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OMUG elections just around corner

By Bill Gortz
former OMUG President

You may or may not know that I have resigned as president of the Olympia Microcomputer Users Group. The reasons are personal, mixed with some health issues. That is all I will say about it. It has been a good position and I wish it would have ended different.

You have the executive board elections coming up in April, so you will have an excellent chance to make OMUG a better organization than it is already. The following is from the OMUG Standing Rules, Section III. a. 4. "Nominations of qualified candidates for any office may be made from the floor at the February and March meetings. . . . Nominations are closed at the end of the March business meeting. Write-in candidates are allowed at the election."

This means that you have three ways to become a candidate for an OMUG Office:

1. Contact a member of the nominating committee and let them know what office you would be interested in being a candidate for.
2. Be nominated at the General Meeting this month, March 9, 2006 or at the Business Meeting on March 16, 2006.
3. Become a write-in candidate at the April election.



To the best of my knowledge at this writing, the following are the candidates for the OMUG Offices:

- President – None
- Vice-President – None
- Secretary – Larry Jensen
- Treasurer – Max Whipps
- Newsletter Editor – None
- Web-Master – Pat Sonnenstuhl
- Director at Large (3) – Shirley Bellinghausen, Christie McCormick, L.D. McNall

Remember, more than one candidate for each position is acceptable and encouraged.

In addition to the elected officers mentioned above, there are many committees that are needed to keep OMUG functioning and if you would look at the website (www.oly mug.org) you will notice that many of the positions are vacant. There are two committees that I think are vital:

Membership Committee – Performs the many duties related to the OMUG membership. Currently, what duties are being done are done by an overworked Treasurer and there are some things that need to be done that are not getting

accomplished at this time.

Special Activities Committee – Currently held by Gary Bigger who has done an excellent job in this position. Gary has informed us that he will be gone this summer when many of the OMUG activities are scheduled, including the biggest fund raiser of the year which is the rest stop in July. If someone would accept this position soon Gary would be able to brief them on what he has done for each activity before he leaves.

I don't intend to demean any office or committee as all have their place to keep OMUG functioning, but I believe that the following positions are among the most important positions in OMUG: President, Vice-President/Program Manager, Membership Committee Chair and Special Activities Chair. All of these positions are either vacant, or soon will be. I also believe that these positions working together with the rest of the Executive Board and other committees are the key to making OMUG a better organization.

There are many people in OMUG who are well qualified to hold these four positions, and any other position in OMUG. If you want OMUG to remain a good, and possibly a better organization, now is the time to step forward and accept the opportunity to become one of the OMUG officers, a committee chairperson, or work on one or more of the many committees.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Director at Large: L.D. McNall,
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Budget Committee Chair: Vacant

Database Manager: Max Whipps

Elections Chair: Bob Steinberg

Historian: David Belles

Membership Chair: James Gunnells

Membership Renewal Coordinator:
Max Whipps

Newsletter Distribution Coordinator:
Loren Freeman

Nominating Committee Chair:
Wes Kirkpatrick

Scholarship Committee Chair:
Bob Wing

SIG Coordinator: Shirley Bellinghausen

Visitors Coordinator: Elizabeth Ross

Special Activities Committee Chair:
Gary Bigger

Public Relations Chair: Vivian Forrester

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Find favorite old radio programs through various Internet sites

By Mike Morris
Fort Collins, Colo.

The Shadow knows



How many readers remember listening to this show on the radio:

"Who knows what evil lurks in the heart of men? The Shadow knows."

Recent headlines have described the availability of TV shows on the Internet—at a price. No headlines, however, for *The Shadow* or other radio programs from the 1930's and 1940's.

The copyrights to a large number of the old radio shows have expired, and you can now download (or order) these programs in a variety of formats and listen to them through your computer or other audio equipment.

Whether your interest is historical research, for the nostalgia value, for a hobby, or for the simple entertainment

value, the variety of programs and information about these old radio programs is astonishing.

I originally searched the Internet using Google and the phrase "old radio programs." That search returned over 20,000 hits over six months. The correct phrase should have been "old time radio."

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Welcome New/Rejoined Members

Hilda Tall
Roy & Bonnie Staub
Barry Beattie
Yvonne Farnsworth
Pam Alexander
Elsie Prouse
Linda & Chuck
Peterson

Thanks For Renewing

Larry Jensen
John & Suzanne
Marshall
Gene & Jeanette Miller
Marie & Otto Erickson
Hazel Wakefield
Dick Engh
Kenneth Bragg
Clint Crocker

Board considers welcome packages

By Larry Jensen
OMUG Secretary

The meeting was called to order by president Bill Gortz at 7 p.m. Also in attendance: Shirley Bellinghausen, vice president; Larry Jensen, secretary; Max Whipps, treasurer; Pat Sonnenstuhl, webmaster; Chris McCormick, director at large; and John Marshall, past president.

Minutes of the January board meeting and February general meeting were accepted.

Max presented the treasurers report. There is \$3411.74 in the savings account, \$1847.95 in the Scholarship Fund, \$312.80 in the checking account and \$20.00 to be deposited for a total of \$5592.49

We have 178 primary members and 76 associate members for a total of 254. This is down 18 from the same time in 2005.

Max had copies of the revised OMUG brochure which will be distributed to locations where there might be prospective members.

Shirley announced that the March program will be a presentation by a member of the Thurston County Sheriff's Department on ID theft.

Bill showed samples of a welcome packet for new members. A discussion followed about what should be included. Shirley took the samples home for further consideration.

The status of the April election was discussed. We still



need candidates for vice president and for directors at large

A letter was read from a former member who dropped out of the club because he felt that the group was cliquish and that no effort had been made to include him. This was followed by a discussion of the need to make a special effort to make new members feel welcome.

The need for an alternate location to prepare the newsletter mailing in case Loren's place was unavailable. The Senior Center is not a good choice because it is not available for three days out of the week. John Marshall and Larry Jensen volunteered their homes as possible alternate sites.

The Q and A session was discussed. It was decided that it will be limited to 30 minutes, starting at 7 p.m. Following that will be a short break, then the evening's program. It was felt that a computer should be available for demonstrations. This could either be the presenter's computer if agreeable, or one furnished by the club.

There was also a discussion of the sound system. We now have two cordless mikes. We will try this out at the next meeting. If there are problems, we will look for other solutions.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Identify theft focus of March program

Officer Jim Dunn of the Thurston County Sheriffs office will be our presenter at the OMUG meeting March 9. He will tell us how thieves get our information and show us how apparently easy it is. Identity theft is a growing national problem.

Please plan to attend and learn how to protect yourself and your money. Invite your friends; they need not be an OMUG member, however they may want to join when they hear of the fascinating programs we have coming up.

In April we will learn and see how to use EBay from John Webster, who has bought and sold on EBay for years.

Mark your calendars for March 9 at the Olympia Senior Center. To meet and mix arrive at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m., with OMUG business and your questions and answers.

OMUG Income & Expenses January 2006



Income: \$325

[Dues-\$320, Interest-\$5]

Expenses: \$470

[Newsletter Copying-\$115, Newsletter Supplies-\$27, APCUG Dues-\$50, Bulk Mail Permit-\$150, Membership Committee Postage-\$78, SSSS Donation -\$50]

Net Deficit: (\$145)

Savings Account Balance:	\$3412	2/25/06
Scholarship Account Balance:	\$1848	
Checking Account Balance:	\$230	
Bank Accounts Total:	\$5490	
To Be Deposited:	\$60	
Current Treasury:	<u>\$5957</u>	

Federal website has Internet security information

By Ira Wilsker
APCUG Director

The media has recently been rife with stories about Internet scams, frauds, identity theft, pedophiles, and other malevolent occurrences that have happened on the Internet. While there are many online resources providing informational websites to help prevent us from falling prey to Internet victimization, a consortium of federal agencies has created “OnGuard Online” at www.onguardonline.gov.

This consortium consists of the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Homeland Security, United States Postal Inspection Service, the Department of Commerce, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Materials are provided on this website to inform and educate the computer user about several of the most nefarious threats that commonly assail us as we enjoy the abundance of the Internet.

Topics currently covered are spyware, identity theft, phishing, spam scams, online shopping, P2P (peer-to-peer) file sharing, and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol – Internet telephony).

There are also a series of online quizzes where the user can test his knowledge on the security risks associated with these topics.

A series of videos and tutorials on related topics, such as “Viruses and Worms”, and “Protect Your Privacy, Family, and PC” are also available at this site.

For those who have been victimized by Internet miscreants, a resource is available to show the user where and how to file complaints with the appropriate federal and other agencies at onguardonline.gov/filecomplaint.html.

Spyware can be used to steal your

Stop – Think – Click

The OnGuard Online site Stop – Think – Click offers seven practices for safer computing.

- ◆ Protect your personal information. It’s valuable.
- ◆ Know who you’re dealing with.
- ◆ Use anti-virus software and a firewall, and update both regularly.
- ◆ Make sure your operating system and Web browser are set up properly and update them regularly.
- ◆ Protect your passwords.
- ◆ Back up important files.
- ◆ Learn who to contact if something goes wrong online.

identity or capture your usernames, passwords, and account numbers; compile personal surfing profiles for directed advertising or other purpose; display unwanted pop-up ads, which may be pornographic, redirect the browser to other sites; install unwanted links on the desktop or in the “favorites” or bookmarks; and a variety of other unwanted and possibly dangerous web related items. OnGuard Online provides links and information on removing spyware, and protecting your computer.

Identity theft is a scourge that may impact as many as 10 million Americans each year, according to some sources.

The incidence of identity theft through Internet tricks, such as “Phishing” (typically e-mails directing the user to an authentic looking but counterfeit website soliciting credit card

information, PIN numbers, etc.).

“Pharming” (changing data files or “hosts” on the computer to redirect intentional visits to financial or commercial sites to counterfeit sites where valuable personal information is illicitly obtained) accounts for an increasingly significant portion of identity theft.

OnGuard Online provides information on how to protect yourself from Phishing scams, and how to protect your identity while online, as well as instructions on dealing with identity theft.

This website offers details on the major spam scams currently in circulation.

The top 10 spam scams are: The “Nigerian” e-mail scam (may also appear to be from Russia, Columbia, England, or other sources); Phishing; work-at-home scams; weight loss claims; foreign lotteries (Congratulations, you are a winner in the Spanish/British/Canadian Lottery!); cure-all products; check overpayment scams (I have a large cashier’s check – cash it, keep some, and wire me the difference); pay-in-advance credit offers; debt relief; and investment schemes (buy this penny stock – it will quintuple in a few days).

If the information on the OnGuard Online websites is utilized, we will all have a safer and more enjoyable Internet experience.

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using this article as long as it is kept in context with proper credit given the author. The Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member, brings this article to you.

Old Time Radio

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That search returned over one million hits from the past six months.

These websites provide an incredible wealth of information. I have checked a very small number of websites, and offer my comments on them.

There are episodes of *The Shadow*, *Sam Spade*, *The Thin Man*. There are comedies, westerns, music, and more.

By the way, how many readers remember the origin of *Sam Spade*? Do you recall the movie “*The Maltese Falcon*” with Humphrey Bogart? The movie was based on the novel of the same name by Dashiell Hammett (published in 1929), which introduced the world to *Sam Spade*. Another novel by the same author, “*The Thin Man*,” (published in 1933) was turned into a movie starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. Here’s a trivia question for you: who really was the *Thin Man*? Answer at the end of this article.

As you might expect, the audio quality of these old radio shows varies. Some websites allow you to listen to short samples of selected shows using either RealPlayer™ or Media Player, both of which are bundled with the Windows operating system.

“It is Thursday night, July 31, 1930. The time is 9:40 p.m. Radio listeners tuned to CBS hear the first appearance of “*The Shadow*””

Thus begins the history of “*The Shadow*” as provided by the Old-Time Radio Program Guide, <http://www.old-time.com/toc.html>. This website has links to historical information on a number of old time radio programs and to other websites that include soundbites and stories, and to websites that offer programs on cassettes, CD’s, DVD’s, or direct downloads to your computer.

More history is available at *Radio Days: A Soundbite of History*, <http://otr.com/index.shtml>. There are links to history by category (Mystery, Private



Eyes, Comedy, SciFi) and to histories of selected programs (*Captain Midnight*, *Terry and the Pirates*).

This website also provides an historical timeline with important dates in radio broadcasting with descriptions of relevant programs. Selected downloads are included. There is a link to a schedule of old time radio on the airwaves (and on the Internet).

At “*It Seems Like Only Yesterday*,” <http://www.yesterdayradio.com/>, old radio programs are offered for sale on cassettes. Categories include: World War II and Civil War History, Big Band Music, Comedy, Westerns, Science Fiction, and *Sherlock Holmes*. The Big Band category includes Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and other broadcasts from the 1940’s.

The “*Radio of Yesteryear*” website, <http://www.originaloldradio.com/>, claims to have 50,000 old time radio programs available on CD’s, in various formats. There is a category called “*Radio’s Best 1000*,” and “single subject” CD’s such as *Abbott and Costello*, *CBS Radio Mystery Theatre*, and many more.

Meanwhile, back at *Old-time.com*, there is a link to a website called “*Radio Showcase*,” http://www.old-time.com/sponsors/rad_sho.html. This site offers an excellent searchable database, with “actor credits, recording sources, story categories, and program notes”

In the interest of objectivity, I call your attention to the *RadioLovers.com* website, <http://radiolovers.com>. This site claims to offer individual old time radio program downloads. However, I did not pursue the offer. I found the site’s use of pop up ads objectionable (the ads appeared despite having the pop up

blocker enabled in my Firefox browser).

As I listened to these old radio programs, and read about their history, I realized there was one program I wanted to locate above all others: the original radio broadcast of *War of the Worlds*.

This program, created from the 1898 H. G. Wells novel by Orson Welles and broadcast in 1938, is famous (or infamous) for the real panic it created.

A search using Google on the phrase “war of the worlds” provided the result *EarthStation1.com*, <http://www.earthstation1.com/wotw.html>.

Success! I listened to the entire program (slightly less than one hour) using RealPlayer™. My brain soaked up certain phrases:

“...these creatures have scientific knowledge far in excess of our own ...”

“...a vanguard of an invading army from Mars...”

Okay, so point your finger at me and laugh, while you enjoy the latest movie version with its extraordinary computer generated special effects. I thoroughly enjoyed the hour I spent listening to this classic radio broadcast.

While you are watching the movie, I am going to dim the lights, turn off the TV, unplug the phone, and settle into my favorite chair. It is time to listen to *The Shadow*.

Even in the 21st century, it is comforting that there is an answer to the question “who knows what evil lurks in the heart of men?”

The Shadow knows.”

[The trivia question answer: No, it is not the detective Nick Charles. The title of *Thin Man* belongs to the extremely eccentric inventor Clyde Wynant, who remains missing until the last chapter of the novel, when it is revealed that he is the victim of a gruesome crime.]

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Beginners

Leader: Bob Stimmel, stimmel@reachone.com

This Beginners SIG is the place to get answers. Experienced users are usually on hand to help answer questions or demonstrate solutions to problems. No question is too basic. We'll even take on the not so basic questions, although it's not a substitute for our specialized SIGs. We meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St., Olympia.

Windows

Co-Leaders: Max Whipps, max.whipps@comcast.net & John T. Marshall, omugmarshall@comcast.net

Collective wisdom is the key. This SIG will discuss any aspect of the various Microsoft Windows operating systems. Share your Windows problems and solutions with the group and we all gain!

Normally meets on the month's fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in the computer room (2nd floor) of The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St, Olympia.

Digital Imaging

Leader: John Gerecht, jgerecht@olywa.net

Digital Imaging is the creation, manipulation, and output of any form of image using a computer. We don't care how it gets into the computer: digital camera, PhotoCD, Scanner, drawing, or any other form.

Our main focus has been Adobe PhotoShop, but we'll look at any other programs that interest you. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in Capital High School's Graphic Computer Lab at 2707 Conger Ave. NW in Olympia.

Paintshop

Leader: Vacant

This SIG is temporarily suspended. Normally, it works with the Jasc Paint Shop products and is for the beginner and intermediate learners. Programs covered include Paint Shop Pro, Paint Shop Pro Studio (a new program) and Paint Shop Photo Album. There is no set structure and subjects are covered as determined by persons attending. Anyone interested in leading this SIG should contact Shirley Bellinghausen.

Hot Topics

Leader: John Marshall, omugmarshall@comcast.net

The newest Hot Topic is personal finance software programs, led by Wim Verhoef.

This subject holds promise for learning how one can make use of appropriate software (such as Quicken, Microsoft Money, or others) to facilitate management of one's personal finances. From budget building, to check book balancing, to investing, there is a software program to help.

This SIG meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St., Olympia.

OMUG Lunch Bunch

Facilitator: Loren Freeman, loren0060@comcast.net

This social interest group, formerly known as the Kingfishers, is a gathering of fellow OMUGers who just want to spend some quality time getting to know each other. They also enjoy the freedom to discuss the world of personal computing, OMUG, world politics and the current plight of the stock market. As Loren says, we're at the picket fence of OMUG.

The OMUG Lunch Bunch meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., at El Sarape restaurant, 1200 Cooper Point Road in West Olympia. The El Sarape is located in the new section of the mall near the Gateway Computer Store and the new Post Office.

Internet

Facilitator: Bob Elves, bob_elves@yahoo.com

NEW TIME! The purpose of the Internet SIG is to learn more about using your browser, e-mail, and surfing the Internet. We start the meeting with an informal question and answer session. If you have a question about where to find something or want to show us some new, wonderful site, bring it along. If we run out of things to share and talk about, I will bring up an Internet topic that may be of interest to the group.

Internet novices are most welcome. We meet the first Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., at The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia.

Hardware

Leader: John Moody

The Hardware SIG meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meeting takes place at JME Computers, located at 4305 Lacey Blvd SE, Suite 8.

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Below is a list of a few who have given back to the community by assisting OMUG in its mission to help computer users help computer users and their community.

Supporters provide services and discounts, give of their time, provide space for OMUG activities, introduce OMUG members to new products, share knowledge and expertise, provide OMUG with software and hardware, or provide educational opportunities. All of them are appreciated.

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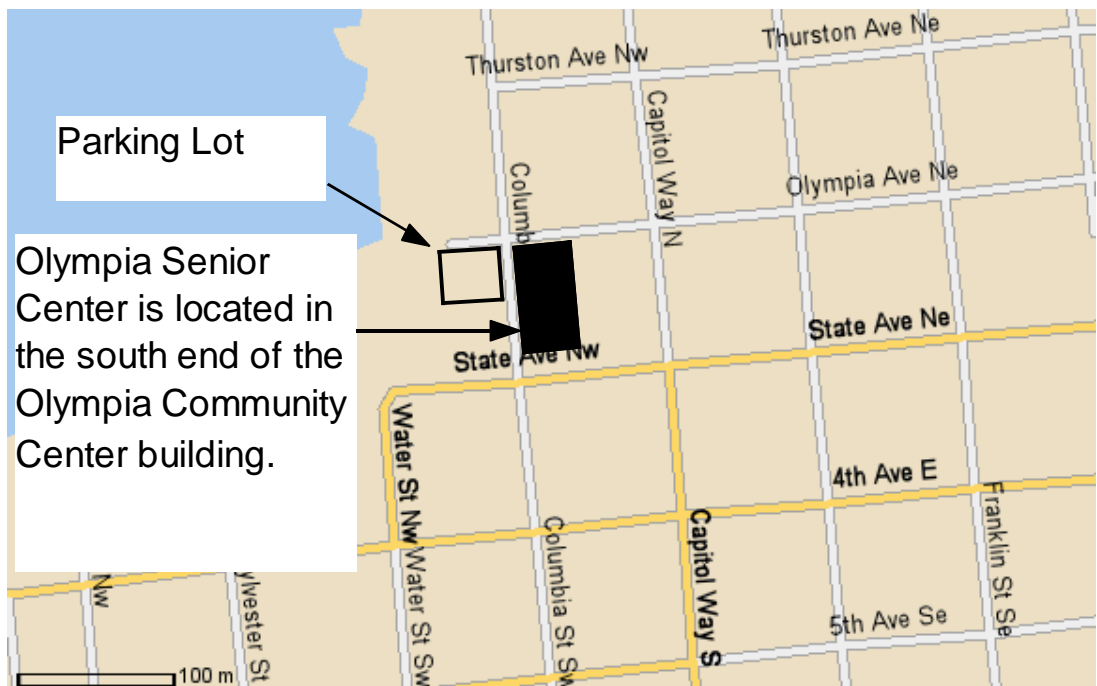
MEETING LOCATIONS

Capital High School:
2707 Conger Avenue NW
in Olympia. Follow the
signs to the computer lab
from the lower parking lot.

El Sarape Restaurant:
1200 Cooper Point Road in
West Olympia near the
Gateway Computer Store.

The Olympia Center:
222 Columbia Street NW in
Olympia.

The Lacey Senior Center:
1147 Willow Street SE in
Lacey.



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