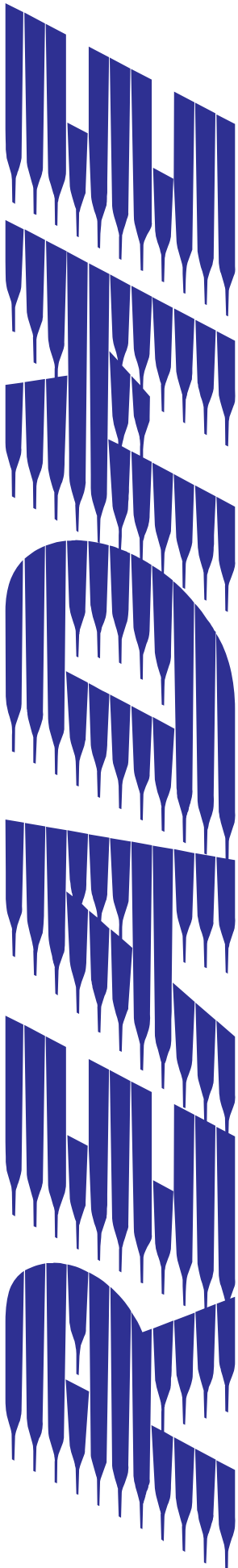


# The Personal Computer Club of Toronto

Users helping Users

**October, 2000**



# OCTOBER

## GENERAL MEETING

### Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm

(doors open at 6:30 pm) North York Memorial Community Hall, Burgundy Room 5110 Yonge Street, North York (at the North York Central subway station)

Dinner pre-meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Food Court located just around the corner from the meeting location. Get a headstart before the formal meeting begins to meet with other members and grab a bite to eat before the talk.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPEN FORUM

(ask computer questions, problems or concerns and knowledgeable members will try and answer them for you!) SIG UPDATE - hear from the SIG Directors what's on deck for remainder of October and November SIG meetings.

### October SPEAKER

Topic: Digital Imaging 101 - product update

Speakers: Steve Jackman, Digital Imaging Division; Les Korbely, Business Development Manager, KODAK Canada

Members and guests at the October meeting will be treated to a return visit from Kodak Canada, a quality world leader in not only traditional film photography but the burgeoning

consumer digital camera and photography revolution.

Join Steve and Les for an informal talk on 'Digital Imaging 101' and a peek at some of Kodak's latest digital camera offerings, including the DCS5000 and DCS 4800 models.

### \*\* DOORPRIZE ALERT \*\*

Members in good standing will be eligible for several door-prizes donated by our keynote vendor speaker, Kodak Canada.

### COMING IN NOVEMBER:

POWERWARE, formerly the Exide folks, talking about latest in surge protection and uninterruptable power supplies.

- **APCUG CD-ROMS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP** - for those who ordered and prepaid for the Assoc. of PC User Group CD-ROM packed full of shareware, freeware and trial programs the disks will be available again this month.

Those who didn't pre-order will have an opportunity to place their order for this full disk of the most popular freeware and shareware titles.

- **AND AS ALWAYS ...**
- availability of low cost inkjet refills for your printer
- a chance to meet and greet new and old friends alike.
- ask questions, if you don't get a specific answer you'll usually get pointed in the right direction to finding one.
- coffee, pop and nibbles available.
- a chance to 'network' with computer users with common interests and experiences.

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## In the news...

**Y**ou may have noticed a few changes around here.

In an attempt to get some sanity into our budget we've elected to publish a paper readme only during the show months.

This will save the club a ton of money which can be better utilised elsewhere.

Of course, this is *your* club. We need feedback. Do you like an Electronic readme on the nonshow months? Is this the format that you'd wish to see it in? (be warned, if it isn't, we need alternatives! :) ) Let's hear from you. Email Karl Stanley, or anyone else on the board and give us a piece of your mind.

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## Other news...

Frank Latchford took ill during the summer months. Thankfully he is well on his way to recovery, but it has created quite a domino effect.

Joan has given up the editorship of readme until further notice to help Frank recover. Frank's Window's Basics SIG has been moved to the first half of the Windows SIG.

Steve Rakus has kindly allowed a combination of both SIGs and

will have a Basics portion and a regular Windows SIG.

Hopefully, Frank will get back into the swing of things for the new year. He hopes to attend the October GM. We'll be looking for him!

On a lighter note, we've purchased a new (used) projector. We hope that this will fill our needs for some time to come without the limitations of the old system.

**W**alter Petelka has been surfing again! This is some of the neat things he's found. As usual, use at your own risk and we're not responsible! :)

The following might be of interest to parents/grandparents for the kids in the family who require some additional tutoring. They are shareware and there is a cost involved, the first four are \$20 and the last is \$49 US but it's a lot less than you pay to the government for education.

### Grammar Fitness II:

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### Brain Builder Math:

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### A Musical Tutorial

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### Spelling Buddy

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### SkyMap

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For those of you who aren't familiar with "Spyware" they are in simple terms are small apps uploaded to your computer, when you visit certain web sites, and they supposedly send back information about you and your computer.

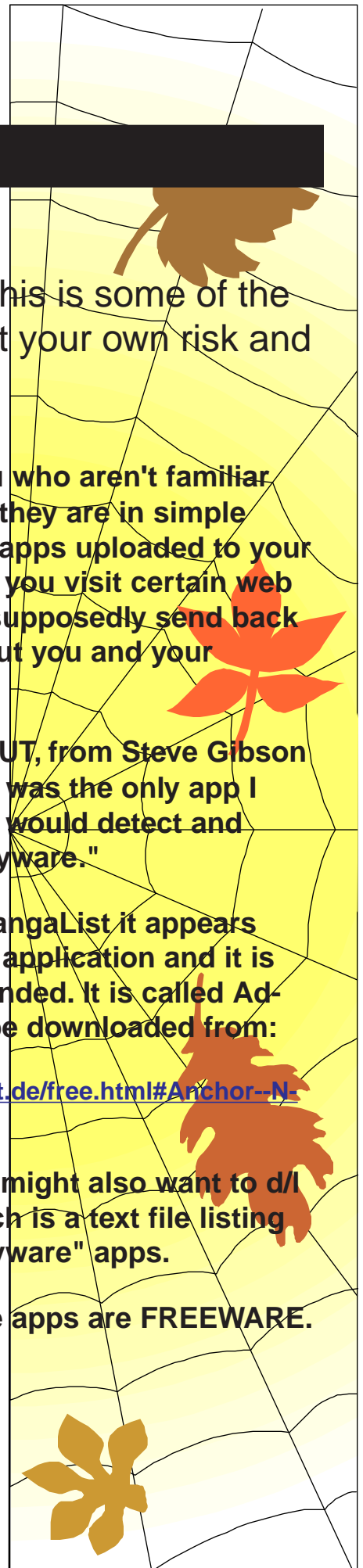
Up to now OptOUT, from Steve Gibson at [www.grc.com](http://www.grc.com) was the only app I knew about that would detect and remove this "spyware."

Thanks to the LangaList it appears there is another application and it is highly recommended. It is called Ad-aware and can be downloaded from:

<http://www.lavasoft.de/free.html#Anchor--N-43785>

While there you might also want to d/alist86e.zip which is a text file listing most of the "spyware" apps.

BTW all of these apps are FREEWARE.



## Stuff!

**G**iven all the hype and furor over copywrite issues, mp3's and the like, we figure this little ditty will help clear up the issue. Or maybe not... :)

When you write copy, you have the right to copyright the copy you write, if the copy is right. If however, your copy falls over, you must right your copy. If you write religious services you write rite, and have the right to copyright the rite you write.

Very conservative people write right copy, and have the right to copyright the right copy they write. A right wing cleric would write right rite, and has the right

to copyright the right rite he has the right to write. His editor has the job of making the right rite copyright before the copyright can be right.

Should Tom Wright decide to write right rite, then Wright would write right rite, which Wright has the right to copyright. Duplicating that rite would copy Wright right rite, and violate copyright, which Wright would have the right to right.



- **TIRED** of all the Jargon?
- **TIRED** of trying to get an honest Opinion?
- **TIRED** of, seemingly, being the only person with tech Problems?

# Join the

The Personal Computer Club of Toronto (**PCCT**) has hundreds of dedicated members with solutions, opinions and comraderie. You are not alone!

Come out to a General Meeting. Every third Tuesday of the Month we get together for an informal but informative session, with presenters or guest speakers. A new topic every month.

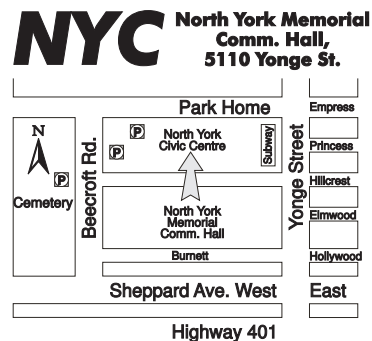
Also open to members are Special Interest Groups on a variety of areas and topics. Learn Visual Basic. Find out the latest techniques with Digital Imaging. Explore the intricacies of the Windows O/S. See our newsletter or go to our website at [www.pcct.org](http://www.pcct.org) for more details.

## The Night's on Us!



Admit One

The PCCT General Meeting  
 7:00 pm, 3rd Tues. of the month  
 North York Memorial Comm. Hall  
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 Burgundy Room  
 (under the Library)



No cash value One per person