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by Linda Todd*

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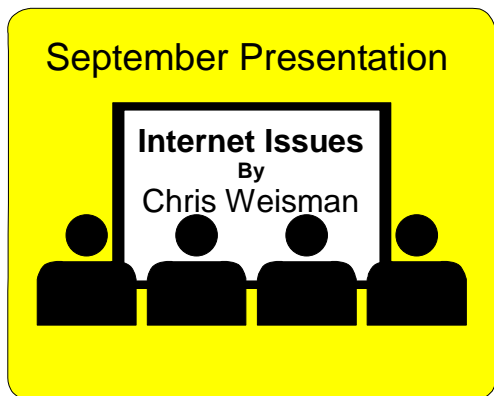
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And more....

September Door Prize
A copy of
Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2003



It was a hot evening in late August as BGAMUG members gathered again at the beautiful KATI Campus. What a special evening . . . We had several new members and several guests. We welcome our newest members, **Maurice and Louise Beam!**

During the business portion of our meeting, we decided to postpone the vote on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws until our September meeting.

According to our Bylaws, August is the month we begin accepting nominations for the Executive Board. I personally was so excited as different members said "I'd like to be considered for an office . . ."! **Ginny Molloy, Elbert Young,** and **Mike Moore** let us know how they feel they can best serve BGAMUG during the next two years. These BGAMUGers have served our organization faithfully for many years and know what serving on the Executive Board really means. . . . and they are willing to continue serving in a new office and a new challenge.

Then several other BGAMUG members were nominated by other members. Other members have emailed a member of the Nominating Committee expressing a willingness to serve. The Nominating Committee is working to fill every office. So, please let one of the members of this committee know of your interest. The Nominating Committee members are **Ramona Bobbitt, Pat Vincent, Howard Margolis, Edwin Phelps, Kathy Stinson, and Linda Todd.**

Jerry Gillette wowed us as he presented information about the Smart Computing Magazine publications. Then, he really caused us to say 'WOW!' as he demonstrated to us what the software, ArcSoft Panaroma Maker, could do! It was amazing!

Just as we neared the end of our meeting, a visitor **Carmen Betencourt** arrived. Carmen is the mother of a recent recipient of a computer given by our PC Placement Program came by to thank BGAMUG. This mother shared how grateful she is for the gift of a computer for her young son. **Gene Iglehart** says he is amazed at how often just the right computer is given just when it is needed.

Well . . . our meetings are full of surprises . . . Hope you can join us at KATI for our September meeting . . . I'm sure there are more surprises to come!👋

September Presentation @ Meeting



Special Internet Presentation By Chris Weisman

- Internet History
- How the Internet Works
- Privacy Issues
- Virus Information
- Microsoft / Bill Gates
- Miscellaneous Issues
- Q-A Session



BGAMUG New Member Induction

@ APOLLO Computers Sat. September 28, 10:30 AM

Jerry Gillette, Presenter

Come and learn more details about the many programs, services, and terms you will hear during BGAMUG meetings and activities.

What is:

- Kroger Cares
- BGAMUG BBS
- BGAMUG Website
- APCUG
- COMDEX
- Digital Library Mentoring
- Fern Terrace Mentoring
- Smart Computing offer
- Newsletter
- The ongoing MIX column
- Acrobat .PDF Files
- Bulk Mailing
- E-Board meetings
- Membership Database
- Meeting Agenda's
- Constitution & Bylaws
- Door Prizes
- Software Evaluations & Reviews
- Who is Dorothy ?

& More

Apollo Computers is located on Scottsville Road directly across from Red Lobster.

SOFTWARE FOR REVIEW



Pat Vincent, BGAMUG Librarian

Tobi on the Run 1.41

System Requirements: Windows 95/98/ME/2000/XP, 32 MB Ram, 10 MB HD

The company, Mad Data, has released this new puzzle/action game that is based on the arcade classic hit Lode Runner. This software combines arcade gameplay elements with beautiful 3D rendered graphics, comical sound effects and great background music. Players must use a keen sense of timing and pure logic to keep Tobi alive and complete the stages in the quickest possible time.

If you are interested in reviewing this software, please e-mail Pat Vincent at pat.vincent@wku.edu before the September meeting and you will be considered as a reviewer. 🙋

MIX

(Twenty-third in a series of interviews with BGAMUG members sharing an exchange of information by Betty Lyne, your Rovin' Reporter)

We welcome one of our newest members, Kathy Stinson, who cordially agreed to be our "interviewee" for this month's BGA-Bytes MIX column.



Kathy was born (she didn't tell us what year!) and raised in Franklin, Kentucky. After high school, she attended Western Kentucky University and graduated with an Associates Degree in Nursing. Shortly after graduation and marriage, she moved to Texas. Divorcing after six years, she continued to live in Central Texas for 18 years, most of that in Austin, where her two sons, Dusty (age 17) and Jacob (age 16) were born. After moving back home to Kentucky in January of 2001, Kathy bought a small country house in Allen County and now works at Greenview Hospital in the CCU and the ER.

It was when Kathy started seriously considering going back to school to obtain additional degrees to further her career when her sister informed her that if she did return to school she would need a computer. So Kathy bought her

first and current computer in February of this year. It is a Dell 4400 series Dimension Desktop which she loves. Unfortunately, all she knew to do at that time was to play on the Internet and send e-mail. It was Kathy's youngest son, Jacob, who is very knowledgeable in computer technology, who attempted to teach his mother some of the basics; but this proved to be less than a successful venture. She soon realized that she would need a class or a college course to get a firm foundation. The very next Sunday, she found in the Community Education insert of the Park City Daily News, the advertisement about the class, an Introduction to Personal Computers. She knew then that that was exactly what she needed. It was in that class she met and learned a great deal from the instructor, our own Jerry Gillette.

She states that her knowledge has increased tremendously and she has developed an interest in learning all she can about computers. Jerry was very enthusiastic about BGAMUG and encouraged all his class members to attend a meeting and join the club. Kathy joined BGAMUG and attended her first meeting in May of this year. She says that at BGAMUG she has enjoyed meeting many interesting people with the same interests. She continues to learn daily about computers and the wonderful world of technology.

To let you know what a busy girl Kathy is, she started Lindsey Wilson College this past August. She is taking courses to obtain an Associates in Business Management and an Associates in Computer Information. After she graduates from Lindsey Wilson, she may attend WKU once again to get her Bachelors in Nursing. Or, she may start a new career in Nursing Information.

She would like to work for a company that produces cardio respiratory monitors and teach nurses how to set up and run the monitors. This would involve lots of travel, lots of teaching and most of all, lots of computer work. She asks that we wish her luck!!

We do give you our best wishes, Kathy, for all the best in the future. And we look forward to your involvement in our BGAMUG organization. Until next time, this is your Rovin' Reporter..... Betty Lyne

The Big BGAMUG HOLIDAY Banquet
is in the works.

We are currently looking at either Tuesday December 3rd or 10th

Will keep you posted

BGAMUG September Activities

As you look over the October Calendar below, please plan to attend any and all functions as possible.

For more current information regarding any particular activity, please contact the responsible officers:

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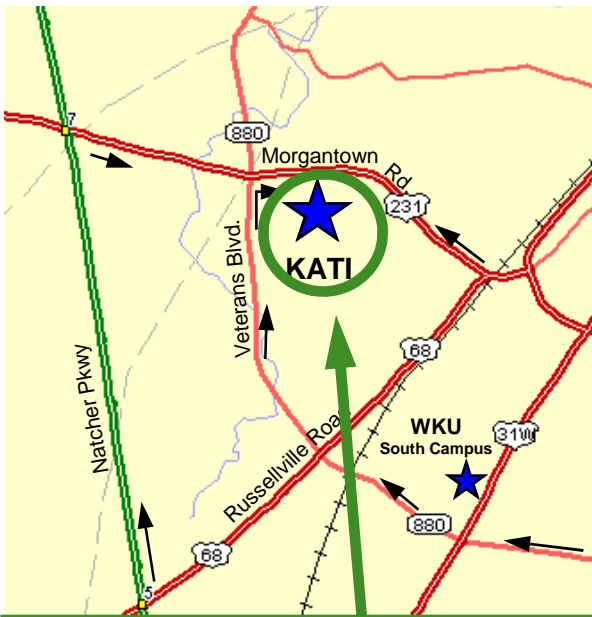
Fern Terrace Mentoring and Apollo Computer Activities

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Fall Picnic

Michael Moore
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Please use E-mail when possible



See you in September @ KATI.



October 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 PM @ Lone Star	2	3	4 Fern Terrace Mentoring 1 & 2 PM	5 Newsletter Deadline
6	7	8	9	10	11 Fern Terrace Mentoring 1 & 2 PM	12 BGAMUG Fall Picnic 11:30 AM @ Mike Moore's
13	14	15	16	17	18 Fern Terrace Mentoring 1 & 2 PM	19
20	21	22 BGAMUG Meeting 6:30 @ KATI	23	24	25 Fern Terrace Mentoring 1 & 2 PM	26 Welcome to BGAMUG Apollo Computers 10:30 AM
27	28	29	30	31 		

Any member may visit Fern Terrace Lodge for mentoring any weekday after 1:00 PM.



Computer Curmudgeon

**Here every month we
will take names and
kick butts
targeting the many
issues technology
promises and often
fails to deliver.**

Greetings fellow Grouches!

What dubious connections transpired betwixt the ears of your enormously popular editor to allow me to sully the pages of your beloved rag, the BGA-Bytes newsletter? I shall never know; but thank you for helping me sling mud at anything, everything in technology that promises more than it can deliver. Here every month we will take names and kick butts, we'll drag trademarks through the gutters until their attorneys cry Uncle Bill; and in the process, I hope we'll become better consumers of house current and shrink wrap.

Let's agree that every time I use a trademark in here, it belongs to the owner, generally one of the sniveling money-monger software moguls. We don't have any lawyers that told me to put this in, but you always see it in just about every technology article, so there you have it in case we need it.

This month I celebrate several good reasons to flog software executives with live 220 volt wires.

Let's begin by reviling those cute, infinitely annoying links that are deposited on my desktop as useless icons for products that I will never use. If you've ever actually loaded one of the gadzillion AOL disks that are grown on digital farms and mass mailed to every address in America, the application to actually dial AOL is lost in all the 'icons' on the desktop. This is in spite of AOL conveniently placing an active link on your Desktop, in your Tray and also on your Task Bar! I honestly think if they could put a link on your refrigerator and toaster, they would! I just installed AOL 7 from one of the coasters I got in the mail, and it placed FIVE different icons on my desktop that I promptly removed without opening. No temporary respite in the Recycle Bin either - no sir! JAM that shift key down and send them to the bit-bucket with, as Betty Lyne would say, GUSTO! And I would say DIS-GUSTO, AOL. Thanks for nuthin'. If you want me to try a product, don't advertise it using MY RESOURCES. There is no more certain way to get me to NOT look at it!

As if all this isn't enough, AOL installations have a REALLY annoying quality similar to the way you can keep tasting bad barbecue the day after you eat it.

Let's say you're in the middle of an AOL installation and suddenly, you come to your senses and scream, "DOH! Oh, my good golly, what was I thinking! I almost installed AOL! I almost over-wrote my comfortingly bland Microsoft Explorer browser with the bastardized AOL version, with the spooky spinning pyramid in the corner that looks suspiciously like that Pyramid with the Eye in it on the back of the US Dollar Bill. (I've had nightmares about that icon, but that's another story.)"

"I almost allowed AOL to co-opt my preferred Internet service provider, substituting their service as the default without so much as asking me!"

And you punch the CANCEL button. And wait, holding your breath! Of course, since the Install program was apparently written by a team of goobers on a Friday afternoon with no actual access to any testing facilities or an actual computer, the system hangs and you have to shut it down and reboot. You are still hoping you caught it in time and AOL will not live on in your brain forever. Yes! It's not there! You did it -- wait. What's that extra yellow folder conveniently placed on my desktop? Does it actually say, "AOL Failed Installation, try again???" ARGGGGG! What fools these mortals be! Make them go away, Daddy! So I say the mantra and, Right-click, Hold Shift, DELETE.

AOL is not the only culprit, oh no, my fine readers! A recent installation of Netscape 6.3 left SIX, count 'em SIX little software droppings, all touting idiotic applications that I will never use. Guess what, Netscape? I don't need ICQ or CHAT! Chat is nothing but e-mail that I MUST answer NOW. Hey, you programmers and online service PR guys, I have a nickel for you and with it you can buy this clue:

MY DESKTOP IS NOT YOUR BILLBOARD. KNOCK IT OFF!

And while we are talking about rude software, for which the authors and other perpetrators should be forced to sit in a room and caused to install their own detritus about a billion times, let's visit these idiotic applications that are placed on your hard drive in a compressed state, just waiting for the day when you can't get along without that latest gimcrack! If I had the money, I would take out a full page ad in the Wall Street Journal and the USA Today and here's what it would say to software companies, online service providers, and yes, even to Uncle Sam himself:

**MY HARD DRIVE BELONGS TO ME. I WILL
DECIDE WHAT GOES ON IT.**

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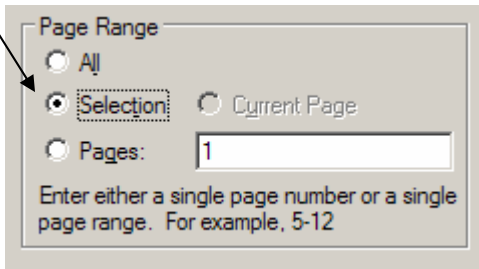
Many times we find information on the web we want to print. When we do we get several pages including stuff we did not expect or want.

To print just a section or a paragraph from the page select (highlight) only the section or objects you want printed.

At this point it is best to use the File .. Print command from the menu or hold CTRL + P

This will assure your printer dialog box will appear.

Look for the section that allows you to choose your Print Range. Be sure that "selection" only is checked.



Great Site for E-Mail Stationery

I thank Jennie McCoy for sending me a special birthday message this past month. It arrived complete with birthday music and a sweet cake clipart.



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All CloudEight stationery, Screen savers, Wallpaper WonderScreens, QuickNotes, and Acpressions™ are free . Stationery designs are listed by collection in the Stationery Library and is available as an entire collection or individual downloads.

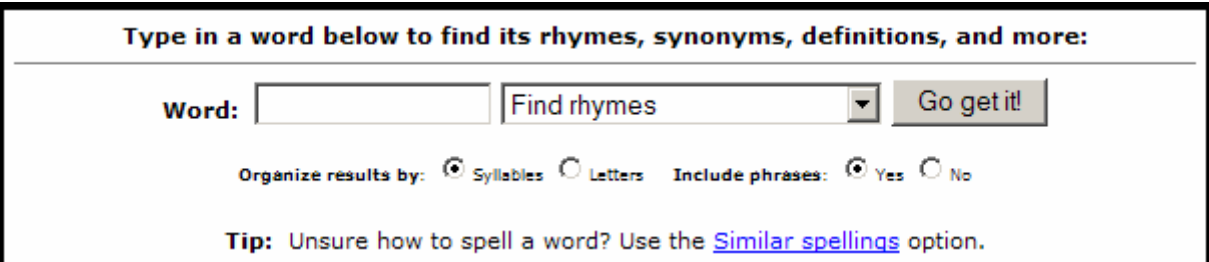
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BGAMUG MINUTES
August 27, 2002 GENERAL MEETING

BGAMUG general meeting was called to order by President Linda Todd on August 27 , 2002, at 6:30 p.m. at KTCTS KATI Campus. All officers were present. President Todd welcomed us to the Campus and outlined the agenda for the evening.

A motion was made by Ginny Molloy and seconded by Elbert Young to accept the July General Meeting minutes as corrected. The correction was that Mike Moore and Jerry Gillette gave the presentation on Digital imaging, not Doug Skinner. The motion passed.

President Linda Todd gave a summary of the August Executive Board meeting:

- 1) Nominating Committee members are Linda Todd, Ramona Hewitt, Pat Vincent, Howard Margolis, Edwin Phelps, and Kathy Stinson.
- 2) Nominating Committee will begin work in August and will be accepting names for vacant offices.
- 3) Fern Terrace project was entered in an APCUG award program
- 4) Standing Rules discussion was chaired by Mike Moore

Constitution and Bylaws Vote

" Voting was tabled until the next General Meeting for lack of a quorum.

Nominations for the BGAMUG Executive Board and nominating procedures were discussed.

Officer/Coordinator's Reports:

Howard Margolis - Reported on next month's program; Chris Weisman will present a program on the Internet and Computer Security Concerns.

Pat Vincent - Patti Rose will do a review on CD burning software "Check & Burn Pro" version 2.

Elbert Young - Received a computer from Gene Iglehart and presented it to a Mexican family in the community. He presented Carmen Bentencourt who thanked the club for the computer.

Ramona Bobbitt - The organization has \$1690.00 Kroger card credits. Balance in BGAMUG account is \$1872.16 as of August 15th.

Future Dates to Remember:

- August 31st - BGAMUG Orientation and Induction for New Members - at Apollo Computers - 10:30 am
- September 3rd - Executive Board Meeting
The Alamo Room at Lone Star Steakhouse
5:30 pm dinner and 6:30 pm meeting
Continue to discuss Standing Rules and Mission Statement
- September 4th - BGA-Bytes Newsletter Deadline.
- September 6, 13 20, 27 - Fern Terrace mentoring - from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- September 24th - General Meeting at KATI Campus - 6:30 pm
- September 28th - BGAMUG Orientation and Induction for New Members - at Apollo Computers - 10:30 am
- October 1st - Executive Board Meeting
Alamo Room at Lone Star Steakhouse
5:30 pm dinner and 6:30 pm meeting

New Members and Guests:

New Members - Maurice and Louise Beam, Jay Ackerman, Chuck Thomas, Peggy Beasley, Bob Brumson

Guests - Deralyn Baggett, Doiss Beasley, Karen Wickless

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Presentation: - Jerry Gillette gave a presentation on the magazine Smart Computing and demonstrated the software package "Panorama". After his presentation, he gave away samples of the various Smart Computing publications.

Q and A - Betty Lyne

After the meeting the organization met at the Dairy Queen on Russellville Road for fellowship.

BGAMUG Secretary
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It wouldn't do any good, but it would be great to get it off my chest. Enough said about that gripe. I just live with it, and keep my fingers close to the Delete Key. Here's a thought though: Like Unsolicited Mail, they wouldn't do it if it wasn't profitable. So don't actually follow those links, folks. Don't sign up, so they can send you more E-mail. If it's not installed on the first go-round, you probably don't need it.

Next month, let's play with some other technology pains in the neck. Maybe groan on a bit about those pesky pop-up web ads! Let me know what you hate the most about today's technology. It doesn't have to do with computers - just any type of tech that is supposed to make our lives better, but actually makes them seem a living hell.

My e-mail is curmudgeon@bgamug.org

Here's some great reading for you in the meanwhile:

Windows XP Annoyances

By David A. Karp

Published by our friends at O'Reilly & Associates

1st Edition October 2002

550 pages, ISBN: 0-59600-416-8, \$29.95 (US)

How to Fix the Biggest PC Annoyances (From the Oct 2002 edition of PC World Magazine)

Follow this link: <http://www.pcworld.com/features/article/0,aid,103763,00.asp>

If you put tomfoolery into a computer, nothing comes out of it but tomfoolery. But this tomfoolery, having passed through a very expensive machine, is somehow ennobled and no-one dares criticize it.

- Pierre Gallois

Imagine if every Thursday your shoes exploded if you tied them the usual way. This happens to us all the time with computers, and nobody thinks of complaining.

- Jeff Raskin

Your Faithful Grouch, The Curmudgeon 🙌



BGAMUG Member **Elbert Young** (left) introduces **Carmen Betencourt** during the August meeting as she thanks BGAMUG and the PC Placement Program for providing a computer for her family. BGAMUG's PC PLACEMENT PROGRAM is headed up by member **Gene Iglehart**, where older computers are donated from area businesses and individuals, refurbished, and placed for use by qualified, less fortunate individuals or non-profit organizations. According to Gene we average giving away about ten systems a month.

**BGAMUG FALL 2002 PICNIC
SAT. OCTOBER 12**

MIKE AND CHERIL MOORE HOUSE

POT LUCK

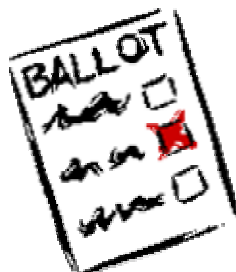
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- ✓ Vice President of Membership
- ✓ Vice President of Technology
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Editor
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Historian
- ✓ Sergeant-at-Arms
- ✓ Officer at Large



Contact a member of the Nominating Committee

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Bowling Green– Warren County Community Education

FALL 2002 COMPUTER CLASSES

USING A PERSONAL COMPUTER, INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

6 sessions, Mon./Wed., Sept. 23 – Oct. 16 (no class Oct. 7 or 9), 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Gillette, Instructor

Prepare yourself for the world of computers and join the “Information Age”. Learn basics as you learn the world of Windows. Learn to use the mouse, change settings, organize files, edit documents, save and create files. Great for home users or those re-entering the workforce.

Greenwood High

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MICROSOFT WORD

6 sessions, Mon./Wed., Oct. 21 – Nov. 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Gillette, Instructor

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MICROSOFT WORKS

5 sessions, Mon./Wed., Nov. 11 – 25, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Jerry Gillette, Instructor

Learn something new and exciting each night of this class! Database, spreadsheet, and word processing are just some of the applications covered. Basic keyboarding and mouse skills necessary.

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\$69.00

MICROSOFT EXCEL FOR BEGINNERS

6 sessions, Tu/Th., Sept. 24 – Oct. 17 (no class Oct. 8 or 10), 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Elaine Smith, Instructor

This course provides the foundation needed to use a spreadsheet for business applications. Design concepts, databases, & charts will be examined along with the major built-in functions. Keyboarding and mouse skills are needed.

Warren Central High

559 Morgantown Road

\$69.00

INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL

4 sessions, Tu/Th., Oct. 22 - 31, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Elaine Smith, Instructor

Still need more information on using your Excel program? Join Elaine for the 2nd part of this useful and informative class. Basic keyboarding and mouse skills necessary.

Warren Central High

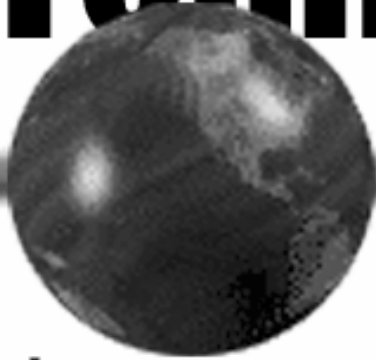
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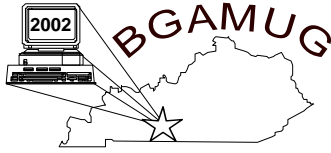
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Don't forget, our next meeting will
be at KATI. Sept. 24th 6:30 PM

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The public is invited to attend our regular presentation meetings. To join, our annual membership dues are \$25 for an individual, and \$35 for a family membership.

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