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The **March 2011** meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is [March 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
- Demo: Backing up; Google; Extended Q&A
- Waiting-for-Spring Party

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UPCOMING DEMOS

- *March* Spring Party, Extended Q&A, short demo on backup, Google
- *April* Access II - John Katkus
- *May* Excel - Jack Luff

Suggestions for future demos are always welcome.

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Questions & Answers

Q: I have a new spindle of DVD-R disks. But they don't work.

A: It happens. You may have a bad spindle of disks or this particular brand just don't like your DVD drive.

Q: I have a DSL router with wireless. I use WinXP and Win7. A few times I have had to re-install the settings in the router. I asked about setting up the wireless and I declined. Now I want a wireless connection. How do I get to the setup for the wireless?

A: Most routers, whether a DSL/Cable modem and router or a stand-alone router like a Linksys router, have web interfaces to set them up. I am not sure of the manufacturer and model of your unit to give more specific instructions. Basically, however, you put the router's IP address in your browser in the URL area and you are in the setup for your unit. What is my router's ip address?

In Win7, you need to go to all programs --> accessories --> Command Prompt and right click and select 'Run as Administrator'.

In WinXP, you can do the same thing except you don't need the right click and run as administrator. With XP, you just double click on Command Prompt.

Now you have a small black window with a command prompt. Input: ipconfig

Look for a line that shows Default Gateway192.168.1.1

The address most likely will be 192.168.x.x; that will be the ip address you need to type into your web browser's address bar and should get you to the configurations pages for your router.

Q: Using Vista in a peer to peer network, I'm having trouble moving large files from computer to computer.

A: That is a know problem. Try using the program Robocopy from Microsoft.

Hello Moshi

I gave a quick demo of a voice-recognition clock at the meeting called Moshi. I was looking for a new alarm clock for my wife's side of the bed. I came across Moshi and it was not that expensive - less than \$45. Just search using Google for Moshi clock.

Here is a link to the company that makes this clock.

<http://www.moshilifestyle.com/Product/VoiceControlAlarmClock>

Freeware

by Al Schrader

Suggested by Frank McGurn

CintaNotes 1.4.2

Cinta Notes is a free, lightweight and user-friendly personal notes manager. That's the official title on the web site, but what it actually does and how it works is really simple. First, start the program and then highlight any text, in any application, then push the Ctrl and F12 key combination which then copies it to the open CintaNotes program window. There are many options, such as tag, cut, copy,

merge, sort, export, import, backup, and synchronize and others, that can then be performed. It can be found at <http://cintanotes.com/> . It also comes in a portable version, which means it can be placed on a thumb drive for portable note taking. It automatically adds the time and date each note was added and which program it came from. I have decided this is kind of like a sticky note, but without the sticky part and a lot faster. I have used this to save actual web site text instead of bookmarking a site that I never seem to get back to or try to remember why I bookmarked it in the first place. I am giving this program a thumbs up because of ease of use and also it doesn't have to be installed if using the portable version.

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Top 20 Shortcuts for Taming Your Windows

by Bob Wagner

Here is something that I came up with for the Windows 7 OS that others might find interesting.

Switch between open windows	Alt + Tab
Minimize/restore all but the active window	Windows key + Home
Minimize all windows	Windows key + M
Maximize window	Windows key + up-arrow
Minimize/restore window	Windows key + down-arrow
Make all windows transparent so you can see the desktop	Windows key + spacebar
Dock window to left or right half of screen	Windows key + left- or right-arrow
Zoom in/out (In the default view, you must zoom in before zooming out.)	Windows key + plus/minus sign
Lock screen	Windows key + L
Open Run dialog	Windows key + R
Open Search box	Windows key + F
Open Windows Explorer to computer	Windows key + E
Expand Folders view in Win Explorer to show where you are	Control + Shift + E
Go up a level in Windows Explorer	Alt + up-arrow
Choose display mode/switch monitors (Especially useful for presenters or dual-monitor users)	Windows key + P
Launch apps pinned to the Taskbar (1 is the left-most app; Windows Key+T cycles through all apps.)	Windows key + (number 1-9)

Cycle through Gadgets

Windows key + G

Rotate a picture clockwise

Control + period

(Or use comma for counterclockwise)

Use Control-click to select the pictures in a folder you need to rotate, then rotate them all at once.

Turn Sticky Keys on and off

Press Shift five times

Although keyboard shortcuts can be real time-savers, sometimes it's hard to press multiple keys at once, (especially while you're eating a sandwich or holding your phone in one hand). The Windows Sticky Keys feature lets you press one key at a time as you enter a shortcut. You can turn on Sticky Keys permanently by using the Control Panel's Ease of Access Center options.

Turn Mouse Keys on and off

Left-Alt + Left-Shift +
Num Lock

The Windows Mouse Keys feature is a really useful shortcut that lets you control the cursor with the arrow keys on your numeric keypad. Like Sticky Keys, it can be turned on permanently in the Control Panel's Ease of Access Center, but you can also invoke it at any time by pressing this key combination. This gesture turns you into a true keyboard jockey.

Note that both Sticky Keys and Mouse Keys display a warning message when you turn them on and off. You can disable the warning boxes in the Control Panel's Ease of Access Center by choosing Set up Mouse Keys or Set up Sticky Keys. This list is just a sample of the dozens of shortcuts available.
