

# MONITOR

Vol. 28, No. 6

June 2010

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

Network Basics presented by Carl Schmidtman

## Contents

<b>This and That</b> Elizabeth B. Wright .....	1
<b>Premier Elements</b> Louise Maye Huddleston .....	2
<b>2010: A Live Chat Tech Support Odessey</b> Gay Jensen .....	3
<b>PCmover</b> George Harding .....	7
<b>SUPERAntispyware Offers Excellent Service</b> Ira Wilsker .....	9
<b>Ask Mr. Modem</b> .....	12
<b>When is a dSLR NOT a dSLR?</b> Jerry Schneir .....	14
<b>From the DealsGuy</b> Bob Click .....	17
<b>Google Books</b> Ira Wilsker .....	21
<b>Top Five Computer</b> Bob Rankin .....	29
<b>Society News</b> .....	33
<b>The Lighter Side</b> .....	35

<http://www.rcsi.org>



## This And That

by Elizabeth B. Wright  
*Computer Club of Oklahoma City*

**Y**ou never know what your program will remember when you close it.

For that reason, if the last file you used in the program happened to be on removable media which has been detached from the computer, you might face a real problem the next time you turn on your computer. So, before terminating whatever program is using a file located on the removable media, CLOSE the file located on that media. Next, still in the program you have been using, locate on your internal hard disk any file which that program will recognize. Open it. You don't have to work on the file, just open

it and close it so that the last file used by the program was from the hard disk. You don't necessarily have to do any editing of the file, but you can re-save it as an added step to help the program remember where it found the last opened file, or you can just close it without re-saving it. On my C:\ drive I keep a text file created in MS Notepad titled freecell. You guessed it, that is where I save a list of the games I have failed to win (in other words, LOST). It isn't particularly important, so if it somehow becomes corrupted or deleted, it can always be replaced with new information. This file is easily accessed and opened, after which, for a little added security, I re-save it before closing it.

Hopefully this satisfies the computers lust for usable information. I have spent too much time thinking a program had taken a permanent dive before remembering that the last work I did before turning off the machine was on a file located on a floppy disk, a camera memory card (either in a card reader or in the camera itself), or from some other form of removable media no longer accessible by the computer. If a file can no longer be physically accessed, many programs go into an endless loop trying to find it, causing your program to appear to be failing.

If you are lucky, using every trick you can think of, you might get the program to respond to a command to open a file on the hard disk. My all-time-favorite, Paint Shop Pro went to a "White Screen of Death" recently every time I tried to use it. When my brain's memory kicked in I remembered the last thing I had done before closing PSP earlier was to download pictures from my camera's memory card. The memory card had been in a card reader and was removed to put it back in the camera AFTER I closed PSP. Downloading the camera photos was the last work I did before closing PSP. When next opening the program and getting that "WSOD" (see above), I found that even though various messages told me the program was not responding, the mouse would still operate and I was able to get "File/Open/ etc. etc." to open a photo located on my hard drive. Problem solved, at least for that incident.

Of course, you can never count on anything happening exactly the same way twice. So maybe, instead of "Death" for PSP it should just be "White Screen of Coma." But your program might just stop working with no change in the screen at all. Quoting one of our knowledgeable members, "it all depends" on how the programmers wrote it.

## Premiere Elements 8

by Louise Maye Huddelston  
*Houston Area League of PC Users*

**P**remiere Elements 8 is the companion software to Photoshop Elements 8, and this is the video editor and "movie-maker" software. If you like to take videos or make slide shows with effects, music and more advanced direction, this is what you need. You can buy Premiere bundled with Elements or separately. This review is about Elements, so this part is brief.

Premiere 8 has serious problems that have been traced to conflicts with Realtek Audio drivers and Nvidia graphics driver installation software. Suggestion: download the free 30 day trial version to test compatibility with your PC.

I am having an issue with some of the rendering and converting to certain formats while I can render and upload to YouTube. The troubleshooting is a complex series of tests and definitely pushing my patience, as it will probably take me more than a few hours.

I found this software absolutely intuitive and even as a total novice to video production, I made several A/V productions and I was very happy. Not perfect, but I could to



do some cool things with sound and transitions that were beyond my usual slideshows with Photoshop Elements. There is Instant Movies, to process a video clip for you with pre-packaged templates, based on one of several themes; this is a life-saver.

Auto Analysis is a new feature that takes in image content (including face recognition) and allows you to do Smart Tagging of various aspects, including video quality, date, subject and much more.

Help: As far as help goes, the tutorials are somewhat limited unless you pay for the Plus Membership. There is excellent help online and I had occasion to use it.

Remark: I have heard that some users have crashes, freezes, etc. I think this is not so much the program but the user's computer resources – mediocre operator, insufficient RAM and/or CPU speed.

I expected that I would be able burn a DVD in the AVCHD format and then play it on a Blu-Ray player. I discovered that Premier Elements 8 does not support burning AVCHD format DVDs! Most competitive software will burn AVCHD format DVDs. More successful results from Microsoft's Movie Maker Live, which is free.

Another cool technology from Adobe stable in Premiere 8 is "Object Tracking". You have to use it to believe it! You select a person/moving object in the video & drop a clip (rain, lightening, bird, etc) on the object.

General: Contacting Adobe support is another exercise in patience. Send them an e-mail, wait 2-3 days for a response is canned, wait another 2-3 days for another response. If you're in any kind of hurry, forget it. Adobe support just isn't the quality it used to be. Bottom line, for the money Premiere is the best video editor I have tried.

The practical value of Premiere 8 is the incredibly rich feature set, the sophisticated, yet simple user interface, and the wealth of content, add-ons, and tutorials. Just put it in a sufficiently powerful engine!

## 2010: A Live Chat Tech Support Odyssey

by Gay Jenson

*Computer Club of Oklahoma City*

**M**y experience with computers began professionally and personally at the same time: 1984. George Orwell would have been quite proud, particularly if he could have read this article.

I don't know how many people in this big, web-wide world of ours have ever had the unusual experience of utilizing an "online tech support chat" service, whether it be for help with purchasing an item from a catalog, filing your income taxes, or simply downloading a program necessary for your computer. Until recently, I hadn't had this unique opportunity of the 21st century version of "letting your fingers do the walking."

It began simply enough; my husband and I had experienced marked slowness in our operating speed for Windows XP (yes, we're still in that mode), and Norton products had issued us several friendly reminders that our computer was low on memory (as, I might add, are the two of us). This, they explained, might help our computer open programs easier, download quicker, and in general, simply improve the overall speed and function. Sounded logical. Sign us up.

In the past, when we've purchased/updated our security, anti-virus, anti-spyware, etc. type programs, it's usually been done by ordering and paying online, and then simply downloading from their site. No problem. However, this time, there seemed to be a vicious cycle running against us ... we'd try to download the program (for which we had already paid), and yet, because the program wasn't downloaded yet, the computer's memory was still too low, thus creating a bottleneck usually reserved for matters of Congress. And so, the decision was made to go ahead and use the online tech support service, in its "friendly chat format."

If you have not gone through this before, a brief explanation of the “chat”: it is exactly like Instant Messaging (IM), in that you and the other person on the other end of the chat are typing back and forth in real time. The difference would be that in a tech support situation, you have no idea with whom you are chatting, or if it’s even a person, for that matter. In my instance, my tech support representative’s name was “Chithra,” and I don’t know if that’s a male or a female, but I decided it was a woman and left it at that. For some reason I felt more nurtured that way, even as a 47-year-old wife and mother myself.

In a way, it’s a bit like the ultimate blind date: neither of you have a clue as to the other’s actual range of understanding, what you look like, how you like your coffee in the morning, and so on. And so, as what I thought was a bit cheesy, the grand marshal of the technical support site announces (in typed form) that I (Gay Jenson) have now entered the Chat Room. I felt a bit like Elvis. And then it waits.

Now, at this point, I’m wondering if I should do the polite thing and figuratively shake my hand and introduce myself? No need, as it turns out, because now, my “date,” Chithra, has done just that. She introduces herself and asks me what my particular problem is (which I had already done in the previous section, but that’s okay, I’m willing to go over it once more for the sake of problem-solving). Chithra understands immediately and is quite willing to get started on this as soon as possible. Would that okay?

Well, yes, I believe it would, I typed back to Chithra.

Automatically, I’m assigned a case number, so that if our blind date gets cut short by some power surge, I can bring them back up and get started again. Now, at this point, Chithra is rapidly typing me, giving me the appropriate links that should get me where I need to go in order to download this additional memory program ... and of course, the same problem occurs, it won’t download. Chithra — the ultimate chatty Cathy — has now offered (or asked permission) to simply take it into her own tiny hands and handle it herself.

This is the part I have never done before ... I’d participated in online chats with tech support before, but never had I simply handed over the keyboard keys to the kingdom! Such trust, such blind faith, such fear of major security breach! I began searching for a paper bag in case I began hyperventilating at some point. I doubt Chithra needed one.

While I reluctantly agreed, I sat back and was amazed at how quickly Chithra’s fingers flew across my screen ... it was quite disconcerting, and I was almost afraid to look at my keyboard for fear that I would see the keys moving as well, like something from an old late-night movie where the invisible ghost is playing the massive organ but no one can see the hands ... just the keys moving....

Chithra not only typed at lightning speed, she was also bringing up windows right and left, up and down, resembling a CNN news story during an earthquake report or election night results. I decided to throw in a little levity by sending Chithra a quick note in the chat room: “Thank goodness I don’t have ADD, with all these windows popping up, right and left,” I wrote, laughing to myself at the cleverness of my remark.

Chithra did not respond. Worse yet, my innocent action of using my mouse to direct it to the chat room box, and then actually type, caused Chithra to quickly regain control of the process. This was a stern reminder that I was no longer in control here. I began looking around my home office for evidence of tiny cameras and/or listening devices. They could have been in the tissue box, or the stapler! You never know!

By now, it had become clear to me, as well as poor Chithra, that this wasn’t going to be as smooth as she thought it would be. And so, she had to go to another chat room (presumably one with more fresh air and/or cubicles), and then once again, introduced herself to me and announced to everyone that Gay Jenson had entered the room. Elvis again. And, what’s worse, Chithra and I both seemed to be in 3 rooms at once: she in her office (presumably, again); me in mine; and then our “chat-bodies” in two separate chat rooms. Those are quite a few places for a person to be at once.

So, at this point, Chithra is once again on overdrive, now in the second chat room, opening, closing, pointing, clicking, dragging, deleting, busting through her own firewalls, and in general, just really making

a name for herself in the world of online tech support chat rooms. I continued to watch in careful amazement, not wanting to touch anything and risk the wrath of Chithra, should I throw her off her game. I did sneak over to the first chat room to see if she had responded to my ADD joke, but still hadn't.

Okay ... now we had gotten to the point where it appeared that it had been successfully downloaded, and she told me that it would be necessary for me to hit "restart" after her final process concluded. So, while there was still a bit of time left on the clock, I switched over to the first chat room to see if she'd ever answered the ADD joke....and she swiftly moved my curser back to the window where that final process was counting down the seconds to the restart. "Stay focused!" is what it seemed she was telling me. I decided no matter what, I would NOT touch that mouse again unless it was time to restart.

The clock winds down, I'm poised to hit "restart," and wouldn't you know it, but good ole' Chithra had beaten me to the punch and did it for me after all. She never did trust me. "Can't trust those humans, after all," is what she was probably saying to her counterparts.

Once "we" restarted, it did seem, at least in the beginning, that things were starting up more quickly at this point—perhaps downloading the extra memory was worth it after all. But then, OH NO!, Chithra hit a brick wall, too. Now from where I was sitting, I don't think she was going to take that lying down, and I certainly wasn't going to get in her way. A few well-placed keystrokes later, and she had that thing up and running in no time.

I may have forgotten to mention this earlier, but in the beginning of the "chat," Chithra had asked for my telephone number, so that they could call me if anything else was necessary in human form. I can't imagine what that would be, but I gave in. So, afraid that someone might call at the same time as Chithra, I decided to take preemptive strike and I texted my mother, my husband, and my daughter to let them know I was under home-computer arrest, and needed to keep the land-line open for the time being. In all actuality, I was joking, but figured it was kind of funny ... until the phone rang ... and it was Chithra! (or at least it said the name of the organization on the Caller ID) I quickly answered, nervous and worried that I had somehow given away the secret recipe for tomato soup, but no sooner had I answered, than she (?) hung up on me! The nerve! And not even an apology in either of our chat rooms.

And still no recognition of my ADD joke, which frankly, wasn't all that funny, but sometimes you just want to be noticed.

Well, fast-forward, and in conclusion Chithra did get the program downloaded, we have a lot more memory now (more than I have in my head, which is kind of sad), and Chithra assured me that she knew I was valuable to their company and that my time should NOT be wasted! I felt this was a very thoughtful thing to chat.

In the distance, my television was on, and the old classic Stanley Kubrick movie, "2001: A Space *Odyssey*" was playing. I wonder if Chithra knew HAL? What I do know for certain is that I couldn't have outwitted Chithra the way the Kubrick's astronaut did with HAL. Chithra was way onto me from the very beginning.

*Gay Jenson is a published author of Mirror Journals-Reflections of a Father-Daughter Journey of Hope, a memoir of a cancer survivor who resides in Phoenix, AZ with her husband Paul, one dog, and three cats. Gay is also the daughter Elizabeth Wright, of the Computer Club of Oklahoma City.*

*This article has been obtained from APCUG with the author's permission for publication by APCUG member groups; all other uses require the permission of the author (wright599new (at) sbcglobal.net).*

# PCmover

by George Harding

*Tucson Computer Society, AZ*

Laplink has had PCmover available for many years. Its purpose is to successfully transfer your data and programs from an old computer to a new one. The data part of the transfer is easy enough, in fact, Microsoft has an application called Easy Transfer that will do that part. However, to transfer the programs part is difficult. You usually have to install the original programs on the new computer, and then update them as necessary, which may take a long time.



The PCmover process has been adapted to include the tricky process of upgrading from XP to Window 7. As you probably know, Microsoft requires you to do a “clean” install (format the hard drive, then install) if you are running XP, then reinstall and update all your programs. I tried the PCmover process in an update from XP to Window 7. Overall, I would say it was a remarkable success. Before you start doing an upgrade, it's wise to run Microsoft's Upgrade Advisor, available at Microsoft's site.

The first step, of course, is to make at least one complete backup of your system – not just the data files, but the entire partition in which XP is running. Some tech people even advise making two complete backups and having them verified by the backup software.

The next step is to download and install PCmover. You can download it at [www.laplink.com/PCmover](http://www.laplink.com/PCmover). Once downloaded, you install it just like any other application. Laplink advises that you turn off any screen savers and power-saving settings. For laptops keep the power plug in. Your computer must stay awake during the entire procedure. They also recommend disabling anti-virus, spyware and similar applications because they probably won't be transferred correctly; you'll have to reinstall them after the upgrade.

Next, you run PCmover. You will need a serial number in order to run the program, which you should get when you download the program. The next screen of the program shows several choices for method of migration. You should choose the Windows 7 Upgrade Assistant method.

You can choose to migrate all users or only chosen ones. You'll usually choose all. Next, you'll be presented with a list of all your hard drives and partitions. You'll only want to migrate the partition/drive which has XP. Next you can exclude certain file types. You probably won't want to transfer the listed types, but it won't hurt anything if you do transfer them.

Next is a scan for applications. You'll get a list of all the applications on your computer. I got 112 in my list. You may deselect any of these which you don't want to migrate. I left them all checked.

The next step creates the list of applications you have chosen, and then asks you what name to give it and where to save it. You should save it on a different drive/partition from the one you are migrating, or on an external hard drive. You can give it any name you want. I called mine “upgrade.”

Now, PCmover creates the Moving Van, the file that contains all the info to be migrated and saves it where you specified. This may be quite a large file. Mine was over 7 MB.

Now you upgrade to Windows 7 by selecting the Custom method. This will take a while, but your input will not be needed. Once complete, you reinstall PCmover on the upgraded computer, run it, find the Moving Van file and let PCmover migrate your applications and data. This transfer may take quite a while.

When completed, you should have all your applications and data that you wanted migrated available and working in Windows 7. There may be some of your applications that do not work in Windows 7. I had a few, but the problem was with Windows 7, not PCmover.

I found this migration assistant to be easy to use and quite effective to migrate applications and files

Vendor: Laplink

[www.laplink.com](http://www.laplink.com)

Price: Ranges from \$20 to \$60 for a single license

*This article has been obtained from APCUG with the author's permission for publication by APCUG member groups; all other uses require the permission of the author (Georgehardingsbd (at) earthlink.net).*

## SUPERAntispyware Offers Excellent Malware Detection and Removal

by Ira Wilsker

The attacks on our computers continue at record levels. It would be great if I did not have to write so many columns on malware, and how to detect and remove it, but our computers are still being infected in record numbers. While our antivirus software publishers push frequent updates to our computers, and continuously improve their offerings, the malware authors are often a few steps ahead, and regularly penetrate our defenses. According to the Swiss website "Zeus Tracker" ([zeustracker.abuse.ch/statistic.php](http://zeustracker.abuse.ch/statistic.php)), the ZeuS trojan, which is one of the most prolific in circulation, can penetrate the major antivirus software, and infect our computers in large numbers. In fact, the average antivirus detection rate for the ZeuS trojans, and its variants, was a dismal 47.1% on May 1, meaning that ZeuS will not be detected or stopped by our updated antivirus software over half the time, allowing it to infect a computer that has the most recent antivirus updates! I have been a strong proponent of protective software that offers a layered defense in addition to our antivirus software. Recently I came across another product that does precisely that.

In one of the technical support blogs that I read regularly, was a discussion about what independent computer technicians use on-site to clean infected computers. Two of the three products most often mentioned have been reviewed here in the recent past (Malwarebytes and a-squared), which I carry on the USB flash drive on my car keychain. The third product that was widely used by the technicians I was unfamiliar with, but several technicians raved about it so I had to research it and give it a try. That product was SUPERAntispyware.

SUPERAntispyware is available in four flavors from [superantispyware.com](http://superantispyware.com); a freeware version, a fully featured (paid) professional version, a free portable version, and a free online version. My first experience was with the freeware version. This version will detect and remove malware from hard drives, removable and portable drives, memory, and the registry. It offers excellent detection and removal of spyware, adware, malware, trojans, dialers, worms, keyloggers, browser hijackers, and other threats. SUPERAntispyware has a slogan that says that it will, "Remove all of the spyware, NOT just the easy ones!" As an unscientific experiment, I purposely ran SUPERAntispyware (free edition) on several badly infested computers after I had cleaned them with the other two very reputable products that I have been using in the past. Before each scan, I manually updated all three products to be certain that I had the latest updates. On each computer, SUPERAntispyware detected and removed some malware that had been missed by the other products. Just to be fair, no product can offer absolute 100% detection and removal all the time, which is precisely why I purposely use multiple products in serial order to clean infected computers, a practice followed by many other independent professionals that I communicate with. When used last, SUPERAntispyware almost always detected some malware that was missed by the previous two products; when I used it first, at least one of the other products caught something that it missed (usually traces of malware). Still, in my experience, the detection and removal rate of SUPERAntispyware was excellent.

Regardless of what product is used to detect and remove malware, there is always the very real chance of a false positive, and that a critical file may be erroneously detected and deleted in error. For this reason, I recommend that any files detected be quarantined, rather than deleted; if the file is needed later, it can be recovered from the quarantine directory. If I have no problems with missing files after several weeks, I delete

the quarantined files. Sometimes the detection software, regardless of brand, detects files that appear to be legitimate and necessary; when this happens, I upload the suspicious file to Virus Total ([virustotal.com](http://virustotal.com)) which will scan the file against 41 major security products, and display each of their findings. If those 41 other products used by Virus Total indicate that the file is OK, then I obviously do not delete or quarantine it, and then use the malware scanners' "report false positive" feature to notify the publisher of the false positive.

While the freeware version is intended explicitly for detection and removal, the Professional version (\$29.95 retail for a lifetime subscription) offers those services and much more. The Professional version is designed to be installed and run on a computer that already has security software installed, and does not interfere with the existing security software. It uses few system resources and does not significantly degrade system performance, while providing an additional layer of strong protection. One interesting feature in the Professional edition is the "First Chance Prevention (which) examines over 50 critical points of your system each time your system starts up and shuts down to eliminate threats before they have a chance to infect and infiltrate your system." It also offers real-time protection from harmful software that may try to install itself on your computer, as well as protection of your registry and browser. Automated scans can be scheduled as desired to ensure that the computer is free from malware. Any application that is loaded and run will be scanned automatically to verify that it is not a vector that can load malware, and that the application itself is safe to run. The Professional version is automatically updated at least every eight hours, and can be configured to check for updates before any scans are started. SUPERAntispyware offers a totally functional 15 day free trial of its Professional version, so users can try all of the features before making a purchase decision. As a point of fact, I now have the Professional version installed and running on my computer in addition to my major brand security suite.

Hardly a day goes by that someone does not ask for help in cleaning an infected computer. On a regular basis, I download the free portable version to the USB flash drive I have on my keychain. This version is free, and does not require any installation or updates, as it is updated regularly, and is run directly from the flash drive (or CD drive). The portable version uses a randomly assigned filename as much of the common malware prevents the popular detection software from running. Yesterday, using the SUPERAntispyware Portable version, I scanned a badly infected computer that had a major security suite installed. This particular computer was infected with the ZeuS malware, which penetrated the security software, neutralized it, and opened the computer to additional infections. One of the infections, a common function of ZeuS variants, loaded the infamous "rogue antivirus" on the computer, which totally took over the computer, effectively holding it for ransom unless the registration fee was paid to a foreign crook. The Portable version detected and removed over 900 threats from that computer, including the rogue antivirus and the ZeuS. A follow-up scan with another malware detector only found some traces of the malware which had been removed previously. As is often necessary, I had to totally reinstall the security suite software on the computer. I strongly recommend that the Portable version of SUPERAntispyware be downloaded periodically to a flash drive, just in case it is needed; I use mine on an almost daily basis on someone's computer.

SUPERAntispyware offers a free online scan for malware at [superantispyware.com/onlinescan.html](http://superantispyware.com/onlinescan.html). I tried it, and it is substantially the same as the portable version, but runs on the host computer, rather than a flash drive. It does not install anything to the start menu or program files, and does not need to be uninstalled after running.

In the short time I have been using it, I have become one of the 30 million loyal users of SUPERAnti-spyware. At a minimum, I would recommend that users download and install at least the freeware version, and copy the Portable version to a flash drive "just in case". Performing a scan on your computer would be a good exercise and learning experience, and may also detect malware on your computer that may have



penetrated your existing security software. You may want to consider the fully functional, free, 15 day trial of the Professional version, and then purchase it if you like it and want the real-time protection and other features that it offers.

I like SUPERAntispyware, and use the different versions on a regular basis, as appropriate. You should try it, and see if your computer really is clean. If not, SUPERAntispyware can effectively clean it. Better safe than sorry.

WEBSITES;

<http://www.superantispyware.com>

<https://zeustracker.abuse.ch/statistic.php> ZeuS Statistics

<http://www.superantispyware.com/onlinescan.html>

<http://www.virustotal.com>

<http://www.superantispyware.com/portablescanner.html>



## Are Updated Drivers Necessary?

Q. I read an article that recommended checking for updated drivers using Driver Agent ([www.driveragent.com](http://www.driveragent.com)). I discovered that only the scan was free, but it cost \$29.95 to download the seven updated drivers it said my computer needed. I'm not having any problems with my PC, so do I need to spend this money for these drivers? Your advice would be greatly appreciated.

A. My philosophy, as often expressed in my weekly newsletter ([www.MrModem.com](http://www.MrModem.com)), can best be summed up by the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Even with my own computers, as long as everything is working perfectly, I feel no need to play "Mr. Tweaker" and try to fix something that isn't broken.

If a printer, for example, stopped working at some point, I would go to my printer manufacturer's Web site, locate the area where I can check for updated drivers, and download them for free. There is nothing inherently wrong with a site like Driver Agent in a pinch, but it's rarely necessary to pay for updated drivers, if needed. Bottom line: Save your money.

Q. I recently installed Microsoft Office 2007, and now when I send a Word document attached to an email, no one is able to open it. What can I do about this?

A. Word 2007 introduced a new file format for documents. Previous versions of Word used the .DOC file format. Word 2007 uses the .DOCX format that older versions, and other word processing programs, cannot read. The good news, however, is that you can save your documents in the old format.

To do that, with your document open in Word 2007, click the Office button in the upper left-hand corner, point to Save As and select Word 97-2003 Document. In the "Save As" window enter a file name for your document, then click the Save button.

If you want Word 2007 to automatically save all your files in the old format, click the Office button and at the bottom of the drop-down menu, click the Word Options button, then click the Save tab. Locate "Save files in this format" and change it from "Word Document (\*.DOCX)" to "Word 97-2003 Document(\*.DOC)." Click OK to save your changes and exit.

Q. I would like to know if I can save one or two paragraphs from a document to a thumb drive without saving the entire document?

A. To save text to another drive – and it doesn't matter if it's a thumb drive, a pinkie drive, a Sunday drive, or any other type of drive – first save the excerpted text as a file on your computer's internal hard drive, then copy the file to the external drive. To do that, select (highlight) the text you would like to save, right-click and select COPY or press CTRL +C. Go to your word processing program, or you can use WordPad (under Programs Accessories WordPad), and click once to place your cursor in the new document, right-click and select PASTE or press CTRL + V. The text you copied will pop onto the screen. Click File Save As, and save this excerpted text as a file. You can save it anywhere you wish, including to your Desktop.

Once it's saved, copy it to your thumb or flash drive. To do that, right-click the file you just saved, select COPY, then go to your thumb drive by opening (My) Computer, right-click the thumb drive's icon and select PASTE. The file will be copied to your drive.

## Mr. Modem's DME (Don't Miss 'Em) Sites of the Month

### 13 Things That Do Not Make Sense

Here you'll learn about some of the greatest mysteries of science, including the 1977 "Wow" Signal from Outer Space, the Placebo Effect, and Cold Fusion. (Note: The tiny default font used on this site is the 14th thing that doesn't make sense, so click View Text Size if you need to increase the size of the display font for easier reading.) <http://tinyurl.com/ce4mj2>

### Test Your Geography Knowledge

If you were shown a picture of South America, would you be able to point to Uruguay? Or how about Eritrea on a map of the Middle East? Put your geography knowledge to the test with these humbling – very humbling – quizzes.

[www.mccollam.com/fun/geoquiz](http://www.mccollam.com/fun/geoquiz)

### WalkScore

This site calculates the "walkability" rating of neighborhoods. The score is based on the number of businesses, services and other destinations within walking distance of a given address. Ratings range from zero ("driving only") to 100 ("walkers' paradise"). WalkScore inspired me to conduct my own walkability study. The protocol I followed involved getting up off my chair and going for a walk around my neighborhood. Website, [shmebsite](http://shmebsite.com). There are some things you just have to do for yourself.

[www.walkscore.com](http://www.walkscore.com)

For plain-English answers to your questions by email, plus great computing tips, subscribe to Mr. Modem's award-winning WEEKLY newsletter. Subscribe using Promo Code 0847 and receive a free month (four weekly issues!) with your six-month subscription. To view a sample issue or subscribe, visit [www.MrModem.com](http://www.MrModem.com).

## When is a dSLR NOT a dSLR?

by Jerry Schneir

*Los Angeles Computer Society, CA*

**S**imple question but very indicative of what the future holds for some of us photo buffs. In simple terms, it is a camera that is devoid of a mirror box assembly. In other terms it is an interchangeable lens camera, but unlike a single lens reflex (SLR) it does NOT have a mirror to redirect the light from the lens to the optical viewfinder. All SLR cameras, digital and otherwise, use a mirror assembly to intercept the light that comes through the lens and redirects the incoming light to the viewfinder rather than to the film (or sensor) at the back of the camera. Generally the light will also pass through a prism or fixed mirrors at the top of the camera on its way to the viewfinder. It is this complex configuration that gives a SLR a

distinctive look. It is also this configuration that gives a SLR a distinctive sound as the mirror swings out of the path of the incoming light and then returns to redirect the light back to the viewfinder.

To answer the question we need to go back in time. The entire dSLR world started changing in September of 2004 with Olympus's introduction of their E300 dSLR. Here was a camera that didn't look quite like anything else, not SLR nor rangefinder. It sported a mirror that worked different, didn't have the traditional top bulge and was based upon the Four Thirds sensor design. In September of 2005 Olympus came out with their E500 a dSLR looking camera and then in January of 2006 they introduced the E330, another dSLR type, but a camera with "Live View", the ability to see the image on the LCD before the shot was taken. That feature caused an uproar among the traditional SLR manufacturers.

In February 2006 Panasonic introduced their unique looking L1 which was also based upon the Four Thirds sensor. While the L1 still incorporated a mirror it did not have the look of a SLR, but more closely the rangefinder cameras of the `1950-1960 period. That camera bombed primarily because of cost. In August of 2007 Panasonic introduced the L10 which now resembled the traditional look of the SLR and had Live View but again did not do as well as hoped for by Panasonic.

In September of 2008 Panasonic brought forth the G1 a Micro Four Thirds camera that looked like a dSLR in that it had the characteristic bulge on the top of the camera, had interchangeable lenses, but it did NOT have a mirror box assembly. In the G1, light passed directly through the lens onto the imaging sensor. This was a much different camera. The camera was different for several other reasons. It was based upon the Four Thirds sensor size introduced several years earlier, but used Micro Four Thirds mount lenses, and used an electronic viewfinder (EVF) in place of the traditional optical viewfinder of the digital single lens reflexes (dSLR) cameras. Though it looked like the smaller dSLR cameras, Micro Four Thirds cameras are not dSLRs. They are also smaller because they don't house a dedicated autofocus image sensor. The autofocus on the G1 uses the Four Thirds image sensor. This is exactly like autofocus on a compact camera. But here, autofocus is speedier because on the Micro Four Thirds cameras they use both a faster autofocus algorithm and a faster processor. This makes autofocus feels faster and more like a dSLR, at least on some cameras.

Up to this time, two companies, Olympus and Panasonic had adopted the Kodak developed Four Thirds sensor design. The major advantage, and to some old diehards, the only advantage, was the reduction in both size and weight of the lenses and to a certain extent, the size and weight of the camera body as well. But these earlier cameras although smaller and lighter in weight, still could NOT do what every point and shoot camera could, show the image on the LCD or EVF before taking the picture and shoot movies. The G1 still lacked the movie ability. The movie mode was just peeking its head up in regular dSLR at about that time with "Live View". Panasonic changed that with the arrival of the GH1 in March 2009, a new movie mode had been added.

Up to this point in time, all these cameras still utilized the mirror box, nothing really had changed until the earth shattering (somewhat an exaggeration) introduction of the new mirrorless cameras in 2009, the Olympus E-P1. This was a rangefinder looking camera, albeit, without a rangefinder but having the rangefinder look. However, this breakthrough camera lacked two important built-in features, no flash and no viewfinder of any type. Olympus partially corrected this "whoops: with the introduction of the E-P2 in November 2009. This camera had a port for connecting a high resolution EVF. In February of this year, Olympus announced its newest edition to this family, the E-PL1. This camera had a built in flash and a port for connecting the EVF.

Panasonic finally took the plunge into a rangefinder style camera with the introduction of the GF1 in September of 2009. The GF1 uses an optional EVF and has a built-in flash unit. In March of this year, Panasonic announced two new cameras, the G2 and the G10. These are almost identical cameras resembling SLR designs more than anything else. Interchangeable Micro Four Thirds lenses but no mirror boxes.

But this question about dSLR cameras doesn't end here, other cameras with interchangeable lenses but lacking a mirror box have been introduced, have been announced, or are rumored to be in the works. I have deliberately skipped talking about Leica cameras since, IMHO they are just largely rebadged Panasonics. Sony showed their non-working prototype based upon a full APS-C sensor. Ricoh's GXR comes with interchangeable units containing a lens and a sensor in a rangefinder style camera. Can't say much about the sensor size since it is dependent upon the lens that is part of the system. I have strong reservations about this concept.

The Samsung NX10 is a rangefinder style camera using a new lens format called NX. What is most interesting about this camera is that it uses a APS-C size sensor, that is about 1.5x that of the Four Thirds sensors. Of course, this means larger and heavier lenses than that of the Panasonic or Olympus cameras of similar designs. While Canon and Nikon have said nothing, rumors are rampant. I suspect that we will see new mirrorless digital cameras from these mammoths of the industry in the later part of this year. I suspect that the designs will be that of rangefinder styles reminiscent of earlier Nikon RF cameras of the 1940-1960 and the same with Canon except they may base it more on their popular G series of cameras such as their G11.

So here we have it, a whole new class of cameras, you might say SLR cameras minus the R. I prefer to say RF style since in my mind they are truly reminiscent of cameras from the 1940-1960 time period. The advantage to this new group of cameras is smaller size and lighter weight while maintaining the excellent image quality associated with the dSLR cameras. Disadvantage, fewer lens choices and, for the time being, relatively more expensive. Some of these cameras tend to be slower focusing but that is changing in the newer models.

*This article has been obtained from APCUG with the author's permission for publication by APCUG member groups; all other uses require the permission of the author (editor (at) lacspc.org).*

## From The DealsGuy

by Bob (The Cheapskate) Click  
*Greater Orlando Computer Users Group*

**W**e've been working a few trade shows and I always find them interesting. I work an assigned post these days, usually on a loading dock, and can't look things over unless we go in early, which I rarely do. However, occasionally during the show setup days, I get to visit with a few exhibitors, whose booth is located near my dock, as they go outside for a smoke. Other times, I only get to see the setup contractors who are assembling booths.

The PGA (Pro Golfer Association) show in January was smaller this year, yet well attended. Attendance was about 30,000. There was a booth near my post that sells a unique device that calculates data to improve a golfer's swing. They call it the Game Changer, or the GC2. It doesn't look like much because it's a small electronic device. It's a bit large for your jacket pocket, but fits easily in your golf bag. The device opens up and you place it on the turf off to the side of your golf tee so it can photograph your swing. It has two cameras in it a few inches apart and when you make your drive, both cameras snap a picture, and then almost instantly, the device calculates all kinds of data pertaining to your drive, consisting of your launch angles, speed, spin, and much more.

When I watched the guy in the booth drive the ball up against a curtain, I saw the flash of the cameras, and in a few seconds, an entire screen of data was quickly displayed including a heavy line designating exactly where the drive would travel and land. They had it connected to a 42" plasma TV in the booth to display the data, but it could be hooked up to a variety of handheld smart-devices via Bluetooth. It has a USB output enabling the data to be used by various customized applications. The GC2 also has speakers to announce the data if you prefer.

If this gadget fascinates you, check their Web site at <<http://www.foresightsports.com>> for more information and a picture of the GC2. If you are an enthusiastic golfer and feel this item might help you, why not pop for the six grand and buy it for yourself for Christmas, birthday, Father's Day, or any other occasion that you can think of. After all, don't you deserve it? Some guys might buy their wife one for Christmas, and then borrow it.

I saw another interesting item, although much less expensive, for improving your swing. It's a specially designed club that helps to find out what's wrong with your swing, and can be used either inside or outside. I watched guys take a nice swing and the ball simply flipped up in the air and dropped behind them because they didn't swing right. Others did better. I didn't understand what was going on, but you can visit <<http://www.slingergolf.com>>. Priced at \$89.95, this must be for the blue-collar gophers.

I also saw a guy walking along with a three-wheeled electric golf caddy trailing behind him and when he stopped, the caddy stopped, then when he went on, it followed. He said it was a prototype. I loved that one, but show management showed up and told him to please keep the machine in his booth, so I didn't see him again. I'm sorry I didn't get any information from the guy. There were many booths with electrically operated golf-bag carts so it was easy to miss.

Bat-Caddy had an electric golf caddy selling for \$590 and was manually controlled. They also had a model you could run with a remote for \$995. Their Web site is <<http://www.batcaddy.com>>. When finishing this column, I noticed they had special deals on their Web site that ended April 30, 2010, but why not check for deals when you read this just in case they have another deal. Would an electric caddy mean "going green?"

## **Ready for a Different Way for to Hold a Conference?**

The FACUG 2011 Spring Conference Cruise is shaping up gradually, but surely. The deadline has been extended to June 30, 2010 so it's not too late to sign up. People are slow to register, but the last I heard, 180 were signed on. There are no special restrictions for who can sign up, but one person from each cabin must register for the conference and be a user group member. You can check it out on the FACUG Web site <<http://www.facug.org>>. Looking at the 2011 FACUG cruise, you can't go wrong with such great people leading the sessions. Looks like all fees and taxes are included in the prices, but look it over for other incentives. I believe no cruise will be planned for 2012 because not everybody wants it done on a cruise ship and it is a problem for an individual attendee.

## **I Tried to Refurbish My Computer with a Software Product**

My computer is not acting very normal so I decided to try Reimage Repair to see what it could do. I read Ira Wilsker's favorable review of Reimage, and it's also listed on the Windows Secrets Newsletter, which I respect, so I downloaded it when they offered a discount to see if it would improve my computer's performance. My experience hasn't worked well as yet. I had to try four times before it would finish, and it never did actually finish as it should have. Only one of my problems was helped so far. I sent them a message asking for suggestions via e-mail and they responded that I should try the repair with the machine in "Safe Mode." I tried to do that, but while in safe mode I am unable to connect to the Internet and it won't work that way. I sent another message stating my problem and they are suggesting a remote control session. I need to set up a time to do that so I am in the process or arranging it.

## **Reminder**

The special offers for Diskeeper products are probably still good so keep that in mind. Their new technology for preventing fragmentation before it happens is unique and I read a favorable review about it in a user group newsletter. Here are the URLs for the deals:

Diskeeper 2010 Home 2-pack \$49.95 (Save \$30) <<https://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart>

.aspx?item=49115&qty=1&srchash=\_ioxswm\_p>

Diskeeper 2010 Professional 2-pack \$99.95 (Save \$20)

<[https://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart.aspx?item=49365&qty=1&srchash=\\_ioxswm\\_p](https://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart.aspx?item=49365&qty=1&srchash=_ioxswm_p)>

Diskeeper 2010 Pro Premier 2-pack \$169.95 (Save \$30)

<[https://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart.aspx?item=49366&qty=1&srchash=\\_ioxswm\\_p](https://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart.aspx?item=49366&qty=1&srchash=_ioxswm_p)>

Undelete 2009 Home and Diskeeper 2010 Home bundle \$49.95 (Save \$20)

<[http://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart.aspx?item=50519&qty=1&srchash=\\_Ioxswm\\_p](http://www.diskeeper.com/store/checkout/addtocart.aspx?item=50519&qty=1&srchash=_Ioxswm_p)

## Take a Look at Specials from Your Favorite Vendor

I sometimes get an announcement from Corel, but the discount usually expires before you editors could get it published for your members since I write this column two months in advance. However, here is an announcement for some full products and upgrades that I just received, and I have no idea what the deadline is. Hopefully you can beat it if there's something you need.

For CorelDRAW Graphics Suite X5: The full version price seems is \$49.90, but the upgrade price is \$19.90 less than the regular price.

For Corel DESIGNER Technical Suite X4: The full version price is \$100 below the regular price and the upgrade price is the same as the regular price.

For WordPerfect Office X5 Standard: The full version and upgrade prices are \$25 below the regular price.

For WordPerfect Office X5 Professional: The full version price is \$25 less than the regular price and the upgrade version is \$21 below the regular price.

For Photo & Video Bundle: The price is \$6.50 below the regular price, but there seems to be differences in the bundle contents, e.g. X2 in yours vs. X3 in the regular version.

Corel has always been a favorite with user groups. Here are some URLs to check for better information and additional products. Hopefully you can find all the information you need to make a decision: <<http://store1.corel.com/corel/category.jsp?cat=cat3450073&trkid=31Mar10NACDGSX5LicenseUGeDMeDM>>, <[http://www.corel.com/content/pdf/cdgsx5/CDGSX5\\_version\\_comparison\\_matrix\\_en.pdf](http://www.corel.com/content/pdf/cdgsx5/CDGSX5_version_comparison_matrix_en.pdf)> and <<http://www.corel.com>>. Check for additional information and comparisons. There are differences in the pages so do your homework. To order by phone call 1-877-502-6735 and use promo code 4212 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 7pm EST)

That's it for this month. I'll have some more new product announcements on my Web site that didn't offer discounts. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers or freebies I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of any products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click <[bobclick at bellsouth dot net](mailto:bobclick@bellsouth.net)>. Visit my Web site at <<http://www.deals-guy.com>>

## Google Books - Millions of Titles Available

by Ira Wilsker

Google needs no introduction here, as it has been discussed in many previous columns. Google is much more than the ubiquitous search engine, as it now provides mapping services, email, public domain name servers, comprehensive portable online document services, and countless other benefits in a highly competitive field. Recently, Google has been quietly entering the e-book field, where as many as a million books (mostly public domain because of expired copyrights) are currently available for free use, and countless others still under copyright will be available for a fee. Google is not alone in providing free public domain books online in a variety of formats, and it will also not be alone in providing commercial e-books for a fee. In terms of commercially available titles, Google will be a direct competitor to the likes of Amazon and

Barnes and Noble, both of which already sell access to countless thousands of titles, mostly in proprietary formats only readable on their respective readers.

In 2004, Google announced the "Google Books" project, an ambitious plan to digitize and post online 15 million books within 10 years. The primary source of these books was initially libraries from all over the world, but since the announcement, many of the world's universities have volunteered their literary collections to be digitized by Google. The stated aim of Google is to preserve library books and make them universally accessible. Last November in an interview in the New York Times, Google co-founder Sergey Brin said, "The vast majority of books ever written are not accessible to anyone except the most tenacious researchers at premier academic libraries. Inevitably, the few remaining copies of the books are left to deteriorate slowly or are lost to fires, floods and other disasters." According to a recent story published by the BBC, Google has already digitized over 12 million titles, making it the largest repository of digitized books in the world.

While Google obviously has the technology to digitize, catalog, and make available all of the books it can process, there have been some major legal obstacles to completing the project as planned. Books published before 1923 are in the public domain as their copyrights have expired, allowing them to be freely digitized and distributed. Books published since 1923 may still be under copyright, as the copyright would run for the author's lifetime plus 70 years. Several organizations, including the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers have filed lawsuits against Google, which resulted in a settlement in 2008; the problem is that the settlement was never approved by the federal court because of issues raised by government regulators and others. Last November (2009) an amended settlement was reached, but it too is being challenged, and has not been approved by the court.

Books that may still be under copyright that have already been digitized cannot be offered in their entirety by Google, but Google can include small parts of the books in its search engine. Compounding the complexity of the issue is the fact that many of the authors and their heirs have become nearly impossible to locate in order to get the requisite permissions to enable Google to post the digitized copies.

Despite the copyright limitations and legal restrictions on many of the books published since 1923, Google has compiled an impressive list of mostly older books that are available for free in digital format, most commonly in the universally readable PDF format. Books digitized and published in PDF retain their original fonts, graphics, and images exactly as published. Since PDF files can be read on almost any type of digital device, Google may have a competitive advantage over its competitors selling e-books that can only be read on their respective proprietary devices.

During my Christmas break, I stumbled on Google Books by accident while doing personal research on some historical items. I was amazed to find entire texts, complete with all of their pictures, on Google, and downloaded over two dozen entire books from Google. Most of these books were published between 1880 and 1910, and most have the stamp of the New York City Public Library emblazoned on the inside of the front cover, and elsewhere in the books, making their source obvious.

I have always had a fascination for old magazines, and Google Books has helped to satiate my needs. Google Books has a large collection of old magazines, including LIFE, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, and others available for viewing. I recently viewed a 1938 LIFE magazine (still under copyright, but available for viewing) which included stark images of the wars in Spain and China, historical facts that my current college students are oblivious to. It is not just the news and photos of that date that are of interest to me, as the advertisements display a microcosm of the innocence of American life that is now lost forever. I did download a PDF of the May to October 1893 edition of Popular Science (copyright expired), and found the scientific technology and writings of the day fascinating, as were the portraits of the scientists referenced; the clothing the scientists were wearing looked archaic compared to today's styles. Some of the advertise-

ments of 1893 were most educational, as were stories about life of the day. One story about the homes displayed at the 1892 Columbian Exposition, honoring the 400th anniversary of Columbus discovering America, described the modernistic (circa 1892) homes of the day, including a \$1000 "Workingman's Model Home", two stories plus a cellar, 20x28 feet per story (560 square feet per floor), including three bedrooms. The furniture for this three-bedroom home was listed at an aggregate cost of \$300, and total family expenses for a year were listed as food at \$200, clothing at \$100, fuel at \$50, and annual miscellaneous expenses of \$50. Feeding a family of five was listed as 50 to 60 cents per day. We can learn a lot about history and economics by reading these antique magazines on Google Books.

Thousands of more recent books are available for free viewing on Google Books. I teach courses in Business and Economics at LIT, and Google Books lists 14,868 titles in its Business & Economics directory. Google Books also has 149,600 medical books listed, as well as 62,800 cookbooks. While many of the newer books are complete and can be viewed online, many others say, "This is a preview. The total pages displayed will be limited." One cookbook I looked at that contained that statement was the 1975 version of the "Joy of Cooking." While some pages were omitted, I was able to find a lot of interesting recipes in the 900+ pages that were available. On the edge of the browser window was a statement from Google that said, " You can order full copies of any book using the "Get this book" links to the side of the preview page." Along with the 481,600 books available in the "Law" category, 60,566 under "Humor, and 161,600 under "Travel", as well as the dozens of other categories, anyone should be able to find a huge selection of books of interest.

Being Google, the entire library of millions of titles is fully searchable, and both the directory and the search results can be sorted into those titles that are either public domain (mostly downloadable as a PDF file), full view, and limited view. Google has provided an excellent resource for readers of all ages. The selection of books currently available is outstanding, and according to some published resources, only makes up about 30% of all of the titles that Google has scanned because of unresolved copyright issues. Once the final legal issues are resolved, the selection of titles should be much bigger. I eagerly look forward to what else might become available from books.google.com.

#### WEBSITES:

<http://books.google.com>

<http://books.google.com/googlebooks/agreement/>

Program Meeting - Penfield Library

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

**Help's Half Hour**

Led by: Bill Statt

by Jan Rothfuss

Q: A member has two versions of Excel working. He now has temp files showing up everywhere. What is happening?

A: It is nothing serious. These temporary files are copies of the file that are saved to be restored. TuneUp Utilities is a good program to use to clean up these files after they have been found. It runs in the background. The new version 2010 has a few more options. It costs around \$49.00.

Q: Another member gets a message about RealPlayer reminding him whenever he boots up. He also gets asked about MSN 8.0. He also gets a message every time he opens a webpage.

A: You can open up RealPlayer and turn off the check for update choice.

Q: One member generates a letter and saves it to her hard drive, on her desktop.

A: By using 'save as' you will have a copy on the desktop. By right clicking you can delete your document.

Q: Sometimes when adding text he highlights it and tries to move into Word for spellchecking. It does not



move it there.

A: Perhaps he should start typing in Word and then copy/paste it over into its final destination. Not all programs are standard.

Q: Bill told us that he has been burning out mother boards. He was told that he is damaging his capacitors.

A: He now has a new board with two ounce solid copper capacitors. It was suggested that

Q: Using Windows XP, there was an update that now forces you to login with a password. He followed the instructions to remove the dialog, restarted and, to his dismay, he still gets the password request. But he has no password!

A: He will likely have to take it to a shop to get a password setup for him. If you get that message, he suggests that you set up a password right away.

Q: Have any of the members used Revo uninstaller? He needs it to uninstall Professionally Speaking.

A: It was suggested going to their site and using their Dragon uninstallation program. He may also try to create a new user with administrative rights and try again.

Q: Another member had a problem when trying to use a software that said he needed to install C++.

A: This C++ program is a free download.

NOTE: If anyone is looking for Dragon, there is generally a 50% sale every month.

## **Business Meeting**

Led by Steve Staub

Steve asked all persons to see him to join or renew their membership. Cards are available for everyone.

If you do not have a membership card holder, see Steve. As of next month's meeting, (June), all members are asked to wear their tags. Doing so makes you eligible for door prizes. If you do not wear your tag, you will be asked to make a contribution to our "Help the Club Box."

Our newsletter assembly is set for this coming Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Steven's, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Planning meeting is the first Tuesday of each month at Sally's house, starting at 7:00 p.m. Our June meeting will be held at the Penfield library. We are looking for ideas for the next program. Is anyone using their computer in a special way? We could split up our program between two members. Otherwise we will conduct an extended helps half hour. It might also be an idea for members to share specialty programs that they particularly like. They could bring a laptop and demonstrate its features. We could conduct a class on router basics. Would anyone be interested in a presentation on Excel Tricks?

Carl will present "Network Basics" for our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Excel Tricks program will possibly be our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting by Dan Phelps. Depending on how tonight's program goes, we may also have a Part III on photography in September. Please check the official announcement in our newsletter to learn which program will be presented at our next meeting.

Does anyone have a lead for ads to include in our newsletter? We are also looking for a permanent home where we can meet every month. We are still looking for a Program Chair, noting that this person can work from home. Charlotte Baker is the chair for our new Publicity committee.

The Rochester HamFest is set for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Barnard Exempt Fireman's field. We have a booth there. Members are needed to staff the table for shifts throughout the day. We will need workers to talk about our club. Be sure to wear your name tags. If you are planning to go, get there early. The event usually starts at 8:00 a.m. but the line forms by 7:30 a.m.

The Digital Photography SIG meets with Dave. Dave will no longer be acting as the chair. So a new leader is being sought. They do have a permanent place to meet. The Linux SIG meets with Carl. They meet at 5/22, 1115 East Main at Goodman. There is no meeting in June.

Plans are being made for our annual club picnic being held this year on the second Tuesday in August,

8/10. There will be a silent auction. It will be at the Brighton Town Park. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. A – I names are to bring munchies. J – R names are asked to bring salads. S- G names are to bring desserts. All items that will be donated for the auction are to be sent to Sally so that she can include them in the July newsletter. There is a \$5.00 charge. It covers the facility rental and the meats, plates, beverages, etc.

Election of officers:

Steve was elected as President. Dan was elected as vice-president. Arpod was elected as Secretary. Dennis MacMahon was elected as Treasurer. Member at Large, Sally Springett, was reelected.

## Program

Bill started his second presentation on photography by showing us his favorite digital camera. FX150 is the number.

Lonestardigital.com is a site that he recommends for photography links. It includes “How To” pieces as well. NaturalReader 9.0 was demonstrated as a free program. Just highlight the text and it will read it aloud for you.

Section 4 – where to put the subject when taking a photo? Not in the center!

One hint was to overshoot your photo and then you can use your software to crop and make more artistic photos.

Section 5 – Different Lenses, Different Compositions. The longer lens used will restrict the amount of background included. A wide angle lens will seem to magnify the subject and may add some bowing or bending of the lines. By stepping back from the scene, you will get less distortion. By using a telephoto lens, the background will be exaggerated and the distance will be compressed. When using a normal lens (30 – 50mm) you get an image that appears as your eyes see it naturally.

Bill suggested that we try to use our new learnings as we take photos over the summer. He will complete the last three sections when we meet again in the Fall, perhaps September or October.

## President's Message

by Steve Staub

Clayton Hunt, a member of our club since FROG days, passed away last week. He was 96.

On a happier note we had election of officers. The officers for the 2010-211 season are: President Steve Staub, Vice President Dan Rothfuss, Secretary Arpad Kovacs, and Treasurer Dennis MacMahon. They all will run for one year. Member-at-large Sally Springett was reelected for three years.

On August 10 the club will have its annual picnic. It will be held at the Brighton Town Park on our regular meeting Tuesday. We have the cabin. Arrive at 5 pm eat at 6 pm. If your last name begins with the letter A - I please bring munchies, J - R salads, and S - Z deserts. There will be a \$5 per person charge (non refundable). The club will supply the meat, coffee, tea, and soda. The deadline for making a reservation is Aug. 1st. You can contact Steve Staub 429-9877 or e-mail srstaub1 @rochester.rr.com or see him at a meeting. Meats are red or white hots, cheese burgers, and Italian Sausage. We will run a silent auction with the proceeds going into the club treasury. Please let Sally know what you're bringing to the auction so she can list the items in an upcoming newsletter.

## The Lighter Side

Being loaded is a 5 MB Hard Disk Drive for the IBM 305 RAMAC, the first IBM 'SUPER' computer released in September 1956.

This HDD weighed over a ton and stored an 'astounding' (at the time) 5 MB of data.

Do you appreciate being able to reach into your pocket and pull out your 8 GB memory stick now - or perhaps even your 3GS iPhone with 32 GB of memory?

Something to think about, huh?

--Jim McGrath

