

HUG Update

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Schedule of HUG Activities

1. July 2002 HUG Activities

July 9th [2nd Tuesday] - General Membership Meeting

July 18th [3rd Thursday] - Executive Board Meeting

July 21st [3rd Sunday] - Computer Workshop

[No Harrisburg Computers Shows are scheduled in July]

2. August 2002 HUG Activities

August 13th [2nd Tuesday] - General Membership Meeting

August 15th [3rd Thursday] - Executive Board Meeting

August 18th [3rd Sunday] - Computer Workshop

August 24th-25th - Computer Show at York Expo Center

[No Harrisburg Computers Shows are scheduled in August]

HUG Meetings:

1. HUG General Membership Meetings

Notes from the July 9th General Membership Meeting --

The subject for our July 9th meeting was "Stump the Chumps" - a Computer Q&A. This was a combination presentation and group question and

answer session. Attending members brought their computer hardware and software questions to the meeting and tried to stump our panel of experts ("the panel of chumps").

A fun time was had by all who attended and several, if not all, members actually learned something useful. Safe and efficient ways of backing up valuable files was one of the main topics. How to wire a house for a home computer network and how to wire a house for cable television were also discussed. The blackboard provided a convenient way to draw cabling diagrams.

Web sites where free utilities could be downloaded were shared. If you were absent then you missed out on an entertaining yet informative evening.

At the conclusion of the meeting door prizes were randomly drawn from the meeting's sign-in sheet. All members who signed in were eligible.

Hazen Meek won "Family Ties", a genealogical software program. John Reinhardt won "TurboCad", a design program. A real neat item! As a combined prize, "Corel Linux 2nd

Edition" and "WordPerfect Ver. 8 for Linux" were won by Dick Barner.

The meeting broke up around 9:00 PM.

Coming up in August

The topic for the August 13th General Membership Meeting will be "Air Traffic Control" by Mark Burkheimer and an air traffic controller from HIA. This should be an exciting topic with discussion about how radios, radar, and computers are used to control air traffic around today's busy airports.

So be sure to attend with a friend!

Remember, General Membership Meetings are held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month in the Skyline View Church, 7733 Hillcrest Avenue, Harrisburg. Share the experience and bring a friend.



Backup your files, I hate to see a grown person cry.

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The joy of computing

HUG Computer Workshops

The HUG Computer Workshop (formerly known as the DOS/Windows SIG), where beginners' questions are answered and problem computers are analyzed for free, is held on the THIRD SUNDAY of each month.

If you are new to our group, or you would just like a little coaching in downloading files, or using Adobe Acrobat Reader, or if you need to have some of techno-speak decoded, then this is where you want to be.

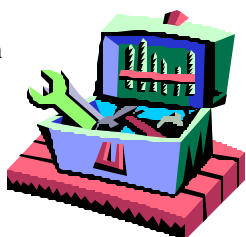
If you are having hardware or software problems or would like application help, by all means come out. We will continue to handle these problems one-on-one in separate areas of the large, comfortable meeting hall.

Notes from the Computer Workshop -- Sunday June 16th

Ten members showed up. Some members had hardware problems which George Eckard assisted with. One member went from a CD reader, a CD Burner, and a DVD Reader to a DVD Reader with a DVD Burner and CD Burner. That seems to be the next rush -- to install DVD Burners. Another member brought in an e-machine which had been running for 3 years without ever being defragged -- you wouldn't have believed the file map graphic, files fragmented all over the place! George showed everyone how to do the defrag routine. The machine works much faster now. The Workshop closed at 5:00 PM.

Notes from the Computer Workshop -- Sunday May 19th:

Nine members and one guest were in attendance. Wes Samsel, George Eckard, and Eric-Paul Johnson worked with a donated ex-server running a Pentium I - 166 MHz processor. Its Hard drive was previously removed by the donor so another (used) hard drive (420 MB) was installed and the unit tested. The fan in Power Supply did not revolve and will need to be re-



placed next workshop. We have a spare fan in HUG inventory. Hopefully, we can obtain a larger hard drive.

There was much discussion by all about Windows XP and new software. The Workshop closed at 5:00 PM.

Linux SIG Meetings

The Linux SIG (HAL) is held concurrently with the HUG Computer Workshop at 2:00 in the Skyline View Church. If you are an experienced Linux user and wish to participate in a Linux discussion session or if you are want to learn what Linux is about then this SIG is for you. Guests are welcome.

Notes from the Linux SIG Meeting -- Sunday June 16th

A Linux user had problems installing a Linux distribution foreign (from India) which Lou Samsel assisted with.

2. Notes from the Linux SIG Meeting -- Sunday May 19th:

Four members were in attendance. Lou Samsel, Norm Wagner, John Clark and Dennis Mumma had a Linux Meeting and played with Red Hat 7.2 on Lou's Compaq Armada laptop. John is thinking about installing Linux at a later date. We have copies of the latest Linux releases for group use.

KOffice was compared to MS Office -- there is little practical difference. John remarked about how similar the KDE desktop is to the MS Windows interface. Lou pointed out that anyone familiar with Windows Interface look and operation should have few problems converting to Linux with KDE, once Linux/KDE was installed and set up. The only significant difference is the concept (in the UNIX/Linux world) of virtual desktops which is lacking on MS products.

If you're new to Linux, or if you don't know anything about Linux but want to find out what it's all about, then come to the next meeting on July 21st.



HUG Executive Board Meetings

Thursday, July 18 is HUG's Executive Board Meeting at Brian's Pizza in the Swatara Square Shopping Center across from the east shore Wal-Mart. The center is bordered by Route 322, Mushroom Hill Road, and Grayson Road. Board meetings are always open to the public, but this is where we handle the club's monthly business, so there is no demonstration nor hands on help. Yet if you would like the club to benefit from your input on policies and procedures or you'd like to volunteer, then this is the place to be. Meetings start at 6:00 PM and run about an hour or until the club's business is completed.

Computer Shows

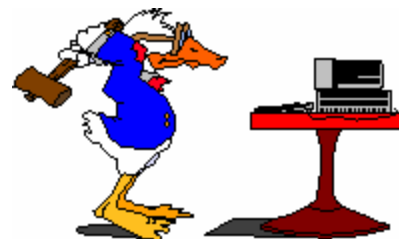
HUG will not have a table at the York Show (see: A. Schedule of Upcoming Activities, above). We will have a table at the Harrisburg Shows when, and if, they resume. Until then, we suggest that you attend the York Show and Lebanon Show.

Membership Renewal

To renew your HUG Membership, please snailmail your check made out to "Harrisburg pc User Group" to the HUG Official Mailing Address:

Harrisburg pc User Group (HUG)
Attn: Membership Director
5 Sycamore Lane
Palmyra, PA 17078-2839

Alternately, you may bring your check, or cash, to any HUG Meeting.



Before you do this, attend our meetings
and work shops.

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Important Reminders

1. Your Current Email Ad-
dress

If you want to continue re-
ceiving a HUG e-mail an-
nouncement then you must
keep your e-mail address
current in our data base. You must provide
us with your correct and current address
and inform us of any changes. The best
way to do this is to e-mail Lou Samsel and
John Reinhardt from the address you wish
to use. (Please place "HUG" at the begin-
ning of the Topic field of E-mail)

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Snailmail to the HUG official address
works too.

This eliminates typographical errors at both
ends as well as handwriting misinterpreta-

tions. If you are planning on leaving one
ISP for another, we recommend overlap-
ping them for a few months so we have
time to change your address without our
getting "invalid address" messages when
we send you announcements.

Remember, this is your responsibility.

2. Donations to HUG --

Modern and usable software and hardware
donations are appreciated. No DOS soft-
ware or 386, 486 hardware, please. There
is just no use for it.

Donations may be dropped off at any HUG
meeting. Your donation may be tax de-
ductible for Federal Income Tax purposes -
- see our Treasurer, John, for details.

. Meeting Locations

Remember, General Membership Meetings
are held on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of
each month in the Skyline View Church,
7733 Hillcrest Avenue, Harrisburg. This is
on Jonestown Road (Rt. 22) just 6/10 of a
mile west of Rt. 39. It's on the south side
of the highway, next to a Fulton Bank and

across the highway from a Getty-
Mart. Share the experience and bring
a friend.

Workshops are held on the **THIRD
SUNDAY** of each month the above
location. Visitors with problems are
welcome but members are given priority
with assistance.

HUG Executive Board Meetings are held
the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month at
Brian's Pizza in the Swatara Square Shop-
ping Center across from the east shore Wal-
Mart. The Swatara Square is bordered by
Route 322, Mushroom Hill Road, and
Grayson Road. All current members are
welcome.

