Random Bits

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Coming Attractions

This Month's Meeting

What: Program for LCCS April 2015 General Membership Meeting

Where: 123 South 3rd St., Newark, OH

When: April 19, 2015 - Fellowship Time starts at 2 PM, and General Membership Meeting starts promptly at 2:30PM

Chances are good this may be one of your favorite programs of 2015. Our presenter, Al Barol, plans to offer information to make your "everyday Microsoft computing" easier and more enjoyable.

The name of his presentation is: "Al In Wonderland Of Tips And Tricks". Bring a guest and we promise to find an extra chair for them.

Members-in-good-standing will have searched on the Web Board for the Web Forum telling what the Bonus word is for April, 2015.

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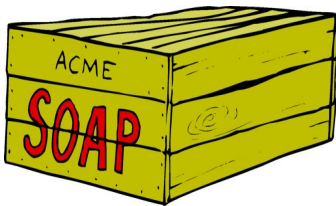
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Past Attractions

Previous Program Points

We still have not had anyone setup to help us in reporting the highlights of the previous months program. Be sure to check out the video of the meeting on the LCCS Media link below.

* Click on the link to the right to see a video of Past Programs and Meetings   **LCCS Media**

The Soapbox

Member Troubleshooting Tip

Just wanted to share what was causing my computer to open three or four windows and close down documents instead of opening them. It effected excel, word, and email. I came down there a few weeks ago on a Sat. and the computer seem to behave while there. So first I replaced the power cord. I replaced the batteries in the mouse but finally when I bought a new mouse did my problems go away. Thought I would share the info with you if someone else has the same problem.

Carol Arbaugh

News and Events

2015 April

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LCCS Google Calendar

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It Is Spring It Must Be Recycling Time

Spring is here and it's time for our recycling event. I decided to wait till May and hopefully warmer weather. We will be setting up May 1st at 8am at Contour Forming on Oakwood Ave. near the white house across from Holophane. We will accept electronic equipment from 9 till 4pm on Friday and Saturday. We need volunteers any time for both of those days so please show up and join in the fun.

Jim Amore

Janet Friel is the only "Random Bits Reader" FREE door prize ticket winner for April, 2015. She will ask for her FREE door prize ticket when signing in at the front table. Janet Friel is a member-in-good-standing, and the only RB winner for April, 2015.

Warning! Warning!

It Sounds Real and Serious, But It's Not

There's a telephone scam going around now that sounds pretty serious, caller tells you that he's working on a claim filed with your name and social security number and can't proceed until he gets further information from you. You are told that if you are listening to this message to press 1 to talk to someone or leaves a call back number. He also indicates that you should have received something in the mail about it, but nothing can be done to resolve the matter until they talk to "yourself" or some authorized representative ...something.

The indications that this is a scam are as follows: you get the same exact message multiple days in a row, at no time does the caller give his name or company's name, or even your name and address. And using the word "yourself" when we usually say "we need to talk to YOU". After three days or so of these calls that are ignored, another call is left that since they were unable to talk to you and you having responded, the lack of a response is being recorded as your "response in the matter" and that would be it. However, after that call I received the original call the next day.

The person is just trying to get you to give them your name and social security number, don't call them or respond. In checking on the numbers they leave with you, the number is either connected to a UPS store mailbox, or possibly an empty office that is for lease somewhere. Sometimes the call even comes in as a local area call. That's because people can get/buy numbers from anywhere in the county, so they get one for your area code and make you think it's a local call.

If you ever get and answer calls from anyone like this, ask for their names, ID numbers if any, business
addresses, phone numbers, and then tell them you will call them back (after you check them out). REMEMBER, rarely (if not never) will anyone call you wanting your personal information; especially any type of financial or legal institution.

The Recycle Bin

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD
Feel free to distribute the flyer.
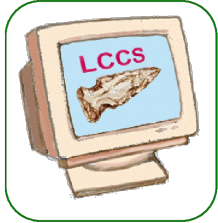
COMPUTER
RECYCLING EVENT

SPONSORED BY THE

LICKING COUNTY COMPUTER SOCIETY

May 1st and 2nd 2015   Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION — From East Main north on Oakwood Ave. We'll be on the left just over the railroad tracks. We are at the south side of Contour
Forming. The site of the former Heisey Factory

The Licking County Computer Society has been recycling and refurbishing computers for over the last 10 years. At the present time we are accepting old computers, faxes, printers, monitors, ink cartridges, batteries and cell phones, working or non-working.

Televisions are not accepted at this time.

One item or a truckload of items are accepted . If parts can be refurbished into a working computer, the refurbished units are used by qualifying organizations and individuals.

$$$ Donations are needed to help with the costs.

The Licking County Computer Society is a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher.

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If you have any Questions please
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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE LICKING COUNTY COMPUTER SOCIETY PLEASE VISIT
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The Education Corner

During the April session, we'll be offering a new intermediate level class for those that want to "Compute from the Microsoft Windows Desktop". This is a class that will go beyond the beginners class and help students get full use out of their computers from the traditional desktop. This will be for both Windows 7 and Windows 8 users. For the current Linux user we will have another class learning to use the command line for different tasks and other more advanced practices.

Additionally we hope to offer both an "Exploring the Internet" class and the "Communicating with E-mail" class during either March or April. Our final two classes to be offered (if there's enough interest) will be a "Word Processing" class and a "Spreadsheet" class. If anyone is interested in either the Word Processing or Spreadsheet class, you are asked to call Janet (740-345-0821) and get on the "interested list".

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SIG Help Desk Reports

Repair SIG / Help Desk

Repair SIG
21 March 2015

4 computers were brought in for repair. An additional 1 computer in the classroom was repaired.

Jim Amore received several pieces of equipment from a church and the YMCA in Pataskala. He also updated the website, adding the recycling flyer and membership email list.

Bob Vance (APCUG rep) replaced a power supply, uninstalled junk software and added Avast antivirus on a machine.

Everette McKee reloaded Microsoft Windows 7 on a computer.

Ron Simms installed Avast and removed malware from a Microsoft Windows XP machine. His battle continues.

Chuck Tyndal used a Linux DVD to salvage photos and documents from a broken Microsoft Windows 7 installation prior to doing a factory software reinstallation. The reinstallation erases all existing files and folders. He also spent a couple of hours tutoring a member in the use of Microsoft Windows 8.

Meeting Times

First Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Third Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Windows Help Me / Show Me

The Windows Help Desk meet the second Friday morning of the month and the "helpers" were able to help take care of many concerns/questions/problems brought by members.

Among the things covered that morning were:

* Helped check to make sure that their Windows 8 laptop was totally up to Windows 8.1-update (if you're not up to "update", Windows 8.1 will no longer receive updates; and if the computer is still running Windows 8, you are not receiving any of the improvements that were developed). The laptop was up to date.
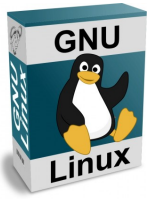
* Combining both iPad Help and Windows Help, we worked with a user to get videos that were on the iPad copied over to a folder that was on a Windows laptop.

* Helped a user learn how to set the default programs on a Windows 8 laptop so the user could open/see files or attachments for specific file types with the program they desired.

* Helped showed a user how to post a message on our web board and how to upload/attach a file to that message.

Anyone with questions about how to do something in either Windows 7 or Windows 8/8.1/8.1-update is invited to join the "helpers" at their next Help Desk on April 10th. Anyone that would be able to help out is encouraged to come from 9:00-11:30, as we could use more helpers.

Meeting Times

Second Friday 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

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Linux SIG / Help Desk

We had another "full house" of Linux Users or those wanting to learn more about Linux at our bi-monthly Help Desk meeting on the second and fourth Friday afternoons. We covered a number of different topics with those in attendance including.

Meeting Times

Second Friday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fourth Friday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

* Showed how easy it was to install a printer in Linux (printer was an HP which is the easiest brand to install) with it pretty much installed automatically. Most Linux distros can detect the printer attached to the computer and then download the needed drivers.

* One member had forgotten their user password and we were able to see how using the terminal and command line, we are able to easily change the unknown password to a new password (without first having to confirm the unknown password in order to change it). Afterwards the user was able to login and get back to using Linux.

* A second hard drive was installed on a member's computer that wanted to dual boot (Windows and Linux) with two hard drives instead of multiple partitions. After the hard drive was installed, the member was guided in the process of creating partitions, and then installing Linux Ubuntu by herself (with coaching). After a much shorter installation process than found in Windows, the member now has a complete dual boot system.

* Members were shown the "history" command, in the terminal, that will list for you all the commands you have entered in the past. We also got to see that you can export that history listing to a text file and then print out that list. Once you have that list, you can use it for reviewing commands or even share them with other Linux users.

Anyone that is a Linux user or interested in learning more about the FREE Linux operating system (or the thousands of free program), is invited to join us any/all second and fourth Fridays starting at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to come earlier, we have a number of members that bring their lunch and enjoy both eating and conversing about Linux and computers in general between 12:00 and 12:30.

Second Meeting

* Demonstration of how to change your own password if needed.

* Discussion/demonstration of how to move pictures from a camera card to your folders on your computer. Also showed how to select multiple files that were in sequence (using the "Shift" key) and how to select random files not in sequence (using the "Control" key).

* Discussion/demonstration regarding password storage methods. Two methods, on-line (LastPass) and local client based (KeePassX) which can also travel with you.

* Checked out a few problems with a laptop's keypad and determined that it wasn't a Linux problem but a possible failure in the system board.

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* Showed how to add an extension/add-on to your browser to limit the number of ads you see (Adblock Plus).

* Hands on activity adding the SSH server to all the Linux computers in the classroom. This will allow users to access the server computer in the front of the classroom over the internal network to download/upload files. Learned that this process can be used at home between two Linux computers through your home network.

* Had a discussion on the pros/cons of using a different drive management system: LVM (logical volume management). It turns out that it probably has value in a server setting, but not so much for personal computing use. So we all decided that we probably will stick with the traditional manage system that is default when you format/partition a hard drive.

Digital Imaging SIG / Help Desk

Meeting Times
Second Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m

March meeting was cancelled. For the April meeting we are going to do the repair of old scanned photos. So make sure you bring your old tattered photos to have scanned so that you can repair them using the Corel software.

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"No, your book didn't 'lock up' on you. You actually have to turn the page."

SIG Help Desk Reports

iPad / iDevice SIG / Help Desk

Meeting Times

Third Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m

iPad SIG

March 2015

Despite the glitch with our Apple TV and the loss of the ability to mirror our iPad screen to the projector, we had another good session. We looked at the app Printer Pro which allows printing to non-Air Play printers and provides many additional options when printing like page selection and document size choices. As usual, there was a lot of sharing among the group with everyone learning something new. Rich Allen helped a member with her new IPhone familiarizing her with it's features. Rich was also able to find a fix for the problem with the Apple TV, and it is up and running now.

If you would like to be included in our mailing list or have a suggestion for a discussion topic, contact me at ctyndall@alink.com.

Facebook SIG / Help Desk

Meeting Times

Fourth Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m

The Facebook help desk met on March 25 with nine total attendees. The group concentrated on solving issues and answering questions that people had. Tracey had handouts for Privacy Settings and Step-by-Step Facebook setup instructions. If you want to join us or just want to stop by with a question, we meet on the fourth Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Bring your tablet or laptop or use one of the desktop units that are available.

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Tablets for Mobile Computing – New to some; Useful for most
By Phil Sorrentino, Member, The Computer Club, Florida

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When most of us think about Mobile Computing, we probably think of Laptops. Laptops are relatively light making them fairly portable, and are battery operated, making them just right for mobile computing or computing "on-the-go". Now that Tablets have come on the scene, it appears that they may be ready to take over some of the computing tasks previously done by laptops. Why, you may ask. Well, tablets are lighter than laptops, and they typically have a battery that allows for operation two to three times that of a laptop, usually enough for a full days work. If you are new to the thought of using a tablet for some of your "on-the-go" computing tasks, let's take a look at how a tablet might contribute. It is true, that the tablet does not have a Hard Disk Drive or an Optical Disk Drive, so the computing tasks for a tablet have to be able to be accomplished without these two resources. But, as it turns out, there are quite a few tasks that can easily be done with only the resources of a tablet, for example, checking your email, checking your calendar, Googling something, viewing pictures and videos, reviewing spreadsheets or documents, playing music, checking the weather report, checking your stock portfolio, reading the news, shopping on the internet, sharing comments and pictures on Facebook, and sending a tweet on Twitter. All of these things can easily be accomplished using an Apple iPad, an Android tablet, or a Microsoft Windows 8 tablet.

If you think a tablet might be the way to accomplish some or all of these "computing on the go" tasks, let's look at how to get started with your tablet. All the three aforementioned tablets can do the job, but there are differences and the differences are in the details. Android tablets have over 65% of the market, so I'll use an Android tablet for the details. Tablets, on the surface, are pretty simple devices. There is a screen, and a few basic controls. The first thing to do is to become familiar with these very few controls. Most of them are around the rim of the device. The power On-Off button is used to both turn the power on and off and also to turn off the display when you don't want to drain the battery. With the tablet on, a short press of this button will turn the screen off; a long press (approx. 4 sec.) will allow you to turn the tablet off. If the screen ever goes off when you are using the tablet, just touch the power button and the screen will immediately come back on. The other control is a Volume Up-Down rocker button, used for volume control and sometimes other functions depending on the App that is running. We'll get to Apps in a moment. You might find another button or so, possibly a "back" button, but the tendency is to have fewer hardware buttons and to make do with buttons that show up on the screen; software buttons. Two software buttons will show up on the screen (after the tablet has been turned on), usually at the bottom. These are the Home and the Back buttons. The Home button will bring you back to the home screen you started with, and the Back button will bring you back one step in whatever App you are running. (Yes, we are going to get to Apps.) The Home and back buttons typically look like this:

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1. Press and Hold Power Button

2. Press and Hold Voume Down Button

3. Press and Hold Home Button

Once you have found all the controls, turn on the device and wait for the home screen. There will probably be 3 or 5 screens available, but typically the one in the center will be the home screen (the screen that comes up on initial power-on). This screen may have only a few or it may have many icons, depending on the manufacturer. Each icon is a short-cut to an App. The term "App", which is short for application, is used for most of the software programs that you will run on your tablet. (Don't complain to me, I'm only the messenger. Apple coined the term and it seems to have stuck.) Actually, you may also see the term "widget". Widgets are like Apps only they show changing data in their Icon. (Think about a "Weather Widget", which constantly shows the temperature and weather outlook for a given location, or a "Finance Widget" that constantly shows the Dow Jones average.) But, most of your interaction with the tablet will be through Apps.

Now, there are a few Icons that are extremely important. The most important icon, in my opinion, is the icon that lets you get to the store to acquire new Apps (most are free but some come at a cost). Most Android tablets will have the Google Play Store icon. Amazon tablets, like the kindle fire HDX, will have the Amazon Store icon (even though they use the Android Operating System). These two different icons take you to two very different locations on the internet. Shown here are the Google Play Store and Amazon Store Icons:
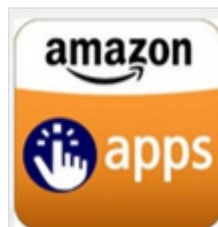

Google Play Store   Amazon Store

Another very important icon is "Settings". The Settings Icon gets you to the settings App which provides information about the tablet and provides controls to set the general operations of the tablet. Settings icons may be different on different tablets, but shown here are two popular Settings icons:

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The next most important Icon is the "All Apps" Icon. This Icon will typically be on the home screen, and possibly show up on all screens, and is usually in the upper right corner, or at least somewhere on the right side of the screen. This Icon gets you to the "All Apps" collection. This is where you can find all of the Apps that have been installed on your tablet. Touch this Icon for an alphabetically listed view of all of your apps. There are also a few different "All Apps" Icons. Shown here are a few examples:
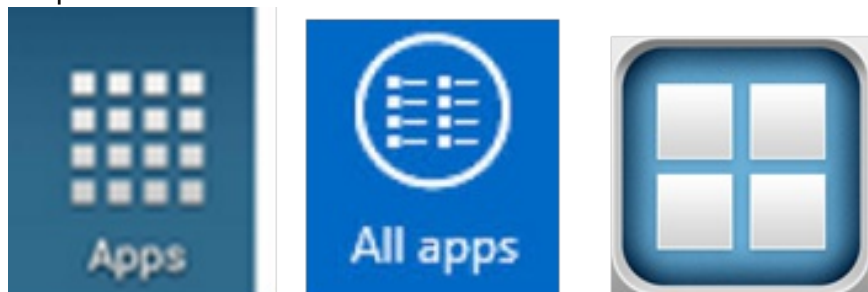
Tablets are useful and fun to use, once you have set them up with the Apps that you want to use. The only way to get Apps on to your tablet, beyond the Apps that come with the device, is to download them from the Google (or Amazon) store, (which is somewhere out there on the Internet). On most tablets, the only way to get on to the internet is via Wi-Fi. (A few, more expensive, tablets also have the capability to get on to the internet via the cell phone system. This allows them to get on to the internet wherever their cell provider has coverage.) Without a connection to the internet the tablet would just be an old fashioned Personal Digital Assistant. In order to get on to the Internet we have to set up the Wi-Fi. In order to set up the Wi-Fi we need to get into the Settings. (Now you see why Settings is a very important Icon.) So, find the Settings Icon and touch it. The settings screen is split in two. The left side is for navigation, and the right side expands whatever was selected on the left side. Usually, Wi-Fi is the first entry on the left under "Wireless & Networks". If Wi-Fi is not on, touch the switch and turn it on. With Wi-Fi selected on the left, the possible Wi-Fi networks will be shown on the right. Select the network you plan to use and then provide the password if needed. (If the little icon next to the network name has a lock on or near it, a password will be needed. If there isn't a lock on or near it, the network is open and does not need a password.)
Once you are connected to a network you should see "Connected" under the name of the network you are using. Touch the "Home" software button to get back to the home screen.

Now that you are connected to a network, the internet is your oyster. You can use a browser to generally browse the internet or you can use your Apps to get specific kinds of information from specific websites. One of the first things to do is to go to your store and download something you want or just something for practice. When you get to your store, look for an App that sounds interesting and try to download it. Maybe an email App, or a game like Candy Crush, or Sudoku, it will be good practice and maybe even fun. Basically, touch your "Store" icon, then touch the "Search" icon (usually at the top on the right) and type in the App name. Select the Apps icon and then "Accept" the permissions and watch it install.

Once the App is installed, you can start to take advantage of some of the benefits of having a tablet, like checking your email, or reading the news, on the go. This might just make you feel that your tablet is useful for mobile, on-the-go computing.

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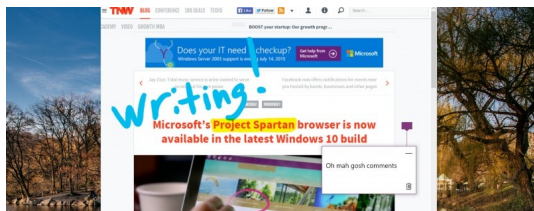
Hands on with Project Spartan, Microsoft's Internet Explorer Replacement

NAPIER LOPEZ

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Would you like to get a glimpse at Internet Explorer"s replacement? Click on the link below to get a glimpse.

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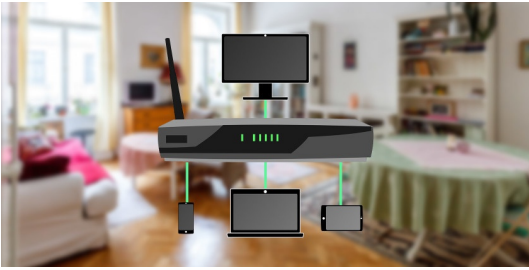## Has your router been hijacked?

By Lee Mathews

Mar. 27, 2015 9:30 am

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Interesting article on the safety of your home network. click the link below to find out more details.

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Everything You Need to Know About Home Networking
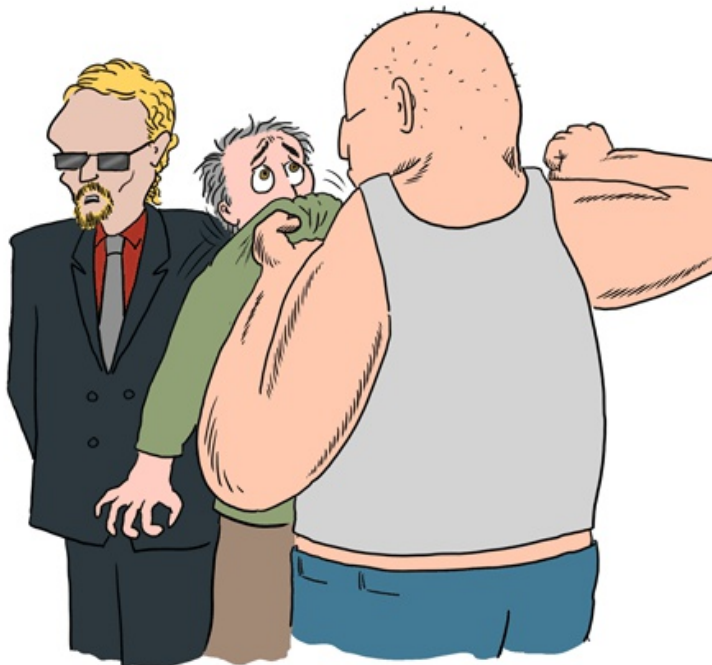**James Bruce**
On 28th March, 2015
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If you have multiple computers in you home, linking them together on a home network may be easier than you thought. Click on the link below to find out more information.

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RobCottingham.com
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Word is, you've been unplugging drives without properly ejecting them first. This will not do, Martin. This simply will not do.

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