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Comdex is History

Comdex was inflated, owners were arrogant, and since 1998, it was clear the show was destined to fall into the bit bucket.

by Steve Bass, PC World; Author, PC Annoyances

In a downward spiral for the last five years, Comdex is finally kaput. The show owners declared it dead when they cancelled the November, 2004 event. Many of you have been attending Comdex since close to forever, and most of you knew the show was destined to fall into the bit bucket.

Good riddance. In the last few years, the show's become an empty shell of its previous life. So much so that room prices on the Strip were as low as \$50 a night during Comdex week in 2003.

The problem was I couldn't not attend. Even though I didn't enjoy myself and couldn't find lots of really nifty products to write about, I still drove in from Pasadena and stayed for two nights. Call it nostalgia. Or maybe I was just hoping there would be one more chance that Comdex would get back on its feet.

But nope, it's really over.

Dig Into the Files

I dug around and found some of Comdex the missives I sent in the last few years.

December, 1998: Comdex is toast. It's fading rapidly and while it'll always be with us, it's never going to be "bigger than ever."

I polled lots of people and all agreed. The attendance was dismally low. Softbank's claim of 250K attendees was a lie. It was based on registrations—not attendees—something made lots easier because the normal \$100 "Exhibits Only" fee was waived when you

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Ask questions and discuss computer experiences with this group.

Such as:

1. New to Computers? (basic topics)
2. How to use the Web or download information
3. How to install hardware/software
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5. What do you want to know??

SIG meets before regular meeting from 9:05 to 9:45

MEMBERS HELPLINE

Any member with a specific expertise can volunteer to be on the Members Helpline.

Beginner Helpline Billy Douglas

Beginner hardware problems . Dick Fergus

QuickBooks, Turbo Tax, IBM Lotus, MS Excel, Corel's Quattro Pro . . . Terry Moyer

Hardware problems, Win 9x, 2K, XP & Linux John Spizzirri

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2004 dates**

September 26, 2004 at COD

October 24, 2004 at COD

November 21, 2004 at COD

December 19, 2004 at COD

NEW Money Saving Offer

CD of the Month

Pre Order + Prepay = SAVE \$\$

The club will offer the CD of the Month on a pre order, prepaid basis. The charge will be \$50.00 a year for 10 months. This is \$20 annual savings over buying them for \$7 each month. Lynn Johnson, the treasurer, will keep track of anyone placing a 10-month order.

registered on Softbank's Internet site.

My best sources are the cabbies, and all emphatically said 60- to 90K tops. And it was easy to see. I never had to wait more than five minutes for a cab. Ever. Even at 5:00pm. Parties weren't well attended. In fact, for the first time ever, there was actually walking-around room at the exclusive Spencer party.

lomega was back promoting their Klik gizmo. But wait, weren't they doing that last year? And Castlewood was pushing their 2.2GB ultra SCSI removable storage disk that wouldn't ship until next summer.

The quality of the show was also disappointing. The Sands was filled mostly with OEM stuff-lots of system boards, drives, memory checking devices, and other boring equipment. Joe Bohannon nailed the entire Sands Convention Center in five hours, something that ordinarily takes a day and a half.

I couldn't even find anything very inspirational.

For instance, Creative Labs had a second generation Live sound card. Wow. Sure, there were some booths with interesting things—wireless networking was cool, as was HP's Jornada, their oddly named sub-notebook—and I

found a few products to write about. But overall, I could've done just as well surfing the web.

Why has Comdex slowed down? Simple: Games went to E3, anything about the Web went to Internet World, and e-commerce apps also needed their own specialized trade shows.

"It's bad. In 1998, the Lotus exhibit consisted of a bus in the parking lot with a box of Winchell's donuts on the table..."

Worse, it appears Softbank's jacked up the price on everything. That's happened before, but my hunch is vendors aren't going to take it much longer. (That happened to the Food Show when Pepsi and Coke pulled out, literally destroying the event. And Deere, the largest exhibitor of the Machinery Show, left the show high and dry when told they'd be charged double—the new policy put them into both agriculture and machinery.)

At Comdex, the newly remodeled Las Vegas Convention center was missing Intel, IBM, and other big vendors. The Lotus exhibit consisted of a bus in the parking lot with a box of Winchell's donuts on the table. One of the Lotus

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reps said this is their last Comdex.

On the exhibit floor, the Japanese companies were slugging it out, with Sony and Samsung making lots of noise, each trying to impress the other. Phillips created a small, loud city, and Microsoft was in their corner with more vendors than spectators.

Me? At \$329 a day for the hotel room and the five days lost...I dunno. It may also be my last Comdex.

October, 2000: Comdex is struggling. That's because most other trade shows specialize while Comdex tried to cater to everyone. Funny, in the past Comdex charged an outrageous \$100 for admission just to the exhibit floor. This year they're offering a free exhibits pass. (Too bad the hotels haven't caught on to this trick...) This is my last Comdex, for sure.

December, 2001: The Comdex mood this year was all business, with somber overtones. Journalists clustered around in small groups, talking about layoffs, and concerned with the dozens of freelancers gone missing. Lots of PR people didn't make it to Comdex; many of those who did were kvetching about having to share sleeping rooms with colleagues.

I don't know that I'll be back next year. While the exhibit floor didn't have the sizzling array of products I saw at previous Comdexes, like last year, the place to be was the evening press events: Showstoppers, Digital/mobile Focus, and Silicon Northwest.

December, 2003: Sleeping rooms are under \$60. The show floor at the Convention center has lots of curtains and barriers to make it look as if there are lots of vendors. The aisles are narrow so it feels crowded. There are practically no big vendors, except for Microsoft, and even their exhibit is small.

I've said it every year, but this time I really mean it. This is definitely the last Comdex I'm going to attend. (And I'll see some of you at the Consumer Electronics Show in January, 2005!)

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<http://snurl.com/annoyances>.

TECH NEWS

By Sue Crane, Editor Bearly Bytes, Newsletter of the Big Bear Computer Club

Get your DDR SDRAM now! With back-to-school demand for more PCs due to pick up during the month of July, computer memory prices are expected to rise again. After an unexpected spike in April, prices have fallen about 24% to around \$4.80 for 256 megabytes of DDR SDRAM from a peak of \$6.30.

Hewlett-Packard Co. will replace memory modules in up to 900,000 HP notebooks with an "industry-wide" design flaw that can cause system lockups. The problem is tied to the interaction of DRAM and Intel chipsets. HP's replacement program will send the customer a kit containing a screwdriver and instructions for replacing the faulty modules. The customer can then ship the DRAM to HP and receive a new module free. HP appears to be the only computer manufacturer taking action. A representative from Dell Computer Corp. said the company is "looking into it."

Computer trade show Comdex, once the biggest event on the tech calendar, has been canceled this year, making room for the growing interest in shows emphasizing consumer electronics and specialist IT gear.

Personal computer makers have been eager to revolutionize the way people watch movies, listen to music and record their favorite TV shows. Last month Intel launched new core

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logic and motherboards, along with a new socket format for the Pentium IV, targeting the high-performance desktop PC market. The new technology gives PCs more powerful sound and graphics, a speedier link for peripherals and memory, and an ability to run a wireless data network, turning the PCs into home entertainment devices. The inclusion of Wi-Fi access point technology allows new PCs with the chipset to become wireless gateways for other mobile devices. Intel was unable to ramp up the Wi-Fi technology in time for the launch, but Intel spokesman Dan Snyder said Intel will announce the technology now and provide availability later throughout the year.

Sun Microsystems has designed 3-D interface software to compete with the PC desktop and file folders. Sun's "Project Looking Glass", is a 3D interface allowing documents or images to be turned sideways and spun around so that notations can be made on the back. Sun is initially planning to use the technology on desktop machines running Linux or Sun's Solaris operating system. Sun president and COO Jonathan Schwartz says Project Looking Glass reflects a swing in software development back toward desktop machines instead of running programs on centralized servers.

Meanwhile the digital home has become a reality! At the Samsung Tower Palace in Seoul, \$1 million-plus apartments are outfitted with Internet-enabled ovens, security cameras and wall-mounted flat-panel displays. The company has tests under way in Canada, Australia and Europe, and it recently struck deals with two U.S.-based home builders to conduct digital home trials in the U.S. Wiring homes in the U.S. will cost from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

The Virtual Doctor Will See You Now. Some health care providers are offering e-mail medical advice and "e-visits". So how do you get doctors who don't want to use e-mail because they are too busy, worried about privacy, and not being paid for it to buy into the program? Pay them, of course! In August, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts will start paying primary care physicians for 'Web visits' with their patients. Blue Cross will be expanding a pilot program that

pays doctors to respond to patient e-mails. Watch for the program in your area...

From truckers in the U.S. and Canada to Yak farmers in the mountains of Nepal, more people are jumping in with wireless technology. Yak farmers are taking advantage of a wi-fi network set up in a remote region to keep in touch with their families where there are no phones or other communication. And at networked farms of the future, farmers sit in their pickups with a laptop, drive robot tractors and even feed the hogs remotely. Two Georgia farmers are already using the technology: One uses wireless video to monitor vegetable packing; another uses a wireless network equipped with GPS to monitor irrigation systems. Robotic tractor technology has also proven useful in insect control. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hopes to reduce fatigue-related accidents by enticing drivers with free Wi-Fi hotspots so they'll stop more often and check their e-mail. Meanwhile, the whole city of Chaska, Minnesota will soon be blanketed by a Wi-Fi hot-spot and city officials plan to offer wireless Internet access as a municipal service for about \$16/month for home users, creating a "connected community." The manager of arena operations for the Charlotte Bobcats is including Wi-Fi wireless in the design of a new \$265 million arena. He says, "Some people will think this is the geeky thing, the nerdy thing. But they were probably saying that 10 years ago when other people were going to Web sites and using e-mail." Other sports teams are following suit; Giants CIO Bill Schlough says: "It's like walking into Starbucks — except our Wi-Fi is free!"

Game developer Respond sign has created a first-of-its-kind game geared toward helping the player lose weight through exercise and diet. The game, titled "Yourself! Fitness", is designed for the Xbox and features a virtual personal trainer who guides the player through a customized set of exercises and diets; players advance to the next level when certain fitness goals are met. Next year the Xbox Live version will allow players to use a wireless headset to chat with each other during their workouts

"The Effect of File Sharing on Record Sales,"

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The Lamp Post Number 55
by John Spizzirri
September 10, 2004



The Windows XP SP2 is now available for free from Microsoft (MS) on CD at http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/updates/sp2/cdorder/en_us/default.mspx . There is a four to six week wait for the disk. You can also get SP2 by clicking the Tools menu option (in IE Internet Explorer) and then clicking Windows Update. If you do not have a broadband connection, I would advise getting the CD because it is an 80 MB download. CAEUG will have duplicates of that disk available for \$2 at the next meeting. If you want the disk, please e-mail John Spizzirri at spizman@iwon.com. The informational page is <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/default.mspx> . It has the data you need to know before installing the service pack.

In recent searches on the Internet, I have encountered foreign language sites that did not have an English counterpart. I needed a translation. Searching on 'translation', I found Babelfish. Babelfish has twelve languages that it translates; English, Chinese (simple and traditional), Dutch, French, German, Greek Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. It's at: <http://babelfish.altavista.com/translate.dyn> or <http://world.altavista.com/tr> . Google has a translator tool. Click 'more' on the main page to find a translator tool or go to http://www.google.com/language_tools . These translations are very rough at best, but can be helpful if no other method is available to you.

Kim Komando (<http://www.komando.com/>) has instructions that may help you get rid of spam (unwanted e-mail). The instructions are for Outlook 2002, Eudora, and Netscape e-mail programs. She outlines how to place all e-mail from a particular country into a mailbox created for that purpose. The rules can be modified to include any e-mail from a specific URL (Uniform Resource Locator) or address. Once the filter is in place, you can view that mailbox periodically and delete or direct your program to delete the e-mail right away. You can find Kim's instructions at: http://www.komando.com/tips_show.asp?showID=2522 .

When you install some programs, they insert themselves in your startup folder so that every time you start your computer, that program will also start. This can also happen when you visit some Internet sites. Sometimes the program will place an icon in the system tray (the area opposite the start button on the task bar). These programs that start at Windows startup take up resources. Some of them you may not want. To find out what is running at startup, run MSConfig. To start MSConfig, click Start then Run and type msconfig in the box and click OK. Select the Startup tab. There is a list of files that start at Windows startup. You may recognize some of them. Each program in the list has a check box in front of it. If the check box has a check in it the program will start at start up. You can uncheck programs that you do not want to start automatically. WARNING: Windows may need some programs for correct operation. You can find a list of the possible programs in that folder and an explanation of what they do at: <http://www.lafn.org/webconnect/mentor/startup/PENINDEX.HTM> and <http://www.sysinfo.org/startuplist.php> . MSConfig does not provide a way to delete any of these programs. A small, free program called Starter allows you to delete these references in the startup folder. Starter is available at: <http://members.lycos.co.uk/codestuff/> . It will also be on the September CD of the month. Starter lists everything that is in the Startup area of MSConfig.

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Uncheck any item you want to remove from MSConfig; click Delete if you want to remove it from the list and Registry. Use Windows Control Panel -> Add or Remove Programs utility to completely delete a program. To do that in Windows XP, click Start then Control Panel. Double-click Add or Remove Programs. Highlight the program and click Remove or Change/Remove. In Windows 9x, ME, and 2K, click Start then Settings then Control Panel. Double-click Add/Remove Programs. Highlight the program and click Change/Remove in 2K, or Add/Remove in Windows 98 and ME. Use Starter if the program did not remove itself from the startup area.

You may have gotten an e-mail with a list of Democrats, Republicans and political pundits with the military service of each. The list is by no means comprehensive. I investigated and found the list at <http://www.awolbush.com/whoserved.html> . This site gathered some of their data from the "ChickenHawk" list published by the New Hampshire Gazette (<http://www.nhgazette.com/cgi-bin/NHGstore.cgi>). The site is definitely anti Bush. Most sources cited as documentation are legitimate. A source not cited regarding Rush Limbaugh is <http://www.snopes.com/military/limbaugh.htm> . I thought that with the intensity of dirty campaign tactics in this election, our membership might like to know the source URL if they received that e-mail. [Ed note: Good point. Check the sources of unsolicited e-mail editorials.]

Microsoft announced to its largest customers that they will have access to security warnings three days earlier than the MS gives them to the general public. Only companies that have big contracts with MS **AND** are 'invited' into this program are eligible. I guess Internet security is only for the rich.

Amazon.com (<http://www.amazon.com>) has introduced a new search engine to the Internet called A9 (<http://a9.com/>). It has a unique way of displaying the search results. Give it a try.

Utah Senator Orrin Hatch (<http://hatch.senate.gov/>) has introduced the "Induce Act". This bill will effectively stifle all hardware and software modernization in an effort to protect the movie and music businesses. Here is a summarization of the bill: "Whoever manufactures, offers to the public, provides, or otherwise traffics in any product or service, such as a computer program, technology, device or component, that is a cause of individuals engaging in infringing public dissemination of copyrighted works shall be liable as an infringer where such activity: (A) relies on infringing public dissemination for its commercial viability; (B) derives a predominant portion of its revenues from infringing public dissemination; or (C) principally relies on infringing public dissemination to attract individuals to the product or service." This bill could make tape recorders and VCR's illegal. Using a rule of thumb that 'if you give them an inch they will take a mile', this bill will make computers, modems, DVD recorders, and a myriad of other devices illegal to manufacture. On the software side, any program that can read a copyrighted file could be considered illegal (watch out Internet Explorer). You can get the details at <http://www.eff.org/deeplinks/archives/001900.php> .

Mozilla Firefox (<http://www.mozilla.org/>) has released Firefox 1.0 Preview Release. The Mozilla Foundation says it's seen more than 500,000 downloads of Firefox. CNET.com reports that 18 percent of the people who visit it's news site are using the Firefox browser. Nasa (<http://www.nasa.gov/>), the German Information Security Office, and Kim Komando (<http://www.komando.com/>) all recommend using a browser other than IE (Internet Explorer) due to security issues. ZDNet has the report with all the statistics, links, and comments at http://news.zdnet.com/2100-9588_22-5368302.html or http://ct.com.com/click?q=5c-BnIPZnZ6eL7v8_2FprBkahrMomC . The Firefox 1.0 Preview Release will be on the CD of the Month and CD of the Month Basic.

The Register reported that MS is attempting to compel record companies to copy protect music

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CDs (http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/09/16/ms_cd_copy_protection/). The source of the story is 'Music:)Ally' (<http://www.musically.com/>), a subscription publication for music executives. MS wants a consensus decision this month. If MS gets its way, the next edition of Windows, code named Longhorn, will have the DRM (Digital Rights Management) software in place to handle the copy protection scheme. Regardless of the outcome of this back door deal, DRM prevents the purchaser of music CDs from owning the content. DRM could eventually be used to charge a user each time a track is played.

Security Focus reported on Microsoft's admission of yet another security hole in virtually all its products at <http://www.securityfocus.com/news/9508> . MS's explanation and patch page is <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS04-028.msp> . The vulnerability is that a JPEG (pronounced "jay-peg", Joint Photographic Experts Group, an image compression mechanism) can be made that can execute code on a users machine by just viewing the image in Word, Outlook, Visio, Frontpage, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, Internet Explorer, Picture It, and other MS software. Windows SP2 has the patch built in that will protect Windows XP Home or Professional. MS has a site that will scan your hard drive (if you trust them to do that) and report if you need a patch at http://www.microsoft.com/security/bulletins/200409_jpeg.msp . You NEED this patch if you use any MS software. Currently, there is no known attacks of this vulnerability, but that may change soon. Get protected.

One of our members, Michael Goldberg, sent me a site that reports attacks on Iraqi oil infrastructure that does not make the news in this country. I found the number of attacks astounding. The site <http://www.iags.org/iraqpipelinewatch.htm> has a detailed map and a list of attacks by date with locations.

Jolly Technologies (<http://www.jollytech.com/>) creates software for the printing industry. They outsourced some of their software work to Mumbai, India this year. According to an InfoWorld magazine article they have brought that work back to the United States because someone that works at the Indian office stole some source code and designs of one of its key products. I hope other companies take note that outsourcing is not the cheap labor panacea that it is touted to be. This is not to say that theft does not happen in the U.S. A company in the U.S. at least has recourse to a known judicial system and may even recover stolen goods. India is a socialist country with a rather backward judicial system. The Indian government makes financial demands on all companies that do business there to the detriment of some (e.g. Union Carbide). The full story is at http://www.infoworld.com/article/04/08/05/HNcodestolen_1.html .

Star 38 (<http://star38.com/s38.php>) is a company that, for a fee, allows anyone to spoof a caller ID. Their primary market is debt collection companies. The idea is that if the caller ID looks familiar, a dead beat will answer the phone. The problem, as I see it, is that anyone can use the 'service' creating a new situation for telephone solicitation.

Between you, me and The Lamp Post that's all for this month.

Minutes of CAEUG Meeting August 28, 2004

John Spizzirri called the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

There were 32 in members in attendance and one visitor.

The minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Financial Report was not available. Lynn Johnson was absent due to the death of her father.

Old Business:

Volunteers for the next COD show in August were discussed. Anyone willing to represent the club at the show can get a free admission. The show lets two members in free and the club will reimburse two other members who work at our table. The reimbursement is given at the next monthly meeting.

John asked for volunteers to write articles for the Newsletter. They can be sent to kgroce@iwon.com. The article written by Lynn Johnson was recognized as a good example of a member written contribution.

John asked if there was anyone else who would like to volunteer to try new products and write reviews for the newsletter.

New Business:

The CD of the Month was reviewed. The basic CD is available at \$5.00 and the monthly CD is available at \$7.00. The new pre-order plan was reviewed. A pre-order for \$50.00 provides for 10 CD's making the new lower price \$5.00 a CD.

Members' Forum addressed several problems that members were having with both hardware and software.

We then had our traditional break with coffee and doughnuts, bagels, and muffins.

Raffle items included Windows 95, Books: Integrated Office Applications, Using 123 for Windows, Using Microsoft Office 97 professional, The Complete Reference Microsoft Office 97, Flight Simulator 2004 and a game Joy Stick.

There was mention of the Chicago Computer Society's Senior Sig scheduled for September 14 at 9am at the Naperville Library.

Mr. Stan Hungness made the presentation on digital photography.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Skwara

released by Harvard Business School professor Felix Oberholzer-Gee and his co-author Koleman Strumpf, of the University of North Carolina caused a ruckus in the music industry. The team concluded Internet music piracy not only doesn't hurt legitimate CD sales, it may even boost sales. The researchers contend that most downloading is done over peer-to-peer networks by teens and college kids, groups that are "money-poor but time-rich," and wouldn't have bought the songs they downloaded, anyway. The team also claims illegal downloading may actually help the industry with an older crowd who download a song or two and then, if they like what they hear, go out and buy the music.

"Toxic dust" found on computer processors and monitors contains chemicals called PBDEs which have been linked to reproductive and neurological disorders. "The levels in the dust are enough to raise a red flag, but not enough to create a crisis," said Dr. Gina Solomon, senior scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council and assistant professor of medicine at University of California, San Francisco. "I have an old computer monitor in front of me now, and I'm not about to throw it away. But when I get a new one, it darn well will be free of these chemicals." Dell, along with Apple Computer Inc. and others, stopped using PBDEs in 2002.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a federal law designed to restrict Internet pornography violated Americans' rights to freedom of speech and upheld an injunction excluding prosecutors from filing criminal cases under the Child Online Protection Act, or COPA, until a full trial takes place. COPA restricts the use of sexually explicit material deemed "harmful to minors" on commercial Web sites. But the law isn't dead: COPA now goes back to a Philadelphia appeals court for a full trial.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Meeting place and date information:

The next REGULAR meeting will be held at the
Glenside Public Library in Glendale Heights
starting 9:45am on
Saturday September 25, 2004

The library is located. Please park at the West side of the lot, away from the building. Thank you. The meeting(s) are not library sponsored and all inquiries should be directed to John Spizzirri . Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this program and who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in the program are requested to contact CAEUG president, John Spizzirri , at least five (5) days prior to the program, so that reasonable accommodation can be made for them.

**CONFIRMED Meeting dates for 2004 at Glenside Public Library:
October 23, November/December meeting on December 4**

****NEW**** CD OF THE MONTH FORMAT: Is now available in **two (2)** flavors. The **Basic CD** will be packed with the standard items, while the **CD of the Month** will have NEW and updated items. Both are available at the meeting.

Hope to see you there.