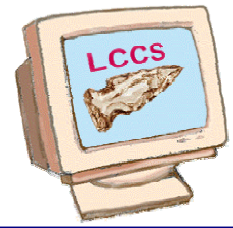


Licking County Computer Society



Random Bits

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POSITIONS OPEN

Program Director

Newsletter Editor

Web Sig Leader

Any help would be appreciated.

Presentation at the January 17, 2006 General Meeting of LCCS

Kemp O'Dell, LCCS member, gave a well-organized presentation on **Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)**. VoIP is the routing of voice conversation over the Internet, which can replace conventional telephones that use land lines. Kemp uses **AT&T Call Advantage Service**, so his presentation was based on that service. His PowerPoint slide show included Pros & Cons, Features, Optional Features, Premium Features, and Additional Features. Cost and portability are the main advantages, while loss of power is a disadvantage, although a battery back-up may support your connection for a limited time. A broad band connection is necessary. Kemp was not able to present a live demonstration but did go on line to describe the Web site of AT&T CallVantage service.



President's Notes: by Jim Amore

The beginning of the year has been busy so far. During the Executive meeting a committee was formed to work on an ethics policy. The policy was reviewed and accepted by the Executive committee and published in this issue of Random Bits. Dave Bibler has agreed to chair the Ethics Committee and work on other policies for our society. Please feel free to contact Dave for anything concerning these issues.

We are starting to get more members to step forward to help but one place we will need some help is with the meeting presenters. George Hreha has been in contact with other computer users groups around Ohio by e-mail trying to get presenters on a regional schedule. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help, contact George or myself.

We are gaining new members and I'd like to see our membership double within this year. We need to keep our current members and get the word out about our society. Everyone can help by bringing a guest or just telling someone about what we do. Contact us with any ideas to make our club more interesting or enjoyable.

Karla from Alphaslink has offered our members a discount for dial-up Internet service @ \$14.95 per month. Alphaslink 1496 West Main St. has also offered to be a drop off point for donated computers during working hours. Please only small amounts at a time due to limited storage space. They will call us to pick them up.

I want to thank everyone for all they do and for making it easier to do my job.

SIG News

Word/Works SIGs

These meetings are held at Zerger Hall. Report by Mary Frances Rauch, leader, rauchhouse@alink.com

November 2005 and January 2006 October and November brought questions to SIGs about writing annual Christmas letters to send with, or in place of cards. We used MS Word to compose a letter and used the clipart designs offered in the Word software program. Members were also shown how to access the Task Pane feature that offers “Clip art on Office Online” so they could effectively search when returning home.

Question: *After inserting Clip Art into the document, how do I resize it without pulling it out of shape?*

Answer: *Left click on the Clip art. This will display small black squares around its outside edges. Position the cursor/mouse arrow on any **CORNER** square until you see a **DIAGONAL** 2-sided arrow and hold down the left mouse button as you drag the picture smaller (or larger). You can do this as many times as necessary to resize it. To close the resizing feature, click in any blank place on your document.*

After designing their personalized holiday letter, they were shown how to create individual Envelopes using the “DELIVERY ADDRESS” of their holiday letter. We took it one step further by adding a design on outside of the mailing envelope, using the “Add to document” feature of the ENVELOPE tab in Letters and Mailings.

In January, 2006, Word/Wks SIG, we reviewed Tabs, Tab Alignment, Tab Leaders, Decimal tabs and Bullets and Numbering.

It’s challenging because we never have much notice as to what the members want to learn or review. Come and expand your knowledge with us!

Windows Special Interest Group

Win SIG

These meetings are held at the home of Phyllis Hartroft, 5516 Lancaster Rd (Rt 37), Hebron, Ohio.

Phyllis Hartroft, hargrei@alink.com, and Jon Luzio jluzio@adelphia.net, Co-leaders.

Report by Phyllis Hartroft

October 22, 2005. Jeff Eno agreed to demonstrate video editing and said it should be interesting and fun. Indeed it was! He used Pinnacle Studio 8, a program that has had excellent reviews and earned a PC Magazine “PC Editors’ Choice” in 2002 — see www.pcmag.com/article2/0,4149,574600,00.asp. The current version is 10+, which won a third place bronze award in a 2006 video editing software report of Top Ten Reviews (<http://video-editing-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>), just behind PowerDirector and Ulead Video Studio 9.

Jeff is quite happy with Pinnacle Studio 8 and sees no reason to upgrade. He is very adept at using and demonstrating its many features. One of his favorites is addition of sound using the audio mixer, which has been described as extraordinary, and SmartSound.

In case you missed this presentation, he will be giving another demonstration of video editing on March 21, 2006 at the General Meeting.

November 19, 2005. Jon demonstrated some free programs, especially Google Earth, a free program that displays maps and high-resolution satellite images of cities and landmarks around the world. It is not hi-res in all areas but is great in metropolitan areas. For example, if you type in Newark, Ohio, it displays the city and will overlay it with a map but the satellite imagery is not sharp. In contrast, nearby Columbus and its metropolitan area are very sharp, allowing you to zoom in on individual buildings.. You can tilt the image for 3-D views. If you have broadband internet access, by all means download this free program and see for yourself. <http://earth.google.com/>

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Pencil Drawing? Jeff Eno asked “Is there photo software or a plug-in that will convert a photo to a nice pencil sketch like the booth at the mall?” The answer is “yes” although it may not require a plug-in if your photo-editing program includes filters. For example, Photoshop Elements 2, which I have, includes “artistic” filters. Mary Frances Rauch had taken a photo of Jon Luzio at a recent meeting. We used color pencil section and after adjusting the settings, converted it to grayscale.



January 22, 2006 . There was no meeting in December due to the holidays. In January, a pressing need was the 2006 LCCS Yearly Meeting Planner. Mary Ossa and George Hreha had solicited schedules from SIG leaders and others so we had all the information necessary. It was decided the easiest way of creating the calendar was to edit last year’s planner, which I had created in PageMaker. We updated the background calendar from one found in Publisher and then Mary sat at our display computer to move the tiny colored squares to the correct dates for each activity for the entire year. It was made easier by participants reading the information from one activity each month. I was also made easier by touching up with the cursor keys after positioning each square by mouse dragging. Thanks, Dave, for the tip. This was a fun project and, after checking for corrections, we exported the document to PDF file and posted it on the LCCS Web site. Go to www.lccsohio.org and click on "[LCCS Yearly Meeting Planner](#)". It can easily be printed and posted on your refrigerator or by your telephone.

Linux SIG 1/29/06 By Jim Amore

These meetings are held at the A-Frame.

We met at the A-Frame with a good turn out of about eight. We had different computers set up with different distributions of Linux. As we were playing with different operating systems we also set up a server on a donated computer. We will continue working with our networked server at our next meeting and are planning a “Tivo” like Linux box to be able to record tv and also view what we recorded on other networked computers. This should be a very interesting meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We meet every third week on Sunday afternoon at 1 pm. See yearly planner on our website

Repair SIG 2/7/06

These meetings are held at the A-Frame.

Repair SIG met on 2/7/06 7pm at the A-Frame. We had about 12 people in attendance and were able to work on five computers with good results. Repair SIG meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the A-Frame. See more information at www.lccsohio.org



1/25/06

Licking County Computer Society
Sexual Harassment Policy

Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibits sex discrimination. Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of law. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made whether explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's membership, or
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for membership decisions affecting such individual, or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's membership or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment

Sexual harassment may also include verbal language of a sexual nature, offensive photographs and pornographic materials.

The Licking County Computer Society will not tolerate sexual harassment and discrimination. If a member feels another member is sexually harassing them, it should be reported in writing immediately to the Ethics Committee chairperson. Members will not be retaliated against for lodging a sexual harassment complaint.

Two members and the chairperson of the Ethics Committee will be responsible for investigating sexual harassment complaints. If the Ethics committee chairperson is the accused perpetrator, three members appointed by the president will conduct the investigation. If a member is found to be guilty of sexual harassment, the Ethics committee will recommend to the officers and trustees of the Society any disciplinary action to be taken.

All sexual harassment complaints and investigations will be held in confidence to the maximum extent possible. The investigation will be conducted in a speedy, thorough and objective manner that respects the rights of both the accuser and the accused.

L.C.C.S.
MONTHLY
MEETINGS

General Meeting
3rd Tuesday
Zerger Hall

Word/Works and
Novice SIG
3rd Wednesday
Zerger Hall

Linux SIG
Every 3rd Sunday
A-Frame

Repair SIG
1st Tuesday
A-Frame

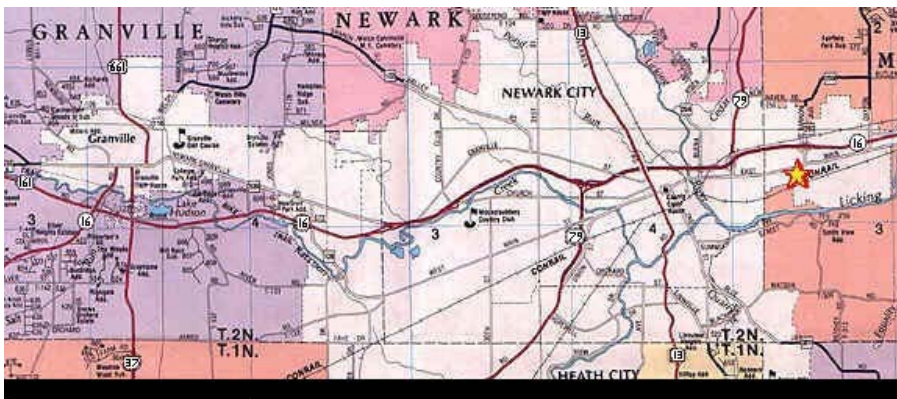
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times and can-
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www.lccsohio.org

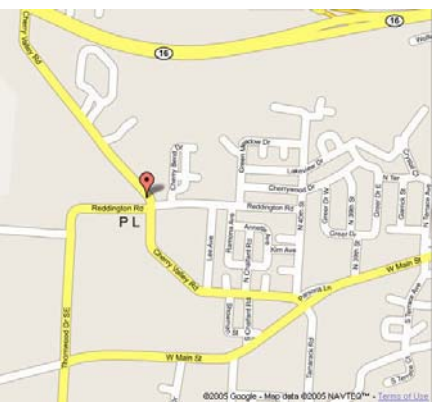
If you have not been to the LCCS meeting sites these maps will help you find the locations.

The General Meetings, Word/Works SIG, Novice SIG and Training Classes are held at Zerger Hall. (see star) at 745 East Main Street near the intersection of East Main and O'Bannon Ave., Newark, OH. (Just west of O'Bannon Avenue, next to old Children's Home.)

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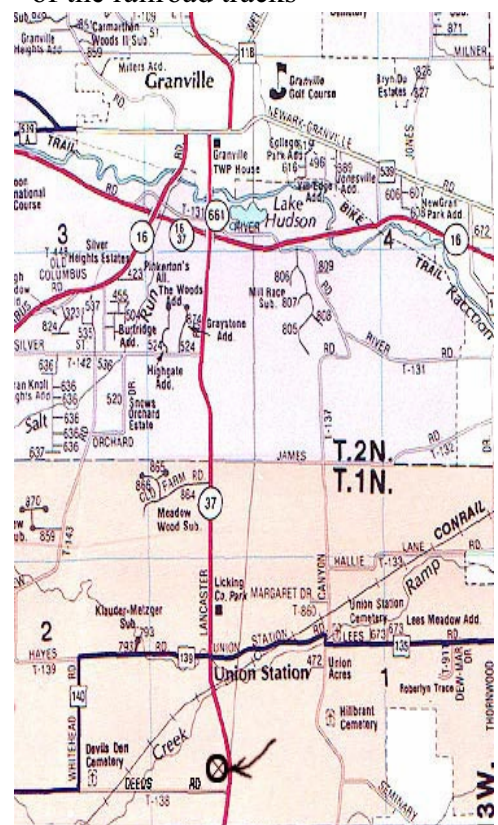
This location is where the **Linux and Repair SIGs meet**. It is on the north west corner of the intersection of Reddington Rd with Cherry Valley Rd. The "A" frame is a short walk north, using the bike trail. Go through the tunnel under Reddington Rd. from the public parking lot



(PL) at the SW corner of the Cherry Valley/Reddington Roads intersection. We recommend that vehicle parking should be in the public parking lot and persons attending evening meetings at this location should carry a flashlight since neither the trail nor the tunnel have illumination. We will have a 2- wheeled hand cart available to transport items from and to the parking lot to the "A" frame.

Please note, LCCS will not be responsible for any damage to any vehicle or personal property if any person chooses to use the treacherous access driveway from Reddington Rd. immediately into the 2121 Cherry Valley Rd. location.

Windows SIG meets here (see arrow and "X" at lower left of the map). The address is 5516 Lancaster Road (State Route 37). It is approximately three miles south of Highway 16, just north of Deeds Road and the 4th driveway south of the railroad tracks



REMINDER
Computer Recycling is the last day in March and the 1st of April 2006.

SAVE FOR REFERENCE

LCCS YEARLY PLANNER 2006

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- General Meeting:** 7:00 p.m., Third Tuesday, Zerger Hall, 745 East Main St., Newark
- Executive Committee Meeting:** 5:00 p.m., Third Tuesday, Zerger Hall
- Linux SIG:** 1:00 p.m., every third Sunday, A-Frame building at 2121 Cherry Valley Rd..
Contact: Jim Amore, 740-404-3963 jim@helmicks.com
- Repair SIG:** 7:00 p.m., First Tuesday, A-Frame building at 2121 Cherry Valley Rd..
Contact: Wyn Davies, 366-6314, aeolus_nko@adelphia.net
- Word/Works SIG:** 9:30 a.m., Third Wednesday, Zerger Hall, 745 East Main St., Newark
Contact: Mary Frances Rauch, 522-4710, rauchhouse@alink.com
- Novice SIG:** 1:30 p.m., Third Wednesday, Zerger Hall, 745 East Main St., Newark
Contact: George Willey, 788-8484, gwilley@alink.com
- Windows SIG:** 7:00 p.m., Saturday following the General Meeting, Phyllis Hartroft's house,
5516 Lancaster Rd. (Rt 37). Contact: Phyllis Hartroft, 587-3444, hargrei@alink.com,
or Jon Luzio, 587-4632, jluzio@adelphia.net
- RECYCLING EVENT** Contact: Jim Amore, 740-404-3963, jim@helmicks.com.

Please see the Meeting Page for any changes during the year.
www.lccsohio.org/meeting.htm

Executive Board Meeting

01-17-2006 – 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Jim Amore, Jaki Amore, Phyllis Hartroft, Mary Ossa, Vicky Atkins, Mary Frances Rauch, Dave Rauch, Don Furnish, Don Dovjak, John Luzio and George Hreha.

President Jim Amore opened the first meeting of the year 2006. He then proceeded to read the Decembers Treasurers Report. The total in the treasury for January 6, 2006 is \$7876,20. The Las Vegas Convention Expenses \$1551.23 for the total trip.

Motion to except the Treasurers Report as read by Mary Frances, seconded by Phyllis. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Bibler told us that he was re-keying the classroom and wanted to know from the group how many keys were needed. The figure was between 10-12 keys.

Jim Amore reported that we got 4 certificates for our Club this year all being “Honorable Mention” in all 4 categories.

Phyllis brought to our attention that Mary Ossa should be listed on the Newsletter since she is Chairman of the Teaching Committee. All agreed.

Last Months Executive Minutes were read and approved as read.

Phyllis brought to our attention there have not been any updates for the Web Page. She reminded everyone to be sure to send the updates TO: Jon Luzio with CC: Phyllis, and SUBJECT: Web Page.

Phyllis also brought up the need for someone to volunteer to work on and update the LCCS Yearly Calendar. Mary Ossa and George Hreha volunteered to update this useful tool.

RECYCLING is the last day in March and the 1st of April 2006.

A motion to nominate Vicky Atkins for **Membership Chairman** by Phyllis Hartroft was made. It was seconded by Mary Ossa and accepted by the majority of the board.

TEACHING COMMITTEE:

Mary Ossa reported that students have been joining the club since the applications have been available in the classes. Dave Rausch stated that all sign on accounts on the school computers have now been password protected, including the “Guest” sign on. Mary requested that Wynne make up more of the CD’s for maintenance to get to the students, he said he would do it.

LINUX SIG:

Jim Amore stated that he had won a copy of Linspire from Las Vegas and it now is running on a computer at the “A” Frame.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Dovjak made a report to the committee on the refurbishing, distribution and delivery of 21 computers to the Heritage Christian Academy in Akron, Ohio. He said the students were exceptionally happy with their new computers. John also stated that no funds had been used from the Club treasury.

John also brought our attention to the fact that Dave Bibler needs to have the closet in the outer building emptied. John said he would like to get some help to remove the equipment there. Also WCBE (WCBE Central Ohio's NPR Station,90.5 FM) would donate airtime to us for work on their computers.

It was brought to the Boards attention the lack of having a Sexual Harassment or Ethics Violation Policy in place. The board agreed to setup a 3 person committee to meet with Dave Bibler and come up with such a policy. The group included Jon Luzio, Wyn Davies, George Hreha and Dave Bibler. They would report back to the President.

Respectfully Submitted

George Hreha



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Check one: New Membership Renewal

Please fill out all applicable sections and submit this

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DATE: _____

NAME: _____

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- SINGLE\$24
- STUDENT (full-time)..... \$12
- FAMILY \$36
- SUSTAINING (life)\$250

Please send your check with this page to:

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- Updated database
- Sent membership card and bylaws
- Sent new member name to RB

Please check your mailing label. Your membership expiration date appears above your name. If the expiration date is March 2005, or before, please submit a renewal application form.

If no date appears above your name, we invite and welcome you to join as a new member.