



GRAND MOUND PHONET NEWSLETTER

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GMTel.net Now Has Web Hosting and Email Hosting Available!!

Web Hosting:

Need a reliable source for hosting your website? For only \$14.95 a month, GMTel securely hosts your website on our high-speed server for anyone surfing the Internet. Our "WebStandard" web hosting plan includes 75MB of space, domain hosting, 10 email addresses with your domain name (example: *jane@yourcompany.com*), FTP access, Forms, CGI Programs and Java, and Unlimited Aliases. As long as you have Internet access (with any Internet Service Provider), this service is easy to set up, maintain and the

Email Hosting:

If you'd like to use your own domain name (example: *john@yourcompany.com*) for your company's email and don't need web hosting, GMTel has "WebMail Plus" available. It eliminates the need for expensive mail servers at your business. You'll receive up to 15 email addresses for \$15.00 per month (more email address options are available, if needed) with your own domain name. As long as you have Internet access (with any Internet Service Provider), this service is easy to set up and maintain. So give it a try.

For a registration form or more information, call Grand Mound Communications Co. at 847-3000 or visit our web site at www.gmtel.net and click on "Web Hosting" under the Services column.

National "Do Not Call" Registry Coming in July.....

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has announced registration for the national do-not-call list will begin in July. Consumers will be able to add their telephone numbers on the national registry, **at no cost**, either online or by calling a toll-free number. Once a consumer registers, their name remains on the registry for five years, or until they change their phone number. At that point, consumers will be able to renew their registration.

However, it will take about three months before consumers begin to receive fewer phone calls since telemarketers and other sellers won't have access to the registry until September; and also some businesses are exempt from utilizing the national list.

Additional information will be sent with your July statement or you can visit www.ftc.gov/donotcall for information regarding the national do-not-call registry.

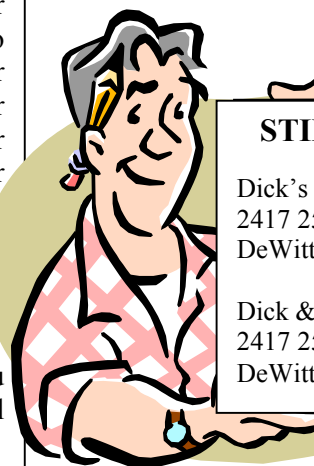
PIC FREEZE/SLAMMING

Long distance is a big business—and an intensely competitive one. Long distance companies are putting a lot of time and money into convincing you to use their services. In the process, some abuses have developed.

Slamming is the unauthorized and illegal switching of your long distance company.

The best way to keep from being slammed is to request a **PIC Freeze** (presubscribed Interexchange carrier) for your phone line. By "freezing" your PIC, you are asking your local phone company to ensure that your long distance carrier is never changed without your permission.

Once a **PIC Freeze** has been placed on your telephone number(s), you must notify your local phone company when you wish to change long distance carriers by written authorization, oral authorization or by having a 3-way conference call with your new long distance carrier.



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ACCESS YOUR GMTel EMAIL FROM ANYWHERE!

When you're away from your regular computer, GMTel Web Based email allows you to use your email account from any computer with an Internet connection. With a GMTel.net Internet account you can Login and send or receive email messages while you're on vacation or at a friend or relative's house.

All you need to do is go to our Web page at www.gmtel.net and click on the GMTel Webmail icon located on the left-hand side. Next, type in your username (email name) and password, then Login.

The first time you login, you will get a screen that asks you to setup your profile (user preference), click **Continue**. The next page will be your "User Preference" page with different setting options that you can use to set up your Webmail account. In order to make sure that you are able to retrieve all of your messages correctly later on when you check them on your home computer, scroll down to "Default Destination" and highlight and click "Saved". Also scroll down to the bottom of the User Preference screen and remove the check mark from "Move old msg to SAVED at logout". All other settings should be okay as selected. Click **Save** at the very bottom of the User Preference screen to save your settings.

You can view, send, receive and organize your messages using the Webmail interface while on the road and then when you return to your "home" computer you can download the same messages.

If you need additional assistance with the GMTel Webmail, please call **GMTel.net Technical Support** at **1-866-847-4638** (toll free). They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you with Internet related problems.



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-B-
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-G-
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-L-
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-M-
Moore, Kevin.....847-1422

-S-
Slaymaker, Marcus.....847-1460
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New Subscriber Line Charges effective July 1, 2003

Effective July 1, 2003, the monthly residential or single-line business Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) appearing on your GMCTA bill as "single line access" increases from \$6.00 per line to \$6.50 per line. The Subscriber Line Charge covers a portion of the costs of telephone lines connected to your home phone or place of business. This increase is a direct result of new pricing regulations put in place by the Federal Communications Commission. These regulations require local phone companies to lower their access charges to long distance phone companies, and recover an increased portion of the costs of telephone line connections directly from local service customers.