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General Meeting Program for February 17, 2005 **By Troy Segler, VP of Programs**

Experience More. Windows XP

Have More Fun. Learn and Explore. Keep in Touch. Be More Productive.

Join the Computer Club of Oklahoma City and Microsoft® on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 PM for our monthly general meeting, and discover how to experience more of the photos, music, television, movies, and games you want in your home with Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005, and how to keep your pc safe and secure with Microsoft® Windows® XP Service Pack 2. If you are a participant in the weekly SeniorNet User Group (SNUG), this program will be presented the morning of February 17 for those in attendance.

Our speaker will be Aaron Coldiron, Manager of the Mindspring offerings from Microsoft. Aaron is now touring many states and visiting with user groups on a demanding schedule. We are fortunate that he has agreed to visit us at Oklahoma City. Aaron Coldiron is the Mindshare program manager for Microsoft. Mindshare is a user group support program that strives to equip user group leaders with the latest in technology, news and trends. In addition to Mindshare, Aaron is responsible for consumer influencer strategy at Microsoft and Microsoft community scorecards. Before working with Microsoft, Aaron spent time with Disney and a small consulting firm. Aaron has an MBA from the University of California, Irvine.

Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005 is making it easier to experience the broad range of digital entertainment including TV, music, photos and games. When connected to a home network, Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005 can become a hub for entertainment, providing you with access through connected devices in any room in the home, or through portable players on the go. Best of all, the experience is enabled by Windows, making it easier and more familiar.

Come join us and learn how you can have more fun, learn and explore, keep in touch, and be more productive — all with your pc. Plus, we'll talk about how you can keep your pc safe and

secure with Microsoft® Windows® XP Service Pack 2. There has been a great deal of discussion at SNUG regarding the necessity and advisability of installing WIN XP2. Aaron will respond to any questions regarding the safety and security afforded by this upgrade, along with enlightening us with recommended settings to optimize its functionality on our computers.

Invite your friends and associates to join with you by participating in this meeting. We are fortunate to have engaged Aaron for this visit. As encouragement for other companies to support us in the use of their software and hardware through live presentations, a good turnout is always desirable.

We meet in Suite 201 of the Centre 3000 Building located at 3000 United Founders Boulevard. This is approximately 3 blocks east of the United Founders Tower.

If you have not attended a General Session recently, attend one soon and bring a guest

News to Members:

The eMonitor Newsletter

We are having problems with our subscribers not receiving their eMonitor each month. It seems as though some of the servers are considering it SPAM. This is not a result of the company who is our mailer, but the servers, such as Cox for example, who are calling it SPAM. Cox.net is one of the servers who handles a good percentage of our email here in the Oklahoma City area. They have pegged our eMonitor as SPAM. I have taken steps to correct this with Cox, however, if in the coming months, you do not receive the eMonitor and are subscribed, and also use Cox.net for your email, please email me and let me know. I will take it up with Cox again. fcrane1@cox.net. You can call them yourselves at 600-8282. More voices get more attention. Go to High Speed Internet and technical support when you call.

Do remember that if you change your email address, you need to remove your old email address from the eMonitor and then re-subscribe with your new email address. This could be one of the reasons for not receiving the eMonitor.

President's Corner: There is an Easier Way to Handle Bookmarks

by David Robbins February 2005

If you are like me and you have bookmarks for scores of your favorite stops on the Internet, this can lead to a headache trying to manage them so you can return to that location at a later time. There is an easy way to get and keep this situation under control if you have Word (or probably any word processor program that can handle html).

When you want to add a bookmark, open Word and grab the icon to the left of the URL and drag it to the open document and drop it. If the word program and the browser are not side by side on the desktop, drag the bookmark to the box representing your word processing program on your taskbar and wait for the document to pop up. Copy and Paste may cause you to go through extra steps to reestablish the Hyper link to the Internet.

Make headers with titles for the category and drop the bookmark under the appropriate category. Add a couple of lines to describe what is on the site. Make it as complicated or as simple as necessary. These bookmarks are shortcuts or links to the Web page that they represent and work just as well here as they do in your Favorites folder, and are easier to manage. [Continued...](#)

There are some interesting links on the [ccokc.org/greatlinks page](http://ccokc.org/greatlinks_page). Check them out!

Articles for February 2005

(The following are only excerpts from the articles. Click on the hyperlink to read the entire article)

Legal Bytes: Internet Sales Tax -- Revisited - by John Brewer

Some are wondering about the issue of taxing sales on the Internet? The controversy that surrounds this topic has not disappeared; it is simply simmering on the back burner.

The federal law regarding Internet taxes expired on November 1, 2003. The issue receded into limbo after that date. On December 3, 2004, President Bush signed new legislation regarding this issue. [Continued...](#)

Business Solutions: Excel: Counting Functions - by James D. Duncan, CPA

This month let's talk about functions to count data in a column. For example, if you want to know the number of times that "TX" is listed in a column, the function called CountIf will determine that for you. Let us start with a sheet like the one shown below. [Continued..](#)

Computer Hysteria: "Computine" - by Berry F. Phillips

Why do we celebrate Valentines Day on February 14th? The answer is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February historically has been associated with romance. St. Valentine's Day has vestiges of both the Christian and the Roman traditions.

The Catholic Church officially recognizes three different saints called Valentine or Valintinus, all of whom were martyred. Legend has one Valentine opposing an edict of Claudius II that young men not be allowed to marry since he wanted non-married soldiers for his army, believing they would fight harder. Valentine opposed his edict, marrying secretly many soldiers and when discovered was put to death by Claudius II. [Continued...](#)

This & That: The Dreaded Dots - by Elizabeth B. Wright

HOT TIP #1: (At least I think it is.) Now that you have your new digital camera, use it to help improve all those old newspaper clippings with pictures you want to digitize. Arrange some kind of easel (my first attempt was propping the clipping up against a water glass on the kitchen table). Then use your digital camera to photograph the image. When you transfer the picture to your computer, you will have pretty much eliminated the dots that make up newspaper and magazine pictures. I suppose you can just photograph an entire article and get much the same results, but the particular problem with scanned newsprint images leads to a lot of manipulation in your photo editing software. Perhaps the digital camera automatically smoothes over the dots that make up a grayscale newspaper image, I don't know. But whatever it does, it's sure a lot faster, and I think better, than fooling with smoothing with photo programs. There will still be some photo enhancement needed, probably, but the whole article will have the same texture, hopefully making it easier to improve and archive. [Continued...](#)

Ram & Reason: Computer and Equipment Recalls for 2004 - By Rob Rice

From January 2004 through January 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission listed seven recalls of computers and associated equipment, almost double the number of products recalled in 2003. Power adapters and batteries were the most common items recalled. Some companies affected include: Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Psion Teklogix, Apple, Lexmark, IBM, Netgear and NCR. For a complete list and descriptions please see the U.S. Consumer Product Safety

Commission's website at, <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerel.html> .[Continued...](#)

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Future meeting of Computer Club of Oklahoma City - June 16, 2005

Here is advanced information for the general meeting for June 16, 2005. Mark your calendars! Our guest will be Gene Barlow. Gene and Linda have been supporting User Groups longer than we have been an organization. Make plans to support our club and Gene at this meeting.

Gene Barlow has been a key figure in the user group community for the past 25 years. He is an educator, writer and a talented presenter, representing many vendors over the years with products that he finds valuable and effective for home and small business users. Gene currently represents Acronis Software, WhiteCanyon Software, and Spearit Software and their products. Gene will demonstrate 3 of the most exciting products from his clients at the general meeting this month. Gene has written about MoveMe: by Spearit software in depth in his article below.

He will demonstrate three wiping utilities from WhiteCanyon Software: SecureClean/WipeDrive/MediaWiper and show you how easy it is to prevent personal and private information from getting in the hands of the wrong people. Gene's main topic will be Backing Up Your Hard Drive with True Image, a drive-imaging utility from Acronis Software.

Gene and his wife Linda visit about 100 user groups each year. He is one of the most interesting presenters you will hear. There will be discounts offered on his software. Don't miss this meeting on June 16.



Moving to a New Computer System by Gene Barlow User Group Relations Copyrighted January 2005

Many users buy a new computer during the holiday season when sales are everywhere and prices are low. Perhaps you got a new computer recently, too. By now, you have your new computer all set up and you are busy learning all the new things you can do with it. But, you find that you miss having a familiar program or some files from your old computer on your new computer. How can you move your programs and data files from your old computer to your new computer is a question I hear often. Done a step at a time, this can be a long and hard process to complete. Finding all of your programs and files on your old computer and then installing them and getting them to work on your new computer is not the easiest thing to do. There is a software utility called Move Me by Spearit software in New Jersey that can make this process a quick and easy thing to accomplish. Let me share with you this month a bit of information about this amazing software utility. [Continued...](#)

Basic Computer Class

If you are interested in taking the hands-on Basic Computer Class, which meets once a week for about six weeks, call Isaac Franklin, 751-3411, for registration and information. This class is free;

the study book is \$5.

Tip of the Month

by Fran Crane

No Confirmation

Ever notice how every time you delete something, Windows asks you if you would really like to do it? If you find yourself shouting "YES, I wouldn't have hit delete if I didn't want to delete the stupid thing," then you may want to disable the deletion confirmation. To do so, just right-click the Recycle bin, Properties, and deselect the checkbox for "Display delete confirmation dialog box."

February Cool Freebie

by Doris Collins

Each month we have a feature called "Cool Freebies," wherein a free program is shared and discussed.

This month's freebie is a simple little program, but a very useful one; it is called "NISTime" and is a tiny, 260KB application that sets your computer's clock to the atomic clocks operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology atomic clocks, in either Colorado or Maryland. The program requires no installation (just download and unzip the file to your C:\windows or C:\winnt folder) and very little setup, though you may wish to read the PDF manual (included in the download) before you begin.

If you need instruction for downloading this program, please see previous months' "Cool Freebies" for general downloading instructions.

The URL for NISTime-32bit is:

http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,23895,tk,hsx,00.asp

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What is a Study Group

The Computer Club of OKC offers many different Study Groups. They are groups of 10-50 people who meet monthly to learn about a particular subject. The format is part presentation and part facilitated discussion. These meetings are supported by our membership. There is no charge, but a \$2 donation is requested to defray the rental cost of the room.

Come to a Study Group in our Resource Center at 3000 United Founders Blvd.! We are located at the east end of the Center 3000 Building in Suite 201, so use Entrance One on the east side of the building.

[See Map on Website](#)

What is the Computer Club of OKC?

See "About Us"

We are a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization of around 1200 members, with the goal of teaching each other more about using and enjoying their personal computers for business and pleasure. The sole purpose of the organization is reflected in its motto, "Computer Users Helping Computer Users."

Senior Net Membership

Sr. Combo Members- Computer Classes

Register Now for Windows XP Course. This 8 week course will cost \$30.00. If you are interested, contact Charlene Francis, 359-5675.

****Free Computer Class with Sr Combo Membership****

New Senior Combo Members (50+) can now register for the Computer Fundamentals class at no charge. Contact Charlene Francis 359-5675. if you have any questions regarding membership and/or registration for the class.

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