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MP3, Audio Presentation Set For October Meeting

We have scheduled for the October SAGATUG meeting a presentation by the author of "The MP3 and Internet Audio Handbook," Bruce Fries (freeze).

Charlie Semple, from The Los Angeles Computer Society put the following information together:

Bruce Fries - "Recording from records or tapes to CDs."

Many users have expressed interest in transferring disk, record, and tape recordings to CD-ROM. Several articles about this, by Bruce Fries have recently been published in various user group newsletters. He KNOWS the subject!

BIO:



Memory Jogger...

See you at the next SAGATUG meeting this Friday, September 13, 2002 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. (See page four for directions and more upcoming events.)

Bruce Fries is the author of "The MP3 and Internet Audio Handbook" and several other related books and technical papers. Mr. Fries is a writer, technology consultant, and entrepreneur who lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is an associate of the Audio Engineering Society and founder of several high-tech companies.

Bruce recognized the potential of MP3 in late 1998, when it was closing in on "sex" as the most popular Internet search-term. There was little information available about MP3, so he decided to write a book to teach others about the benefits of this exciting new technology. The result was "The MP3 and Internet Audio Handbook," widely recognized as the most reader-

Second: friendly and comprehensive book on the subject and used as a textbook by several universities, including UCLA, Cal Poly and UC Berkeley.

For more details on the book, the author, and what will be covered at the presentation, please go to his official website:

<http://www.MP3Handbook.com>

“Disbanding SAGATUG” topic of Discussion of Next Two Meetings

Of the two topics set for the October SAGATUG meeting, one of those topics will also undoubtedly be the focus of the next meeting this Friday, Sept. 13, 2002.

First on the agenda is this: one of our members has proposed that SAGATUG be disbanded, due to lack of attendance and no new members not to mention the cost of the meeting place at the Arcadia Park District building!

He proposes the club discuss the subject at the October meeting. However, It will undoubtedly be the subject of some discussion at the meeting this month as well.

His e-mail:

- * Our membership is dwindling, he said in his e-mail. We only had five people at our last meeting and we are not getting new members, he continued.
- * In the early days when computers were new and somewhat "experimental" groups such as ours were very helpful and necessary. But now for the most part, younger people are computer literate by virtue of what they learn at school and the work place and are not interested in joining a group such as ours.
- * Seniors join groups that have meetings in the day time.
- * Many of the SAGATUG members are scattered too widely and far apart to attend the meetings.

As a result he feels the group should disbanded.

The editor of this newsletter believes in reporting both sides of an issue. Therefore, here is the other side of the issue.

Another member totally disagrees, His e-mail:

- * We are low on attendance because it's summer. Low attendance during the Summer months is typical for all clubs, not just computer clubs, and certainly not just ours.
- * He gets a great deal of info and help from the members of this club, as well as fellowship.
- * He feels the members should take more active role in recruiting more members. This includes establishing the position of an office in charge of getting the name of the club "out there".
- * We're not getting any new members because no one does anything but attend meetings. They ignore the club the rest of the month. Most clubs have a membership chairman, advertising chairman, or some other person to promote the club to the public.
- * The club webmaster sited the SAGATUG website as an example of what he is doing to recruit members and get the word out there to prospective members.

The following is a letter from a new member who sent a letter to Art Molz about what she is getting out SAGATUG:

Hi Art,

I just want to let you know that I am alive, and haven't been coming to the meetings because I have been having a problem with walking. I finally got a knee replacement, so I'm still having a problem walking, but not the same pain. I have not been able to walk up the stairs since the last part of June, but, this is my first day to walk up here, and this is where my computer is.

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Disbanding

The first thing I did was read my email, and there was this mail from John, which I assume everybody got.

I just want to let you know that I agree with him. I know that all of you guys know what to do when it comes to the use of the computers and its programs. The objectives of these meetings, I feel, is to let new members know, or teach, them the ins and outs of what you have learned.

I would say that most new people that come, came because they wanted to learn. That is why I came. If you remember, I always came to ask you questions about your pictures and how you did it. Most people that are buying computers want to learn how to use them. IF THAT WAS THE CLUBS OBJECTIVE, AND ADVERTISED AS SUCH, PEOPLE WOULD COME.

To be honest with you, other than listening to you and watching you on the computer discussing your picture programs, going to the meet-

ing area was to listen about where and what the guys did. Listening to nothing. Learning nothing.

I am learning, and that is what interests me. When that guy came to talk about how to section off your hard drive, or do partitions, that was a lesson.....You need to use that screen he used and have lessons for the members that come to learn.

I also read what Bob Day had to say about the club, but as far as I am concerned his opinion landed on my deaf ears.

Now here is what I mean, I would like to send my opinion to everybody, but, I don't know how to do it. I only know how to send it to one person at a time or maybe I'll figure some other way to do it.

I hope that after saying all this, I could show up to this months meeting, but that is a long walk from the parking lot to the building. I just started using a cane.....and I hate using the walker.

Thanks for listening to my opinion



**Next SAGATUG Meeting
Time and Place:**

7 to 10 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2002
**Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South
 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia.**
(In the park just south of Huntington Drive)
Meetings are on the second Friday of every month

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Upcoming Events:

Manhattan Beach, last Saturday, monthly,
 TRW Swap Meet, Admission Free.

Santa Ana, last Sunday of each odd month,
 ACP, 1310 E. Edinger, Admission Free.

Pomona Swap Meet 3rd Saturday, monthly, at Cal
 Poly Pomona, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Admission Free

Pomona Fairplex, October 5 & 6, 2002 (Sat., Sun.)
 Bldgs. 6 & 7 at LA Fair grounds, Gate 14, Admission
 \$7, plus parking.

Burbank, November 2 & 3, 2002 (Sat. & Sun.),
 Hilton Burbank Airport & Convention Center, 2500
 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505. 10 a.m. to 5 p.
 m. \$5 admission

Costa Mesa, October 19 & 20, 2002 (Sat. & Sun.),
 Orange County Fair and Exposition Center, 88 Fair
 Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.,
 \$5 admission

Santa Monica, November 30 & December 1, 2002,
 Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main Street,
 Santa Monica, CA 90401

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Deadline for the Newsletter

The deadline for the INTERFACE is the last Saturday of the month.

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