

McHENRY COUNTY COMPUTER CLUB

USERS GROUP FOR PC-COMPATIBLE SYSTEMS



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The April 2011 meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is [April 9](#), 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: Access II - John Katkus
- Break
- Q & A

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UPCOMING DEMOS

- *April* Access II - John Katkus
- *May* Excel - Jack Luff

Suggestions for future demos are always welcome.

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Questions & Answers

Q: Is a registry cleaner needed for a PC?

A: Several members recommend ccleaner.

Q: Some technicians enter another PC over the Internet. Can that be abuse, and how can I protect myself against it?

A: I use one called GotoMeeting. There is also Webex and a couple of others. The Technician needs your permission and cooperation to enter and/or control your machine. While they have control, they can basically do anything they want, but you can watch and see what they are doing and can stop them if you think they are going somewhere they should not be going.

The key is that they need your permission and cooperation to get control of your machine with these programs. Once the connection is dropped, it's dropped. They cannot regain control without your permission and/or cooperation.

Q: There is a program advertised, where you speak into a microphone and it will type the words. Any comments?

A: The most popular program right now is Dragon. Several club members report that it works fairly well.

Q: I have a hard time getting into Safe Mode because the Bios on my computer uses F8 to go to the startup menu.

A: You have to practice, practice, practice. You have to wait until the Bios startup is finished and hit F8 before you get the WinXP banner. It may take some practice, but there is actually a 2-second window for this to occur in. Too early and you get the Bios startup message, too late and you miss and go into WinXP.

Q: I upgraded IE to version 8 and now I can't print email using the printer icon.

A: Use the File --> Print method. From the File pull down menu, select PRINT. Then you should get a popup allowing you to select the printer to print to. Normally, even if you have only one printer, there may be some other printer devices available. You are probably printing to the wrong printer device.

Q: When I open a file on YouTube, I get no audio. I tried to go into control panel, but there is no audio device under volume.

A: You have lost the drivers for your sound card. You need to reinstall the drivers for the sound card on your motherboard.

Q: I want my computer to forget my email password. I changed my password and was asked to input it once and then it remembered it again.

A: When you typed in the new password, there should have been a checkmark in that popup window to 'remember your password'. Uncheck that and you should be ok.

Q: I have used Windows Live Messenger and now am required to install a new version before continuing to use it. However, the install quits with this error code 0x80070643.

A: My research today on this error code says it's generic error code and you need to turn on logging for the update and see what the specific error is being generated. See this article at Microsoft:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/958052>

The logs generated should give you a more specific error that you can fix.

Q: My HP inkjet is printing right to left.

A: Open the printer properties in Control Panel. It's an advanced setting in here somewhere to flip that.

[An Inexpensive Simple Software - My Check Book](#)

Google is great: make a wish and Google grants it. I wished for a simple program to keep track of my Checking and Saving accounts and Google found it for me. It's called "My Check Book." It cost me \$21.20, including tax. It's the product of "Surprise Software" ; the web site is:

<http://www.surprisesoftware.com/>

I have 2 separate accounts; it seems that many more accounts can use the program. The working area is a typical window design with a blue title bar, menu bar and a tool bar with 5 icons. The software has a very complete Help file. I printed it out, and it's only 5 pages. There is also help by phone or e-mail. You can try the program for 30 days before you decide to buy. I have been using it since October of 2010.

Submitted by Frank McGurn

Freeware

by Al Schrader

Suggested by Frank McGurn

Microsoft Mathematics 4.0 -----Download it here.

http://www.microsoft.com/education/teachers/guides/mathematics_4.0.aspx

From basic math to pre-calculus, Microsoft Mathematics 4.0 helps you visualize and see mathematical concepts as you've never seen them before. It includes:

- A full-featured graphing calculator
- The Formulas and Equations Library
- The Triangle Solver
- The Unit Conversion tool
- Ink handwriting support

At the above web site, a teacher's guide and a step-by-step tutorial are also available for download and, if necessary, more help is available on youtube.

This program has all the features of a graphing calculator. If higher end math is not your thing, it will also add, subtract, multiply, and divide for our simpler needs. Take a look at the unit conversion tool also built in, which can convert most forms of measurement. The triangle solver helps with all the trig problems. This software includes a way to input items just by writing them with a graphics tablet. I have just started using this program, but it appears to be stable and it's free, so thumbs up.
