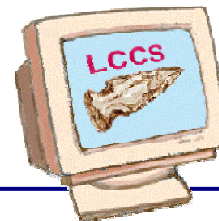


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Random Bits

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2006 General Meetings of LCCS

Presentation by Jim Amore

February 21, 2006

We started out with a little setup difficulty. I had some photos from Las Vegas to start off the evening but couldn't get the slide show to work on the projector. The Internet would not work on the two computers I brought in to show on-line updates and scanning. I continued with PowerPoint about securing home computers and identity theft. The PowerPoint came from Jay Ferron at www.mir.net Jay was in Las Vegas at APCUG.



Don't fall for Internet scams. Keep anti-virus, operating system, and spy-ware detection updated and scan your computer every couple days. Some good free programs:

Ad-Aware (spyware)
www.download.com

Spy-Bot Search and Destroy (spyware)
www.download.com

AVG (anti-virus)
<http://free.grisoft.com/doc/2/lng/us/tpl/v5>

The biggest point I can make is to close preview pane in Outlook and Outlook Express. A couple examples:

I had a friend that had so many viruses and Trojans on his computer that his ISP would not let him on the Internet. He only used the computer to check his e-mail and do a little e-baying.

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Presentation by Jeff Eno

March 21, 2006



Jeff Eno during his presentation February 21, 2006

Jeff Eno, member and past-president of LCCS brought his desktop computer and sound equipment to Zerger Hall for his demonstration on video editing. As usual he gave us an enjoyable presentation.

Jeff pointed out that home movies have a reputation for being boring. Until recently, what you shot was what you showed. However, with today's video editing software, some good judgment and common sense, amateurs can produce a short story that everyone will enjoy. Jeff said that a good home movie tells a story with a series of short scenes. Using a popular video-editing program, Pinnacle Studio 8, Jeff demonstrated how video and sound from home movies can be edited and combined with titles, transitions, music, and photos.

He used movie clips previously captured from a digital camcorder and stored on his computer. Except when needed for effects, background audio in the clips was not used. Selected clips were then individually edited to eliminate unwanted portions, such as repetitions, mistakes, and to adjust timing. He showed how background music or voice narration may be added to the video. Still photos (JPGs) may also be inserted to add to the video story. After viewing and touching up, the final video can be burned to a DVD or VCD (video CD).

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Next General Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 7:00 PM
Zerger Hall
745 E. Main St., Newark, Ohio

PROGRAM

A demonstration of Microsoft's new operating system, Vista, by Jim Amore, LCCS President. He will be using a beta version he is testing and will give a quick talk about the APCUG convention he attended in Las Vegas.

LCCS SECRETARY'S REPORT

February, 21, 2006

Attendees: Bob Porter, Mary Ossa, Vicki Atkins, Wyn Davies, Dave Rauch, Mary Frances Rauch, Dave Bibler, Jaki Amore, Jim Amore, Phyllis Hartroft, George Hreha.

Absent: George Willey, Jon Luzio, John Dvojak
President, Jim Amore, opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Treasurers Report

The report was read and discussed and approved. Hereofore the Treasurers report will be attached to the minutes for any member to view if requested. The reason for this rule is due to the fact the minutes are being sent out in the "Random Bits" Newsletter and the Board thought it best not to publicize the money for the general public.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read, seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the January Executive Meeting

Motion was made to approve as read, seconded and the motion carried.

Sexual Harassment Policy

Discussion over the policy itself and the disciplinary action. It was agreed to appoint Dave Bibler as the Chairman. It was also agreed to allow Dave and his committee to set the discipline or policies with the approval of the President. This is in the event of some signed complaint by a member. Any signed complaint will be turned over to Dave and will be investigated It will be reviewed by the committee, Dave Bibler as Chairman and a female and a male member with him, totaling 3 members thus far. In the event of a signed complaint the committee will report to the President their findings and recommendations. The committee could increase if necessary. This committee the President and the Executive Board on this policy of Ethics. will also venture to work on the guidelines for the Ethics of the Society with final approval of Dave Bibler made a motion to except the Sexual Harassment Policy, which had been sent originally in email, there was a second by Dave Rauch. Motion carried.

New Business

It was mentioned that some of the emails had been a little sarcastic, even some with nasty remarks. It was asked if we all could tone down.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE ACTING EDITOR OF RANDOM BITS

At this time I am willing to act as the temporary editor for the LCCS newsletter Random Bits. If I continue after the Winter Quarter 2006 issue, it will depend upon the co-operation of the LCCS members.

Stand alone articles from LCCS members would be appreciated. Please see the new sections, LCCS Members Speak and Tip or Treat in the Spring Quarter issue. Our members do have much to contribute and hopefully articles will be sent to me.

Both of these additions to Random Bits will need the help of all members. Please do your part and contribute. Also anyone with photos pertinent to a meeting/SIG should send them to me as JPGs.

Gina Buckey Acting Editor, Random Bits
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RANDOM BITS FROM APRIL 1996

Has the work of the editor of Random Bits changed much in twenty years? When reading the CD Phyllis Hartroft prepared, containing Licking County Computer Society newsletters, in PDF format, from 1992 up to 2004 the following appeared in 1996.

Note:

- The group was the Newark Area Computer Club.
- There were requests for articles.
- One had to phone the editor and send, if possible, the information on a floppy diskette.
- The article Tips and Tidbits, sounds like Tip or Treat.

April, 1996 Newark Area Computer Club

We welcome contributions to *Random Bits*

If you have a problem, pet peeve or, better, a favorable experience with a computer related product or project, we'd like to hear about it. Our primary function is to inform and help. We would also like to have letters to the editor and whenever possible, we will publish your contribution as it is written. Of course, we have to reserve the right to edit for purposes of space, clarity and grammar. If there is not enough room in the upcoming issue, we will save it for the next one.

Please phone the editor that you intend to send or have sent your contribution. If you use regular mail, address it to

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SIG REPORTS

Linux SIG

February 19, 2006

Written for **Jim Amore**, Linux SIG leader

The group met at the A-Frame on Sunday Feb. 19 and attendance was good. Lindspire was running on one computer and was used.

On another computer an attempt was made to install and run Ubuntu 5.10 "The Breezy Badger. "Ubuntu is Free Software, and available to you free of charge. It's also Free in the sense of giving you rights of Software Freedom, Unlike many of the other commercial distributions in the free and open source world (Libranet, Lindows, Xandros, Red Hat) the Ubuntu team really does believe that Free software should be free of software licensing charges." This quote and much more information is from the Ubuntu Web site found at <http://www.ubuntu.com/ubuntu> At a previous LCCS Meeting Ubuntu Version 4.1 was made available in both live and install cds.

Jamison Ables set up a Tivo like Linux program, MythTV, on another computer hoping to be able to record from cable tv onto the hard drive of this computer for viewing at a later time. The cable connection was not cooperating, but he ran last week's recorded show This Old House.



Word/Works SIG

February 15, 2006, 9:30 AM

Written by **Mary Frances Rauch**, Word/Works SIG leader

Members requested a refresher on "Watermarks" or WASHOUTS (MS Word 2003), (depending on what version of Microsoft WORD is installed on your home computer). We emphasized the use of Task Pane Search Results menu which said:

Creating the watermark:

On the **Format** menu, point to **Background**, and then click **Printed Watermark**.

Click **Picture watermark**, and then click **Select Picture**. Select the picture you want, and then click **Insert**.

Select any additional options that you want, such as **Scale** to change the size of the picture or **Washout** to dim the picture, and then click **Apply**.

Notes:To view the watermark, you need to use **Print Layout** view. Watermarks are designed for printed documents, and they aren't visible in normal view or Web layout view. If you want to apply a watermark-like background to documents for online viewing, apply a background (point to **Background** on the **Format** menu, and then click a color or click **Fill Effects**) or a theme (**Format** menu, **Theme** command).

Another person requested a review of margins and Page Setup on "specialty-sized stationery". We did a "hands-on" demo and had each student print out a document on different sized paper (such as 4 x 6, 5 x 7, 6 x 8, 8 x 10).

March 15, 9:30 AM

Phyllis Hartroft gave us a treat by joining us and sharing a CD she prepared, containing Licking County Computer Society newsletters, in PDF format, from 1992 up to 2004.

Phyllis demonstrated how to copy and "read" such a CD on our own home computers. She showed us how to put a free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader on our computer (so we could open and read the PDF files on the CD).

Phyllis explained about special software, Adobe Acrobat (the full version, not the Reader) to create PDF files from Adobe PageMaker or Microsoft Publisher publications. Currently, this is how our *Random Bits* newsletter is created in final form — the PDF is sent to our commercial printer (A Printed Impression) and it is also posted on the LCCS Web site. The advantage of viewing it on our Web site is that it is in color, whereas the printed version is black and white.

Each time I attend a SIG, I come away with a new hint or tip that makes my work easier. --- *continued on p 5*

WEB SIG

Written by **Kevin Clement**, Web SIG Leader

The Web Site Development SIG (also known as the Web SIG) resumed on 02/28/06 at Zerger Hall. Meeting time was changed to 7:00pm from 6:30pm with Zerger continuing to be the usual meeting place, reserving the use of the A-Frame for workshops and



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TIP OR TREAT

A SHUTDOWN ICON FOR YOUR DESKTOP

If you are using Windows XP you can put a shortcut on your desktop to shutdown your computer. Follow these easy steps:

1. Right click on the desktop
2. Choose "New"
3. Choose "Shortcut"
4. Type: shutdown -s -t 00
5. Click "Next"
6. Give the shortcut a name. "Shutdown" with out the quotes) would certainly be appropriate.
7. Click on "Finish"

Now when you double click on your new shutdown icon your computer will, well, shut down. You can also change the icon to the same one Windows uses.

Submitted by Jeff :-) Eno



What Song Was # 1 On The Day You Were Born?

- What was the #1 song on ...
- the day you were born?
 - the day you graduated from high school?
 - the day you were married?
 - the day your child was born?

<https://home.comcast.net/~josh.hosler/NumberOneInHistory/SelectMonth.htm>

Submitted by Bill Johns

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH CONNECT

SECTION

Have you read the computer articles by Jim Coates in the Monday Columbus Dispatch Connect section, not saved them, and wondered how to access them on line? There is no e-mail address given for one to check on his past articles. However if you go to Google and search for Jim Coates you will be rewarded with his recent columns in the Chicago Tribune. At the present time his recent articles go back to August of 2003, but "You can search for more columns [in our archives](#)." And they go back to 1985.

Submitted by A Friend

LCCS MEMBERS SPEAK

THE McCANNA'S VENTURE

I, Baxter, have been a member for a year. I became interested after needing more info on working with the computers already in my possession. It seems that most books were written for people who could already speak the language and not for us who were just getting our toes wet.



Since I had a variety of computers — both Mac and PC — the club recycling has provided me with all sorts of extra parts and ideas to expand into. As of now we have 6 computers running in our home with systems running from Apple IIe up through XP.

This brings me up to the latest development in our home. Uriah, my third oldest son, wants to build his own gaming computer. He has a friend at school who has some experience and he has been picking his brain. So, I suggested we check the A-frame for a box to start with then continue adding parts as money became available. And then once up and running we can upgrade as we know more about what is needed and what works for him.

So, we went to one of the Sunday Linux meetings and got the box he wanted with a big power supply. Then Uriah ordered a mother board downtown. We had a 40 GB hd and a cd player and the other cards to get going. Together it went and we ran it. Oh, no! Not quite — It seems you need RAM to run the computer and we had a lot but all the wrong kind. Off we went to look for it and realized we didn't know it had different speeds in addition to different slot configs!!!

So, downtown again — and since the board was so new the RAM had to be the newest and he needed a lot — at least one gigibite to get going. Once again, we were moving forward and had the system up and running, but we only had a Suse 10 Linux operating system. Therefore we couldn't test the machine on any Microsoft games!!

Uriah has as of now run out of money and must wait for his pay check next week to take one more step towards his dream of cyber combat.

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Windows SIG

March 25, 2006

Written by Phyllis Hartroft, Win SIG leader

We had a small group, as some of our regular members were unable to attend. But the five of us had an interesting meeting with good discussion: Phyllis Hartroft, Jon Luzio, Jeff Eno, Ken Baker, and Vicky Atkins. We had lots of snacks but not the tasty home-made “goodies” that Rauch’s and Higginbotham’s usually bring.

As a repeat of our demonstration at WordWorks SIG on the 15th, we first described and made copies on CDs of “PDFs of Random Bits from 1992 to 2004”. This covered the period when I (Phyllis Hartroft) was editor. From May, 1997, until winter of 2003-4, Random Bits was published to the LCCS Web site in color PDF files. However, before May, 1997, only black and white files were available and had to be converted to PDF files from older versions of Page-Maker and older versions of Windows. In converting to newer versions in order to create PDF files, sometimes the layout changed due to font substitutions. They are all legible, though. Except for a few missing issues (about half a dozen), monthly minutes were included in almost all of them, along with other LCCS happenings, articles and reviews by members. Anyone who has not received a disk please let me know by email hargrei@alink.com.

Next, thanks to Jon’s urging we looked at Google’s Desktop, a free program that can be



downloaded and installed from Google’s site at <http://desktop.google.com/?pr=mp-gd-en-v3-1>.

I had installed it on my computer a couple of days before the meeting so Jon could demonstrate it. By clicking on a shortcut on the desktop, a search form is displayed. Google Desktop uses an indexing method for searches, which are exceptionally fast. The Windows search tool with its slow, methodical search of every file, is no match for the Google Desktop. We typed in “Amore” to find a photo of Jim for his article elsewhere in this issue, instantly got results. We picked the first JPG listed, opened its folder from the link listed with the file in the list of results. There it was, the original photo taken in 1999 and the edited versions. (Tip: be sure to click “Desktop”; otherwise it may go to the Internet and find all kinds of weird results — amore has other meanings.)

Google Desktop searches Office documents, PDF files, images, etc, so a single word search will net results. With its advanced search, you can specify file type and location (folder or drive) as well as words to search for. Then it’s even faster and cuts down on the number of hits. Jeff, who had his laptop with him, searched the Random Bits PDF files trying to find a presentation a couple of years ago on an easy chair for holding laptop computers. He found the presentation by Mack Bailey by typing in Mack or easy-chair. Jon uses this search tool at work when necessary to find names in old records. Google Desktop would have saved me much time looking up dates and photographs when I wrote the History of the LCCS/LCAP Teaching Program. (This is now posted on LCCS Web site under projects <http://www.lccsohio.org/ongoingprojects.htm>.)

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RANDOM BITS FROM APRIL 1996

Phyllis Hartroft, Editor, 5516 Lancaster Rd, Hebron, OH 43025. If possible, include a disk along with your printout. Or, you may use-mail (pmjhar@aol.com) to send text. For graphics, follow the procedure for reviews.

Procedure for Newsletter Submissions (1996)

Please phone the editor that you intend to send or have sent your contribution. If you use regular mail, address it to Phyllis Hartroft, Editor, 5516 Lancaster Rd, Hebron, OH 43025. If possible, include a disk along with your printout. Or, you may use e-mail (pmjhar@aol.com) to send text. For graphics, follow the procedure for reviews.

Procedure for submitting reviews for the newsletter:(1996)

1. Be sure your material includes a **printout** of text and any graphics. Copy the files (graphics in a separate file) to a **diskette**, indicating what word processor was used and include a text (ASCII) file when possible.

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Web SIG

workshops and the like if needed. FTP methods and programs, editing, differences in links and use of images, use of server side operations such as Front Page extensions were discussed. Hosting sites, blog sites, and instant messengers were also briefly mentioned.

The next meeting on 03/28/06 was also at Zerger Hall. A good week for colds, damp weather, and Spring Break! Integration of PayPal with websites was the main topic as well as related security issues and general usage. Testing internet speeds and layout and PDF creation were also discussed.

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Presentation by Jim Amore

We had a member bring his computer to the repair SIG and had so many viruses that we decided to wipe the hard drive and re-install the operating system.

Both checked their e-mail with Outlook Express and the preview pane was on. (It's on by default). To turn it off in Outlook Express, go to view, layout, and remove the check mark for preview pane.

It takes a lot of knowledge and perseverance now to keep a computer running without problems. I'm glad members of the Licking County Computer Society can help each other.

LCCS MEMBERS SPEAK

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THE McCANNA'S VENTURE

Anyone with parts out there to contribute to this worthy cause, please feel free to contact us via the computer club or at baxter216@alltel.net. We will try to update you on the success of this venture, when Uriah finally dives all the way in!!-

— Baxter (Dad)

WHERE DO THEY GO?

Have you ever wondered where the computers given to the LCCS end up? Since January 1, 2006, I, John Dovjak, have refurbished and delivered a total of 33 units. Other members of the LCCS have also accomplished refurbishments. A breakdown of my delivered units is as follows:

One unit donated to a client of the Moundbuilders Guidance Center.

Three units donated to clients of the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Two units donated to the Ohio Ecological and Farm Association.

Eleven went to the Heritage Christian School in Canton, Ohio as upgrades to student classroom computers. Last year they were also provided with eleven units.

There were six donations from LCCS to individuals.

John Dovjak, Recycling Program

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Word/Works

There was an opportunity for us to "burn" a copy of her work and take it home (for free).

NOTE: If you bring a new blank CD-R to the next LCCS General Meeting, I believe you will be able to receive a copy of this special CD for your own enjoyment.

During the SIG (Special Interest Group), Phyllis mentioned how she coded months of the year, using letters of the alphabet, so that January through December would be displayed in that order.

Novice SIG

Written for George Willey, Novice SIG leader

In February, 2006, Novice SIG members asked how to make a "GROUP" and add it to their Outlook Express Address Book. They were shown how to create a GROUP and name it and how to add to or delete from that group at a later date. They were shown how to build an address book in Outlook Express. If they wanted to simply type in two or three addresses in the "SEND TO" line of the email they created, they were told to use a semi-colon to separate the email addresses.

The importance of using Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) when emailing several people at once was explained. Many people do not want their email address "shared". It was suggested to put the GROUP of addresses in the BCC line of the email, and put their OWN email address in the "SEND TO" line of the email, thus enabling each recipient to see only his name when the email was received.

Also, someone said there was no line named BCC in their New Message email window. They were advised to click on VIEW and put a checkmark in front of the words ALL HEADERS. The BCC line will appear at this point.

At March, 2006, Novice SIG, the main discussion was "burning" CD-R and CD-RW. The program used to demonstrate is the one available on the Windows XP OS installed on classroom computers at Zerger Hall. Members were shown how the computer recognizes whether you have inserted a CD-R or CD-RW in

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REPAIR SIG

No report



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