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The **February 2011** meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is [February 12](#), 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
- Premier Elements - Cindi Carrigan
- Break
- Q & A

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UPCOMING DEMOS

- *February* Premier Elements - Cindi Carrigan
- *March* Spring Party, Extended Q&A, short demo on backup, Google
- *April* Access II - John Katkus

Suggestions for future demos are always welcome.

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Questions & Answers

Q: My computer is etp to try to run/cut a recovery disk. The program is "Recovery Media Creator." When I try to run it, I get an error message:
Not enough space in Recovery Partition. Used space on C:\ cannot exceed 9GB

A: This is a program from HP to make CD/DVD for recovery of Windows in case the hard drive dies (and NOT your data). They make a D drive to put this recovery info on. If you put any data on the D drive, it can mess up this process and you have changed the recovery partition. It appears you also need at least 9G of free space on the C drive to make these disks. If you have less than 9G free, move some stuff to temp storage and try again.

If this is still not working, I would call HP to see about ordering a set of recovery CD's or asking them for help with this issue.

Recovery Media Creator is supposed to limit you to one set, but you can make a second set by following these instructions:

- Set the folder options to allow viewing of hidden files and folders and show known file extensions.
- Search for the following file: hpcd.sys
- There will be 2 copies, one in C:\WINDOWS\SMINST and one in D:\ (or where the recovery partition is)
- Delete both copies of the hpcd.sys files.
- Run the HP recovery disk creation utility.

Q: When watching a movie or video file, I click on Full Screen, then screen goes black with instructions to hit ESC to return to the original size screen.

A: It would appear that due to hardware or driver limitations, full screen mode does not work. Updated video drivers may help or it could be a limitation in the video card and upgrading the video card is necessary.

Freeware

by Al Schrader

Money Manager Ex 0.9.6.0

This program, as the name suggests, is a money manager that can show where all the money goes (your money) and display it in pie charts. I was given the task to balance the check book (yes, we still use checks) from now on, so I looked for something easy that would keep track of everything and be able to be backed up. So I tried many different money managers. For one reason or another, this is the one that came out on top. It takes some work to input everything, but it is well worth the effort. Eventually it does get easier. Remember: junk in junk out; so I had to retype some of my entries to get everything to balance. Download it here:

http://download.cnet.com/Money-Manager-Ex/3000-2057_4-10870226.html

The only problem I have found is when I set up multiple accounts on the same machine I had to choose which account I wanted because it will just default to the last one used. They now have a portable version, but I have not used it yet. But it would give me the ability to keep it with me on a thumb drive; sounds interesting. I am giving this a Thumbs UP.

Websites

A few years ago, I used to include a column entitled "The Site Corner" in our hard copy newsletters. Dave Lutes sent me a few URLs to investigate, and I would like to share them with the rest of you. Perhaps you will find them as interesting as we did.

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

<http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/15817/wipe-delete-and-securely-destroy-your-hard-drives-data-the-easy-way/>

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If you have any websites that you find useful, highly entertaining or especially interesting, please send the URL to me via MC3's email. If you want to explain why you are suggesting a particular site, please feel free to do so. The Editor reserves the right to use or not use a suggested site. *Lucë*

Bio-Printing

Bio-printing is a computer-aided, automated layer-by-layer deposition, transfer and patterning of biologically relevant materials.

Bio-ink is produced by harvesting the appropriate stem cells from the individual and growing them on in the laboratory to accumulate a sufficient supply and then placing the supply in a bio-reactor system to re-acclimate the cells to conditions of the human body. The re-acclimated cells are then used for bio-printing.

Bio-engineers build a model of the tissue or organ construct before the printer begins construction of the item cell-by-cell using computer controlled laser-based calibrated print heads or pipettes, in some instances similar to ink-jet technology.

Two print heads are used. One places the human cells and the other places the hydrogel scaffold or supporting matrix. The print heads can precisely arrange multiple cell types and other tissue components. The bio-ink is the cells to be developed. As the cellular ink is being printed out, a layer of bio-gel (bio-paper) is being laid down for nutrition and support. The cells survive the printing process well.

One manner of building blood vessels is to lay down vertically successive layers of rings containing muscle and endothelial cells with the gel for support. Another method is to lay down horizontal strips of the bio-ink to form a tube with gel support. There has been success in the lab with growth of bio-printed blood vessels and skin. Eventually, methods may be available to print directly on skin using the patient's or wounded individual's own cells. Being able to regenerate and replace ailing tissues using one's own cells will be an aid in reducing rejection of transplanted material and avoiding a lack of donor materials.

Contributed by Bruce Eckersberg

Here are the results for Jack's survey on spreadsheets:

1. Do you use a spreadsheet on a regular basis?

YES - 18

NO - 9

2. Do you use Microsoft's Excel?

YES - 18

NO - 3

3. Which version of EXCEL do you use?

97	0
2000	2
2002/XP	1
2003	5
2007	7
2010	2
?	1

4. Do you use another spreadsheet program?

Yes - 8 (Open Office, MS Works, OpenCalc, Google Docs)

NO - 12

5. How often do you use a spreadsheet?

Daily	6
Weekly	6
Biweekly	2
Monthly	3
Quarterly	2
Yearly	0

6. How expert are you with spreadsheets?

1	- 5
2	- 8
3	- 6
4	- 3
5	- 0

If you haven't yet done the survey and would like the link for it, here it is:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DMWPC3J>

Computer Joys and Woes

by Shirley Teetsov

Here's the next part of Windows 7 Pro. At the Board Meeting I found out that the problem I am having with the addresses in Windows Live Mail is: that's the way it works. Bob Wagner told me that he had used it and there is no way to delete addresses no matter what; so I am stuck with multiple names. He suggested another avenue for e-mail, but so far I have not had the time to investigate that option. On the joy side, I have figured out in the "ribbon" where I can insert or attach a document or picture, a major victory for me.

I am having a problem with the camera connection; it is quite different from the one in XP. It works the same way but it is hard to find, or at least I can't find the darn thing and usually end up having to sign in at least twice. I have a Phillips Web Cam and it is great. My daughter in NH and I have no problems with it at all, no dropping, no hesitation and a very good picture.

I have Word 2003 and Jack Luff sent me a message that I could not open until I had downloaded the Compatibility Pack for Word 2007. The updates had to be downloaded first and then the program. Something happened that really surprised me - it worked the first time.

Another problem is older programs. I have a Family Tree program that is years old and not compatible with Windows 7; however, when using the Click It to transfer data from the XP to the Windows 7, the data for the Family Tree did not get saved by Click It. My assumption is I will probably have a choice between two solutions. One is to get a newer version of Family Tree and then transfer the data from the hard drive with the XP on it; or I could put the old Family Tree program on my husband's computer that has XP and transfer the data to that machine. I am sure my husband will not agree with that so maybe I do have only one choice to consider.

My picture album is getting straightened around a bit. I like the way my printer transfers pictures from the camera card to the computer into a folder and then I am able to easily put them in the folders where they belong.

That's it for this time. Between the snow shoveling and a few unexpected problems with people I am responsible for, it has been a very busy month for me.

Update on Mia, the cat: she still is not coming within touching distance, but at least she answers when I talk to her.

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