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Happy New Year!

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OACYS
INTERNET TECHNOLOGY

NETWORKING THE
COMMUNITY
SINCE 1982

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OCS turns 25!

Olson Computer Services was started in a spare bedroom office in early 1982, marking 2007 as our 25th year in continuous operation.

The computer business in 1982 was barely in its infancy. The IBM-PC had just been introduced, and the DOS operating system was still a newcomer compared to the more established CP/M and others. A common joke was that the nice thing about standards was that there were so many of them.

Very few individuals could imagine what they might do with a computer. For those who did a lot of typing, WordStar was a popular word processing program that eliminated the need for whiteout. VisiCalc and SuperCalc could perform repeated calculations on rows and columns of figures, and dBase managed tables of related data but was complicated to use.

These programs and the files they created were all stored on 5-1/4" floppy disks, which were a great improvement over larger formats and especially cassette tape cartridges. Something under 200K was the typical capacity of each floppy, and swapping them back and forth was a common practice.

In 1984 OCS incorporated and moved into our current office location on Porter Road. A primary business need had emerged in agricultural payroll and accounting, and that became the company's specialty. In 1985 we started exploring ways to connect machines together, but networking was still adventurous and very rudimentary.

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By about 1987 the first graphical systems were becoming more common. The early Windows versions ran on the state-of-the-art IBM-AT and a great variety of clones, most with little more than 1MB of memory and a whopping 20MB hard drive. Apple's revolutionary "Lisa" had been replaced by the first Macintosh, but the widespread cloning of IBM's open design meant that far more software became available for Windows. In 1989 OCS began developing commercial software, and networking business computers had become common although still underpowered.

In the mid-1990s OCS began using the Internet internally for online research, via long-distance dialup to CompuServe. There were no local

WIRELESS SERVICE AREAS

Construction for both Success Valley and Richgrove are now under way!

- Porterville
- Springville
- Pleasant Valley
- River Island
- Globe Drive
- Strathmore
- Terra Bella
- Lindsay
- Exeter
- Visalia
- Yokohl Valley
- Camp Nelson
- *In progress*
- Success Valley
- Richgrove

Our Rocky Hill Exeter tower also covers Badger Hill Estates!

- **VIRUSES STOPPED BY OCS SYSTEM: 1,270,940** (Dec 2006: 1,437)
- **SPAM BLOCKED BY OCS SYSTEM: 54,073,912** (Dec 2006: 2,644,415)

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Only OACYS can completely replace your traditional phone lines. We can provide your high-speed Internet service, your telephone and fax service, and we even support alarm security systems – all with no phone lines! See our website for a complete list of Frequently Asked Questions and a VoIP signup form … or call or email us with any further questions.

Spam Volume Jumps 35% In November

Industry analysts report that the volume of global spam surged in November to a peak average of 85 billion messages a day, up from 31 billion daily in October 2005 and 63 billion in October 2006. OCS mail servers are currently screening more than 250,000 messages per day, of which approximately 80% are either rejected or quarantined as spam.

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numbers for this service or for the emerging AOL, so when in 1995 we had an opportunity to become Porterville's first ISP we didn't hesitate, and we made local dialup numbers available.

In 1999 OCS introduced high-speed Internet service over a new wireless network, which has continued to grow and expand ever since. Then after two years of internal use and testing VoIP service was added in 2006, and OCS is now moving up the ladder to FCC CLEC registration to completely replace the need for phone lines.

On review of this brief stroll through OCS history, it is really astonishing to think of how much has passed in such a short period of time. Computers are now so common that they're sold as commodity appliances, and every business and even most households have one or several of them.

Most businesses now have a website and it's reflected everywhere, on stationery and business cards and on television and radio and billboards and service vehicles. No one now needs to spell out the "http" or the forward slashes or even the ubiquitous "www" to know that (for example) **porterville.com** is a web address … yet only a very short time ago all of this was new and unknown.

NATIONWIDE OCS SERVICE for
FRIENDS • FAMILY • BUSINESS

OCS has come a very long way in a brave new world, and yet still we see only continuing new horizons. We owe our success to the times we live in, and to our opportunities and our vision, to a lot of sacrifice and ceaseless determination, and to our incredible and hugely devoted team of employees.

But of course we must thank most of all our faithful customers, without whom no business can succeed. We live in very interesting and exciting and changing times, and we know that our customers have many options and choices.

That so many choose to stay with and support OCS is more than just loyalty, it is a testament to the passion and the quality we have poured into our service – and we are deeply appreciative of that recognition and continuing support. With all sincerity we can only say, *Thank You!*

The Road to Success: Update
Bulldozer work on the new road to Mine Hill was completed in mid-December (see last month's newsletter). The next steps are construction, beginning with excavation for the tower foundation. Once the tower is raised we'll install radios and antennas, the solar power system, and generator backup. Service for Success Valley remains on schedule by March – please check with our office to make sure you're on the list!

Fan Mail
"We decided to try another service provider, but they are having way more problems and we want to come back to OCS!" -CM, 11/06
Editor's note: Check your exit options carefully before trying this, most other providers make it very hard to get out of their contracts!

OACYS INTERNET SERVICE PLANS

| Plan Name | Average Speeds | | | B-M-W[1] | One-Time Fees | | | Monthly Service |
	Min	Typ	Max		Service Activation	Install/ Configure	Equipment Deposit	
				1 Bandwidth-Mailboxes-Webspace (see notes)				
DIALUP	26K	40K	53K	1-5-5	25.00	-	-	24.95
Accelerator	Typically 2-5X faster			-	-	-	-	+5.00
WIRELESS | STANDARD 2.4 GHz								
24 Basic	125K	500K	750K	10-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	49.95[2,3]
24 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	79.95[2,3]
24 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95[2,3]

2 Add $10 per month amplifier fee for locations beyond 5 miles from nearest tower
3 Add $10 per month for locations in designated remote service areas

Plan Name	Min	Typ	Max	B-M-W	Service Activation	Install/Configure	Equipment Deposit	Monthly Service
900 Basic	125K	375K	750K	5-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	59.95[4,5]

Special "mission impossible" cases are those where obstacles such as trees or buildings between the wireless tower and the customer site normally make wireless service impossible. OACYS can now use new technology to provide service in some cases, sending signal around or through the obstacles. Individual circumstances will vary and this plan may not be available from all towers. Our free site survey will determine whether 900 service may be feasible when standard 24 service is not.

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Plan Name	Min	Typ	Max	B-M-W	Service Activation	Install/Configure	Equipment Deposit	Monthly Service
WIRELESS | MISSION CRITICAL 5.8 GHz (where available)								
58 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	99.95
58 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95
58 Professional	500K	2M	3M	25-25-25	25.00	100.00	100.00	159.95
58 Corporate	750K	3M	4M	30-30-30	25.00	100.00	100.00	199.95
58 Enterprise	1M	4M	5M	40-40-40	25.00	100.00	100.00	249.95

Notes. All plans include automated central email virus scanning, email spam filtering, and website parental controls. Some plan types permit webspace for personal use only. Wireless installation and deposit package may be paid in installments upon request. All speeds are symmetrical (same for upload and download) within the OACYS network only. All plans terminate at OACYS Porterville headquarters and transport to the Internet via dual T3s over dedicated OC12 fiber optic circuit. All plans subject to change without notice. Pricing and terms are current at the date of this newsletter and supersede previous versions. Please check with our office for additional detail regarding any of our Internet service plans.

I Didn't Know That!

OCS provides "A-to-Z" computer technology services:

• Complete computer service and repair shop

• Broad variety of Internet access plans and packages

• Professional website design, development, and hosting

• Professional programming and custom application development

• eCommerce and business groupware solutions

• Computer and Internet technology consulting

• Secure branch office inter-networking

• Internet-based "VOIP" telephone services

• iSuite of online utility applications

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