

**Next Meeting is August 12th
Linux & KlassicSpecialties
Simi Valley Public Library - 7:30 pm**

WHERE TO FIND SVCUG:

1st SVCUG BBS Number: 805-526-6196
2nd SVCUG BBS Number: 805-522-9127
Web Site: <http://www.svcug.org>



LINUX PRESENTATION

Orville Beach is the IS manager at Nortel Networks in Simi Valley. He's been using Linux for several years. He will give a demonstration of Linux, showing its features, strengths and weaknesses. There will be discussion of hardware requirements to run Linux, and info on where to obtain programs to run on Linux.

For more information, the Simi-Conejo Linux Users Group web page is <http://sclug.psilord.com>. For additional information, go to <http://linux.com>, <http://linux.org>, and <http://linuxtoday.com>.

KLASSICSPECIALTIES

KlassicSpecialties, from Cerritos, will present their Inkjet Refill Kits and Software to edit and enhance photos, as well as their quality Inkjet Papers and Films.

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SALEM WITCH SITES

From: BMarlatt@aol.com CVGS-CIG

For those interested in the Salem witch trials, or have ancestors who were involved, here are some good sites:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nwa/witch.html>

Notable Women Ancestors -Witches.

This site is hosted by Rootsweb.

<http://www.ogram.org/17thc/index.shtml>

Ogram's 17th Century New England Links:
Index.

This site belongs to the host of the SALEM-WITCH-L mailing list hosted by Rootsweb. It has a lot of good historical information and an extensive bibliography.

<http://etext.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/texts/>

The Salem Witchcraft Papers.

"This University of Virginia website has the "Verbatim Transcripts of the Legal Documents of the Salem Witchcraft Outbreak of 1692," edited by Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum. These were originally compiled and transcribed in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration.

RE: IS THIS TRUE? NO!!!!

Email Question:

This was received this from a very sharp friend of mine and IT specialist, currently in Stockholm] who asked if this could be true? If it is, we need to start campaigning against it. Here's the letter: Dear Internet Subscriber: Please read the following carefully if you intend to stay online and continue using e-mail: The last few months have revealed an alarming trend in the Government of the United States attempting to quietly push through legislation that will affect your use of the Internet. Under proposed legislation, the U.S. Postal Service will be attempting to bilk email users out of "alternate postage fees". Bill 602P will permit the Federal Govt. to charge a 5-cent surcharge on every e-mail delivered, by billing Internet Service Providers at source. The consumer would then be billed in turn by the ISP. Washington D.C. lawyer Richard Stepp is working without pay to prevent this legislation from becoming law. The U.S. Postal Service is claiming that lost revenue due to the proliferation of e-mail is costing nearly \$230,000,000 in revenue per year. You may have noticed their recent ad campaign "There is nothing like a letter".

Since the average citizen received about 10 pieces of e-mail per day in 1998, the cost to the typical individual would be an additional 50 cents per day, or over \$180 dollars per year, above and beyond their regular Internet costs. Note that this would be money paid directly to the U.S. Postal Service for a service they do not even provide. The whole point of the Internet is democracy and non-interference. If the federal government is permitted to tamper with our liberties by adding a surcharge to e-mail, who knows where it will end.

You are already paying an exorbitant price for snail mail because of bureaucratic inefficiency. It currently takes up to 6 days for a letter to be delivered from New York to Buffalo. If the U.S. Postal Service is allowed to tinker with e-mail, it will mark the end of the "free" Internet in the United States. One congressman, Tony Schnell (R) has even suggested a "twenty to forty dollar per month surcharge on all Internet service" above and beyond the government's proposed e-mail charges. Note that

most of the major newspapers have ignored the story, the only exception being the Washingtonian which called the idea of e-mail surcharge "a useful concept whose time has come" (March 6th, 1999 editorial). Don't sit by and watch your freedoms erode away!

ACTION: Send this e-mail to all on-line Americans (and their correspondents) on your list. Tell your friends and relatives to write to their congressional representative and say "No!" to Bill 602P. Kate Turner, Assistant to Richard Stepp, Berger, Stepp and Gorman, Attorneys at Law, 216 Concorde Street, Vienna, Va.

It's the action, not the fruit of the action that's important. You have to do the right thing... You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result. (Gandhi)

Answer From Dennis Atherton:

This Urban Legend has been de-bunked, and even the post office now addresses it on their web site. They have no interest in "Taxing" web mail, but they do want to offer an alternative service that will guarantee Safe, Secure, and Private delivery of information to and from specified users. They want to be an Authoritative E-Mail vendor, who can be trusted to Authenticate both sender and recipient, so that this mail can be secure. (And give the government a right to decode if necessary - National Interest - just like phone taps.) (This will preclude use and acceptance of independent encryption algorithms, so that the post office can read the mail if needed. If they wait for god encryption where they don't have the back door, then there will be "Too Much" privacy.)

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ZDNet AnchorDesk

<http://www.anchordesk.com>

I'm so cheap that when it comes to printing I avoid copy shops. Why pay someone else good money when my PC and laser printer do just fine?

If you also like the idea of saving money on printing, I've got just what you need. Three cool downloadable Windows utilities to help keep your printing simple and economical:

PrintFile allows you to quickly print files with ease. This attractive 32-bit utility recognizes plain text, PostScript, Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) and binary formats. Also works well with network printers that don't have a connection to any LPTx. (Free/Win95-98-NT)

Publicity is a powerful label-printing program. Customize your own templates or choose from a wide selection of label, envelope and business-card templates. Features of this easy-to-use program include full color and font support, bar-code support, text rotation and more. (Shareware/Win95-98-NT) CD-Box Labeler 98 enables you to print labels for your CD jewel cases. Add text and graphics both front and rear. An easy wizard helps you set background color and all font characteristics. Once complete, save settings as a project and send to your printer. (Shareware/Win95-98-NT)

Now let's see... I still need to print my to-do list for Jesse. Some forms for Liz. And a resource manual for Neil (needling new employees is such fun). Sure glad I can keep Team AnchorDesk busy with printed material while I get back to the job of keeping our servers up to snuff. Ahh, the life of a Tech Director. PS: If you need help, I've linked the Easy Download Guide in the sidebar. And for more of my favorite downloads, be sure to bookmark our Killer Downloads page.

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<http://www.zdnet.com/anchordesk/killerdownloads/index.html>

IMPORTANT YEAR 2000 INFORMATION

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The year 2000 is rapidly approaching, and there are simple steps you can take to get your hardware, software and data ready. We at Microsoft want to make sure you have the information you need to make this transition as easy as possible. In order to keep you updated, we've set up a Web site that you can access whenever you wish. Just go to <http://www.microsoft.com/y2k> to get year 2000 information and Microsoft(r) software updates. In order to work properly after the year 2000, some Microsoft products may require a year 2000 software update. We recommend that you install the software updates so you'll continue to have the best computing experience. Of course, access to this Web site and any software updates you need are free of charge (connect time charges may apply).

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Sincerely, The Microsoft Products Groups

FIRST COMBINATION CD-RW/DVD-ROM DRIVE.

ZD Interactive Investor <http://www.zdii.com/>

Toshiba Brings the Best of All Worlds Together With First Combination CD-RW/DVD-ROM Drive

Leader in Optical Technology Gives Users Exceptional Functionality and Smooth Transition from CD to DVD. The Disk Products Division of Toshiba America Electronic Components (TAEC), continues to be at the forefront of optical storage innovation with the introduction of the first CD-RW drive with DVD-ROM readability. The first drive to combine these two technologies, the SD-R1002 drive is the ideal upgrade product, providing the rewritability of a CD-RW drive with the high-capacity storage of DVD-ROM. Because of its backward compatibility and low cost media, the SD-R1002 drive also provides customers with a sound investment and an effortless transition from CD to DVD.

“Our customers wanted a solution that would give them the multimedia and storage capabilities of DVD-ROM as well as CD rewritability,” said Maciek Brzeski, vice president, marketing, TAEC Disk Products Division. “The SD-R1002 CD-RW/DVD-ROM drive is the first of its kind to meet all of those needs, and underscores Toshiba’s ability to deliver innovative, tailored solutions to our customers.”

Brought Together Through Toshiba Innovation

As a leader in optical storage products, Toshiba leverages its technology expertise to bring the SD-R1002 drive to market. The drive combines key technologies from CD-RW and DVD-ROM including lasers and LSIs from both, as well as a combination pick-up head. For easy set up and compatibility, the SD-R1002 drive has an ATAPI interface.

The SD-R1002 drive is built to give the best performance for data, multimedia and storage environments. The drive reads CD-RW/CD-R media, which has a capacity of 650MB and can also read DVD-ROM software, which has a maximum capacity of 17GB per disc. The drive also features a fast writing speed of 4X for CD-R and CD-RW, and employs a

full 24X speed maximum playback for CD-ROM and 4X for DVD-ROM.

Designed to Satisfy Today’s Needs and Tomorrow’s Demands

Toshiba’s new CD-RW/DVD-ROM drive was designed to provide customers with an easy way to transition from CD to DVD while satisfying the demand for local backup, cost-effective data archiving and data interchange. Because the SD-R1002 drive uses universal technology, it is compatible across portable computers, desktop systems, workstations and servers. In addition, optical recording offers a low cost per megabyte, the longest archive life of any media and is highly durable.

Also, it adheres to the DVD Forum’s DVD-ROM specifications. “CD-RW and DVD-ROM are poised to be two of the fastest growing technologies over the next few years,” said John Freeman, president, Strategic Marketing Decisions. “Today, users have to choose between CD-RW writability or DVD-ROM compatibility. A product that gives them the functionality of both technologies should be very well received by the market.”

Pricing and Availability

The SD-R1002 drive will be sold primarily to value-added resellers, system integrators and distributors. The drives are available now in sample quantities and will begin shipping in volume in September. Pricing is not available at this time.

The drive will also be available as part of a kit which will include supporting hardware and software. The kit will be available in October. Suggested list price of the SD-R1002 kit will be less than \$400.

LOCAL COMPUTER CLUBS

Appleholics Anonymous 2nd Sat 9:30 am
3169 Telegraph Road, Ventura
Chuck Baca 805-650-7503 Tony Pizza 805-482-3453

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society 1st Tues
Herb Berger, 805-497-7307 herbberger@aol.com
CVMUG sherrera@vcnet.com

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Camarillo
General Meeting: 1st Thursday, 7 pm
Novice SIG: 4th Monday Internet SIG: Quarterly
Susie Herrera 805-484-2259

Commodore 64/128 Users
General Meetings: 1st Sat., 10 am @ Cal Fed Bank
430 Arneill Road, Camarillo
Tech Meeting: 2nd Sat, 10 am @ Boys-Girls Club
126 E. 7th Street, Oxnard
BBS: 805-382-1125 Loyd Couch: 805-483-9200

Channel Islands PC Group
General Meeting: 1st Sat, 9 am @ Camarillo Airport
OS/2 Corner: 2nd Sat, 9:30 am
www.cipcug.org Toby Scott, 805-981-1212

Gold Coast CUE of Ventura County
Days vary, 4 pm Camarillo area or local school
Tim Rainville, 805-525-3873 rainvilt@vcss.k12.ca.us

Leisure Village Club
1st Friday, 10am Camarillo 1st Monday, MAC group
2nd Friday, Communications 3rd Wednesday, Novice
Neil Iven, 805-383-0016 Iniven1@juno.com

Simi Conejo Linux User Group
Meets every other Saturday at 6 pm at Nortel, 4100
Guardian Street, Simi Valley www.psilord.com/sclug

MacValleyUsers Group
1st Wednesday Wilkinson Senior Center
8956 Vanalden Street (one light east of Tampa,
just south of Nordhoff), Northridge
Daphne Gruberman (818) 998-7025

Simi Valley Computer User Group
Main meeting: 2nd Thurs 7:30 pm
Hardware/Software Meeting: 4th Wed, 7:30 pm
at Simi Valley Library - SVCUG web: www.svcug.org
Barbara Cott 805-581-2495 bobbie@wgn.net

Thousand Oaks Personal Computer Club
4th Thurs: 6:30pm Jan-Oct 3rd Thurs: 6:30 Nov-Dec
Goebbel Sr Ctr or T.O. Library
Harry Isaman 805-405-8323 www.vcnet.com/topcc

TUGNET meets every Tues, 7pm Granada Pavilion
11128 Balboa Granada Hills. www.tugnet.org

Ventura Beginners PC Users' Group
3rd Sat, 10 am Club House, Bena Ventura
Mobile Home Estate 11407 Darling Road
Howard Wilson 805-647-0360

Ventura Windows Publisher User Group
3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm Cal Fed Bank Bldg
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Karleen Volz
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1/4 pg - \$25/mo 1/2 pg - \$50/month full pg - \$100/month

Send camera ready art to Editor by mail /e-mail or call 805-581-2495.

Should be in ASCII. Deadline is near the end of the month.



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Next Meeting

Thursday, August 12th

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