

Random Bits



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This Month's Meeting

The plans for this months presentation is still in the works. Please check the web board and watch your email for the last minute details.



Well, my printer ran out of ink and my hard drive died last night, so yes, it's a limited-edition print.



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Previous Program Points

Review of Program at our General Membership Mtg., May 17, 2015

Bill Blinn, TechByter Worldwide, (using Skype), presented Technology News for our club. He cited some "Low Cost and Free Applications":

"Last Pass", password manager; Adobe Reader DC (document cloud), PDF Creator; C-Cleaner; Spybot; Malwarebytes (which has an optional paid version with Auto updates); image editors such as Irfanview and FastStone; Unlocker/Lockhunter, and several to "Find Out What is on your Computer"; and "Everything", a new speedy search engine for Windows. He reminded us that when we install programs, we should always go to "Custom/Advanced" options in order to bypass adware loaded with the "default" settings.

More information is available at: www.techbyter.com

You are welcome to subscribe FREE to his weekly informational newsletter. You will not be disappointed.

We made a donation of \$25.00 to Bill Blinn's website. Treasurer, Waneta Newland sent it out immediately. We already received a "thank you" from Bill Blinn expressing his appreciation to our club for supporting his newsletter.

* Click on the link to the right to see a video of Past Programs and Meetings [LCCS Media](#)

The Soapbox

Be sure to get your tickets for the July door prize!!!!!! See the News and Events section, page 4, for the details.



News and Events

2015

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01	02 Repair SIG/Help Desk 7:00- 9:00 p.m.	03	04	05	06 Repair SIG/Help Desk 1 - 4 p.m. Executive Mtg 3 - 4 p.m.
07	08	09 Digital Imaging SIG/Help Desk 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Linux SIG 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	13
14	15	16 iPad SIG/Help Desk 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	17	18	19	20 Repair SIG/Help Desk 1 - 4 p.m.
21	22	23 Facebook Help Desk 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Linux SIG 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Random Bits Deadline 6:00 p.m.	27
28 General Meeting and Program 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.	29	30	01	02	03	04 -
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For the latest information on Events "Click" on the link below
[LCCS Google Calendar](#)

News and Events con't



The East-Central Ohio Technology Users Club (ECOTUC) will be having their annual cook-out/picnic on July 19th. Our featured prize will be the: Samsung Galaxy Tab 4, (Android tablet)

The tickets are selling for \$1.00 each and you can buy as many as you want to increase your chances at winning. You DO NOT have to be present to win, BUT you must put your name and number on the ticket so we know who wins the prize if you aren't there. You can purchase tickets at the June 28th General Meeting and most other club activities if someone on the committee is available to sell them.

The specs for the tablet are:

Android 4.4 Kit Kat OS, 1.2 GHz quad-core processor

White case

8 GB Flash Memory, 1.5 GB RAM Memory

WXGA Display (1280x800 Resolution)

32GB of extended memory available through a microSD slot (microSD card not included)

Comes with lots of free content and services

The tablet is on display at the General Meeting. Bring your dollars and get some tickets. This is the ideal size for easy carrying with a small screen that is large enough for good viewing. Connect to the Internet wherever you find free wi-fi connections.

Other tablet description includes:

The Tab 4's HEADPHONE jack sits up top, while the Micro-USB CHARGING PORT sits on the bottom. The physical HOME BUTTON is flanked on either side by the capacitive back and app-switcher buttons on the lower bezel. The LOCK SWITCH and VOLUME CONTROL ROCKER are on the right side, while the MICROSD CARD SLOT sits on the bottom right, hidden by a flap that's secure, but fairly easy to open when you need to. There's also an IR blaster on the side, so you can use the tablet as a remote control (with certain wireless devices).

*Note Color of unit may vary from picture.



The Recycle Bin

Pictures from the last Recycle Event. Thank you Robert Vance



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The Education Corner



The summer classes are underway by the time you read this newsletter. We are only running three classes as we had to move a fourth class (Exploring the Internet) to July as we only had one student signed up for the class. We know there are people in our area (including some even in our own club) that are in need of an Internet class, but we just don't seem to be reaching them. So if you yourself or someone you know could use this class

where you learn all about navigating the Internet, let them know we are offering a class on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July from 12:00-2:00 starting July 7th.

We have a full class for the popular "Beyond the Basics: What's Next?". Many of those that are signed up have been taking the whole series of computer basic classes. They started with our "Computers for the Total Beginner", continued on with the "Everyday Computer Basics for Windows", and are wrapping things up with the current class. We will be offering the "Everyday Computer Basics for Windows" again in July, but there are only a few seats open for it.

Also in June we are offering a class on word processing. It's meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00. This class is over half full with people wanting to know everything about creating different types of text files (such as documents, signs, flyers, and tri-folds), including graphics, and sending them out. This class will probably not be offered again until next year, so even if you missed the class on the 1st, you can still get in on the rest of the classes beginning on the 3rd. Then in July we are offering a class on creating and using spreadsheets (there's a lot more you can do with a spreadsheet like have it run math problems or create charts and graphs). Many of the people taking the word processing class are continuing on with the spreadsheet class. Even though it's over half full, there's still a few seats for anyone that wants to get in on the class (which may also not be offered until next year). It's also meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 starting July 6th.

Rounding out the July offerings will be another "Computers for the Total Beginners" class (which we had classes in both March and April due to such high demand) on Monday/Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00. We are also kicking around a class for those that are interested in learning about Bixler's Best Bet Commands", where those interested can learn some of Bixler's Best Bet commands to make your computer work so much easier.

If there are any other courses you might want to see offered, please let us know. If you have a number of friends wanting the class, we'll see about getting a teacher to help everyone learn all about it.

SIG Help Desk Reports

Repair SIG / Help Desk



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.



Meeting Times

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

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

Linux SIG / Help Desk

The Linux group had another good set of meetings in May. The first meeting we worked on finishing up our "thumb drive project". We were creating a thumb drive that contained a portable version of VirtualBox which is a program that will allow you to run an operating system within your computer without installing it. Our goal was to create a Windows portable VirtualBox that would run LinuxMint (what's called a virtual machine). We are planning on being able to take this to a friend that's running Windows and be able to demonstrate Linux without having to reboot the computer to run a live disk. The Windows user just inserts the thumb drive, starts up VirtualBox, and then selects the Linux OS. The program opens up and they can try out Linux without having to do anything to their computer. When they are done, they just shut down the OS, close VirtualBox, and remove the thumb drive (safely of course). It's just that simple and easy to do. We did have to redo part of our project at the next meeting when we discovered that the virtual machine we used was a partial operating system and wouldn't run. We had accidentally copied one that was created special for another project and not the full one we needed.

At the second meeting of our Help Desk, we did replace the partial OS with the one that was complete so we finally had a working thumb drive. The main part of this meeting dealt with a "how to" question from one of our members. He wanted to know how to convert some wma music files to mp3 so they could be transferred over to an mp3 player (which won't play wma files). Ken showed

SIG Help Desk Reports



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us a real slick command line program that was easy to copy/paste to use. We were able to select the folder/album that had the songs we wanted converted and by running this command which was told to find all the .wma files (but using a wild card character) and re-save them as .mp3 files. We were able to watch the conversion take place and when we checked in the folder again, we found two sets of files, the original wma files and along side them were the new .mp3 files. The next step was to move out the new mp3 files to a new folder (again with a simple command using the same wildcard) so they could be uploaded to the mp3 player. We also found that one of our favorite media programs,

VLC, will play just about any kind of audio file whereas some of the audio programs will only play a certain type.

If you want to get in on the ground floor and learn about Linux, and how easy it is to use, and are reading this newsletter right when it comes out; we are having a beginner's class for Linux users on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 the first three weeks in June. Even if you missed the class on the 2nd, come and we'll get you all caught up. We have a number of seats available for the class so come on down to the classroom and join us. You might like what you learn.



Meeting Times

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

Digital Imaging SIG / Help Desk

During our last meeting we explored more of the features of Paint Shop Photo Pro. We found out how to use the software to add tags to our photos. The tags help to provide information when it comes to sorting and locating the photos on the hard drive. We also explored how to take an object from one picture and place it in another.

SIG Help Desk Reports

iPad / iDevice SIG / Help Desk



Meeting Times

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

The iPad Special Interest Group gets together once a month to talk about how to use iPads to make things easier! We share stories about how our iPads help us stay organized, get things done, and connect more with friends and family. Come join us and share your favorite Apps and tips you've learned – let's help each other out.

This group is open to anyone with an iPad - we're friendly & accessible.

Many of the people who join in have a developmental or learning disability and are using their iPad to become more independent. If you're just learning how to use it, that's ok, we'll learn together. If you're already a pro then you can share your knowledge with us.

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.



Meeting Times

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

Facebook SIG / Help Desk

The Facebook help desk met on May 26th with seven total attendees. The group concentrated on solving issues and answering questions that people had. It is very satisfying to find out how to do something that is new or just an easier way to do things.

If you want to join us, we meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Bring your tablet, laptop or use one of the desktop units that are available.

Featured Articles

Win10 build 10122: Two steps forward, one back

By Woody Leonhard

Windows Secrets May 28, 2015

May's Win10 build 10122 release is a bit shaky, but many of its new features are coming into sharper focus.

Improvements include a more functional Edge browser, a cleaner start menu, a much-improved Tablet Mode — and even the return of an optional Win7-style backup/restore

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How to defend yourself from ransomware

By Susan Bradley

Windows Secrets April 23, 2015

Despite the CryptoLocker headlines, ransomware is still a growing threat to both individual PC users and small-to-medium businesses.

Though our malware defenses have improved, ransomware authors are finding new ways to infect our systems. Fortunately, we have options and solutions

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In the long run, I want to hack it to deflect bullets. So far, it just plays the "Wonder Woman" theme.

Featured Articles

Tools for testing your Internet speed

By Patrick Marshal

Windows Secrets March 5, 2015

There are many reasons an Internet connection will become noticeably slower — including not getting the bandwidth you're paying for.

Internet speed-testing services might help reveal whether your ISP is at fault, but only if you understand how they work.

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This single text message is crashing people's iPhones - here's the fix

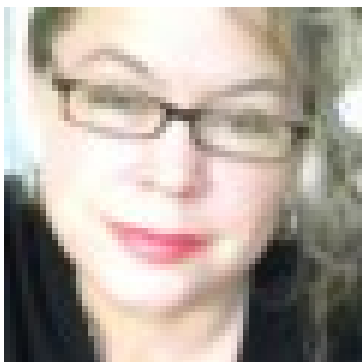
By James Peckham

Techradar May 27, 2015

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Facebook tests new "Security Check" tool to fend off account hijacking

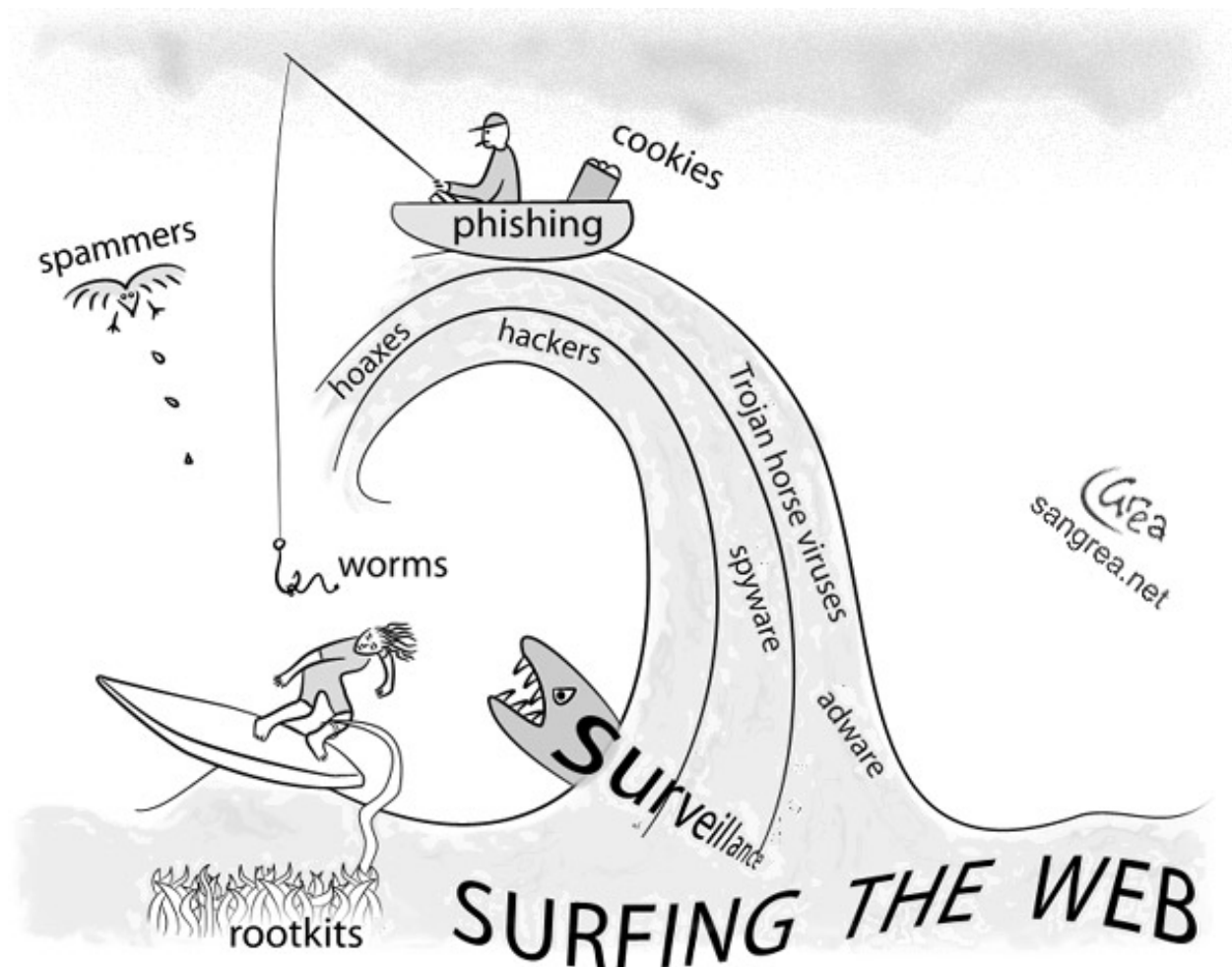
by Lisa Vaas

nakedsecurity May 29, 2015

Ever worried that someone else might access your Facebook account?

Facebook helps with this - as well as Google, PayPal and plenty of other platforms, Facebook can send alerts any time there's a new login, and there are various versions of device management that will list all the devices that have accessed your account.

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