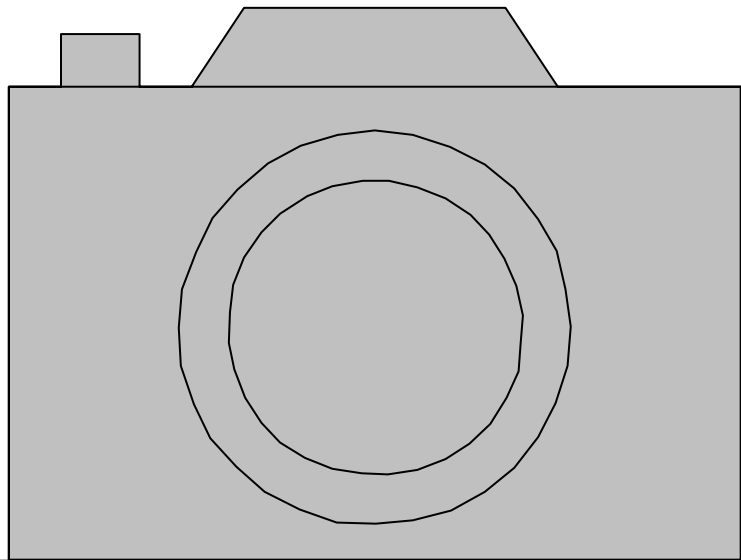


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Hi Everyone, hope you are all doing fine. I had a wonderful vacation for three weeks and I just came back from visiting relatives in Oklahoma. I went to an estate sale (oh what fun, bought some antique goodies), then onto New Mexico and Arizona to see Canyon de Chelly Cliff dwellings, and the Navajo and Hopi Reservations. I brought some wonderful Indian artifacts, art work and jewelry. Being part Cherokee and Osage Indian myself, it was a most enjoyable trip.

We went in our motor home this time and of course I filled every nook and cranny I could. The nice part about the trip is having our bed, bathroom and kitchen aboard we really got to go into places the average traveler doesn't normally see like the grand canyon section where the road runs along side the canyon. Also seeing current indian dwelling still being used in the cliffs. The scenery was just wonderful, we even got to camp at the base of the canyon. It was also very interesting to see how well the computer and internet helped them sell their crafts and art work. Being in a rural area with very little electricity, away from cities of any size they can drop ship just about anything. Years ago you had to drive to the far away places to buy these items or go to a specialty shop at high prices. I still like going there the look and buy for the obeisance.

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**Genealogy Corner  
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Jim Opperman

Check out these genealogy hot links:

(Just because you don't think there could be any information there on your relatives, give it a try—you may be surprised what you find, even links that are helpful).

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TOWN VITAL RECORDS (55 vols.  
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[http://www.genealogical.com/  
item\\_detail.cfm?ID=6311](http://www.genealogical.com/item_detail.cfm?ID=6311)

FAMILY CHRONICLE newsletter  
free copy:

<http://www.familychronicle.com/>

GERMAN SEARCH ENGINE RE-  
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<http://www.suchmaschinentricks.de/>

DAVE LOSSO's web pages, r.e. St.  
Louis, Missouri:

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HISTORY MAGAZINE free trial  
copy:

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ROOTSWEB:

[http://  
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/)  
(Enough browsing here to last a life-  
time)!

If you catch a fish, share what you  
found with others here.

Enjoy!

Andrew Brisbane 1999



## DIY Computer Upgrades #8 How To Install the RAM.

### THE TRUE MEANING OF "SERVICE"

I heard the terms Internal Revenue Service, Postal Service, Civil Service, Service Stations....

And I became confused about the word "service.." This is not what I thought "service" meant.

Then one day, I overheard two farmers talking and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull service a few of his cows.

**SHAZAM!!**

It all came into perspective. Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us...

Stuart Ree

# BEJEWELLED

— FOR WINDOWS —

By Sarah Perelli-Minetti

I have never played games on computers before. I wasn't interested in them or thought I would ever "waste" my time on them until one day when fellow KIPUG member, James Wyatt, found me a game that is completely, totally addicting. It is non-violent and games are fairly quick. E-mail me at [sarahpm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarahpm@sbcglobal.net) when you exceed my score of 67,126 points.

**BEJEWELLED GAME RULES:** Bejeweled a.k.a. Diamond Mine is an easy to see, easy to use single-player game where you simply swap adjacent 3-dimensional gems to create rows of three or more identical gemstones. Both in Normal mode which is not timed, and Time-Trial mode, this is accomplished by simply clicking and dragging the desired gem left, right, up or down with your mouse.

There are six different colored and sized gems (yellow diamond, purple triangle pointing up, blue triangle pointing down, a red square,



an eight-sided green gem and another eight-sided white gem – see close up view on the left). These will disappear while awarding you additional points while new gemstones drop down from above with a clanking sound. I just wish the soundtrack the game uses were better. (It is not as bad as Masters of Orion !!) However, there is a fix for this discussed below. Fill up the bonus bar on the bottom of the

screen and you will advance to the next level where all your matches are worth additional points. You can pause the game at any time by pressing any key on the keyboard.

Your score will be located at the top left of the screen.

#### TIME-TRIAL MODE::

You can play also against the clock. Test your coordination and skill as you are timed against the clock. When it hits zero the game is over. Like in regular version of the game fill up the bonus bar on the bottom of the screen and you will advance to the next level where your matches are worth additional points.

#### CASCADES:

You will get additional points for creating chain reactions or cascades of two or more sets. You can also receive additional points for getting four of five gems in a row or completing four or five rows simultaneously.



#### YOUR SCORES:

Type your name in the blank after you have completed your game and bejeweled will keep track of your score. Your score will be located to the left on the screen (see screenshot to the right). Your daily high score will be listed above under normal and timed score depending on the mode played. The game will also keep track of the all time high scorers. On my computer one of my friends got over 70,000!

#### GAME MENU:

The left side of the screen to the right is an easy to use. Your score is located at the top underneath the title. Next is a place to start a

new game. Below are your two options for either a normal or time trial mode. If you can't find a move there is large circle you can click which will give you a hint at the expense of losing points. When clicked the options menu has a scrollbar for the music and menus to get game rules, top scores, updates for the game and other games available from Pop-Cap.com and registration for the game. To turn the music off just drag the cursor to the left and keep the clanking sound of the gems by sliding the cursor to the right on the FX scrollbar.

You can either play this game online at <http://www.popcap.com/> and click Diamond Mine. The game is free and since the game is 100% java no downloads or plug-ins are needed. There are three skill levels, so you can be challenged. You can also download this game from <http://www.popcap.com/bejeweled.php> to your own computer . The registration fee for the game is \$19.95.

I have certainly enjoyed the game. It's addicting (**A+ on my scale**) not only for me, but to my friends who

have tried it. Just like eating a potato chip, you just can't have just one. Try it for yourself and get hooked. It's great for all ages.

# SPOTLIGHT ON...

Jim Opperman

We know him as the genealogy specialist at KIPUG because he keeps telling us about new genealogy software, but Jim Opperman has used computers for a number of interests in the past 20 years. After retirement from a career in education, Jim got his first computer in 1983. It was an HP 125 with 10 mg of hard drive and some accompanying software.

Jim first used his computer to put together a catalog of special stamp coin combination commemoratives, which are issued in canceled postal covers. He designed the data base for the catalog, then researched and entered the data into the data base and printed the hard copy. The final catalogs, which were completed in 1985, included over 6,400 world-wide issues. He ran a related bulletin board service until it was displaced by the Internet. He still

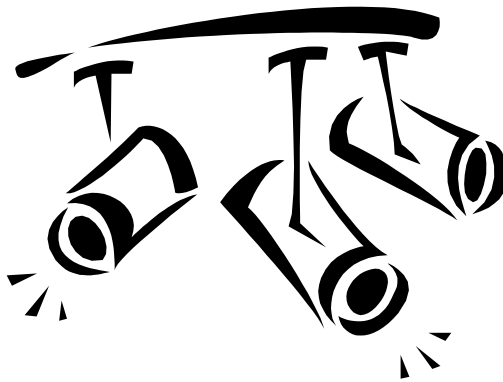
serves on the Board of Directors for the Society of Philatelists and Numismatists (SPAN) and edits their newsletter, ExSPANSion.

Before he retired, Jim had been Coordinator for the Cooperative Work Experience Program at Bakersfield College. He had developed seminars on the different skills necessary for success in the work place, which

the students attended as part of the program. He started out creating ten seminars and ended up with a total of twenty. Jim then turned them into resources for individuals who want to improve their

work skills.

He has now made the seminars into self-paced programs which can be accessed, free, through his web site, <http://QualityofLifeMentor.net>. He awards a certificate of completion when a person has completed the whole series. His new 1.2 Ghz PC serves as web server for these programs. Jim's web site also includes



listings of the stamp coin combos, which he updates regularly. As if that weren't enough to keep Jim busy, he also lists the combos on E-Bay for people who want him to sell them.

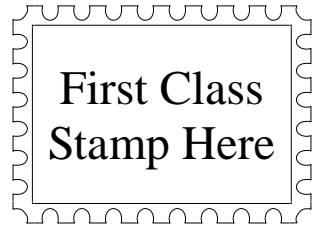
Jim started working with genealogy on his first computer when his sister-in-law gave him a hand-written notebook full of family group sheets. He decided to put the information into a genealogy data base. He used the Brother's Keeper program and printed out multiple reports for her family. That project took him six months. Then he started gathering information from his own extended family members through letters, e-mail, and data bases. His bank of information now includes almost 5,000 individuals and 1,500 different marriages.

Genealogy is a part-time hobby for Jim. He tracks his own family and trades information with others when they ask for it. It's just a fun thing, as he puts it. With all his activities, Jim keeps himself very busy as he stays in touch with people through his many interests, and it's all possible with his computer. When asked if retirement was as busy as working full time, Jim said he's busier!

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Well, enough about me. We have Dusty Wagoner, Manager of Henley's Photo, Inc. this month who will be speaking of Digital and Video Cameras and Photography. It should be an interesting meeting. See you there!  
Rhonda [:-)





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