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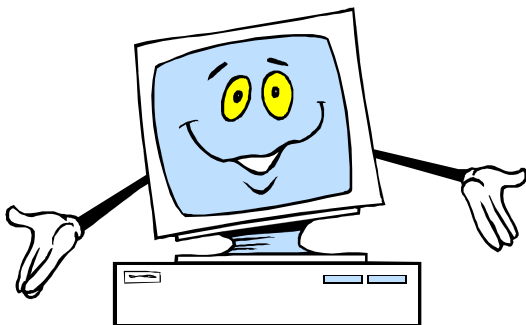
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Classes are about to begin!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is time to start getting excited about the upcoming computer season. All our regular instructors plus a few more have committed to another season of giving us their best. It isn't always easy to stand in front of a bunch of people and try to do a presentation and my hat is off to them!

A club picnic, Christmas dinner party, auction, and photo contest are all being planned, plus a few extra surprises. Your board will be working very hard to make this year one of the best.

I am sitting in my living room writing this on my laptop as it is storming outside. Typical afternoon thunder shower, but easier to live with than the "love bugs". I hope your summer has been a fun and enjoyable time with love ones and friends, I know ours has. Also a little personal note here, Steve and I are going to be the proud grandparents of another granddaughter in November. She will make number four.

Virginia Stunkard, our newsletter editor, is going to start up the club for sale column again, so if any of you want to submit an ad to sell something that is computer related, just write it up and give it to her. She will give guidance if you have any questions.

See you on the first Thursday in September....

Marie



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What will it Cost?

Regular membership	\$25.00 per year
Associate or Student member	\$15.00 per year

Make checks Payable to PACUG.

For more information—go to web

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CALENDAR FOR September 2007

Board meetings the first Tuesday of

Sept. 4—Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

Classes begin in September, at 7:00 PM

6 Beginners/Intermediate

13 GM—Vista

20 Word

27 Genealogy

SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON



Ruth Ann Ray who is the PACUG Sunshine Chairperson, needs to hear if anyone needs to have a greeting card sent due to illness, death, or just needs a hug. Please e-mail her at raray@3oaks.com and put the word “**sunshine**” in the subject line.

MAY DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

- David Akers—Key Chain Frame
- Melissa Akers—Battleship
- Melissa Akers—Address labels
- Opal Akers—Just Deserts
- Opal Akers—Greeting Card Paper
- Marion Baker—Calculator
- Marion Baker—Magnetic Photo Pockets
- Judi Betz—8x10 Photo Paper
- Janet Brandon—Bookmark
- Bonnie Burton—Blank CD holder
- Sharon Cissney—50/50
- Shirley Finefrock—CD's
- Bob Gaston—T-shirt
- Bob Gaston—CD cases
- Goose Gosselin—CD/DVD envelopes
- Gloria Heald—Space Arcade
- Gloria Heald—Cribbage
- Pennie Jefferson—Backgammon
- Joe Pomerleau—50/50
- Joe Pomerleau—Photo Paper 4x6
- Nancy Smith—Address book
- Virginia Stunkard—Diskettes
- George Varney—50/50
- Judy Zatarain—50/50

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

By Vivian Barnard

Joseph Pomerleau came to Zephyrhills eight months before he joined PACUG. He had lived in Colorado for twenty-six years before that.

He joined because “Gloria said he had to” and he wanted to learn more about his HP desktop computer. He enjoys learning more and being with people with similar interests.

He uses his computer mostly for e-mail, fantasy football, music and such.

He gave his occupation as retired.

He has no suggestions for improving the group, but thinks we should continue as we are.



**Be sure to save
your empty ink
cartridges, over
the summer, for
our fund-raiser.**

MEMBERSHIPS

A hearty welcome to these members who recently renewed:

- David Akers
- Jean Cray
- Gladys Jackson
- Peggy Pinaire
- Judy Pribik

PACUG HELPLINE

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Genealogy

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Call Virginia Stunkard or Marie Vesta to add your name to the list or make changes.

SMART COMPUTING/TODAY

Magazine Offer

Sandhills Publishing, publisher of **Smart Computing** and **PC Today** will provide a complimentary 12-issue subscription for every five paid subscriptions received from PACUG members. *Smart Computing* is definitely recommended for beginners and *Today* is great for the small business and the home office.

Contact Janet Brandon for forms. To qualify, **renewals and new subscriptions must include the club ID#5351**

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BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO PACUG

By Harold Gillman

1. We receive support and encouragement
 - a. Support consists of having someone to voice our problems to
 - b. People who are willing to share their knowledge with us
2. We receive a dose of enthusiasm whenever we listen to a presenter giving a presentation. Absorbing the information and saying to ourselves, “hey, I bet I can do that on my PC”.
3. We gain self confidence and lose much of the timidness we had. Timidness is a big enemy to beginning PC users. Now we click on those mysterious links (right & left) to see what comes up.
4. Two of the most valuable things I have learned is to buy the visual book for the system I am running. They are written plainly and clearly and easy to follow. I also learned to subscribe to “Smart Computing” magazine which is easy to read and gives us another source of technical support.
5. Where could we spend an evening with a nicer group?

FOR SALE: Acer 5003 Tur Laptop,
 Case and multi items
 Just a little over a year old
 All disk
 Windows XP AMD
 Platinum Ultimate Service Plan
 Contact Virginia at 352-567-7241 or
 352-585-2977

MIXCRAFT 3

Review by Marie Vesta

This is another fantastic program by Acoustica. Seems like anything they design comes out gold! When our club's program chairman needed someone to do this review, I figured why not? My husband plays the guitar, so maybe this would be a program that he could help me with. Talk about losing a husband for hours at a time. This software is so much fun and easy to use that it is impossible not to love it.

O.K., I am going to be brutally honest about his playing. He is good, but no Chet Atkins. After laying down some of the tracks that I just dragged and dropped for him, he started to add his own music. It is amazing how good he sounded until I started to add my singing to this track. We had such a good time creating the "Good time Grandparents".

This is a software program that does not require you to be a professional in order to use or understand how to use it. Once you open the program, just decide on the instruments that you want to use to create the sound track, then add the rhythm and tempo of your choice. In other words, you can have the background music playing for a while before your recording session starts. Again, just drag the measure bar to the area you want the pick-up to start.

By creating an MP3, you can then use your own creations to add to a digital video that you create with your own pictures. This is really fun if you are into digital imaging.

Mixcraft 3 is software from the Acoustica company, and sells for \$49.95. You can visit their website at www.acoustica.com to download a free trial of this program, or to read more about this software. I have personally seen the software "Band in a Box," which costs several hundred dollars, and do not think it can hold a candle to Mixcraft 3 for ease of use or bang for your buck.

INTELLILOGIN

Review by Opal Akers

This is a utility program.

It is designed to manage your passwords for Internet Explorer. The ease of installation is one of its many strong points. It went on my computer very easily and has a very attractive tool bar within the Internet Explorer program. This program will even import all of your existing passwords from Internet Explorer. You simply have to remember one password and that is to activate the program. Once the program is active, you will then have access to all your passwords, which you have stored in the program. And they are encrypted, so they are hacker safe.

This program will also remember log-on information. You know those annoying online forms that ask you name, address, and last four digits of your SS #. This software will fill in the blanks of all those types of forms.

It also has a password generator anytime you need an encrypted password for a new site. This program will generate a strong password. It allows the user to pick the length of the password and to use numbers and capital or lower case letters. And any combination you can pick as little as four characters in length or as many as twelve. They are very difficult to guess, and that's the nice thing about this program is that you don't have to guess. It is all saved for you and you have easy access to it.

You can shop and browse with confidence, and no one will have access to your personal information.

This can also be used by several users, each with their own password to activate the program.

You can find this software at www.acoustica.com. They are currently running a limited-time offer of \$19.95. This is a nice program and well worth the money. I strongly recommend this software for people who use the same user ID over and over. Or for people who have a hard time remembering their own created passwords.

MagicKey

By Virginia Stunkard

MagicKey is a Windows utility program that can save you a lot of time. When filling out forms of any kind that need information such as name, phone number, e-mail address, physical address, social security number, or any other information, you need to enter the information only once. This information can be added to your document by pressing just one key, or by one click of the mouse.

Some of the main and common functions are:

SmartType MiniApp—Enter predefined captured text into any Windows application.

Numeric Calculator MiniApp—Perform basic calculations—you can format the result any way you like (including as a fraction), and enter it into your application numerically as well as spelled out in words.

Date Calculator MiniApp—Calculate dates and date ranges using the Date Calculator. For example, you can calculate the date any number of days from today or from any reference date, or calculate the exact number of days between any two dates, even if they are years apart. This program includes a handy instant calendar. This feature was fun to play with.

Units Convertor MiniApp—Convert between all commonly-used units of length, area, volume, weight, speed, temperature, energy, and many other measurements.

Zip Code Expander MiniApp—Perform zip code expansion by entering a zip code and MagicKey gives you the City and State, ready to be put in your Windows program.

Currency Convertor MiniApp—This function is handy when you travel to other countries and need to know how to convert your money. You can convert between all major world currencies, all formatted numerically and/or spelled out in words, complete with currency symbols.

Voice Feedback—Speak back numeric digits (and

other characters, if you choose) as you type, virtually eliminating data entry errors. You will be amazed at how much this one feature helps in improving data entry accuracy and eliminating errors!

Responding to e-mails with “set responses” in text files, you can enter them any time into your e-mail or any other application with just a few keys and without having to open any files or cutting and pasting.

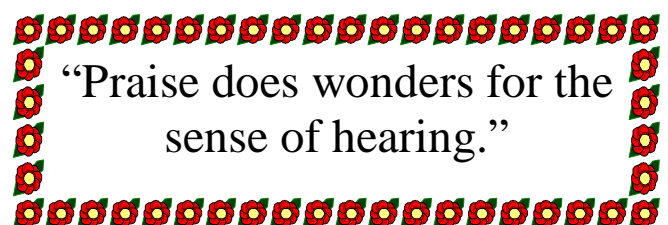
As I was checking out the different functions of this program, I found it to be very fascinating. The program is easy to work with and does save time.

This program can be purchased as www.acii.com for \$29.00. If also ordering a CD and printed manual, add \$9.50 for shipping/handling.

VISTA TIP:

Desktop Trick!

If you frequently use the Windows Vista desktop to store your program shortcuts, the desktop can quickly become a jumble of icons that make it difficult to find the shortcut you want. To solve this problem, right-click an empty spot on the desktop, click Sort By, and then click Name. This sorts the shortcuts alphabetically by name.



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RELAX, AND
HOPE YOU HAVE
A NICE SUMMER.

