

# McHENRY COUNTY COMPUTER CLUB

USERS GROUP FOR PC-COMPATIBLE SYSTEMS



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The **January 2011** meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is [January 8](#), 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
- Access - John Katkus
- Break
- Q & A

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## UPCOMING DEMOS

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

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## Questions & Answers

Q: Is there any way to password protect thumb drives or external hard drives?

A: TruCrypt - available as a portable app in Liberkey. Both products have been demoed previously at club meetings.

Q: I tried to open a Kingston 2g memory stick. Vista would only open it for a split second. Control Panel --> Disk management would not keep the drive open.

A: Boot with the memory stick in the machine. It's reported to be a problem with some hardware under Vista.

Q: How do you save your email address book?

A: Somewhere in every email client there is an Import/Export function. It's in different places in each program. One thing to note is that you may need to experiment with different formats for the data if you are moving the address book to a different program (or even a different major version of the same program). Some formats transfer better than others.

Q: I have been getting errors recently using Thunderbird with my AT&T Yahoo account. Also it seems slow to delete messages after 3 years of using Thunderbird.

A: Yahoo has been having problems with their mail servers recently and could account for some of these error messages. Using the compact folders function can help with the slow delete messages. Also this can be caused by having too many messages in the trash or deleted items folder.

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## Freeware

*by Al Schrader*

I have now submitted 13 freeware columns, and at this point need your help in choosing a freeware software title to review. I have run out of the ones that I use, and I would appreciate a little help so I can continue this column with new (or old or anything free) and usable software that anyone can use. If there is one freeware title you would like to share or like me to review, or you can write your own review and I will put it here - either see me at the meeting or email me at the club's address:

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## Computer Joys and Woes - 16

*by Shirley Teetsov*

Here we go again. I found a good deal on Windows 7 Pro, so I got it ... and *then* the trouble started. My nephew Lem said he would install it for me. He got a larger hard drive so I could keep Windows XP on the original drive, JUST IN CASE. He could not install Windows 7 as a complete

install; it wanted to be installed over a previous Windows version. He then put a copy of Windows XP on the larger drive and installed Windows 7 over it.

My trouble started with no Outlook Express; so Microsoft Office Word was put on and I am using Windows Live Mail. It is similar to OE but different; however, I have at least been able to get and send e-mail with it. A problem with attachments, either text or photo, had me stymied for a while, so photos were within the e-mail. That problem has been solved now, after searching and trying and finally finding. There is no problem with Word as I am very familiar with it over the years. I have yet to figure out how to add contacts in the e-mail address book as there is none attached to Print Shop, it puts them into documents but I can get them from there.

Of course having this system installed on the same day my husband was getting his hip replaced sort of broke my attention into many different areas and it still is not fully together.

My daughter arrived on the 23rd of Dec. and was scheduled to leave on the 26th, flight cancelled, rebooked on the 27th, got into O'Hare and she left phone in car so we had to go back and found out the plane had been cancelled again and next available would be Wed. at noon. Actually delayed until 1:30 and then sat waiting until 2. At least the plane in Philadelphia was on time and lay over was only an hour.

So I am back at the computer and catching up on a few things and will hopefully get to watch the teaching program on here and the disk I purchased. Well, that is, if the three-year-old traumatized cat I adopted is cooperative. So far she is doing kind of well.

More next time.

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