. My computer is as follows:

5G-200 with MMX
Mid tower Case with 200 Watt Power
32MB SDRAM DIMM Memory
P55C-200 Pentium Motherboard and Processor
Zip Drive
2.0GB ODE Hard Drive"

The responses posted to the listserv were mostly "get a new system", since the Gateway was considered to be too under-powered for the task at hand.

Deciding to do a little experimenting, I took an old W95 Compaq with comparable characteristics, that I had re-stored and proceeded to install a burner in it. There were two hurdles I needed to overcome. 1) The burner I used said it needed a minimum of 64 MB memory and at least 166 MHz. My Compaq was OK with the 64 MB of memory but it had the same 200 MHz clock speed as the Gateway. 2) The software that came with the burner I had used Nero software and my preference was for Roxio (Adaptec).

The installation of the burner on the Compaq Windows 95 system worked all right and recognized the burner as a CD ROM. The problem was that the system would not recognize the burner as being compatible with Roxio Platinum 5.0 software. I spent some time on Roxio's web site and found that some users had success with an upgrade to Roxio Platinum Edition 5.0 and an upgrade to 5.3 that was downloadable free.

With this download to the Platinum Edition that I had installed, I was able to get the Compaq to recognize the burner and do all the things that nice little burners are supposed to do.

Eileen brought her system out to my house and, after some hardware configuring, memory upgrading, and the above-mentioned software engineering; her system now handles a Buslink 52/24/52 burner just fine.

Lest I leave the impression that Nero software is not a decent product, I hasten to mention that I know some people that like it – it is just not my favorite - and I felt that I could more easily bring Eileen up to speed using something with which I had some familiarity and it was fun and educational too.

COMDEX FALL 20002 LAS VEGAS, NV

By Jack Storlie

As with most excursions there were positive and negatives aspects to my experience at Comdex. Let me be clear however, the plusses outweighed the minuses by a wide margin. It was a truly magnificent example of conference organization on a large scale. It was also a thrilling experience to see the enormity of a technology that is the product of the ingenuity of many people and organizations. Allow me to misquote something that was said many years ago. "After 60 years of tumultuous growth, the computing industry has finally reached its infancy". There is ample evidence to feel that the best is yet to come with wireless technology being only one of the promising innovations that is gaining a foothold in so many different ways.

On the debit side of the ledger, attendance by both exhibitors and attendees has been declining, dramatically so since 9/11/2001. However, since there was about 125,000 attendees gathered around some 1500 various booths, exhibits, and concession stands, the resemblance was closer to that of bedlam than it was to a tea party. IBM did not exhibit and enough others that Comdex may be going by the wayside. Apparently the regional Convention Sites, such as Chicago and others have already been cancelled. This has been attributed to the state of the economy as a whole as well as on the tech industry.

My biggest disappointment was the lack of "toys" and drawings – due no doubt to the state of the economy, but was one of the expectations of many attendees such as myself – I had hoped to bring home a bag of toys from Santa for the LCPC December meeting. I took along hundreds of business cards and after giving away a few and having my ID Card swiped I asked the vendor why she took both of them and the reply was "so we can send you product literature. I quit offering both cards except for the few things on which I couldn't get specific information at a given booth.

Another frustration was that I had expected that there would be lots of Internet access stations so I could stay in touch by email, etc., but such was not the case. I was able to get on the first day when I got there earlier than most of the attendees, but that was the last time I was able to do so, as the lines were formidable the rest of the time.

As to words of wisdom from the keynoters, there were no bombshells, but each one spoke of better things to come – as we would expect. Here are some excerpts:

Bill Gates said, "I'm confident that the long-term future for high technology remains incredibly bright.... As we move from the personal computer era to the personal **computing** era, where the PC becomes the hub for a vast range of interconnected devices, the technology industry will have more opportunities than ever to innovate and prosper."

Carly Fiorina was a dynamic speaker, and she spoke dynamically and optimistically about the future of HP, and the industry in general, using examples from a huge complex of HP platforms solving world-scale problems, to doing more mundane tasks in innovative ways. Some cynics point to the departure of the former CEO of Compaq from the merged venture as a question mark in HP's future, but the recent stock market rise of 10% for HP seems to downplay the significance of that factor.

The president of AMD, Hector Ruiz gave a sterling performance with lots of multi-media glitz in addition to announcements such as a project with Cray to construct the world's largest computer (called Redstorm) containing 10,000 64 bit AMD processors, and another project with George Lukas to make a Star Wars-like production – only much more glitzy.

On the personal level I had the foresight to acquire a money/credit card belt. That modest expenditure saved me from a catastrophic experience. I "lost" my billfold from my front pocket. Fortunately it contained "only" about \$50 and a card with my name, and that of my hotel/room number. A check with the security people at the hotel (which is where it "disappeared") revealed that this was a common occurrence, and getting it returned was a near impossibility – which it was. The rest of my ID's, credit cards and larger cash were safe in my money belt.

Airport security is very tight. I was searched very, very thoroughly at all airports – all very efficiently and courteously. On the return trip at the LV airport, my wheelchair was placed next to next to a gentlemen sitting in a chair while both of us had our shoe soles and legs scanned and he looked over at me, smiled, and gave me a reassuring tap on the arm. I thought he looked familiar, but not wanting to intrude on his privacy, if it was who I thought he was, I merely smiled back. When the wheel chair operator pushed me away he said, "Did you know that was Mike Tyson?". I said I thought it was but was too shy to intrude. Strange how exciting it is to be near the great and near great! No doubt my being in a wheelchair led him to believe I was more unfortunate than the reality, but it did show a streak of kindness and charity in someone whose public image is somewhat less generous. Nice people come in different packages I guess.

After I got home, I said that was my last trip to Comdex - even if it survives (which I think it will). As I compose this article and reminisce about my experiences, I am not too sure that my prediction will hold. It was a real adventure and a learning experience for this old warhorse. Who knows?

PS: I want to thank the club for the donation towards the trip. It was most appreciated.

Editor's Note: Jack took some really nice pictures for this article, unfortunately I was unable to scan them on either of my scanners so expect me to ask questions about why my scanners don't work when I have time to play around with them!

Electronic or Printed?

by June Hall
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A few months ago, The Windows of the Rockies User Group (WRUG) Board of Directors discussed the costs of the newsletter and talked about sending the newsletter electronically. To us "going electronic" meant having the members receive the newsletter over the Internet instead of being mailed a printed copy. We were already (and had been for the past few years) posting our newsletter on WRUG's website to be viewed, downloaded, and/or printed by anyone.

At the next WRUG monthly members meeting, the President announced that, to publish the newsletter, we had a difficult time getting articles, and after the newsletter was composed, we then had to take it to the printer, then we had to pick it up from the printer, then we had to fold the newsletters, then tape them and put stamps them and put address labels on, and then take them to the post office; all this in addition to the cost of printing and mailing. Then he asked the attendees if they would like to receive the newsletter electronically.

About 90-95 percent of the attendees raised their hands as being in favor. At the next Board meeting, the other Board members agreed that the Membership Secretary and I (as Editor) should plan the logistics of going electronic as we were the ones directly involved in getting the newsletter out and we had all the questions. The Membership Secretary and I both thought there would be many problems in going electronic, so I decided to survey other user groups to get their experience.

I found a list of 315 user groups website addresses on the Internet and tried to go to each website to look for a contact email address. Some of the websites could not be found, some of the home pages took so long to load that I clicked "back" and didn't go to them, and some websites had no email contact.

I emailed about 150 email address contacts that I found, stating that our user group was going to start sending its newsletter electronically and asked for their experience if they were sending their newsletter electronically. Many emails were returned as being undeliverable.

Replies to my emails started to come. I sent a reply back to each answer received, thanking the sender for the information. On some I sent a few comments and asked a couple questions. Below is a summary of the replies (from Tokyo, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and United States).

Of the approximate 100 replies I received, about half distribute their newsletters all or partially electronically and half are sending all of their newsletters hard copy by postal mail. The majority of the ones distributing electronically are also printing some paper copies (see Hybrid below). Almost all user groups are and had been posting their newsletters on their websites

before deciding to have their members receive the newsletters via the Internet. User groups are distributing between 18 and 2500 newsletters.

For many user groups, the cord was cut mainly for financial reasons. The majority started out offering both electronic and printed newsletters and let their members choose which they wanted. Many members chose the printed version. In some groups, when members were given the choice of higher dues or electronic newsletters, the overwhelming choice was electronic. Some groups charge an additional cost (in addition to the dues) to members who want printed newsletters mailed to them.

Electronic Newsletter Distribution

Post Only on Website - The majority of the groups publishing electronically are posting their newsletters only on their website where the members can view or download them. Most of these groups send an email to their members letting them know when the newsletter was posted.

Some of the email notices contain links to download the issue and a few also include a password for the newsletter so only the members could get it. Some groups post their newsletters in the "Members Only" area on their websites. A couple of the groups also email their newsletters to a few members who requested them.

Email Attachment to Members - The remaining groups are sending their newsletters to their members as a PDF file attachment to an email.

Advantages of publishing electronically

1. Saves money for user group.
2. Some editors think it is easier to put together.
3. Electronic version can be in color; printed version is often black and white.
4. Electronic version can be printed out in color.
5. Many members don't read the newsletter so want it published least expensive method.

Advantages of posting newsletter to Website

1. Don't have to maintain a list of the members' email addresses.
2. Don't have to worry about file being too large for email boxes.

Disadvantages of publishing electronically

1. Have to have close coordination between editor and whoever puts newsletter on the Web.
2. Most groups lost members.
3. Attendance at meetings is down.
4. Newsletters don't get nearly the number of hits as the number of members.
5. A few of the Editors did not want to go electronic but were outvoted by the officers/Board. Two of the editors resigned.

6. Difficult and time consuming to keep correct email addresses.
7. Some editors think it is more difficult to put together.
8. PDF file too large for some email boxes.
9. Takes too long to download.
10. When members' email boxes get swamped, newsletters are the first to be deleted.
11. Sometimes newsletter file is accidentally deleted.
12. Format

The expertise of editors varies greatly. Some set their newsletters in HTML format and others set their newsletters in PDF version. The problems come when the newsletters are set up as regular printed versions and are read on the website.

a) It's a pain in the butt trying to follow each column then switch to page 10 for the end of article.

b) Members don't like to scroll up and down so one editor attempted to do a 4-quarter newsletter so one didn't have to scroll up and down, only sideways, then down and sideways.

And one editor really has patience: To satisfy his members, he sends some newsletters in plain .txt, others in .doc, others in .wpd, and he cuts and pastes the newsletter into the body of the emails to his Juno users.

Quote from one user group: "Computer groups producing a paper newsletter seems like driving a horse and buggy to a new car show!"

Hybrid

In the half of user groups who send their newsletters to members electronically, the majority of them still send from 10 to 60 percent of their newsletters by printed hard copy postal mail, which includes printed copies to members without email addresses. Many groups that send newsletters "all electronic to members" still print at least one copy take to the monthly members meeting.

The groups that print only a small number of copies usually print them on the editor's printer or photocopy them in a member's office or at Office Max or somewhere similar. Then the editor or volunteers collate, staple, address, stamp and send.

Four user groups were just starting to send electronically and each of them were also going to mail hard copies to see the members' responses and what problems arose.

Print Only

About half the replies stated that the user groups are sending all their members hard copy newsletters by

postal mail. Most of these also are posting the newsletter on their website.

Some reasons given for sending printed letters are below:

1. Our members want the printed version.
2. The newsletter is an important part of membership. Too many are members just for the printed newsletter; if went electronic we'd lose those members. We would have to reduce the size and quality of our newsletter to send it electronic.
3. Printed version is more effective communication wise. Our newsletter is a significant publicity vehicle, which we distribute to retail stores, bookstores, etc., and get new members. Online newsletters do not reach one of the most viable new member resources-those who would join to learn to use a computer or learn to go online. You can't pass on-line newsletters around so readily at computer shows, business locations, libraries, etc.
4. Members can read the printed newsletter anytime anywhere.
5. We have ads to offset printing/ mailing cost.
6. We still have a sizable non-internet contingent. Many in our group are not high tech and don't know how to open a PDF file or how to load the Reader.
7. Haven't figured out how to secure newsletter for members only and still have it accessible.
8. The topic of dropping printed copy comes up every year, yet our group strongly rejects that idea.

Quote from one user group: "Our members still want a REAL paper NEWSLETTER!"

THANKS TO ALL of the User Groups who replied to my email questions about publishing electronically!

Before I started this survey, I contacted the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) to see if they had a list of user groups who were publishing their newsletters electronically. They replied that they couldn't release the names or addresses of any of the user groups and they suggested I search the Web for "user groups on the Web." I did and that was where I found Ash Nallawalla's list of 315 user groups.

Just last week I found that Ash Nallawalla has a list of "User Group Newsletters on the Web," which would have saved me so much time if it had been there or I had seen it last April. The list includes 23 newsletters in HTML format that can be read on the Web with a browser and 34 newsletters in PDF format that can be read with Adobe Acrobat reader. Go to www.easysvp.com/ugnotw. Click on HTML to get a list of the newsletters in that format. Click on PDF to get a list of the newsletters in that format. If you're thinking about sending your newsletter electronic, you might get some ideas from these.

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using the article as long as it is kept in context (sidebars need not be used), with proper credit given to the author. This article is brought to you by the Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an International organization to which this user group belongs.

Ants in My Hub

By Paul Lujan

So, last night, I come home after a 4-1/2 hour drive back from LA (note to law enforcement officials: that's a "6" there, really), and sit down in front of the computer to check my mail. My connection is, for lack of a better word, ass-slow. I go to look at the hub to see if everyone else is having this problem.

Nope, Mike and David's activity lights are busily flickering; it's only me who has been screwed. I reach down to fiddle with the connection, and notice that the hub is covered with ants (as well as my hand, after the fiddling). "That's odd," I think to myself, "what would ants want with our hub?" But I'm way too tired to deal with it at the time, so instead I go to sleep.

I wake up this morning, and decide to investigate further. Yep, the hub is definitely swarming with ants. And it doesn't look like the ants are just going over it to somewhere else (especially since there aren't any tasty ant treats anywhere nearby); they're clearly going into and out of the hub. Some of the ants going in are even carrying little white pellets. "Is that food?" I wonder. "Where is it coming from?"

I unplug the hub and pick it up, and then kill all of the ants that come out of it. And kill some more ants. And kill some more ants. This goes on for a while. I begin to think that the little white pellets look an awful lot like eggs. I shake the hub, and it sounds like someone has poured a handful of coarse sand into it. "That's odd," I think to myself, "I could have sworn this hub didn't come with the sand option." I initially thought that there were just some ants here, but it's pretty clear I've got more on my hands now.

So, I decide to take a closer look at the hub. Unfortunately, the hub boasts a screwless construction, but I know that my screwdrivers can be used for more than merely removing screws, so I start prying. As I do so, a bunch of ants and eggs, as well as what look like larvae (basically, they look like slightly-smaller-than-normal ants, but a very pale brown instead of black) continue to fall out (into the sink, since I've become clever enough to do this over the sink).

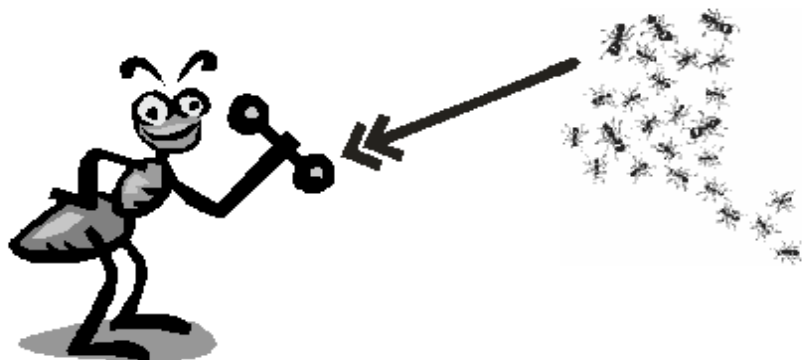
I finally get the thing open, and see a bunch of eggs lying on the circuit board, but less than I would have expected if there's really a colony set up here. So, I figure that they're probably under the circuit board, and set to work unscrewing the circuit board to take it out of the box.

Jackpot! (That is, if my goal were to win an ant colony, which it really *wasn't*.) The entire bottom of the box is coated with

eggs, and I see a large ant which I can only assume is the queen. I terminate the queen with extreme prejudice, and then wash out the box (it's made of metal, so I figure it'll be okay.)

The circuit board, on the other hand, I can't just wash off (since I hold hopes of saving the hub, not really wanting to have to drop \$30 on a new one), and there are lots of eggs wedged in small places, like between the link lights or between the chips connected to the ports, where they'll be really hard to get out of. So, I set the circuit board aside for the moment to take a shower.

When I come back, I notice that the ants have actually done me a favor! (Suckers!) In their futile attempts to save the colony, they've picked up the eggs themselves to scurry around like maniacs, solving my problem. I pick off the ants, and then vigorously shake the board to try to dislodge anything still stuck in the ports, and much to my surprise another queen falls out. (I've read that Argentine ants can have more than one queen per colony, but this is still a surprise, especially since I thought I had already gotten almost everything.) I dispose of her, too, clean up the remaining ants, and figure I might as well try



ENLARGEMENT OF ANT CARRYING AWAY DATA PACKETS

putting the hub back together. Not that I can completely undo my prying, but hey, that's cosmetic anyway.

Much to my surprise, it actually works! And my performance is back from miserable to normal. Ants 0, Me 1.

Man, I hate ants. If I could choose one genus to completely wipe off the Earth, assuming that it wouldn't, like, destroy the ecosystem (but really, what depends on ants? Anteaters? Well, they're not doing a very good job, are they?!), it would be them. Well, okay, I suppose I should probably choose something like mosquitoes, since even though they're less personally annoying to me, they still have the whole large-scale disease-spreading thing. But I'd expect some serious compensation from the WHO for not choosing ants! —Paul Lujan. Article reproduction coordinated by Steve Bass, Pasadena IBM Users Group

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Membership Dues are \$20 and cover an annual period following the month of payment. Membership entitles you to attend meetings, tap into the corporate wisdom, receive special user group discounts from publishers and others, and receive (and contribute to) this newsletter. You may also obtain software provided by publishers for review of the product.

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