

# McHenry County Computer Club

## Users Group for PC-Compatible Systems



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The **October 2011** meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is **October 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
- Demo: Surprise
- Break
- Q & A

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### upcoming demos

- *October - TBA*
- *November - Email Roundtable Discussion*
- *December - Word - Lucë York*

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## Questions & Answers

Q: When viewing Task Manager, I found 2 Explorer sessions running. Any idea why this is occurring? WinXP & IE8.

A: Double check the first letter to see if it's an upper case i or a lower case L. There is a virus out there called lexplore.exe just to confuse you visually.

Q: If I save a document from Word2007 under WinXP to a flash drive and then take it to a Win7 machine running Word 2007, it opens as read only.

A: This turns out to be 'normal' operation for Win7 & some versions of Word. Word keeps info about the author and history of the document in the document. We suspect that this combination along with a change of owner causes this issue.

Q: I have a wired internet in my 2-story house. How do I add wireless to my house?

A: The cheapest method is to add a Linksys or other cheap router and hook the WAN port to the existing Internet. Move one of your desktop machines to the LAN port of this new device and configure the new router. This method is not the best method if you want to share info between machines using Windows sharing. A more advanced method would be to connect nothing to the WAN port of the new router, but this requires some extra configuration steps to prevent having, for instance, two DHCP servers running on the same network.

What I would call the proper method is to add a Wireless Access Point to the network. However, they are more expensive than the cheap home router. But they will work better, especially if you want to share files across the wireless to wired computers.

Q: Windows 7 cursor does not move after changing to a new USB mouse.

A: Your new mouse is not working properly. This could be a hardware or a software driver issue. The recommended method is to connect a working mouse to the computer (preferable to a PS/2 port) and then connect the new USB mouse. The two mice will work in parallel and you should be asked to supply the driver disk. After installing the new drivers, you can shut down the computer and remove the extra mouse.

Q: I have a friend who has a hard drive that appears to be failing and no longer boots into Windows. How can we retrieve his personal documents?

A: Put the hard drive on a different computer as a second drive. It is important to do this as soon as you know you are having problems with the hard drive. The more you play with the hard drive trying to 'fix' it, the more damage that can be caused, which will eventually lead to the inability to retrieve any data from it.

Q: Trying to share file between WinXP and Win7 computers. WinXP can see files on the Win7 machine, but the Win7 machine cannot find the WinXP machine to connect to it.

A: Turn on NetBios over TCP/IP on both computers. Win7 changed some of the ways Windows finds the names of other computers on the network. Turning on NetBios over TCP/IP turns on an old style of finding the other computers on the local network. You also may need to turn on the guest account on the WinXP machine and give guest access to the shared folders on the WinXP machine.

Websites mentioned during the Demo Saturday:

[www.magicaljellybean.com](http://www.magicaljellybean.com)

[www.lmgty.com](http://www.lmgty.com)

[www.downforeveryoneorjustme.com](http://www.downforeveryoneorjustme.com)

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

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## **Freeware**

*by Al Schrader*

### **Mouse Without Borders**

Get it here: <http://blogs.technet.com/b/next/archive/2011/09/09/microsoft-garage-download-mouse-without-borders.aspx>

I use a KVM (keyboard, video, mouse) switch because I have multiple computers running at one time. This way I only need one monitor, keyboard, and mouse to control all of them; but I also use dual monitors on one computer. Mouse Without Borders is a software approach that brings together these two systems.

Mouse without borders (a freeware beta program from Microsoft) lets me share my mouse and keyboard with other machines, and even drag and drop files (not folders) between them. I can even copy and paste text between computers. I set this up on 2 laptops (make sure the firewalls allow mouse without borders thru), which took a little while to figure out the firewall situation - but after that it worked flawlessly. It's a little strange when I'm sitting in front of one computer and then see my mouse pointer on another computer and then use that to open a browser and surf the net. I give this program a thumbs up because it actually works.

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*Strange happenings out West* - go to

<http://news.techeye.net/internet/internet-attacked-by-bears#.TnZXk5rhOv8.reddit>

to find out what it's all about.

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***Senior Services Associates*** (which has been serving seniors and their families since 1973) is having a Dinner Dance - Out of the Red - on Sunday, November 6, 2011. This is, essentially, a fundraising event for the benefit of Senior Services. It is also a wonderful opportunity to spend an enjoyable evening with family and friends and meet new people, too. More details and tickets may be obtained by contacting Senior Services at 815/459-5204. Also, Bill Markison, one of our long-standing members and an SSAssociate, will be at our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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