



President's Message

April 2003

Linda Todd



Remembering . . .

Do you remember your first BGAMUG meeting? Recently I remembered my first BGAMUG meeting. It was a special presentation about Coral WordPerfect 6.1. It was about eight years ago. The presentation was facilitated by a representative of the company which owned WordPerfect. I even won one of the prizes that evening . . . a baseball-type cap with the word 'WordPerfect'! That special meeting took place in the auditorium of South Campus, long before the Bowling Green Community College and my office moved to South Campus.

It has been almost two years since BGAMUG has had a presentation from someone outside the club. Who needs an outside speaker when we have such outstanding presenters as Jay Eatherly, Mike Moore, Peggy Beasley, Howard Margolis, Chuck Thomas, Jerry Gillette, and . . . (I'm sure I'm leaving out some others). Each of these members worked hard and presented programs that challenged the novice computer user and the techies among us.

During two recent presentations, I heard the presenters (Mike and Chuck) talk about how much they learned in the process of preparing their presentation. Mike already had an interest in digitalized music and Chuck already had an interest in archiving his record and tape collection. So, each began exploring and learning more about that interest. Because of their commitment to make a quality presentation to our membership, they learned more about their topics. Both made outstanding presentations and presented helpful information.

Several years ago I opened a Chinese fortune cookie and found the following statement: "One learns most when teaching others." I know this statement to be true since I learn new information almost everyday as I prepare for my classes.

What is your special interest? What would you like to learn more about so that you could introduce that subject to our membership? Think about it and let Howard know of your willingness to learn and share.

Come Fly With Me

As I demonstrate just a few features
of Microsoft's Flight Simulator 2002
Professional over the Bowling Green Area



At the April Meeting
KATI 4/22/2003 6:30 PM

Your Captain

Jerry Gillette

New Member Orientation and Photo SIG Location, Dates and Times

The new member orientation will take place at Apollo Computers Sat. April 26th at 10:30 AM. It is important for any new and other members to attend these sessions to learn more details about BGAMUG operations, services, and the many benefits of membership.

Following the orientation at 11:30 AM the Digital Photo SIG will hold a demonstration on basic editing of photos with various software.

These sessions are held each month on the Saturday following the regular meeting.

Apollo Computers is located on Scottsville Road directly across from Red Lobster. Additional parking is available on the right side of the building.

Hope you can join us this month.

Jerry Gillette
VP of Membership

Microsoft Flight Simulator 2002 Professional Review

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It was in the early 60's when I took my first plane and airline ride. My sister was a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines and one of the benefits allowed family members to ride almost free, so I soon had accumulated many passenger hours aboard most all the jets and prop planes Eastern had. In those days I could go anywhere in airports, visit control towers, and even join pilots in crew lounges and cockpits. I had access to all the flight instrument charts, plane manuals, and became infatuated with the Air Traffic Control System and instrument flying.

It wouldn't be until 1980, twenty some years later, that I would finally get to take actual flight lessons, and I soloed in a Cessna 150 on July 15, 1981. During my actual flying experience I have logged 97.1 hours, 6.6 solo and did 124 take-offs and landings. I ran out of money before I could obtain my private pilots license, but to this day I jump at every opportunity to do anything associated with flying. Flight Simulator fills my needs.

My experience with Microsoft Flight Simulator is just like the box say's, "As Real As It Gets". I have used older versions of the software and each new release adds more realism and features to the real world of flying.

With Flight Simulator 2002 Professional I can fly 16 different types of aircraft, and never have to worry about buying or renting a airplane, and in real life at today's fuel prices, wow. Did you know most of these jets burn hundreds of dollars per min-

ute in fuel while taxing?

Some of the new features in Flight Simulator 2002 are:

Interactive Air Traffic Control (ATC): You really feel like you're flying. You can ask for takeoff clearance, get vectors for an instrument approach, hear other traffic as you fly - and each airport/flight is different.

AutoGen Scenery: Probably the best improvement. If you thought scenery was good in the previous version of Flight Simulator, you haven't seen anything yet. Be warned - you do need a good graphics card and SVGA monitor and a fast computer, but as you fly, whatever you fly over is automatically rendered as it looks in real life. And I do mean real. From farmlands to the ocean to airports and mountains, everything is rendered beautifully.

Crowded Skies: Nothing could be more realistic than having other aircraft in the air, especially in and around airports. No longer are you the only aircraft in the air - you have to contend with others on landing and takeoff and elsewhere.

Floatplane Flying: This is the fun part. Fly a floatplane and takeoff and land in virtually any river, lake, or bay around the world (did I mention there are over 21,000 airports/locations you can choose from?)

Enhanced Virtual Cockpits: With a 3D graphics card, many of the aircraft cockpits now look more realistic with "working" instruments (this is still just a game, you know). from a new perspective-3D cockpits with working instruments.

Create your own aircraft, buildings, etc with an add-on that's included: Swap your creations with others online, or download creations others have made.

Flight Analysis and Instructor's Station: If you want to keep track of how well you're doing, there are maps and graphs that show you if you maintained course correctly, what you did wrong, etc.

More than 21,000 airports from virtually every airport in the world, plus the Jeppesen NavData database, including small airports as well as large ones. There's also basic Global Positioning System (GPS) for point-to-point navigation with constant position updates on a moving map (hard to get used to since it's on the screen while you're flying), plus ground speed, course to the next waypoint, and other information.

Updated and improved weather system: You can download actual current weather reports provided by Jeppesen from anywhere in the world so that you're flying in the weather that's really going on at that time.

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New Lessons and Challenging Flights: Earn your instrument rating or just learn how to fly. From the basics to those who are more experienced, you're sure to never be bored. I wasn't. Plus there are articles and information you can check out from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

Multiplayer capability: All right, I was wrong. THIS is the best part of FS2002. Go online and fly your aircraft with other pilots over the Internet, a network, or via direct modem connection. Have a dogfight, race each other, see who can get to the airport in the fastest time, etc. (The [Zone](#) is where you can find others if you don't know anyone).

If none of the above convinces you, go to the FS2002 site and view some videos of actual flights using FS2002 at www.microsoft.com/games/fs2002/downloads.asp - pick a 747, a Cessna C208 Caravan on floats, or a Bell 206B JetRanger III helicopter or watch all three.

I particularly enjoy the many different views and the ability to quickly switch from both interior and exterior views at several angles.

Flight Simulator, like so many software packages these days, does not come with a printed manual but all material is on the CD and you can print what you need. Plus there is a lot of extra information and reference materials on the web site for charts and news - www.microsoft.com/games/fs2002

There is a \$20 difference between the Professional version vs. the Standard version, so unless you want to learn how to fly a Boeing jet, don't care that the Standard version has 12 aircraft vs. 16 in the Professional, and aren't serious about learning how to fly and just want to have fun, get the Standard version.

MS Flight Simulator 2002 Professional retails for \$69.95 and the **Standard version** is \$49.95 plus there is a \$20 rebate for each.

The Minimum System Requirements for both versions are:

Windows 98, ME, 2000, or XP (Does not support Windows NT)

Multimedia PC with Pentium II 300Mhz equivalent or higher processor (higher is better)

8MB 3D video hardware acceleration or better

Super VGA monitor supporting at least 800x600 resolutions in 16 bit color

DirectX 8.0a API or later

DirectX8.0a or later compatible 8 MB video card

DirectX8.0a API compatible sound card with speakers or headphones

Sound card with speakers or headphones are required for audio.

Approximately 650 MB of available hard disk space; additional 100MB for swap file.

Quad Speed or better CD-ROM drive

64 MB of memory

Joystick or flight yoke (highly recommended)

Mouse or compatible pointing device

I've just learned there is another version of Flight Simulator being released. I can't imagine what improvements and features they have added to top the 2002 version

**You are invited to attend the special
BGAMUG Workshops
Saturday April 19th
10:00 AM to Noon**

**at the WKU
Community College South Campus across from
Potter Home on Nashville Road**

There will be two Workshops

Keyboard Shortcuts

Presented by Jerry Gillette

File Name Extensions

Presented by Chuck Thomas

**We will meet at the Commons Area. A sign will be
posted at the entrance.**

**The workshops are open to the public so feel free to
bring your friends.**

FYI

BBS NEWS!

Please note we have a new Conference Group: Authors

Concerning Authors and Writers, both published and unpublished and
and those of us who aspire as such.

The component message echos are (so far):

26 Poetic Voices mailing list
34 The E-book Community
36 Sharp-L - The Society for History, Authorship, Reading and
Publishing

37 Clear Writer Tips

As always these can be access using any news reader (note upcoming BGAMUG presentation on news readers) such
as Outlook Express or Forte Agent.

You must have an account first though. Call me at 843-9535 and I will set you up with an account and password. It's
free of course and all part of your BGAMUG membership.

Oh and by the way, an account on BGAMUG also gives you an addition e-mail address that you can use as a haven
from SPAM!

Mike Moore

Please note we have a new Conference Group; ADOPTION

Concerning Adoptees and Parents either wanting to adopt or who have adopted children from all over the world.

The component message echos are:

150 AdoptAfrica 151 AdoptBulgaria
152 AdoptBrazil 157 AdoptGuatemala
159 AdoptIndia 160 AdoptKazakhstan
164 AdoptNepal 166 AdoptParaguay
167 AdoptRomania 326 Adoptees (Fidonet)

Some of these conferences are idle while I convince the list owners that I am not an adoption agency. Apparently
they have to look out for that kind of think.

As always each of these groups are available through any Internet standard news reader through port 119 with the
newsreader pointed to smtp.bgamug.org

Mike Moore

FYI

All:

In an effort to replace the defunct FidoNet echo KOSOVO I've subscribed to a mailing list that reflects (hopefully in a balanced way) the needs and hopes of the people of Kosovo.

You can read this message base by subscribing to BGAMUG (free) and following easy instructions to set up the mail program you already use such as Netscape Communicator or Outlook Express.

Posts to this channel are openly posted to the mailing list; please refrain from political statements and offer what you can otherwise to the Kosovo community.

Press Release re: BGAMUG BBS and Information Service

FAMILY NET comes to Bowling Green!

In keeping with its Family Oriented approach to information retrieval and research BGAMUG BBS brings FamilyNet to the Bowling Green community.

The message network is world-wide in scope and it seeks to bind together common thinking amongst Judao-Christian belief systems with Family Values as the most common theme.

Because this is a moderated network composed of value laden thinkers, you won't find the usual off-target, accusatory and pointless infighting amongst participants. The principle topic based conferences are:

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family.baptist	family.devotions	family.methodist
family.bbs_news	family.distance_education	family.missiology
family.bible	family.echoes	family.mission
family.bible_news	family.education	family.missions
family.bible_sa	family.filefind	family.nature
family.books	family.files	family.nurel
family.ccmradio	family.fishnet	family.off_topic
family.cfc-net	family.games	family.peacemakers
family.chris_ed	family.gateway	family.pets
family.chris_soc	family.hamradio	family.philos
family.christ_net	family.healing	family.prayer
family.christian_teen	family.hobbies	family.precinct_01
family.citc_net	family.internet	family.prehist
family.community_education	family.jokes	family.programming
family.cook	family.jybolac	family.region79
family.cult_awareness	family.kids	family.sacred_music
family.dallas	family.lutheran	family.schools

MIX

(Twenty-fifth in a series of interviews with BGAMUG members sharing an exchange of information....

This is how Lou Travelsted presented for us a snapshot of some of the changes she has seen in her lifetime. Thanks, Lou, for joining with us, and a very special THANK YOU for providing transportation

for your neighbor and our special member Ginny Molloy to our BGAMUG meetings.

by Betty Lyne, your Rovin' Reporter)

When I was asked to be the subject for BGA-Bytes

MIX column this month, my thought and my answer was there's nothing interesting about my life. I haven't done anything spectacular. I haven't lived outside of the borders of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I have traveled very little. So, I thought to myself, "there's nothing out of the ordinary about me."

But so that we might become a little better acquainted, I furnish the following information:

I was, as perhaps some of you were, born at home during one of the coldest winters that my dad said he could remember. We lived out in the country, about 6-7 miles from Franklin and at that time we had no electricity. The only source of heat was a grate that Daddy kept going as hot as he could get it. And even then he said there was a pan of water on the edge of the hearth that formed a skim of ice. More evidence of how cold it was that year – the old truck of Daddy's froze up on him while he was driving to get Mama's cousin to come "help with the new baby." My brother was not quite 13 months old when I came along.

I attended grades 1-6 at Barnes School in the north east part of Simpson County. This entailed about an hour ride to and from school each day. We lived at the beginning of the bus route in the morning and at the end in the afternoon. I have fond memories of each of my teachers – Miss Mary Bell in the first grade got us off to a good start. My other teachers were Miss Beatrice in the 2nd grade, Mrs. Kummer, the 3rd grade (and also my son's 1st grade teacher), Mrs. Jent in the 4th, Mr. Smith the 5th and Mrs. Copas, the principal and 6th grade teacher.

Mrs. Jent, the 4th grade teacher, instilled in me a love of reading, especially that of Jesse Stuart. Each day she would read a portion of one of his books to our class. Another very vivid memory of those early years was that my school burned when I was in the 5th grade. My dad and other men of the community got together and built classrooms in the gym in just one week.

These rooms were used for several years until a new school could be constructed.

My Junior High and High School years were "in town." I quickly learned how to pass the time on those long bus rides....by reading. My favorite seat on the bus was the one at the wheel well. I would sit with my feet up on the wheel well, prop up my book and read till I got to school in the morning and home in the afternoon.

I graduated from Franklin-Simpson High School in May 1958. (Now don't start counting backward!) That fall my brother Jimmy and I started to college at U. K. But very early on Christmas morning, our family was forever changed. Jimmy died as the result of an automobile accident. He had turned 20 on Christmas Eve.

I continued on at U. K. and graduated from there on June 11, 1962, got married to John Huston Still on Wednesday the 13th, was in another wedding on the 16th, and went to his uncle's funeral on Sunday, the 17th. On the following Monday morning my brand new husband went to the grain field and helped Daddy finish the combining. So much for a honeymoon.

That fall I began my teaching career at Pleasure Ridge Park in Jefferson County, Louisville, KY. I taught there for four (4) years. Then we decided to move home, and in the fall of 1966 I began teaching at Franklin Middle School, where I continued teaching until I retired in 1990.

Even during the years I was teaching, I continued my education at WKU where I received my Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling. A short time later I started work on my Rank 1 in Education. For those who are unfamiliar with Rank 1, this means another 30 hours of work. I only lacked 12 hours and a dissertation to get a PhD, but that degree would not have been of benefit because I still was in love with my 7th and 8th graders and did not plan to leave them!

In 1970 my life again changed. This time by the addition of a beautiful brown haired, brown eyed baby boy. Being an only child and an only grandchild, he was just a little bit spoiled. If you ask Rusty about his early years, he will probably tell you about the tree house party and the "wagon train." There was a huge oak tree in Mama and Daddy's yard that Daddy put to good use. He built a tree house in it. There were a couple of limbs that were just right to put that tree house on. This was a very modern tree house with a storm window, wrought iron steps with a platform and a hand rail. When it was finished we had an Open House, getting ready for the

1st grade party and anniversary party all rolled into one. The open house and getting ready for school is easy to understand.

The third part was the anniversary of when we brought that beautiful brown haired, brown eyed baby boy home to be a part of our family. He is adopted.

Daddy went around the neighborhood and gathered all the wagons he could find. I think he ended up with about 10-12 wagons – hooked them behind the garden tractor and took those kids riding on the "wagon train." They would eat a while and then want to ride again. The party was talked about by those kids – mostly his kindergarten class and church friends – for several years.

In 1979 my life changed again. My husband of 17 years and 2 days passed away. A small boy to care for, parents to help, and my classes at school kept me busy and helped me get through the pain of losing him.

Two years later I remarried, so once again there was a great change in my life. I had to change quite a few habits that had formed while it was just Rusty and me. We all had changes to make. During those years my son was becoming the typical teenager and adjusting to a new stepdad whose ways were quite different from those of his "real" dad.

Once again a change occurred in 1989 when another beautiful boy entered my life. This time it was my only grandson, who is now, as he tells me quite frequently, "Grandmother, I'm a teenager. I'm 13!"

I retired after 28 years in the classroom at the end of the school year in 1990. A few years earlier we had purchased a camper; and after several years of camping, I even learned to fish. My first pole was almost what you would call a kiddy pole. But after catching a few fish, the fishing bug caught me!

Still more changes were to come. In 1991 James Frank, my husband, had a heart attack while we were coming home from a camping trip in Indiana. We didn't realize what was happening because he didn't have any of the classic symptoms. After getting better from the heart attack, we continued to do quite a bit of camping and attending meetings because he was very active in all phases of Masonry. One of his activities as a Shriner was to transport children to the Shrine Hospital in Lexington and the Burns Center in Cincinnati. I rode with him on most of those trips. I have often said that a person has to be extremely hard hearted to go into one of the hospitals and come out dry eyed. Those kids really are an inspiration. You seldom hear one of them say, "I can't."

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The Problem with Spell checkers

This clever poem received in a friend's email illustrates the huge limitation of spell checkers. They are limited to looking up 'words' in a dictionary list and flagging those not found. They cannot look at the context and determine that you need, for example, to use "their" instead of "there" or "heir" instead of "air."

THE SPELLING CHECKER

Eye halve a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marquees four my review
Miss steaks eye kin Knot Sea

Eye strikes a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My spell checker tolled me sew

New Internet Provider

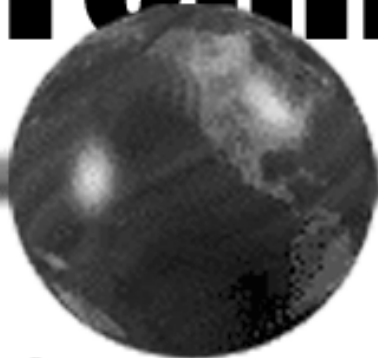
Copper.Net

Would you like to have an easy way to connect to the Internet for only \$9.95 a month? BGAMUG is involved in a new fund-raiser project. Copper.Net will donate \$15 to our organization for each person who uses Copper.Net as their dial-up service provider. I've been using this service for several weeks. It is easier, quicker, cheaper, and more user friendly than my old service. Come and learn more about this service and pick up your Copper.Net CD at our April meeting.

Linda

PS. . . .To learn more about their service before the April meeting, visit their website at the following URL: <http://www.copper.net>

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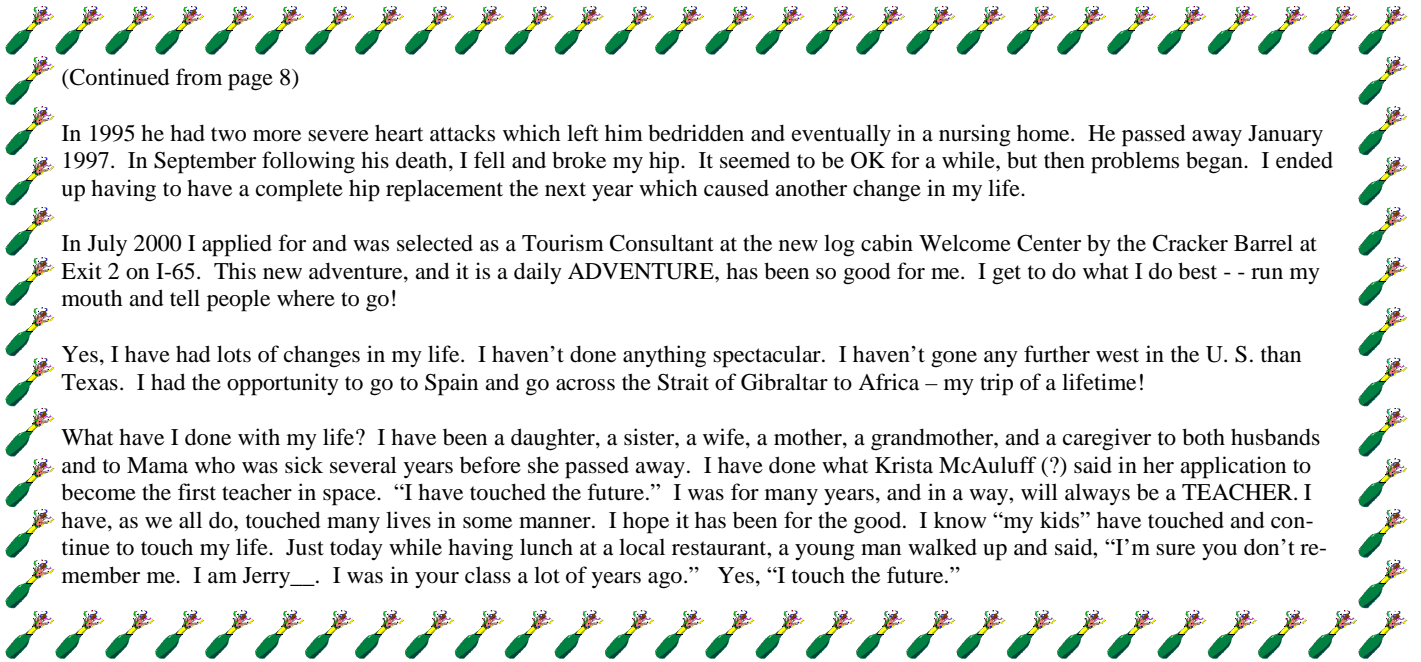
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In 1995 he had two more severe heart attacks which left him bedridden and eventually in a nursing home. He passed away January 1997. In September following his death, I fell and broke my hip. It seemed to be OK for a while, but then problems began. I ended up having to have a complete hip replacement the next year which caused another change in my life.

In July 2000 I applied for and was selected as a Tourism Consultant at the new log cabin Welcome Center by the Cracker Barrel at Exit 2 on I-65. This new adventure, and it is a daily ADVENTURE, has been so good for me. I get to do what I do best - - run my mouth and tell people where to go!

Yes, I have had lots of changes in my life. I haven't done anything spectacular. I haven't gone any further west in the U. S. than Texas. I had the opportunity to go to Spain and go across the Strait of Gibraltar to Africa – my trip of a lifetime!

What have I done with my life? I have been a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and a caregiver to both husbands and to Mama who was sick several years before she passed away. I have done what Krista McAuluff (?) said in her application to become the first teacher in space. "I have touched the future." I was for many years, and in a way, will always be a TEACHER. I have, as we all do, touched many lives in some manner. I hope it has been for the good. I know "my kids" have touched and continue to touch my life. Just today while having lunch at a local restaurant, a young man walked up and said, "I'm sure you don't remember me. I am Jerry__. I was in your class a lot of years ago." Yes, "I touch the future."

May 2003

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Dear fellow BGAMUG members:

First of all I'd like to thank each of you who have thought of me as I recover from upper airway surgery that I had done on March 27th. I sure had a lot of help getting through the recovery phase and I can't tell you how wonderful it is to breath freely once again. It was a plain reminder to me that this club is not about technology, it is about people.

I would like to share with you an option for high speed internet that for many folks came and went without getting any mention at all in the popular media, and that is the Analog Router. I purchased an Analog Router on E-bay for about \$140 including shipping. Had I known better or watched the bidding longer I may have been able to get it for about \$10 less.

This particular model is a WebRamp 361i. It contains two 56K internal modems and one external port where you can attach an external modem (purchased separately, only if needed).

Out here in Alvaton, where until 2003 you could not get a pizza delivered, we are located just far enough away from the BellSouth POP (Point of Presence, or central office) that many of the copper based technologies, such as DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) or ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) either do not reach out here in the sticks (we are about 8 miles from Bowling Green), or are prohibitively expensive if they are ordered.

First some background.

After being out here almost 2 1/2 years, I've gotten a little tired of waiting. I've not heard of any plans to run high-speed internet cable out here (though I've decided that Murphy's law will rule here: As soon as I get my WebRamp set up, this will be the cue for all manner of high speed technology to finally come to Alvaton). Meanwhile, my friends tell me of their blink of an eye downloads with their super fast internet connections. I turn away, head lowered, and just shuffle off, feeling forever limited to 28.8 Kbits, with the occasional jaunt into the world of super fast 53Kbits when the phone line gods are smiling. Heck, my own MOTHER has cable internet (and is not beyond rubbing it in as well, I might add.)

And I'll go on record here as saying this is a testosterone thing. Men like fast things, and it used to be cars and engines we compared. Now it's computers and internet connections. So here I am stuck in Alvaton with a 4-cylinder Dodge Dart. You get my drift.

Internet Service Providers (ISPs) like to call this problem the "last mile" problem. Industry pundits predicted, correctly, that high bandwidth internet access would become a digital divide - producing a world of haves and have-nots that are created by geographic distances, not the cost of the service. There is a considerable State Public Service component to this problem too, but it's beyond the scope of this writer to explain why in Tennessee you can order a high speed DSL internet connection from most homes and expect to pay anywhere from \$19.95 to \$49.95 a month for the service, while in Kentucky, many homes in rural areas you could not get such a connection for love or money.

I came to within one day of ordering Satellite internet, which is high speed but when you look on the internet and talk to people who have gone this route you get some pretty vocal folks that warn you away from the satellite dish type internet access. Some of these folks are techie types that had a problem connecting or maintaining the service, and some are legal types that object to the terms that the companies force you to accept (like limited upload rates, for one thing).

So I've taken it upon myself to fix this problem a different way and at least double my bandwidth, even though it's not a perfect solution. The Analog Router I purchased on E-bay has two jobs. One, like any router it maintains a LOCAL internet connection from itself to your computer, and from this allows modem sharing between computers, facilitates networking the computers in your house, and provides for a "firewall" protection service between your home intranet and The Internet.

The second function of an Analog Router separates it from the more common Digital Routers out there, which are sometimes called Cable Modems is this: the analog router has the capacity to maintain several (usually two) modem connections to your ISP, and combine these internet signals so that the ISP sees them as one digital pipe. The effective bandwidth for two modems is from about 46Kbits to 120Kbits. This is not the best, but it's "fast enough" for a country boy, at least for now. And if Murphy's listening, now would be a good time to get that digital cable line out here! The router keeps track of what I'm doing in terms of needing the bandwidth, and occasionally I'll hear that second phone line disconnect if I'm not doing anything that requires the high speed. But the first phone line is very tenacious - I've not figured out how to get it to go offline permanently, short of pulling the phone cord.

Since the router is in itself an internet appliance, it can be queried and controlled using a web browser. This includes adding an additional modem, configuring the way it connects, and so forth. I don't even have to have dial-up networking installed on my computer, because to my computer, the WebRamp just looks like another computer connected to the internet. The WebRamp supplies DHCP services, which means that it will automatically set up IP addresses on the home computers it connects to. It can also configure itself as a VPN (Virtual Private Network), which I have not figure out yet, but it seems to provide one with the capability of setting up a web site at any given URL (universal resource locator or Internet Web Site address).

So, as for expenses - I doubled my internet bill - approximately \$34 a month. I have to have another phone line available. This is about another \$25 a month. If I needed more bandwidth, I guess I could order another phone line, another account through PremierNet, and an external modem to hook to the router. But with the added capabilities with networking the household and having each computer be able to share a connection with this device acting as a clearinghouse of internet bandwidth, I think this is a pretty good solution, for now.

Thanks to Chris and Alex and premiernet for helping me through this set up phase and for turning on the multi-link protocol required to bond the two modem signals on their end. Also for those of you that have AOL, I tried to use AOL as one of the two internet signals and it would not work. So we'll probably be losing AOL, which is a \$22 savings against the above mentioned expenses.

Also the WebRamp appears to only support Windows 95, 98 and NT, however I did get it to work on Windows XP Home Edition, probably because the computer itself does not see the WebRamp as a device, rather it sees it as just another ethernet-connected computer on the network. The installation did NOT work on Windows2000, but I'm not totally sure I had the Ethernet card installed correctly on that machine.

So there you go, just another solution for faster living!

Michael Moore
Historian

**BGAMUG General Meeting
March 25, 2003**

President Linda Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m

All officers were present except Kathy Stinson and Elbert Young. Motion was made by Howard Margolis and seconded by James Gegner to approve minutes with corrections of names of the Rules committee. Motion passed.

President Todd reported on the highlights of the February and March Executive Board Meetings.

- The next meeting will be April 1, 2003, everyone is welcome.
 - There were six visitors present at the February meeting.
 - There is no dial up access through internet connections with the BBS.
 - The Workshop for April will be at South Campus. Presentations will be Keyboard shortcuts –Jerry Gillette and File extensions by Chuck Thomas.
 - The audit report went very well.
 - The meetings for May, June and July will be at South Campus. There will be seminars planned for these meetings.
- Board has discussed several ways to acknowledge a death or illness in the BGAMUG family.

Reports: Officer/Coordinators

Ginny Molloy: Ginny reminded the Rules committee that they would meet April 1 after the Executive Board Meeting.

Jerry Gillette: Jerry announced the new member orientation at Apollo Computers the Saturday following the E-Board meeting. After the new member orientation there will be a scanning presentation.

Peggy Beasley: Peggy apologized for the mistakes that were in the March Newsletter and let everyone know that she had revised copies.

Kathy Stinson: Kathy was absent but sent the treasurer report

Howard Margolis: Howard reported that Jerry Gillette will do the presentation in April on Flight Navigator. He stated that in May, June and July that there would be two or three classes each month. If anyone has a suggestion on what to cover, please let him know.

Patricia Vincent: Nothing

Mike Moore: Mike reported that at each meeting he would be bringing the minutes of the same meeting 10 years ago for everyone to see. He announced that Joe Shultz had donated some computer equipment to the club and it would be sold on E-bay.

Gene Iglehart: Gene reported that he was getting approximately 20 computers monthly and was placing 10. He announced that he had brought 4 pieces of equipment that could be purchased for a \$20 donation to the club.

Harold Ragland: Harold reported that everything was going good at Fern Terrace and invited everyone to volunteer their services on Friday's from 1-3 p.m.

Ramona Bobbitt: Ramona reported that 9 people were regularly using Kroger gift cards and that for every \$100 that is spent BGAMUG gets \$5.00.

There were 4 people that attended the meeting that had seen the ad in the Daily News.

Betty Lyne welcomed and introduced the following visitors: Mona Miller, Ron Crittenden, John Cummings, Bill Huelhorst (guest of Jay Eatherly), George Smith, Ronnie Wilson, Kathy Taylor and Kim Smith. New Member present was Donna Chatman.

There were 52 members present.

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to JoAnn Dunklau.

President Todd announced that everyone that participates in the Kroger Cares was wearing a special star.

Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chuck Thomas gave a wonderful presentation on how to put old records and tapes on CD.

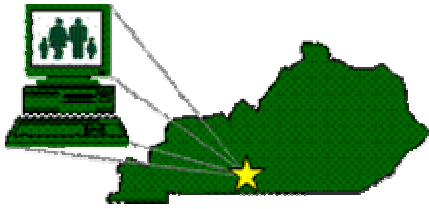
The following people won door prizes, t-shirts from Camtasia and Snag-it:

Jay Eatherly, Bridget Miller, Kenneth Jones, and Gene Iglehart.

After meeting fellowship was at Hardees on the corner of Russellville Road and Campbell Lane.

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**Monthly Meeting will be Tuesday,
April 22, 2003 @ 6:30 p.m.
KATI
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