

# McHENRY COUNTY COMPUTER CLUB

USERS GROUP FOR PC-COMPATIBLE SYSTEMS



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The July 2010 meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is July 10, at the Salvation Army Building, 290 W. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake.

Our membership is \$26.00 a year. NOTE: This fee offsets the running of the club; membership benefits include help with computer problems. Please pay Lyle Giese, our treasurer, or the designated Board Member in his absence.

## Meeting Agenda

- Introductions & Reports
- Demo - Liberkey - Bill Lapp
- Q&A

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## UPCOMING DEMOS

- *July* Liberkey - Bill Lapp
- *August* Itunes/Ipod - Jim Bierle
- *September* Anniversary Party ; Helicopter Demo - John Katkus ; Extended Q&A
- *October* Tru-Crypt and Flash Drives- Lyle Giese

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## Questions & Answers

Q: How do I clear the windows clipboard used in copying from website to WORD?

A: Use clipbrd.exe. See this link for useful info on using the clipboard viewer:

<http://www.andyrathbone.com/2009/08/24/wheres-the-clipboard-viewer-in-windows-xp/>

Q: Is it possible to install Mozilla Firefox and totally remove Internet Explorer?

A: No, you cannot remove Internet Explorer. It's too imbedded into the Windows operating system. However, you can install Firefox and make it the default browser for Windows.

Open Firefox --> Tools --> Options --> Advanced --> Select Always check to see if Firefox is the default browser on startup and click on Check Now.

Q: I wanted to install and check out the built-in fax functions in WinXP. I tried to install it and it stalled when the procedure could not find something it needed. Now I am stuck with my computer asking for the disk every time I start up the computer.

Q: I get an error every time I start my computer after trying to install Microsoft's Fix It Center.

A: Microsoft makes a program called "Windows Installer cleanup Utility." Search for it from

<http://support.microsoft.com>

Q: I want to install ActiveX in Firefox. How do I do that?

A: Officially, that is not supported by the authors of Firefox. But if you google for ActiveX and Firefox, you will find a couple of unofficial addons to give you ActiveX functionality in Firefox.

ActiveX is a scripting language (sort of like Java) that Microsoft developed.

Q: What is Bit Torrent?

A: It was designed to be a peer-to-peer file transfer program. It allows you to download programs, music, videos from across the Internet. Its claim to fame is its ability to grab parts of files from different sources and put them together when the download is complete. You can also easily interrupt a download and resume it later. One of its other advantages is speed because of its ability to download from more than one remote computer at a time.

Because it's peer-to-peer, you can't always be certain of the quality of the files being downloaded. You may be accessing someone else's home computer and downloading files from them. You are at their mercy to know that the files are not corrupted, don't contain viruses/trojans, or are markers for showing that you are downloading pirated copyrighted material.

Q: I have 5 printers. Can I copy the printer settings from one computer to another?

A: No. They are just like programs in that sense. You need to install and configure them on each computer.

### Email from a friend/relative:

Sometimes we get email from people we know and it's being sent from their real email address and it's a scam. Usually the scammer is trying to convince you to send them some of your money. But this email is really from an email address that I know really does belong to a friend/relative!

A: Yep, it can really be from their email account. The con men have the password to your friend/relative's email account and login (usually via webmail) and send these letters to everyone in their address book.

If you use webmail for your sbcglobal/att or comcast email, you will have lots of email addresses for them to use in your online address book! So once they have your password, they have access to lots of new friends/relatives to try to scam. Plus it's now coming from a trusted email address.



## Freeware

*by Al Schrader*

After I installed Windows 7, I noticed some things were missing that I often used in Vista (such as Movie Maker and Photo Gallery). So, I went looking for replacements. Microsoft has a set of programs called Windows Live Essentials, which I downloaded and selectively installed only the items I wanted. The location is <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-essentials?os=win7>, which downloads a small program that will start a program to choose what I wanted to install. The Movie Maker creates a slide show of my pictures. I added music and finally burned it all to a DVD, which I will show at my daughter's wedding reception in October. The Photo Gallery allows me to automatically straighten, adjust exposure, fix red eye, etc., with only one button. It does other things like crop. The best thing is that it is really easy to use. There are other applications in this suite of free programs that really did not interest me, but maybe there is something there that others can use. I really like the ease of use the Photo Gallery has, so here is another thumbs up - and yes, it is free from Microsoft.



## HELP!

*by Frank McGurn*

Last year I became a member of our Condominium Association in McHenry, and because I was the new guy, they elected me recording Secretary. I was chosen because I have a computer to type the minutes of the Board of Director's meetings. I found out later that all of the directors have computers. So I use my 2 best fingers to type the minutes.

Our management company has a very good manager assigned to our association, but she is not very computer literate. She uses the USPS for everything: meeting notices and other correspondence. I started mailing my minutes to her by sail mail. Finally I started using e-mail, but she didn't know how to make copies for the other board members. She couldn't open the minutes I sent as an attachment and print it. I tried to send the minutes in the body of the e-mail. She printed out the complete e-mail, then cut the minutes out and copied them.

I decided I would hand deliver the minutes (one page) to her office in Crystal Lake. It is 15 miles from my home to her office. There had to be a better way. So I looked at an MC3 newsletter that is a PDF file. All that has to be done is to PRINT. Great idea, but since I don't know how to make a PDF file, I asked friends. I googled - no help. So I wrote to MC3 and got two good answers. Answer 1: download Open Office; it has PDF. Answer 2: there is a free software program with PDF. They were good answers, but I am only going to send 1 page once a month for 5 months.

Then I thought about my daughter who lives in the north woods. She has been working with computers, both Mac's and Pc's, for 30 years. So I sent her a "help me" message and got immediate response. Use Word> Print> on the button of the page is a box check "Save as PDF", but, she added, it is only included in current versions of WORD. Since my version is 2003, I'm out of luck. Looks like I have to teach the Manager how to Copy & Paste or how to open an attachment.

My wife asked me to send a picture to a friend by e-mail. I got out my Cannon Flat Scanner and connected to a USB port and put the picture in and was selecting the setting. I came to how the image is to be sent - JPG or PDF. "PDF!!" It was always set on JPG because that was all I used the scanner for, never knew PDF was there. Right away I put a sample page in the scanner and sent an E-mail to myself. IT WORKED! I got a PDF file and printed it. My day was made. I have had the scanner for 7 years and never knew everything it can do. All that stress for nothing.

The moral of my story is: read the 90 page manual that I printed out in 2004.

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