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task (which I thought was a disaster waiting to happen).

You have helped me and countless others at the beginners S.I.G. and at the regular club meeting warm ups. I am very impressed by your warehouse of knowledge and your humor that go hand in hand.

I know you will now devote more of your time and wisdom training a new group of people and friends.

Good luck and thank you very much.

**Dick Philpot**

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I house-sat for older friends in the winter of 1994. Among the house wares was a nice computer system. I soon had it connected to the internet using a 28.8 modem and Windows 3.1. When my friends returned home earlier than anticipated the computer screen was a scrambled mess. I persuaded my friend, Paul Martelli, to attend a meeting of the computer club. Within days Bud Bondietti came to the house and showed that the computer wasn't actually ruined after all. He got me off the hook and earned another member for the club and several more admirers. Bud was not only a fixer but a gentle communicator. An extraordinarily giving person and asset to our club and our community.

**Jerry Jackman**

MPCUG member since 1994

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Bud was a friend and a person you could call on for help. Helping others was his life and will be missed very much. Thanks Bud for all you have done helping others.

**Johnny L Jones**

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Bud was a great friend to have. He would do anything he could for you and he would consider it an honor to do it.

One example: A couple of months ago, I asked him about converting digital photos into slides for a presentation my wife was to give for the Tropical Plant Society in Modesto. He told me to use Power Point. When I told him that I did not have a projector, he first said I could borrow his. Then he offered to do the projecting for me and provide all of the equipment. Since he had to travel 20 miles each way, I offered to pick him up and he declined. At the presen-

tation, Bud did a great job and because of him the presentation was a success.

This is only one favor he did for me – there were many.

I will always be grateful that I had Bud for a friend.

**Richard Lutz**

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Dear Bud,

This is very hard to write. I wish we had said these words to you. We always think we have all the time in the world. I remember when we first met you, you immediately made us feel welcome, How? By your beautiful smile, when you smiled your entire face seemed to glow.

Your eyes spoke volumes, they would shine with warmth and interest. You always had time to help anyone. Even if they just needed to talk, you were there, you never had a bad word to say about anyone. You were always optimistic, you felt that there was nothing that could not be fixed with time.

Your heart was as big as the great outdoors, your soul was filled with tenderness. Your love of life and people inspired all that you met.

We feel very fortunate to have been able to call you our friend. We know that you are watching over us with that great smile. The entire world lost someone very special when you were called home.

You will be missed more than words can ever say. You will never be forgotten, and I want to thank you for the lessons in life you have taught me. You taught by example.

Love always,

**Rita Goodman**

Testimonial from the wife of member Jim Goodman

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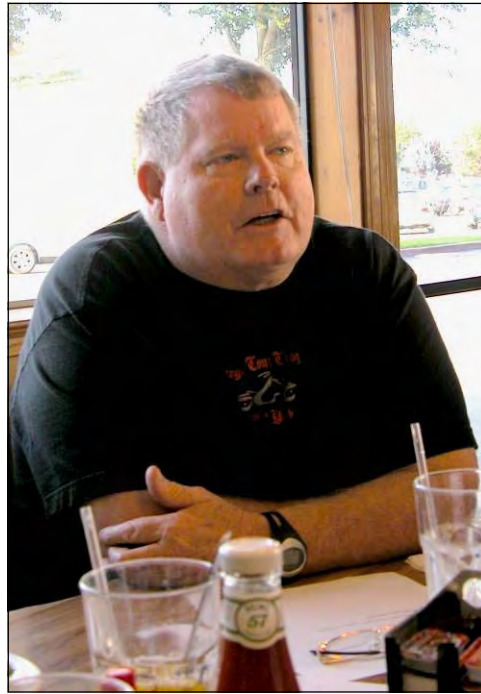
Bud was one of the kindest, patient persons of anyone I have known. He has helped me with the computer off and on for many years up until the last. Helped almost to the end with beginners at the computer club meetings. All of us will miss him very much.

**Dorothy Schmidt**

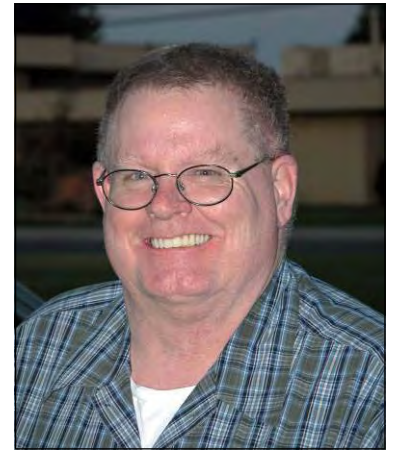
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# OUR BUD...



Bud holding fourth at a board meeting a few years ago.



Other photos taken at 20th anniversary of MPCUG.

# Claude's Bytes ....

By Claude Delphia, Editor Emeritus, Modesto PC User Group

## Bud, how will we manage without you?

### **My friendship with Bud**

Bud joined MPCUG on 9/23/1994 and began a special journey in our lives.

What a privilege to have known Bud and to have him as a personal friend. It doesn't get much better than that. Bud epitomized "selflessness" as so many of us experienced. Friendship was a way of life for Bud.

At the funeral, his brother-in-law, Tom Rootlieb, eulogized Bud, detailing many of his attributes of which so many of us had the benefit. His love of computers and other things electronic, was so obvious, but at the times when he was helping so many of us, all we knew was that he was fixing dire problems. Looking back we can see what a blessing his help was and it was because he just always wanted to help. That desire to help was virtually "endless" as his brother in law Tom noted.

What we saw when Bud was helping us, was even greater to Cynthia's family, as detailed by Tom. I can't count the times Bud mentioned that he was doing something with one of Cynthia's nephews.

Bud's thinking, his willingness to help others beyond what most of us would do, was something to admire and want to be around.

Of course our discussions centered around computers, but in recent get-to-gathers they went further. He spent six years in the Navy and ended his career in 1974 at Crows Landing Naval Auxiliary landing field next to Patterson, my home town and where I now live. We recently drove around the base, up and down each runway and he recalled various happenings and how the runway lights worked. We did that tour twice as I recall because he just loved that period in his life which followed service on a carrier off Vietnam. He left the Navy but he still recalled each buildings purpose. I remember his sadness

when Bill McCormick, a commander at the base, and member of MPCUG, passed away. We had hoped to eventually work on a history of the Crows Landing base, but it was not to be.

Bud's personality was certainly unique. I've tried and tried to think of a time when he was really mad at something or someone. Disgusted or disappointed, yes. But even then his response was tempered. He might not want to talk to someone, but in most cases, I suspect the person didn't know it.

One of my long ago memories of Bud was back when we had to meet in the sanctuary of St. Paul's church. It was the day his wife Cynthia was to take her RN test as I recall, and he was on pins and needles waiting for her to show up so he could find out how it went. The smile on his face when she arrived told how happy he was at her success. Another good time was when he showed me around their new house and his special computer office.

Bud was no quitter. As his health declined, I offered several times to take over the PC Post editorship to relieve the pressure on him, but each time he declined, and I only had to help him once when he had a medical crisis. Talk about not quitting; even recently he decided to add a new effort by creating a business SIG even as health got worse. That's a level of dedication I don't have, but then I'm not as friendly or helpful as Bud was.

The bottom line for me is that not only was he a "computer buddy" but he was a personal friend who helped me in ways that even my family might hesitate to do. It just doesn't get much better than that. My life has been immeasurably enriched by knowing Bud, and his loss has put a big hole in my life. Other good friends will help fill the void, but I will never forget Bud.

(Claude has been a member since 1983)

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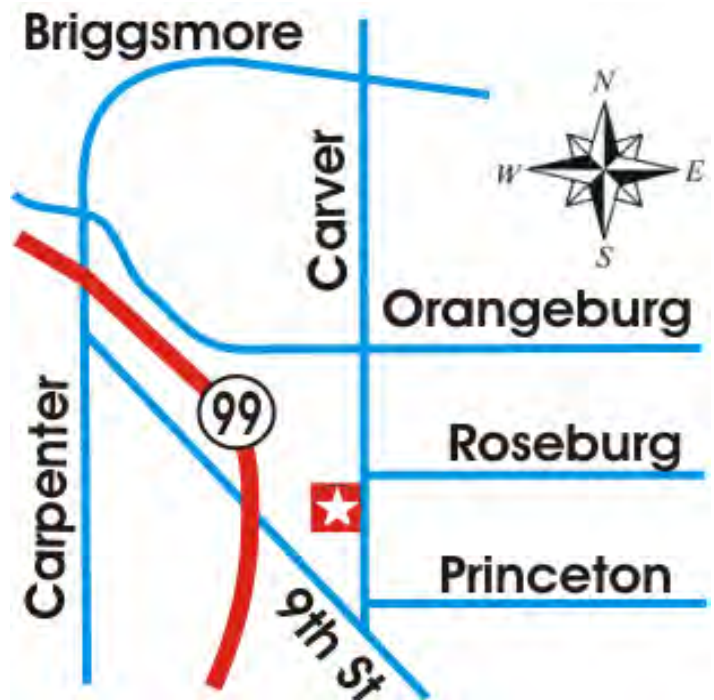
We first met Bud when we came to an MPCUG meeting out of curiosity. We were wanting to learn more about our computer and how to operate it. We started attending the Beginners SIG, and found it to be very informative, and "safe". Bud never made us feel embarrassed about any question we had, no mat-

ter how many times we may have asked the same question. When he started the Office SIG, we were more than willing to travel to Turlock to glean some more of his knowledge. We always walked away with some new tidbit to go home and try. He will be missed.

**Bob & Barbara Meyer**

## The Club's Meeting Place

Our general meeting and the Random Access Special Interest Group are held at the Destiny Christian Center, 1161 Carver Road on the west side of Carver across from Sam's Food City. Parking is available both in front of and behind the Center. No parking along side of the Center, please. →



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