

ACPCUG

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Calhoun Trust Awards grant to ACPCUG

by Richard G. Lubinski

The Kenneth L. Calhoun Charitable Trust, administered by KeyCorp Trust of Ohio, on has awarded ACPCUG a \$4,000 grant towards the purchase of a new projection system. I made a grant request on the behalf of ACPCUG in December 1999 to the Calhoun Trust and explained our 501-c-3 status, our educational mission and our commitment to the community. In February 2000 a check for \$4,000 was received which was restricted to the purchase of a replacement projection system. The ACPCUG membership authorized the Board to make the purchase using this these funds plus other funds needed from our existing accounts.

A new XGA (1024 x 768) projection system with 1,000 lumen costs between \$4,000 to \$6,000. Our existing projection system is a VGA (480 x 640) LCD 'projection panel' that is used on an overhead projector. The club also owns a high output overhead projector. This equipment will be retained for SIG meetings, etc. since the LCD projection panels have little street value since the development of LCD projectors. A projectors that produces 800 lumens or more can be used in a room with some lights on and a 1,000 lumen projector will work in a room with the lights on and work on a large room with a large screen (like Stark State College).

KENNETH L. CALHOUN

A few years ago the Akron Beacon Journal ran a story entitled "The Death of a Salesman". The introduction describe Kenneth Lloyd Calhoun as:

- Man of many faces
- An eccentric
- Traveling salesman (for Goodyear)
- Homeless millionaire

He became of the Akron area's most unusual philanthropists. Over \$1.5 million dollars have been given away from a charitable trust originally worth

\$2.5 million. Key Trust Company of Ohio has grown this charitable trust to \$4.5 million and

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March 6, 2000

Stark Technical College

North Canton, Ohio

6 PM: Microsoft Explorer by Rich

Lubinski 6:30 Q&A

7 PM: Free Internet Service Providers

AND Windows 2000 first look

by Frank Ramsey

Attention!!!!

Traffic at the Portage Street exit has been heavy lately.

Alternative northern route: Exit at Akron-Canton Airport. Turn left (south) on Laube Rd. Turn right (west) on Mount Pleasant road. Bear to the left (south) onto Frank. Head south on Frank past Portage Street to Stark Tech.

Alternative southern route: Exit at Belden Village.

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Kenneth Calhoun (cont)

each year gives away about \$250,000.

Kenneth Calhoun, CAL to his friends, was born in 1886 in Kansas. He attended the University of Chicago for one year in 1910. For 40+ years he worked for Goodyear as a traveling salesman. He never owned a home or a car. He lived in hotels and read the Wall Street Journal everyday. Each Monday he would call his stockbroker to outline the investment strategy for the week. His career in sales for Goodyear Tire ended in 1957 when he retired.

In 1978 at age 92 CAL called ACPCUG member Phil Bradley one day from Milwaukee indicating that he wanted to come to Akron. He told Phil a little bit about his life and the fact that he was in a mental hospital in Milwaukee. Phil was working at the former Goodyear Bank at the time and thought this he was some kind of "kook". Phil cared enough to take the time to check into Cal's story as a retired Goodyear employee and stockholder. Phil went to the Bank President Ron Glosser and eventually the two of them met with Goodyear President Charles Pilliod. It turned out that CAL had thousands of shares of Goodyear stock and had over \$100,000 in un-cashed dividend checks. Phil got \$20,000 in cash from Goodyear and traveled to Milwaukee with an attorney to

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Presidential Ramblings

By Frank Ramsey ACPCUG

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy, that I announce that John Pauer, vice president of ACPCUG, submitted his resignation at the February board meeting.

John has been a member of ACPCUG for a number of years, serving on the Board of Directors as vice president and web master to name only a few of his positions.

We are joyful that John is moving to Arizona to pursue his passion for photography where within 600 miles are numerous natural wonders of the world certain to con-

sume most of John's leisure hours.

Good luck John, we'll miss your comments, presentations and reviews.

**From the Dealsguy,
by Bob Click,
Greater Orlando Computer User Group**

If you're thinking about a motherboard upgrade only, consider this: many of the new motherboards now offer only PCI slots. That might mean that if your old motherboard has any ISA boards in it, they would be unusable in the new motherboard unless it has ISA slots as well as PCI. What a great excuse for upgrading other peripherals. Like I always say, do your homework. Wish I always took my own advice.

How about this for a vicious circle ... I bought a Matsonic motherboard for a good price at Comdex a couple years ago that gave me problems and eventually died. Since it was guaranteed for two years, I sent it back to the company via US Postal Service insured. After no response from Matsonic, I inquired at the post office. I was told to obtain a letter from the company saying they never received the package. Then I could apply for the insurance.

I called the company, and after persisting, I was asked who signed for it, but was told, point blank, that without a return authorization, I was probably out of luck. Since I hadn't asked for a return receipt, I didn't know who had signed and received no cooperation. Back at the Post Office, I was told that an insured package had to have been signed for. To find out who it was, I must apply for that information at a cost of \$7.00 to research it. All that run-around because I didn't spend the extra money for a return receipt. I seem to learn everything the hard way.

No doubt it was signed for so, forget the insurance. I think I can Forget any action from Matsonic as well. I won't forget that name very soon. Perhaps next

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month I'll talk about Best Buy with whom I am in a dispute right now, and it looks like I may take them to court over the warranty on my laptop. Now, let's get on with the column.

*Attention Mac People, This Just In From Aladdin.

"Attention Mac UG Leaders: Aladdin has teamed up with eMacsoftware.com to put together an Aladdin User Group Web page with special pricing for user groups. These offers are only available to UGs and their members!! Spread the word quickly, as the Aladdin pricing and special bundles are only good through February 29, 2000. Visit [<http://www.emacsoftware.com/emac/cd.asp?cd=AHGY2MBTA>] to receive special UG pricing on Aladdin software!! All products are available for immediate download and use. Again, these special offers expire February 29, 2000, so act now!! The Aladdin pricing via eMacsoftware's special UG Web site is as follows:

StuffIt Deluxe 5.5: \$49.95

Spring Cleaning 3.0: \$29.95

Aladdin FlashBack 1.1: \$19.95

DragStrip 3.7.1: \$14.95

MacTicker 1.6: \$19.95

NEW! IntelliNews 2.0: \$14.95

MacTicker & IntelliNews bundle: \$29.95 - A SUPER DEAL!

StuffIt Deluxe 5.5 & DragStrip bundle: \$59.95 - A SUPER DEAL!

Visit [<http://www.emacsoftware.com/emac/cd.asp?cd=AHGY2MBTA>] to take advantage of these special offers!! Their Web address is [<http://www.aladdinsys.com/>] for more info.

* Assistance For Web Surfers

"SurfSaver 2.0" from "askSam" simplifies gathering information from the Web and turning it into a searchable database on your PC. New feature lets you save selected links (or an entire page), and all linked pages, easily turning any list of hypertext links on the Web into a searchable database on your computer. SurfSaver 2.0 includes several powerful new features for organizing Web pages. In addition, the new version is available as a free download at [<http://www.surfsaver.com>] thanks to advertising included in the software. Download multiple levels of a Web site and browse (or search) the site off-line. Organize information using a Filing Cabinet and Folder metaphor. Create your own filing cabinets, and place folders in these cabinets, then search across multiple folders in multiple filing cabinets. A professional version, SurfSaver Pro, adds the ability to share SurfSaver folders in a network. SurfSaver Pro does not contain advertising and costs \$29.95 per user. I'll check on the possibility of a special for the Pro version next month. Visit askSam at <http://www.askSam.com/> or call 1-800-800-1997 for more info. My thanks to Bea McKinney of askSam for notifying me of this.

*Things You Didn't Want to Know When You Were a Kid, Besides Other Stuff Jay Hogan sent me this one and I don't know his user group. Go to [<http://www.learn2.com>] to find out all the

things your parents didn't remember to teach you. In fact, send your kids there because one of the courses teaches you how to brush your teeth. I didn't have time to dig down, but he said they offer user group discounts. Thanks Jay.

*Help For Photoshop Users

O'Reilly & Associates have announced the release of a new edition of the book "Photoshop for the Web." In this new edition, author Mikkel Aaland includes important new techniques and workarounds for the latest release of Photoshop version 5.5. You can check their Web site to find out more. [<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/photoweb2/>]. Remember that O'Reilly Publishing always offers user group discounts. Free GIFs are available at [<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/photoweb2/chapter/ch03.html>]. Call O'Reilly & Associates at 1-800-998-9938 and mention your usergroup, or e-mail them at [order@oreilly.com]

*Let's Continue With The Free ISP Discussion I Started Last Month

*NetGenie

This service hopes to have a new promotion started by February, so check it out at [<http://www.netgenie.com/>] which will be about when you read this. I was unable to get any more information from their site.

*Juno Has Joined The Crowd

Yes, the venerable Juno is now offering free access to the Internet. A person I talked to says it has its quirks but it works. You have to Develop a technique for using your browsers or it cuts you off. That was from just one person I knew using the free version. I didn't check their access numbers but I think Juno will do OK in that regard because of it has been around. I assume from what it says that there is a better selection of access numbers for the Premium version. The regular service is free and offers free "online" tech support and 12 megs (more than my Mindspring) for your Web site. The Premium version costs \$9.95 per month and offers free phone tech support. Both offer file attachments and fax and voicemail capability in the mailbox. Look for it at [<http://www.juno.com>]. Current subscribers need not fill out any forms.

*How About a Blue-Light Special!

You guessed it, Kmart has enlisted the help of Yahoo for its new FREE Internet service. While it is certainly meant for your shopping, it actually looked pretty good. I felt it had a fairly good selection of access numbers, especially for rural towns. Blue Light also offers e-mail accounts and space for your home page. They even offer tech support by e-mail or a phone call. There is not much information on the Web site but it costs nothing to try it out. You can even download it to floppies instead of your hard drive. With the help of Yahoo, you should find plenty of resources. You can download the software, or order it at Bluelight CD Request, P.O. Box 468, Lake Orion, MI. 48361. Kmart is so well known that they wouldn't actually need much advertising. When you see the familiar red Kmart logo flash by, it is a sort of "subliminal" reminder. The same as when your car seems to pull it on its own when you pass your favorite store (or tavern).

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***Tritium Network**

Tritium offers free access to the Internet through a nationwide network of local access numbers. You can find this one at [<http://www.tritium.net>]. I found access numbers only in the major cities. Only supports Windows presently. Offers limited tech support. Supports 56K/V90 modems. They plan to increase access number availability. E-mail accounts available.

***Jump.to/FreeISP**

This one may have been sent to other user group officers when it was sent to me recently. I thought it had an impressive Web site. Look this one up at [<http://jump.to/FreeISP>]. This site is both comprehensive and up-to-date (their words) and there's also a good Web ring for Free Internet Access: [<http://move.to/FreeISP>]. This site is very interesting, so I suggest you visit it and draw your Own conclusions. It actually lists dozens of free ISPs that you can check out, as well as many other free services. Some are just for a certain area. One service listing surprised me, but I guess it shouldn't have these days. You'll see it, I'm sure. There is plenty of information, too much to categorize here.

***Last Minute Special From JASC**

Just in time for tax season, if you upgrade to JASC Paint Shop Pro 6 And buy the book "Creating Paint Shop Pro Web Graphics" for only \$79, you'll get TaxCut, the #1 Rated tax prep software from H&R Block FREE! This offer is a \$114 value - a savings of over 30% off the suggested price! To order, go to: [<http://www.jasc.com/jascstore/22722>].

This month's column was sure done hastily but I hope you get something out of it. Next month I'll continue with some free ISPs and perhaps even talk about an upcoming FREE DSL service. My thanks to Central Florida Computer Society President "Bud" Stonaker for searching out a few of these and passing them on to me. This column is written to make user group members aware of special pricing I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of products, no matter how enthused I sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click [dealsguy@mindspring.com]. Visit my Web site at [<http://www.dealsguy.com>] for past columns.

Ken's Korner

by Ken Fermoyle

(Ed. Note: The following was forwarded to me some weeks ago, and I just had to share it with you. It expresses frustrations we all share at times. I tried without success to backtrack and find the author. So I will just credit it to that that famous writer, "Anon." If you are, or know of, the actual author, please write me at kfermoyle@earthlink.net so I can give credit where credit is due! – Ken Fermoyle)

I want to hurt my computer. I want to buy a software program that, when run, causes my computer to suffer grievously, though

not permanently. When my screen freezes or turns blue, I want a special button I can push to make the CPU start squealing like a motherboard.

I want a device that stores an electrical charge in my telephone. For every minute I spend on hold waiting for technical support to answer, the charge would increase in intensity. When the guy from tech support finally answers, the electrical bolt of energy would be discharged into him. This should not affect my ability to hear what's going on at the other end of the line, of course. And a special function would allow the volts to double every time a tape-recorded message urges me to continue holding. "Your call is important to us," the featureless voice always claims.

I want my phone to be outfitted with a translation program which will reconstitute this irritating reminder into the truth: "Actually, we already have your money, so we couldn't care less about you. Our technical support department consists of two college kids, both of whom are busy playing Doom. Eventually, one of them will come on the line, but it will be the one who doesn't speak English."

I want my modem to sense when my PC has committed an "illegal function" and issue a warrant to arrest Bill Gates. When my system crashes and I lose a file that has taken me more than an hour to create, I want someone from the computer company to come out and retype it for me.

I don't understand why new, "upgraded" software creates files that cannot be read by old, reliable software with the same name. Is there no one in the computer industry who has noticed that word processor files all look alike once they are open? Why can't 6.0 recognize a 7.0 file? It's all just reords, isn't it? There should be a rule that when software engineers buy a new car, their old cars should cease to function. If they don't understand why this is happening, they should call me and I will explain it to them.

How come when my computer catches a virus, I'm the one who misses work? I want to know why my printer always jams on the last piece of paper or the last sheet of checks. When this happens, it makes me want to put sandpaper into the manual feed and print the Emancipation Proclamation.

I am really tired of hearing about all the horrible things that will happen with the Y2K problem: sewers will regurgitate, all of my fillings will return to the dentist, my high school reunion will be held in Spanish, etc. Why doesn't anybody ever ask these computer programmers how in the world they didn't know the year 2000 would follow the year 1999? Software engineers are supposed to be pretty bright people -what did they need a memo or something?

I recently bought a program that is supposed to tell me if my computer files are Y2K-compliant. The program won't work because -get this -- my CD-ROM player is too old (I bought it 34 months ago). The manufacturer doesn't sell an "updated driver."

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Thus, to find out if my computer is Y2K-compliant, I need to buy another computer.

I want to know what good is a Web search engine that returns 324,909,188 "matches" to my keyword. That's like saying, "Good news, we've located the product you're looking for. It's on Earth."

I want to know why, when I had a tiny hard drive, my operating system was virtually crash-proof and took up so little space. My new operating system is five times the size of my original hard drive. With every "upgrade," it seems to grow 75 percent. That's as if every time your mother-in-law came to visit she weighed another 500 pounds. Now I've found out that my PC no longer "recognizes" my floppy drive. How could they not recognize each other? They live together!

Please understand: I don't hate my computer. I just want to hurt it every once in a while.

Ford Supports Tech Goals, Offers Computers to Employees

As an old Ford man, with ties that began in 1951 and spanned 25 years, off and on, I was impressed to learn that Ford Motor Company is making good its promise to stay on the leading edge of technology and connect more closely with its customers. In support of this goal, Ford reports that eligible employees worldwide will be provided a computer, printer and Internet usage at home for a mere \$5 per month "We're committed to serving consumers better by understanding how they think and act. Having a computer and Internet access in the home will accelerate the development of these skills, provide information across our business and offer opportunities to streamline our processes," Ford Chief Executive Office and President Jac Nasser said. Delta Airlines followed quickly on Ford's heels, announcing a very similar program for its employees. It will be interesting to see if other companies follow suit, especially hi-tech firms. None of the big computer-related corporations offer anything nearly as attractive, as far as I know. (If some do, please correct me.) Enlightened self-interest? Sure. But smart. I hope those of you at Ford or Delta who read this will send me e-mail to let me know how these deals work out for you - A Ken's Korner TidByte from Ken Fermoye

Free Media Workshop Set For April 29-30 in Vegas

Are you interested in desktop publishing or website creation? An officer of a computer user group, non-profit or educational organization? Do you run a small business that could benefit by learning how to get your message across to the public better? If so, consider attending the free Media Workshop to be held in Las Vegas on Saturday & Sunday, April 29-30.

Organized by Ken Fermoye, veteran writer/editor and creator of the popular Ken's Korner computer column, the Workshop is

designed to promote better communications, both among members and externally, for community organizations. It emphasizes fundamentals inherent to both print and online publishing. It will also explore the challenges, problems and benefits that the technologies of today—and of tomorrow—present for such groups and for who prepare their newsletters, websites, flyers, publicity and recruiting material or other media efforts.

For more information, contact Fermoye at kfermoye@earthlink.net or visit his Website: www.zyworld.com/wordsmithken. Advance reservations are advised. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 29

10:00 am - Registration

10:30 am - Publishing Basics Presentation, by Ken Fermoye

Noon - Lunch break (List of suggested eateries provided)

1:30 - 4 pm: Interactive Panel Session. Panel will be made up of group editors & webmasters. Each will have 4 to 5 minutes to discuss briefly a topic that he/she feels is important to having a successful newsletter or website. Then the session will be open for audience participation

Sunday, April 30

1:00 pm - Check In

1:15 pm - Presentation: Publicity & Community Involvement Projects

1:15 pm - Break

1:45 pm - Roundtable: Open-ended general discussion of group media issues

4:00 pm - Library closes; those who wish may continue discussions at local coffee shops or restaurants. (List will be provided.)

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Kenneth Calhoun (cont) get

Cal out of a mental hospital. Several doctors in Akron and Cleveland tested Cal and certified him as perfectly normal.

Over the next few years Phil got CAL set up with a home and some house keeping services. Phil assisted in setting up a will and a charitable trust for CAL. After this was done they learned that CAL has bank accounts and safety deposit boxes around the country. CAL had saved most of his income and had invested in numerous stocks.

ACPCUG and the Akron area are thankful to the Kenneth L. Calhoun Charitable Trust, KeyCorp and Key Trust Company of Ohio for the recent donation. I thought you might appreciate knowing about Phil Bradley, Goodyear's role in this man's life and the highlights of a colorful man who cared enough to give his assets back to the community. And his gift keeps on giving. Thanks CAL!

PS

Phil Bradley recently retired from the banking industry as a Senior Vice President of the Key Trust Company.

Editors Note: See the projection unit purchased with Cal's donation at our March meeting.

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Next Meeting - March 6th,
 Stark State Technical College
 Main Auditorium

First Class Mail

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March ACPCUG SIGs : All at 200 Charlotte St.
 (unless noted otherwise)
 East Entrance (Annex #8) N. Canton, OH

Beginners SIG (Stark Tech College) Mar. 6 5-6 pm
Intuit SIG *Beginning Quicken* Mar. 7 6-7 pm
E-Mail SIG *First Time Users* Mar. 7 7-8 pm
Internet SIG *What do people do on the Internet*
Mar. 7 8-9 pm
Windows SIG *Networking 2 PC's at Home*
Mar. 2 6-8 pm
3COM SIG *Using Palm Pilot* Mar. 2 8-9 pm

April 2, 2000 Meeting
 Taylor Memorial Library, Cuyahoga Falls Oh

More Free Stuff by Sandy Davis
Introduction to Powerpoint by Rich Lubinski

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Future Events	
Sat., Mar 18th, 2000	Peter Trapp Computer Show at Summit County Fairgrounds, Tallmadge, OH
Sun., Mar 19th, 2000	Peter Trapp Computer Show at Cuyahoga Co. Fairgrounds, Berea, OH