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Computer Club***

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Letter from the Editor

Our longtime friend John Polich has retired from his position as author of the very popular “Ask the Experts” / “Q & A” column. John is a former resident of Sun City Summerlin and moved to a Sun City community in Texas several years ago. He continued his role as “computer guru” in his new community while maintaining his ties to SCSCC. John’s columns have provided all of us with a wealth of information over the years.

We thank John for his service and dedication to SCSCC and wish both John and Shirley good health and much happiness in the years to come.



President's Message

by Tom Burt

General Meetings

The Computer Club June General Membership Meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, July 2nd, at Desert Vista. Our program will feature the Clark County Virtual Library Manager, Lauren Stokes. Lauren will be making a presentation on computer classes available, online books to download or listen to, databases, genealogy resources and online librarians.

Our August 6th program will feature Tom Burt (me), providing an overview of the Association's Information Technology systems and operations.

Membership

So far, for 2009, we have **1094** new or renewed members. Our "half year" dues rate is in effect for the rest of 2009. See the [Membership](#) page for full details.

Education Activities for July

Rich Walko, Howard Verne and Edith Einhorn are our education program coordinators. We have the usual line-up of classes and SIGs for July, but not a single seminar was volunteered. See the [July calendar](#) as well as the 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.

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@iecc.org) or call me at **702-341-7095**.

Lab Updates

Our HP 2015DN laser printer died, two months after the warranty expired. We determined the cost to repair that unit was higher than the cost of buying a refurbished HP2015DN. So a refurbished unit was ordered and is now installed in the Lab.

Issue Contributors

Carol Warman – Manager / Editor

Irene Burt	Tom Burt	Edith Einhorn	Nilda Fernandez	Dick Kling
Pat LeMay	Ed Rogers	Howard Verne	Rich Walko	

Board of Directors Actions

**The Computer Club Board of Directors took the following actions on
Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

There were no Board Actions taken at this meeting.

General Membership Meeting

The Computer Club July General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2nd, 7PM at Desert Vista. The Clark County Virtual Library Manager, Lauren Stokes, will be making a presentation on computer classes available, online books to download or listen to, databases, genealogy resources and online librarians. Join us for this informative presentation, refreshments and fellowship. For Club information go to www.scsc.com, call Tom Burt, President at 341-7095 or email Tom at tnburt@ieee.org.

Welcome New Members

Faye Andrew	Ronald Lovelace
Fern Chorna	Andrea Messing
Joyce Colestock	Samuel Orandle
Vanessa De Polignac	Nancy Pisarski
Robert Gage	Pat Risler
Thelma Halpert	Marlene Visconti
Jerry Johnson	Mike Walsh

July 2009 Calendars

To view the July calendars, click the following hyperlink:

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

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.

Creative Graphics <W/M>

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

Mel Neiman (228-6727)

Featuring tips, tricks, demonstrations and giveaways with information on greeting cards, business cards, labels, simple desktop 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 Media <W>

3rd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Tom Burt (341-7095)

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

Genealogy <W>

3rd Thursday, 1:00 p.m. (new time)

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 PC 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.

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

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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.

KAFFEE KLATCHES

Kaffee Klatches provide a forum for general discussion on all computer-related subjects. Admission to all Kaffee Klatches 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.

Beginners Kaffee Klatch <W/M>

Every Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Bill Wilkinson (233-4977)

If you are a novice or near-beginner computer user, or if you just want some refresher information together with a refreshing cup of coffee, then jump-start or recharge your computing knowledge by attending the BKK sessions. At each session, attendees will explore from one to four topics of particular interest to beginners and near-beginners. The topics are always announced a couple of days in advance via e-mail to SCSCC members who have subscribed to the club's message board. Each topic is presented in a step-by-step manner and is supported by "how to" notes that can be easily and conveniently downloaded from the BKK web page. Following each "up front" presentation of one or more topics (approximately 60 minutes in duration), an informal open-ended Question and Answer period takes place for those who wish to participate, listen, reflect, or inquire.

Q&A Kaffee Klatch <W/M>

Every Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Helen Perryman (363-7760)

This is a Q&A meeting is designed for everyone to ask questions and exchange ideas in a friendly atmosphere. No one knows it all and no question is too "dumb". We learn from answers to others' questions. If you need help with a computing problem, this just might be where you find the answer. We're here and you'll get a warm welcome!

"Intermediate / Advanced" Kaffee Klatch <W/M>

Every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Helen Perryman (363-7760)

This KK is aimed at intermediate and advanced users. However, all users are welcome. The KK discussions are not restricted to any one subject, but should be computer or technology related. We will try to help you keep your systems updated and provide some "tips and tricks". If you have a tip or information you would like to share, we encourage you to bring it in and share since the SCSCC is built on "neighbor helping neighbor". The fellowship is great, the coffee is good, and the education received from the KK attendees is priceless. If you are an intermediate or advanced user, stop by and have a cup of coffee with us

July 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: July 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15

Time: From 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

August Schedule:

Dates: August 3, 4, 6, 10 and 11

Time: From 9:00 A.M. to 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.

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.

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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).



Advanced Vista

Instructor: Howard Verne

Location: Computer Lab

Wednesday, July 22, at 1PM

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.

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

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words “**ADVANCED VISTA**” 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/VistaAdvanced.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to class.



Gmail (Google Mail)

Instructor: Howard Verne

Location: Computer Lab

Wednesday, July 29 at 1PM

This class is for beginners as well as experienced users, Vista as well as XP users. You will sign up for a FREE Google email account. No software need be installed. No more fighting Hotmail/AOL/Outlook Express/etc. You will learn how to: send and receive mail from ANY computer ANY operating system, ANYWHERE in the world; view attachments (e.g., pictures) and download them to your computer; send attachments as part of your email; set up contacts/address book; and recognize phishing and spam emails.

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

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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 word “GMAIL” in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com.

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

July 2009 Seminars

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

There are no SCSCC seminars scheduled for July as of press time.



Web Surfing
by Dick Kling

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://tr.im/nbpN>

World of Modeling

Advertisers, magazines, designers, and mere mortals like us can't seem to get enough of seeing "the beautiful people". Models.Com is the premier website for fashionistas, aspiring supermodels, and drooling admirers to catch a glimpse of the glamorous world of fashion models.

Ambitious male and female beauties can use the site to research different modeling agencies, and even submit Polaroids or headshots to be critiqued by NYC booking agents. Visitors who just want to innocently admire the aesthetic beauty of these stunning mannequins can check out some of the site's "Top Rankings" including the "Top 15 Icons" and the "Top 25 Sexiest Models" of all time. Ooh La La!!!

<http://models.com/>

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/>

Evel Knievel

The most famous stuntman in history, Evel Knievel, was known for his fearlessness, daring stunts, and incredibly capacity to sustain injury. This site contains several "Field Guides to Evel Knievel's Injuries" that map out bodily damage including 37 broken bones and 14 major operations in the sixteen years of performing jaw-dropping stunts.

<http://tr.im/nbpg>

Olympic Stories

From an outsider's perspective the Olympic Games is an event of extreme grace, elegance, and international camaraderie, but things aren't always as they seem. This fun feature by MentalFloss.Com features "7 Medal-Worthy Stories You Haven't Heard About the Olympics", with tales of chaos at the 1900 Paris Games, the long lost event of "Ropeclimbing", and other esoteric Olympian tales.

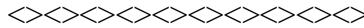
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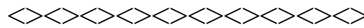
The Mac Corner

by Ed Rogers

“The Making of the Mac”—is a very interesting article on the *Macworld* magazine website providing a look back at how the original Mac came to life: <http://tr.im/psLd>



With all the publicity surrounding the new iPhone 3GS, and considering the plethora of features it offers, it’s understandable that over one million (!) were sold on the first weekend it was available. Here’s an interesting, thorough review of this technological wunderkind: <http://tr.im/psKB>



For screensaver fans – below are five free interesting screensavers. Each link takes you to a page in Version Tracker, from which you can easily download any or all. These might take 5 to 15 seconds to link up, so be patient.

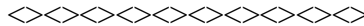
Sky Watch: <http://tr.im/pvsj>

Crystal Clock: <http://tr.im/pvvr>

Tarot Clock: <http://tr.im/pvrw>

Liquid Clock: <http://tr.im/pvt0>

Lighthouse Clock: <http://tr.im/pvtk>



Tom Nelson, a frequent contributor to *About.com:Mac*, provides the following clear instructions about Startup items.

Startup items, also commonly referred to as login items, are applications, documents, shared volumes, or other items you wish to automatically start up or open when you boot or log in to your Mac.

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A common use for startup items is to launch an application that you always use when you sit down at your Mac. You may, for instance, always launch Apple Mail, Safari, and iChat every time you use your Mac. Instead of launching these items manually, you can designate them as startup items and let your Mac do the work for you.

Adding Startup Items:

Log in to your Mac with the account you wish to associate with a startup item.

Click the 'System Preferences' icon in the Dock, or select the 'System Preferences' item from the Apple menu.

Click the 'Accounts' icon in the System section of the System Preferences window.

Click the appropriate user name in the list of accounts.

Select the 'Login Items' tab.

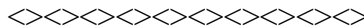
Click the + (plus) button below the Login Items window. A standard Finder browsing sheet will open. Navigate to the item you wish to add. Click once on it to select it, and then click the 'Add' button.

The item you selected will be added to the startup/login list. The next time you start your Mac or log in to your user account, the item(s) in the list will start up automatically.

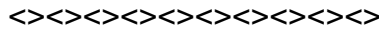
Alternate Method for Adding Startup or Login Items:

Like most Mac applications, the Startup/Login Items list supports drag and drop. You can click and hold an item, and then drag it to the list. This alternate method of adding an item can be useful for adding shared volumes, servers, and other computer resources that may not be easy to find in a Finder window.

When you have finished adding items, close the System Preferences window. The next time you boot or log in to your Mac, the item(s) in the list will start up automatically.



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The Computer Club's Mac SIG meets the 2nd and 4th
Tuesday of each month in the Classroom At 6:30 PM.
Come to learn, ask questions, and share ideas with fellow Mac users.

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Jarzomb, Leo Warhaftig, Ann	July 1 Wed
CLOSED	July 4 Sat
Taylor, Millie Spargo, Jack	July 6 Mon
Scott, Susie Brennan, Tom	July 8 Wed
Cohen, Fred Mallonee, Bill	July 11 Sat
York, Blanche Hopkins, Enid	July 13 Mon
Helling, Bonnie Helling, Dean	July 15 Wed
Kelly, Ivonne Enlow, Jim	July 18 Sat
Halvorson, Marilyn Hamilton, Marti	July 20 Mon
Ayers, Lois Ayers, John	July 22 Wed
Zuzich, John Scott, Susie	July 25 Sat
Wessler, Norm Mannlein, Lowana	July 27 Mon
Collins, Tamara Raldiris, Ralph	July 29 Wed