

McHenry County Computer Club

USERS GROUP FOR PC-COMPATIBLE SYSTEMS



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The **June 2008** meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is **June 14**, at the Salvation Army Building, 290 W. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. Enter the building at the parking level double door under the awning. The treasurer will be there by 8:30 AM for Club financial transactions.

Membership

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.

Meetings : 2nd Saturday of the month.

N.B.: The Salvation Army has asked us not park in front of the dumpsters or in other designated spaces. Your vehicle is subject to towing if it is not parked in the appropriate spaces.

Meeting Agenda

- 09:00 General Business Meeting
- 09:15 Demo: Built-in Utilities
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Q&A

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UPCOMING DEMOS

- June - Built-in Utilities
- July - Graphics
- August - Maintenance
- September - Overview of Vista ; Helicopter flying
- October - Routers
- November - Excel

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If you haven't yet updated your email address with the club, then - ***Please email the club - info@Mc3ComputerClub.org - your current email address.*** Thank you.

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Murphy's Law of Computers

When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.

When the going gets tough, upgrade.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

To err is human. To blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human: it is downright natural.

He who laughs last probably made a back-up.

If at first you don't succeed, blame your computer.

A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine. *[Vista & XP?]*

The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.

A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want it to do.

If you need some help with PowerPoint, then try this site: <http://www.pptfaq.com/index.html>
It is filled with information.

Contributed by Dave Lutes

Questions & Answers

Q: When trying to burn MapQuest to CD, I get a message "can't burn; see administrator." I can save it as a document and then try to burn the document, but I get same message.

A: Doing a Google search, several CD burning programs have that issue. The underlying issue is a rights issue when installing the software and the install fails without telling you about the failures. Check the website for the software you used for further information and how to fix this for your particular software.

Q: I keep getting a popup message related to the wireless network saying the network is ok. How do I get rid of that popup?

A: A couple of things can be happening. If you are using a wired network connection, turn off the wireless adaptor. Windows seems to prefer the wireless over the wired connections for some reason.

If the wireless signal is marginal where you are using your laptop, this can happen, as the wireless card in your laptop loses and regains the signal from the wireless access point. If this is the case, relocating your laptop or the access point to get a better signal is the answer.

Q: Any comments on Yahoo's spam guard as compared to other anti-spam programs?

A: No one single program finds all spam. Even in my commercial operation, we use multiple methods to find and stop spam.

AVG and Adaware Pro have different approaches and will find a few more than the rest.

Q: Comment? Windows XP SP3 and IE7, ok to install?

A: IE7 should be ok. SP3 was reissued recently. I would be reluctant to install it yet. Also if you have an HP/Compaq computer with an AMD processor, there is a problem that will cause auto-rebooting. I have details if you need them.

Q: Best program to edit photos?

A: The program you know how to use. There are several, all with some strengths and weaknesses. But for the most part, the best program is the one you learn how to use.

Editor's Note: I am very sorry that there are not any articles for this newsletter. We had some really good ones last month, and I'm sure we all appreciated those. However, you must realize that I am an editor, and I cannot edit articles I don't receive. So if any of the members want more in the newsletter, then they must contribute something publishable online. Remember: your writing skills don't have to be Pulitzer Prize level. My job is to help the grammar and style of your submissions.

I do want to thank all of those members who write regularly for our newsletter. Special praise and thanks go to Lyle for all the work he does writing up the Q&A.

Lucë/MC³ Editor