



Milwaukee Computer Society



March 2004

Monthly Meeting Dates:

Meetings are usually on the third Saturday of the month and start at 12:00 Noon.

Monthly 3rd Saturdays for the next year are:

**This month's meeting
March 20th**

Location:

Greenfield Park Lutheran Church
1236 S. 115th St.

West Allis, WI

One block North of West Greenfield Avenue
on 115th Street - Parking is not a problem.

**To Be
Announced**

Vice President's Podium

By
Dean Berglund

Well, I've installed my copy of Microsoft Office 2003 Professional on my computer and find it quite enjoyable. I like the looks and I've tried out a few of the new features. I have to say I am pleased with this product. I haven't looked at all the applications yet though. I am running MS Win XP Pro on my machine and that fulfills one of the requirements for running Office 2003. I understand you have to have Windows 2000 or Win XP to run Microsoft Office 2003.

I missed February's club meeting because Darlene and I were out of town. I did enjoy the trip we made to Florida to visit with my folks and Darlene's brother. We got a chance to see Big Daddy Don Garlett's Drag Racing Museum in Ocala, FL. That was quite a treat.

I've been checking out the images sent by the Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory site. Here's the URL: <http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

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Membership in MCS is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual or family membership. Dues include a one year subscription to this newsletter and access to all club libraries. Applications for membership may be obtained at the monthly meeting, or by writing us at this address:

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The MILWAUKEE COMPUTER SOCIETY assists the membership in achieving their individual personal computer objectives through the utilization of membership expertise and other resources. Providing companionship, camaraderie, and the opportunity to increase computer knowledge, computer skills, computer expertise and computer applications.

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It's just amazing the detail we are able to get from these rovers. I am in awe at the fantastic technology we have to pull this all off. Darlene and I witnessed both landings on NASA TV on the web. That was exciting. Here's a link you can go to watch NASA TV: http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/June_MM_NTV_Web.html They are always having something interesting to watch. Check the schedules here: http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/MM_NTV_Schedule.html

Another very interesting thing I've been playing around with is 3-D Pictures. They show quite a few of them on the NASA JPL site, you need to wear those red and blue glasses to see it in 3-D. There is an article posted on their site on how to make your own 3-D pictures. <http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/spotlight/3d01.html> After I get good at it, I plan to do a demo on creating your own 3-D images. You can go to this web site and learn for yourself. It would be interesting to see what images we all can come up with.

Zareh Gorjian, a graphic artist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, makes 3-D pictures and animations of Mars for a living, both the black-and-white kind and the more advanced color versions. He wrote the article on how to make your own 3-D glasses and suggests any digital image-editing program will work as long it allows for red, blue, and green color channels to be manipulated independently. He gives instructions using Adobe Photoshop. I tried using Paint Shop Pro but wasn't able to get it to work right so I obtained Adobe Photoshop, followed his direction and it worked great! If anyone can do it with another digital image-editing program, I'd be very interested in seeing how it's

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done. That could be another great demo on how different applications work to accomplish the same thing.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the March club meeting.

Dean Berglund

THE FEBRUARY MEETING

by
Rom Braun

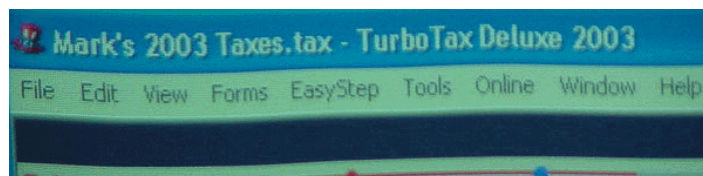
This was the slowest meeting I have attended in a long time. That was good, and the reason was Swapfest, as it provided the opportunity for much camaraderie.



Good selections - Sales were made!

Set up for the demo was different this time as the new MCS Projector (EPSON Powerlite S1 LCD) was used. That was made possible through the efforts of Mark Thomas and Dave Glish who selected and purchased the projector. The projector uses a 130 watt UHE lamp and weights seven pounds with a resolution of 800 by 600.

The demo was on Turbo Tax by Mark Thomas.



For those persons who do their own tax reporting,

the program accomplished the task in a very usable fashion by asking the appropriate questions. Other club member comments were overheard which confirmed the opinion that Turbo Tax did the job quickly and with ease.

I had to leave early so there is no report on the business portion of the meeting.

(Editor's note. There wasn't much discussed at the business portion of the meeting)

E-Mail Addresses

Members help other members by being available. Have your e-mail address listed and write someone!

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Internet Search Engine Challenge

In last month's Newsletter, I put a challenge to all the members of Milwaukee Computer Society to find the answer to my question: What is that red thing that hangs from a turkey's neck? As I promised, here is the answer and where I found it.

I went to Ask Jeeves at <http://www.ask.com/> and typed in the question area, What is the red thing that hangs from a turkey's neck? Ask Jeeves came up with quite a few places that explain what I was looking for as well as much more interesting facts about turkeys.

Although there were several sites that answered my question, the site I finally settled on was, <http://www.chevroncars.com/wocc/lrn/trib/011121.html>

This site also gave some interesting trivia about turkeys and Thanksgiving. The answer to my question is, Wattle.

Now I leave it to you, Come up with a question we all can look up on the internet, (That you can give the answer to) and challenge us for the answer. I think this could be a fun addition to our newsletter. Just e-mail your question, along with the answer to our Newsletter editor, David Glish at,

dave@encorei.com or, if you wish Dave to search for it too, e-mail the answer the following month for him to post. Just don't forget and keep us hanging. ? See you all at the March meeting.
Dean Berglund

This month's demo has not yet been announced

Newsletter Back-issues on CD

Dave will have back-issues of the MCS newsletter on-sale at next month's meeting for the low price of \$1.00

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