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Date: January 7, 2003

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: **Indian River County Main Library**
1600 21st Street — Vero Beach

See Page 4 or our Web Site for SIG Schedule

The Internet and Mac SIG's will be at the Library this month. Information will be posted on our web page at www.vbcg.org as to when and where each of the other SIG's will be held. At the present time the location has not been determined.

Paul McCall and Mary Barry of PDM net to speak

The Vero Beach Computer Group welcomes Mr. Paul McCall, President and owner of PDMNet, and Ms. Mary Barry, Account Manager. They will speak at the Indian River County Main Library, Tuesday January 7, 2003. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. They will talk about how PDMNet can provide High Speed Wireless Broadband to you today.

The Company has done business with Internet Tecnology since 1985 and now after 4 years of offering Broadband service to area businesses, they now offer this service to Condominiums and Residential customers. PDMNet's Wireless Broadband Network is based on Line of Sight (or LOS for short) microwave technology. Simply put, instead of running wires from each resident to a location across town, they "connect" via very-high speed Ethernet Network radios placed on the roof of your home. The antenna is small, weighing just over half a pound. From there they run a cable to the computer. These radios are said to achieve speeds many times faster than another technology, even DSL or cable. This has allowed PDMNet to build an infrastructure to reach places when other technologies are not available. This is NOT like satellite technology, all the connections are short range (usually under 5 miles), not affected by weather, and with speeds very fast in "both directions".

Motorola manufactures the entire system and is a strong wireless company who provides the backbone for NASA to talk with the Space Shuttle. This system is very interference tolerant and PDMNet can install the radios within a few days after commitment and realistically can have you in service within a few days.

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Special points of interest:

- Bring a neighbor with you to the next meeting
- Bring your husband or wife to the next meeting
- Bring a spouse or friend to the next SIG
- Support our Library by volunteering

Jack Pirozzolo, Past President and SIG Organizer

Four years ago Jack organized Special Interest Groups for the Vero Beach Computer Group. In no time he had one on the **Internet** and **Online Investing**, alternating months, one on **Computer Basics** (then called New To Computers), one on **Quicken** and One on **Word Processing**. New to computers covered many topics such as Scanning, The Art of Making Greeting Cards, and Microsoft Publisher showing the need for more SIG's so Jack was able to get one started on **Scanning and Digital Imaging**, now know as Digital Imaging and our most popular SIG. He also added **Newbies** (now knows as New To Computers, then with the Macintosh users joining with the Vero Beach Computer Group, the **Mac** SIG was started. Jack has attended almost every SIG during these four years and has filled in for

the leader many times. When the Library was closed for renovation, he searched the area for a place to hold the SIG's and found The Club at Vero which graciously supplied us with the Grand Ball Room or the Craft Room according to the size of the group that was meeting. They did not even charge us for the use of their lovely and more than adequate facilities.

Jack has resigned as of January 1, 2003 and if anyone ever deserved a rest it would be Jack. He has the SIG's well established and has laid the ground work for still other SIG's. One is now planned on **Web Design** and one on **Excel** is probably going to take off soon. One on **Access** has been requested also. We wonder what we will do as he steps down from the SIG Chairman, but there are others out there who will step in and continue

Jack Pirozzolo

*Organized our SIG's
and so much more!*

the great work he started and is responsible for. **What an improvement for our group.** If you are not attending at least one SIG each month you are missing a real opportunity to learn more about your computer and use it more efficiently. Please take time to let Jack know how much you do appreciate his hard work.

Thank you Jack from all of us.

For Sale

Umax Astra 2100U Color Flatbed Scanner, USB Interface 1.0, 600 x 1200 dpi, 36 bit color, 3 button touch (Scan, Copy, Customize), Win 98 PC/iMAC capable, Software: Adobe PhotoDeluxe Home Edition (full version), plus Umax Scanner CD-ROM Software)

The smarter Single Touch Scanner that can scan, edit pictures & texts, send images via e-mail & fax, easily create calendars, cards & flyers, and makes black & white or color copies with your printer.

Purchased in May 2000 for \$98.99 and used with Win 98 until I upgraded to Win XP in December 2001.

Asking: \$45.00 VBCG Member If interested send message to vbcgeditor@bellsouth.net

NOTE New Address vbcgeditor@bellsouth.net

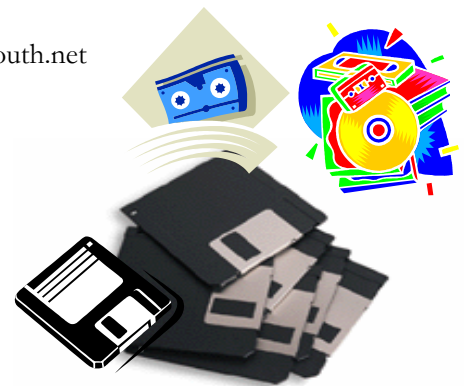
Remember to Recycle

As you know, Tim has been collecting your old CD's, Floppy Disks, and Magnetic Tapes. The response has been great. Tim now has several hundred CD's. Remember that you can also bring the plastic containers like AOL sends their disk in. The GreenDisk

company will protect the security information by grinding up the CD's and demagnetizing all the magnetic products.

Let us keep our environment clean.

Do your part.



Bring your CD's, VCR tapes and Floppy's to the next meeting.
Tim Glover sends them to be recycled.

Location for Special Interest Groups (SIG)

At this time we do not know where we will hold our Special Interest Groups (SIG's). The Internet SIG will be at the Library on the first Monday of each month at 6:00. The Mac SIG will be at the Library on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00.

We do not have a location for the other SIG's at this time. We do know that there will be a place to meet and you can find the location by going to our web page for the information. Just

go to www.vbcg.org

You can go to the member section to find out more about each SIG. The leader should have current updated information there. The User ID has been changed on the Members Only section of our web page. Tim is sending this information to all who have their e-mail address current. If you did not get this information you can do so by clicking on the address below:

Contact us at: webmater@vbcg.org to request the new User ID. This will be changed again in March so look for the new User ID and Password to be sent

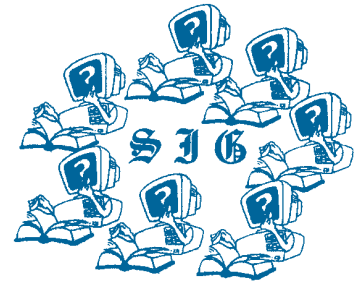
to you at that time.

Tim Glover, the web master, will send out mass mailings to the members on such things as User ID information and any changes in the schedule or any information he needs to get to the members. We really do need to have your current e-mail address. We know that most people change their e-mail address several times a year and this is the only way we can get this information to you. Some of you have locks on your e-mail to keep out the Spam and if this is the case you need to allow webmaster@vbcg.org to your e-mail. The mailing are done with the Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) so no one can see your e-mail address. And this information is totally secure.

EXAMPLE:The **Monthly Meeting** could not be held in November because the room was being used by the **election**. The SIG on **Digital Imaging** was cancelled because the Library closed early for **Thanksgiving**. In December the **Word** SIG was cancelled because the Library closed at 5:00 on the 23rd for the **Christmas Holiday**. So as you can see, there is a

REAL need for us to be able to notify you of important changes. We called, sent e-mail messages and ran ad's in the Press Journal for these unexpected

The **information** for each SIG **may not be available** to the **leader** or the **Web Master** until several days before the scheduled SIG, so check a day or two before the SIG for location and time.



???? When will we meet ????

???? Where will we meet ????

For time and schedule call the SIG leader or check:



www.vbcg.org

Membership Dues — Due Now

At the Annual meeting the membership voted to change the VBCG membership to be a Family Membership rather than a single for \$20.00 and a Couple for \$25.00. The membership dues are now \$20.00 for the family. This is to create more family interest in the Vero Beach Computer Group.

Our year runs from January to January so your dues are due now. Mail them to the PO Box shown on the last page or bring them with you to the next meeting. Encourage family participation at the monthly meetings. Bring your husband or wife with you. Bring them to the SIG's too. See you there.

Volunteers to serve the Library

Eleanor Ryan	
Friday, January 10	2-4
Jim Goding	
Wednesday, Jan 15	2-4
Anne Patterson	
Wednesday, January 22	2-4
Lucia Robinson	
Wednesday, January 29	2-4