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President's Message

By Tom Burt

General Meetings

The Computer Club March General Membership Meeting will be held 7 PM Thursday, April 2nd, at Desert Vista. Representatives from the Apple Store will present the latest hardware and software offerings from Apple Computer.

Notice of 2009 Bylaws Approval and 2009 Budget Approval Election

The February meeting's attendance fell short of the required 100 needed for a quorum, so the planned votes were tabled.

At the **April 2nd, 2009** general business meeting, the Computer Club members will again vote to approve an update to the club's Bylaws. A draft of the Bylaws document is now posted on this website for review and comment by members. To view the draft Bylaws, click [HERE](#). At the same meeting, club members will also vote to approve the club's 2009 budget and spending plan. To view the 2009 budget and spending plan, click [HERE](#). Our April meeting presentation will be given by representatives from the Apple store.

Our **May 7** general meeting program will feature a presentation by a representative from the Nevada Gaming Commission.

Membership

So far for 2009, we have **1012** new or renewed members. See the [Membership](#) page for full details.

Education Activities for April

Rich Walko, Howard Verne and Edith Einhorn are our education program coordinators. We have a good, but somewhat reduced line-up of classes, seminars and SIGs for April. See the [April calendar](#) as well as the Seminars, Classes, "SIGs" and "KKs" pages for full details. Our education program is one of the great benefits of belonging to the Club. No matter what your experience or skill level, you should find something to suit your needs.

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Seminar Presenters and Class Instructors Needed

We would welcome a few more seminar presenters and class instructors to help share their knowledge with our members. If you're interested, send me an e-mail (tnburt@ieee.org) or call me at 702-341-7095.

Technical News

Microsoft has released Internet Explorer 8, the latest version of their web browser. You can download it from the following hyperlink:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer/default.aspx>

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Board of Directors Actions

**The Computer Club Board of Directors took the following actions on
Wednesday, March 11, 2009**

No Board Actions were taken at this meeting.

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General Membership Meeting

The Computer Club April General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2nd, 7PM at Desert Vista. We have two important activities. (1) Vote to approve an update to the Club's Bylaws to bring them into conformance with the Club's Constitution and (2) a second vote to approve the Club's 2009 Budget and spending plan. Both documents are posted on the Club's website. The Apple Store will be the guest presenter at this meeting. Join us for this important and informative presentation, refreshments and fellowship. For Club information go to www.scsc.com or call Tom Burt, President at 341-7095 or email Tom at tnburt@ieee.org.

Welcome New Members

Ana Eiseman
Mary Jones
Harold Kramer
Sotirios Ostis
Louis Paturno
Carol Phillips
Burton Scheck
Edna Williams

April 2009 Calendars

To view the April calendars, click the following hyperlink:

http://www.scsc.com/Calendars/scsc_calendar_2009-apr.pdf.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for general discussion on a specific computer related subject. Admission to all SIGs is on a first-come, first-seated basis and is subject to the maximum allowed by fire code regulations. All of the following meetings are held in the Classroom.

The <W> or <M> indicate whether a SIG would be of interest to *Windows* or *Macintosh* users.

Advanced Windows SIG <W>

Currently this SIG is suspended because no one has volunteered to be its chair.

The SIG's purpose is to answer questions on functional operation of the three principal Windows operating systems (XP, Vista, 7), review software that will enhance the operating systems and answer technical questions on the systems. The SIG is open to all users of the systems but is geared to the intermediate & Advanced users.

Creative Graphics <W/M>

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Mel Neiman (228-6727)

Featuring tips, tricks, demonstrations and give-aways with information on greeting cards, business cards, labels, simple desk top publishing, digital photo tips and using photos in your projects, creating slide show informational frames, using fonts and creating your own clipart from fonts, e-mail stationery and animated signatures, journaling, and scrapbooking using computers, new tools for publishing found in Printmaster.

Very basic photo imaging processing, using small utilities related to graphics, fonts and catalog.

Digital Music <W>

3rd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Tom Burt (341-7095)

The Digital Music SIG provides a forum for members interested in all aspects of computer-based digital music to meet, discuss, and learn more about the topic. The SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital music users, but all members are welcome.

Genealogy <W>

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Charles Johnson (804-4943)

Genealogy is one of America's most popular and rewarding hobbies. Come, let us help you find your ancestors on the internet. We will explore helpful, free, sites and assist you in building your family tree.

Hardware <W >

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

George Lobue (256-0822)

This SIG provides **club members only** with no cost assistance for those having upgrades and /or problems with their computers. Bring in only your P.C. tower and your problems. Our TECH team will give you our best effort. Be sure to mark your cables so you can re-connect when you get home.

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Linux SIG

2nd Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. and 4th Wednesday at 9:00 A.M., in the Classroom

Sy Bensky (242-6695)

Apart from the fact that it's **freely** distributed, Linux's functionality, adaptability and robustness, have made it a main alternative to Microsoft's operating systems. IBM, Hewlett-Packard and other giants of the computing world have embraced Linux and support its ongoing development. More than a decade after its initial release, Linux is being adopted worldwide primarily as a server platform. Its use as a home and office desktop operating system is also on the rise. This Special Interest Group will investigate Linux's potentials and attributes.

Macintosh Users' Group <M>

2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rose Mary D'Aloisio (255-2813)

Bill Euler (233-2351)

This is for Macintosh users of all experience levels. We will have Q&A, so bring your questions and/or problems.

Photoshop <W>

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

David Alexman (341-6533) and Zoltan Steiner (256-1161)

This SIG will provide you with an overview of many of the basic elements found in both Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Photoshop Elements, two extraordinary photo retouching, image editing, and color painting software programs. The Adobe Photoshop programs offer the tools to get professional-quality results. If you wish to enhance your photographs, this SIG will be most helpful and of great value. This SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital imaging users, but all members are welcome.

Sun City Wings <W/M>

3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Ted Wagner (256-4037)

Using Microsoft's Flight Simulator program, we fly all kinds of airplanes from the 1903 Wright Flyer to a 400-passenger 747 jet airliner. Even helicopters are available. You can learn to fly airplanes or you can just enjoy beautiful sceneries around the world. The unrestricted view from the cockpit is something to experience. Those simulator programs have gotten "As real as it gets". We have a lot of fun. Please join us and take a look into the world of Flying.

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April 2009 Classes

Because there are a limited number of computer stations available for hands-on participation, pre-registration is necessary for all classes. See individual descriptions for details on how to register.



Boot Camp: For Members New to Computing or Windows

Lead Instructor: Bill Wilkinson

Location: Computer Lab

Each Boot Camp class is comprised of five three-hour sessions

Dates: April 7, 9, 13, 14 and 16

Times: from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon.



Registration:

To register or seek additional information, please telephone **Susie Scott at 242-9745 or 239-8986 (cell)**. She will arrange to register you for an upcoming class, issue you the class materials and collect the course fee.

Course Description:

Boot Camp is an introductory course designed for members who are new to computing and/or the Microsoft Windows operating system. This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station in the Computer Lab. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance.

Participants will be introduced to the basic vocabulary and concepts necessary to establish an understanding of Windows. They will be instructed in practical strategies for managing and organizing their own data files, will be introduced to word processing, email, and the Internet, and will learn how to read and write data from/to a compact disk (CD or DVD) and a portable thumb drive.

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The course includes over 40 Practice Sets that will encourage program participants to have many friendly hands-on experiences with their computers during the 15-hour program.

Prerequisites: Must be a Club member and own a computer using Microsoft Windows.

Fee: Fifteen (\$15.00), including a participant's manual, a CD, and a **portable flash drive** (new feature for class).



Introduction to Word Processing
Thurs., April 9, at 1:00 pm, in the Lab
Instructor: Marilyn Gramms

Using *Microsoft Word 2003*, one of the industry's premier word processing programs, learn basic concepts applicable to all word processing programs and many other computer applications. Skills include creating, formatting, and editing a document; using cut, copy and paste; and saving a document using the "save" and "save as" commands.

Prerequisites: Must be a Club member who has completed Boot Camp or have comparable experience with the Windows operating system. This hands-on class is limited to 12 participants.

Registration: Although there is no fee for this course, advanced registration is required. To register, send an e-mail message to mgramms@cox.net. In the text area of the message, include your first and last name, your Sun City Association number, plus the words "**WORD PROCESSING**". Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All registration requests will be acknowledged.



Internet Explorer 7 in XP and Vista
Instructor: Howard Verne
Location: Computer Lab
Wednesday, April 15, at 1PM

This class is designed for beginners as well as experienced users, Vista as well as XP users (although the emphasis will be on Vista).

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Participants will learn about Tabs and how to have several sites open at once; how to set up your home page and how to have several tabs load when windows opens; how to add sites to your Trusted Site list; and how to block Pop-Ups.

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words “**INTERNET EXPLORER 7**” in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. If you do not receive a reply from Howard within 24 hours, please contact him at 363-5337.

Handout: Can be found at http://www.scsc.com/smnr/Vista_IE7.pdf. Please print it out and bring it to class.



**Microsoft Office 2007, Featuring Word
Wednesday, April 22, at 1 PM, in the Lab
Instructor: Howard Verne**

Microsoft Office 2007 is the most recent version of the Microsoft Office system, aka Microsoft's productivity suite. It was made available to retail customers on January 30, 2007, the same day that Vista was released. Office 2007 contains a number of new features, the most notable of which is the entirely new graphical user interface called the *Fluent User Interface*, replacing the menus and toolbars that have been the cornerstone of Office since its inception with a tabbed toolbar. The new suite requires Windows XP with Service Pack 2 or 3, or Windows Vista. The **Office 2007 Home and Student Edition** is available for slightly less than \$100 from Costco. This edition includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint. This presentation will provide an overview of these components, with an emphasis on **Word 2007**.

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words “**Office 2007**” in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. If you do not receive a reply from Howard within 24 hours, please contact him at 363-5337.

Handout: The handout for this class can be found at , <http://www.scsc.com/smnr/Office%202007-Word.pdf> , please print it out and bring it to class.

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April 2009 Seminars

No advanced registration is necessary for any of our seminars. Seating is on a “first-come, first-seated” basis.



Introduction to Windows Update and Microsoft Update (plus secrets)

Presenter: Harry Doyle

Wednesday and Thursday, April 1-2, 8:30am, in the Classroom

Description: This new seminar is presented for novice Windows-based computer users who operate Windows on a daily basis and want to learn the skills for configuring, managing, and maintaining their Windows operating system. Experienced users may want to review the latest techniques.

On the first day of this seminar, Harry will present the why, who, what, when and how of this process. Attendees will return home to apply what they learned in class to their computer system(s). On the second day, Harry will lead a Q&A session that reviews the attendees experiences, some additional material (secrets?!) and send all on their way.



Memories and Magic

Presenter: Stu Gershon

Monday, April 6, at 10:30 am, in the Classroom

This presentation will demonstrate how to save both digital and film photographs to a CD/DVD medium; how to restore, touchup, and enhance old pictures; how to scan documents using Optical Character Recognition software directly into a word processing document; and how to scan your valuable pieces of jewelry and other small heirlooms for home inventory and insurance purposes.

The presentation notes are available by clicking [HERE](#)

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WRITER - a *free* word processor from OpenOffice
Presenter: Rich Walko
Thursday, April 9, 9:00 am, in the Classroom

Over the years, word processing applications have been free and pricey, as well as, easy and frustrating to use. This seminar treats one of the present-day FREE word processors that can scale from simple note taking to document publishing! That is quite a volume of information to present and for users to understand.

This is the second of three sessions to deliver a working knowledge of the Writer application. Thursday, April 9th at 9:00 A.M. is the second of the three sessions.

I plan to present the third sessions of this introduction to **Writer** in May.

See my handout note under **Open Office Writer** on our [SCSCC Handouts/Seminar](#)



Introduction to Email (NEW)
Presenter: Edith Einhorn

Monday, April 13, 1:00 pm in the Classroom

Description: This new seminar is designed for novice Windows-based computer users who are also new to the use of the Internet and email. We'll talk about the difference between webmail and client-based email and look at several different examples, including Gmail, Yahoo Mail, and Cox.net. We'll also look at examples of email using Outlook Express. We'll talk about setting up an email account, setting up an address book, composing, sending, receiving and reading email messages with and without attachments. No question will be considered too basic to be addressed in this seminar.

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Photoshop Elements and Picasa, a Great Combination

Presenter: George Keelen

Tuesday, April 14th, at 10:30 am, in the Classroom

This seminar will combine presentations about Adobe's Photoshop Elements and Google's free Picasa. Adobe Photoshop Elements is a powerful **photo editing program** that is a favorite among many of our Computer Club members. This seminar will introduce novice users to some of the basic functions of this popular and highly-regarded product. As a bonus, Google's free Picasa program will be integrated into the presentation. Picasa is software that helps you instantly find, edit and share all the pictures on your PC. George's two-pronged set of notes will provide step-by-step instructions for using both Elements and Picasa. These notes may be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).



Gmail and Other Google Programs

Presenter: Pat Lemay

Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30 am, in the Classroom

Gmail is a free, search-based webmail service that combines the best features of traditional email with Google's search technology. Gmail makes locating messages so easy that you'll never need to shuffle mail in your inbox again. Besides offering an entirely new way of reading and tracking messages, Gmail includes over 5 GB of storage space -- and storage space is increasing daily. Email attachments open on their server which makes getting a virus almost impossible. Don't waste time with junk mail and unwanted messages. Gmail blocks spam before it gets to your inbox. If an unwanted message ever finds its way through, you can fight back by reporting it and help make their spam filters even better.

With a Gmail account you have access to numerous other programs such as creating and storing documents, spreadsheets and photographs. The storage of your email, documents, spreadsheets and photographs is on their server so you have access to your information from any computer by logging in with your user name and password. If your computer ever crashes, you will never lose your information since it is not stored on your hard drive.

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Adobe Reader – Top to Bottom (New)

Presenter: Tom Burt

Monday, April 20, at 10:30 am, in the Classroom

The free Adobe Reader is among the most widely used software tools for PCs, Macs and Linux. This 1 1/2 hour seminar will cover how to download and install the latest version of Adobe Reader. We'll then cover the various ways the Reader connects in to your system and web browsers to make it easy to view Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files . We'll look at how to configure the Reader to make it easier to use and to get more value from it. Finally we'll look at some of the more advanced features of the Adobe Reader that go beyond just viewing documents. And we'll save time for your questions.

Target Audience: All SCSCC members who have Boot Camp or higher level experience.



Welcome to the Computer Club: New Member Orientation

Presenter: Tom Burt

Monday, April 27, at 1:00 pm, in the Classroom

This session is designed to introduce new members to the many benefits that are available to them as participants in the Sun City Summerlin Computer Club. We will provide you with an overview of our Website, our monthly online newsletter (the Gigabyte Gazette), our electronic bulletin board, our three Kaffee klatches, our ten Special Interest Groups, our classes, our seminars, and our monthly meetings. In addition, we will show participants how to gain access to our exclusive chatline (Helpinghandsonline) and our club announcement line (Admin List). Further, we will provide a physical survey of the equipment that is available for use in our lab facility and show you how you can use our library of instructional books, manuals, compact disks, and video tapes. Last, but not least, we will respond to any questions that you may have about any aspect of the club.

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Advanced Vista Seminar
Instructor: Howard Verne
Wednesday, April 29, at 1pm, in the Classroom

This seminar discusses topics not covered in Vista Basics, such as: Filtering, Sorting and grouping in *Windows Explorer*, Burning CDs and DVDs, Modifying the System, etc. There is no fee for this Seminar.

Prerequisites: Completion of *Boot Camp* or *Vista Basics* class.

Handout: Can be found at <http://www.scsc.com/smnt/VistaAdvanced.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to class.

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Q & A April 2009

By John Polich

Q. (Email message) *On the Today Show, Feb 26th, (you can probably access the piece on their website) there was a feature on thieves using file sharing software to access tax returns, bank accounts and other personal data on family personal computers. It was genuinely scary. We don't use such software, but others may and/or grandchildren have a high likelihood of using them. Which software is vulnerable, and what to do about it would be a useful review, I think.*

A. This video

(<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/29405819#29405819>) is a very worthwhile public gesture. It illustrates yet another way that threatens the security of our computers. This real life situation involved **peer to peer file sharing** using Lime Wire which is one of many such programs. These programs are usually free. They do not involve a server and millions of users can be connected at the same time. By using a search term, the program allows you to go through all the user's files until you can get what you want. In this video situation it involved personal TurboTax data. It is used most commonly by teenagers and young adults to obtain music, games etc.

The following URLs list the sites available for downloading file sharing programs:

<http://compnetworking.about.com/od/p2ppeer/tp/p2pfilesharing.htm>

<http://www.findfiles.com/list.php?cat=Network+%26+Internet%3A%3AFile+Sharing%2FPeer+to+Peer&fmc=nt-do-fi>

<http://www.softs43.com/download-software/Network-Internet/File-Sharing-Peer-to-Peer/1-1.html>

If you want to use this method of file sharing, proceed with caution. As revealed in the video, you could make it easy for others to copy your private files e.g. TurboTax data, bank information. Downloading malware and pornography are also side effects. Downloading files protected by copyright laws could get you involved in legal problems.

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If you have children, be aware of that one of these programs could be installed on your computer. Create a limited account for your secondary users. Create adequate passwords where needed. If you find that someone has installed an unwanted file sharing program, uninstall it then carry out a thorough malware removal program. If you can get the address of the involved site, set the firewall settings to deny access.

Q. (Email message) *I have a problem in cleaning up all the addresses and text from the top of a lot of emails that I want to forward on. They erase, but it takes several times to do it. Do you know of a fast way to delete all the addresses & text at once?*

A. One way you can do this is to select the body of message without including “*the top of a lot of emails*”, copy it (Ctrl + C), click on Create Mail on the Toolbar; fill in the appropriate boxes re the email address, subject etc; paste (Ctrl + V) the message into message area then send it to whomever you desire.

I often copy and paste the message that I want to forward into MS Word, format it as I want then send it to desired email address/es i.e. click the File menu, Send To then Mail Recipient.

Many use free *emailSTRIPPER* in this situation:

<http://www.downloadsquad.com/2007/09/02/clean-up-messy-emails-with-email-stripper/>

Q. (Email message) The Recycle Bin icon has disappeared from my Desktop. This occurred after a visit of a grandchild. How do I get it back? I have Vista.

A. Your grandchild had to go through many steps to make the Recycle Bin disappear. To recover it, click on Start (Orb); click on Control Panel (Classic); click Personalization; click “*Change desktop icons*” (left panel); check the Recycle Bin box then click OK.

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Q. (Email message). *What are 3 or 4 of the best FREE security systems (if there are any).... I pay \$80 a year for Norton 360. Is there something better in the free programs?*

A. As I have mentioned in my column previously, I think Norton is very invasive, takes up a great deal of computer resources and not worth paying for. To be fair, however, many users like Norton and feel secure using it. Symantec recently released Norton 360 version 3 which they state has resulted in many improvements including being less bloated. It includes *Safe Web* which indicates the safety of a given URL with a green-yellow-red rating system.

There are now available many excellent free software security programs available. It seems that much of this free software is created by people who are motivated by pride, innovation and perhaps by ego. Obviously you must always be leery of anything that is “free” so be careful from where you download; use reputable companies. Be confident in those who suggest such software. I have relied on such sources as Kim Komando, Windows Secrets, Smart Computing and Leo Notenboom. Do a Google search if necessary. Be cautious in downloading beta software as it could be associated with errors.

Remember that with free software, tech support is usually lacking even though they may offer help topics, FAQs and forums. You must make up your mind whether the savings of \$80 a year is worth the loss of tech help and the fact that it is more time consuming to make certain the free programs are updated, period scans are carried out etc.

Norton 360 is a suite which includes malware and virus protection. To replace it you should install **one** antivirus program and **several** malware programs. A recent Smart Computing article has listed the following free programs with comments:

- *Among the many free security applications available, we've found these to be good alternatives to retail security software*

■ **AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition**
free.avg.com

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The free version of AVG offers basic virus, spyware, and adware protection. If you like the software and want more protection, you can upgrade to AVG Anti-Virus Pro (\$34.99) or AVG Internet Security (\$54.99).

■ **Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware**

www.malwarebytes.org

Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware is extremely simple to use, and it will detect and remove malware from your computer. For \$24.95, you can add the Realtime Protection Module, which grants you real-time protection and scheduled updating and scanning.

■ **SUPERAntiSpyware Free Edition**

www.superantispyware.com

SUPERAntiSpyware can scan hard drives (internal and external), as well as the Registry and remove all manner of malware. You can also customize your scans, although you can't set up automatic scanning.

■ **PC Tools Firewall Plus**

www.pctools.com

Firewall Plus works transparently on your system, so you can let it run while you work or play. Rather than eliminating malware, it's designed to keep malware from infecting your system in the first place.

At the present time I use *PC Tools* as my anti-virus program. I also use *Spy Bot Search and Destroy*, *Windows Defender*, *Malwarebytes Anti Malware*, *Spyware Blaster* and *Ad-Aware*. I also use our router firewall with WPA2 encryption.

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Q. What is Shadow Copy in the Vista operating system?

A. Shadow Copy is a useful tool to help protect your data and in retrieving lost data in Vista. It is the common name for a Windows Vista process called *Volume Snapshot*. It is used in conjunction with System Restore. It was not available in previous Microsoft operating systems and is available only in Ultimate, Business and Enterprise versions of Vista. It automatically creates point-in-time copies of files as you work on them so that you can quickly and easily retrieve versions if they are accidentally deleted. It is present by default and creates copies, on a scheduled basis, of files that have changed. Only incremental changes are saved thus using minimal disk space. I have used it occasionally and find it very handy. To search for deleted files, click Start; click Computer and find the folder where the file was located; click *Organize* (button) click Properties; click the Previous Versions tab; find the file you want to restore. Open and copy the Shadow version to another location as you wish.

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Web Surfing

by Dick Kling



Extreme Mammals

Humans may be the most evolved species on the planet, but we don't beat our fellow mammals in every single category. Check out Neatorama.Com's short list of "Extreme Mammals", which features the "biggest, smallest, fastest, and slowest" of all the milk producing, warm-blooded vertebrate on Earth.

<http://tinyurl.com/a3wy7b>

Oscar Wilde

Whether you love him or hate him, there is no doubting the fact that Oscar Wilde wielded one of the sharpest wits the world has ever known. Fans of the 19th Century playwright and controversial figure will enjoy the "Oscar Wilde Collection", a great online resource of his life's work.

Peruse the website's collection of Mr. Wilde's literary works, including his "Poems in Prose", "Stories", and of course his "Plays". Notable works are available in PDF format and include "A House of Pomegranates", well known plays such as "An Ideal Husband" and "The Importance of Being Earnest", as well as his most highly regarded poem "The Ballad of Reading Gaol".

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

Tut's Adventurers Club

"Thoughts become Things" is the simple yet powerful motto of "Tut's Adventurer's Club", a free philosophical community for people who believe that life is the ultimate adventure. With over 160,000 members in 174 different countries this joyful website connects like-minded, light-hearted individuals from all around the world.

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Membership to the Adventurer's Club is attained by taking "The Oath", which demands such austere commitments as the promise "to live, love, and be happy" and to have "reverence and kindness for All". Be sure to sign up for the free email service entitled "Notes from the Universe", which helps you start off the week with a smile thanks to its insightful yet often humorous messages about the sheer magic of being alive.

<http://www.tut.com>

The Veterans History Project

World War II was an event shared by millions of Americans, but like everything the more time that passes the more personal memories, stories and experiences are lost. The Veterans History Project (VHP), a part of the Library of Congress, honors American war veterans and civilian workers who served our nation during World War II by preserving their stories.

This powerful website is the result of collaboration between PBS, Florentine Films, and VHP who have worked together to capture the memories of the men and women who experienced the war first-hand, from the battlefield to the home front. Browse through the rest of the website which archives one-of-a-kind stories from all conflicts, branches of the military, ranks, races, and ethnicities from vets who served the United States.

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>

Frommer's Travel Guide

If you've been bitten by the travel bug and are planning a trip, chances are you will need to do at least a little research. Although they are primarily known for their budget travel books, Frommer's official website is a great source for anyone who is looking for a virtual guide to trekking the world on a budget.

Visitors will find a variety of cool tips including information on hotels, flights, destinations, current deals, and local knowledge. Current highlights include "Frommer's Top Destinations for 2008", "Where Does the Dollar do Best?", and a permanent feature called "Ask Arthur" for those with more specific travel questions.

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

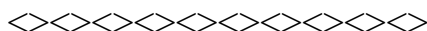
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by Ed Rogers

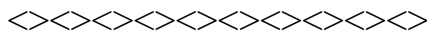


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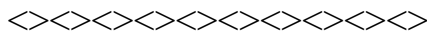


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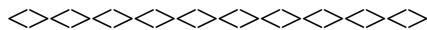
“Macworld” magazine has an excellent article (<http://tr.im/hzVF>) for tweaking the latest versions of Safari 4 Beta and iTunes 8.1. These programs offer many new features, but not everyone wants to give up the way things were. The programs discussed, *Safari 4 Modifier* and *Change Hidden iTunes Preferences* are deemed simple and safe to use, easy to understand, and free.



Bugs and Fixes to prevent crashes in OS X 10.5.6. If you need advice on how to prevent crashes and freezes related to the Mac OS X 10.5.6 update, go to <http://tr.im/gp7d> to (1) Prevent a Configuring Installation Error, (2) Fix a Blue Screen Crash, (3) Fix Mail Crashes, (4) Deal with Adobe Printing Errors, or (5) Fix NY Times Stability.

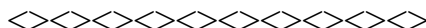


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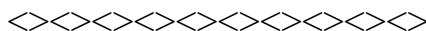


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Do you get those *Time Machine Error* alert messages and wonder why? Would you like to find out exactly what caused the error so you can do something about it? Run *TM Error Logger* after you get the Time Machine error and you will get a report showing which file or folder caused the error. Click on "Open Problem Folder" to reveal the folder containing the problem. This free program can be downloaded at: <http://tr.im/hA34>.



In the February, 2009 issue of The Mac Corner we posed a problem which was subsequently solved by Computer Club member Sandy Mintz. When asked what he did, Sandy said: "I used Photoshop to excerpt bits and pieces (e.g., "e", "with other", background) and then copied and pasted on top of what was already there." [You can quickly get to previous versions of The Gigabyte Gazette by going to www.scsc.com/ and clicking the desired issue located on the left hand side of the front page.]



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