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Main Meeting, May 2

Gene Barlow will give a Webinar Presentation on the topic of “*The Best Backup Plan of Your Hard Drive*” using the popular backup program, Acronis True Image Home 2010. (See Page 3)

There will not be a Consignment Table or E-Waste Collection during the May 2010 meeting. (See Page 5)

Happy 34th Birthday NOCCC!

NOCCC Elections are in June! (See Pages 3 & 26)

Special Interest Group (SIG) & Main Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Linux for Desktop Users..... Science 131a
Topics about the Linux operating system. Beginners Qs in here also.

Visual Programming.....Science 111
Visual Basic, Visual BasicScript, Visual C++ and Visual J++ for Beginners.

Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook.....Science 109
Topics about these three parts of the Microsoft Office Suite.

Microsoft Access.....Science 306
Database applications and more.

Beginner’s Digital Photography.....Science 127
This SIG is for newbies who want to improve their skills. We will continue talking about printing our photos directly from Picasa and organizing the photos with other software.

10:30 a.m.

Beginners PC Q & A Irvine Hall
Beginners’ questions about PCs.

Linux Administration.....Science 131a
Topics about the Linux operating system.

10:30 a.m.

Advanced Digital Photography..... Science 127
We will “take pictures of time.”

Understanding Operating Systems.....Science 111
Help with DOS, Windows, OS/2, etc.

Visual Programming for Apps (VBA).....Science 306
Using VBA to customize your program by using the power of the built-in wizard feature.

12:00 Noon

PIG SIG.....Hashinger Courtyard
Lunch and conversation.

12:30 p.m.

PC Q & A.....Irvine Hall
Q & A about PCs. Plus more on USB 3 & SATA 3.

2:00 p.m.

Main Meeting..... Irvine Hall

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Future Meeting Dates in 2010:
May 2



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*Celebrating 34 years of
“Friends Helping
Friends”*

May 2nd Main Meeting 2 p.m. Irvine Hall

Gene Barlow (User Group Relations) will present a live Webinar Presentation that will provide you with an active view of his presentation, allowing you to see and hear his presentation, see his software products demonstrated live, and ask questions and receive live answers at the meeting. He will demonstrate Acronis True Image Home 2010, one of the most popular computer backup and recovery programs on the market today. *Computer backups are critical. Make sure you are adequately protected and can recover from any unforeseen events, such as viruses, unstable software downloads, and hard drive failures by having a well thought-out backup and recovery plan. With a "good" backup of your computer's hard drive, you can put your system back together again in short order, instead of days or weeks. Every PC User should implement this important protection.*

NOCCC Elections Coming Soon!

At the **June 2010 Main Meeting**, we will again be holding our annual elections for officers and Board members. This is a great opportunity for members to contribute to our computer club. You will find that serving is both rewarding and productive. It will not take a lot of your time. If you serve on the Board, you will help define our future. **No experience is necessary!** See p.26 for more information and the current slate of volunteers for the 2010 elections.

If you are interested in serving in an elected capacity or in performing one of the open appointed positions, please send an e-mail to president@noccc.org with a copy to editor@noccc.org or call Jim Sanders at (714) 925-5772.

NOCCC meeting attendees please note that food and beverages are not permitted in Irvine Hall per Chapman University regulation

President's Message

By Jim Sanders, NOCCC President

April 16, 2010 is the day that I am writing this president's message and then there was another day, who remembers exactly which one, in April 1976 that is important. Now some of you may recognize what I'm talking about here immediately, and then there are a few which I will have to clue in. For those that don't have a clue, you haven't been looking very close at the front page of the Orange Bytes newsletter. Down in the bottom right-hand corner there is a little note that states "Founded in 1976" and that means that the month of April is our club's birthday. One member of the Board of Directors reminded me of this and asked why we didn't have a cake and some punch this time. My response was quite simple, just like a lot of other birthdays that I forget, I forgot about this one. Now, I did think of several excuses, dealing with the aftermath of the broken water pipe in my house, trying to find a speaker for our meeting, a lawsuit that's a little bit of an irritant, not to mention dealing with the IRS and its requirements for April 15th.

Anyway, the bottom line is that our club is now 34 years old and we will have to change the notice in the Bytes about how long we've had the logo "Friends helping Friends" in the newsletter. As to celebrating the birthday at the meeting itself, at this month's Board meeting we decided that in June we would have free coffee, free doughnuts, free punch, and of course some free Birthday cake.

Speaking of June, as most of you know our yearly elections are held in June. Anyone who is a member of the club may run for any one of the offices of the club. That includes Pres., VP, Treas., Secretary, and one of the eight Board of Directors positions. In particular, if any of you have accounting skills, John Heenan would really like to retire as the club's treasurer. But with the exception of Gerry Resch, who says he intends to be a board member until he dies or the club goes out of business, whichever comes first, I would love to see somebody else throw their hat in the ring and run for one of the positions.

At the April meeting, Nick Anis gave us an interesting and informative presentation on malware and the many ways that we can fall prey to it, the defenses we can take against it, and a number of the software packages that we can use to attempt to eradicate it once it has our computer in its clutches. For those of you who were at the meeting, you may have noticed that Nick gave me a framed drawing of a Pharaoh and a paper bag that he said contained a bottle of wine. Now for those of you who think that I may be getting a little too much in the way of perks as your president, when I got home and opened the bag to see what kind of wine I had been given, it turned out to be a bottle of Two-Buck Chuck. Draw your own conclusions.

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New Software Available for Review – see page 10

Membership Benefits

As a valued member, we bring you a section of discounts and offers as part of the entire "Benefit of Belonging." (Caveat: we are unable to endorse these companies, but make these offers available as a service to our members.)

User Group Offers - Software and Hardware

User Group Relations – You can now order the latest release of **Acronis True Image 2010** from **Gene Barlow** for only \$29 (download) or \$29 plus S&H (on a CD). This top-rated backup utility has many new features and will work with Windows 7. Use the following link for special pricing for user group members: www.ugr.com/TrueImage.html

Techsmith - You can get **SnagIt**, an outstanding screen capture program, and **Camtasia Studio**, to quickly record, edit and publish multimedia demos and presentations, bundle for \$269, a \$50 savings. Go to <http://store.techsmith.com/order/bundlegov.asp>. You can download SnagIt 9.1 alone for \$49.95.

ZoomWare - Ai Squared is pleased to introduce ZoomWare, revolutionary new software that magnifies and enhances everything on your computer screen. It is perfect for those who squint at the computer screen and lean in to read the fine print. Members of APCUG clubs (NOCCC is one of them) can get a 20% discount! Normally, the download version is \$149, but with the discount it is just \$119. A CD version is also available for \$140, which is a \$35 savings and ships within 3 to 5 business days. To take advantage of your special APCUG member discount, simply purchase ZoomWare online at www.GetZoomWare.com and enter the following code at checkout: APCUG08. Learn more or get a free trial version at www.GetZoomWare.com.

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Free Internet Libraries - Upon retiring from college teaching/administration, **Walter Antoniotti** began developing **Free Internet Libraries** (<http://www.businessbookmall.com/Free Internet Libraries.htm>) for students, teachers, and professionals. Of special interest to PC users are these free computer libraries:

Free Business Software
(<http://www.businessbookmall.com/Free Business Software Internet Library.htm>)

Free Software Tutorials
(<http://www.businessbookmall.com/Software Tutorials Internet Library.htm>)

Excel Internet Library
(http://www.businessbookmall.com/Microsoft_Excel_Directions_For_Beginners.htm)

THE MAY CLUB RAFFLES

GENERAL DRAWING PRIZES:

- ❖ *Special: Techsmith's Camtasia Studio 6 Software*
- ❖ *Switching to Microsoft Windows 7 Book*
- ❖ *Understanding AJAX Book*
- ❖ *Plus more!*

MEMBERS ONLY DRAWING PRIZES:

- (Wear your NOCCC Membership Badge and get a free ticket!)
- ❖ *Wireless Keyboard & Mouse*
 - ❖ *Vipre Antivirus Premium 4 Software*
 - ❖ *PowerPoint 2007 Plain & Simple Book*
 - ❖ *Plus more!*

Consignment

The NOCCC Consignment Table **will not** be available during the **May 2010** meeting. It is open on even months, the same as the e-Waste collection: so bring your items for sale. For your information:

- 1) Only current members can place items for sale, but non-members are welcome to purchase items from the table. This is a great place to get some money for your surplus computer items, and help the NOCCC at the same time.
- 2) The consignment table operates on a 90/10% basis — with the owner getting 90%, and the Club treasury 10%.
- 3) **You can fill out a Consignment Table User List and item tags at the table:** The user list and each tag must contain:
 - a) Seller's name
 - b) Seller's NOCCC membership number
 - c) Item name and description
 - d) Item asking price
- 4) The seller may pick up all items and/or money at any time, but **no later than 2 p.m. on the day of sale.** Any items and/or money not picked up by 2 p.m. will become the property of NOCCC and will be subject to disposal at the Club's discretion. The club has no storage room available for unsold items
- 5) NOCCC is NOT RESPONSIBLE in any way for items bought and/or sold at the Consignment Table. Each item is placed and sold on an AS-IS BASIS.

E-Waste

California disposal laws have made it illegal to put monitors and computers in the regular trash. **Omni Technics, Inc.** will be at our regular meetings to collect E-Waste **on even months**, so bring your "junk" in April. Check their web site for more information: <http://www.ca-recycle.com/>. Or call (562) 627-1910.

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The **Help Line** is in the true spirit of the NOCCC, which is to help others to learn more about computers. The following is a list of Help Line subjects that a NOCCC volunteer is able to help you with. Call (714) 779-1936 or e-mail Ted Littman at helpline@noccc.org with additions, deletions, or corrections.

- Apple II
- AutoCAD
- CPU Aided Investing
- Computer Boards
- Computer Security
- Corel Draw
- Desktop Publishing
- Digital Photography
- Excel
- GPS Navigation
- Linux
- Lotus 1-2-3
- Memory/Interrupts
- Microsoft Office
- Photo editing & Pshop
- QuickBooks - all ver.
- QBooks 5 & Quicken
- Tcl/Tk & UNIX
- Vista
- Windows 9X & XP
- Wireless



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Access VBA	Science	306	10:30	Bob Dickson	robertbdickson@socal.rr.com	(714) 539-1304
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BeWARES!

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The *wares* have often perplexed computer users with numerous decisions regarding software. The multitude of wares has been even more confusing. **Comware** is commercial software which generally has more "bells and whistles" but requires the highest financial expenditure without the option to try the software in advance. **Trialware** is usually characterized on the Internet as a free download for a limited time but requires a purchase to continue using the software. **Shareware** is also free to download but often has features turned off or has an expiration date unless you purchase the software. Trialware and Shareware do offer an opportunity to use the software before making the decision to purchase. Freeware is free for personal use on the Internet but it may contain adware, viruses, or be poor software. Further, the marketing promotion of the wares can be even more misleading, causing you to download and then delete software that you thought was freeware when you discover it is, in fact, pay ware.

The world of wares can be very frustrating as well as expensive to the computer user. One can spend considerable time, frustration, and even expense downloading and deleting various wares on the Internet. Beware, retailers will not accept returned Comware after it has been opened for a money back guarantee. Relax, my holiday gift to my readers is a solution to the problem that I have used for several years, saving me considerable time and money! However, I have had to endure personal comments from some of my fellow computer users that I am "cheap!" Since my ancestry is Scottish who are known for being thrifty, I do not consider that comment an insult. However, I do prefer the use of the word "conservative" to the rather blunt, "cheap."

Excluding my operating system, I have nothing but freeware downloaded from the Internet on my system! Aha, you are thinking, but what about adware, viruses, or poor freeware, and the considerable time in downloading and deleting it takes to find the best freeware on the Internet? There are several sites that contain only freeware. However, I recommend Gizmo's Freeware site because I have used it for several years and found it to be very effective in reviewing freeware and efficient to use in going quickly via links to safe and secure freeware sites for downloading. I am reluctant to recommend other sites that I have not used for purposes of this article.

Gizmo's Freeware is easy to use and makes it very simple to locate the best freeware on the Internet because it is extensively reviewed before it is recommended. Until July 2008 Gizmo was the editor of "Support Alert," a highly recommended technical

newsletter that was distributed to over 150,000 subscribers. The site evolved from his highly popular list of the "46 Best-ever Freeware Utilities." The site grew well beyond 46 and reached the point that it could not be maintained by one person. Today, the site has grown into a kind of Wikipedia for Freeware utilizing contributions of dozens of volunteer editors who edit and moderate suggestions from thousands of site visitors. As a result, the range of free software covered by the site is ever increasing and the quality of the reviews is ever improving. Gizmo's Freeware has, in a real sense, become the "Wikipedia for Freeware." I strongly suggest you check your freeware on your system against the recommendations of the best and consider downloading the best.

The primary purpose of Gizmo's Freeware is to make it easy to select the best freeware product for your particular needs. The best freeware programs are as good as or better than their commercial counterparts, but finding the most appropriate programs can be challenging. There are dozens of freeware download sites but few of these actually help you select the best program for your needs. The site has no downloads just honest advice and useful guidance. Links are provided where you can safely and securely download the product you want. Furthermore, you will know that what you have selected is the best available. Gizmo's Freeware is easy to use and will save you time, money, and lots of frustration!

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Controlling System Restore

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Did a shareware application you were enamored of turn out to be an unmitigated disaster? Perhaps a device driver installation, system update or modification to a registry key went bad, and your system wandered into an alternate universe. Windows has a utility called System Restore that takes a picture, called a Restore Point, of your system before certain types of operations are started. System Restore is a very handy feature that allows you to go back in time to erase actions you have come to regret. If a problem occurs you can revert back to the way things were, and all is well again.

System Restore, for all its utility and convenience, has its drawbacks. Some argue that if there is not enough free disk space, System Restore will fail to create a restore point, so an

unsuspecting person may discover that there is no restore point available when trying to put things back to normal. There is also no way to make a permanent restore point that will not get deleted after a time when automatic restore points need the disk space. This could be a predicament if a problem is intermittent.

It is possible that System Restore may be responsible for your disk drive running out of room. While today's super-sized drives make that less likely than a few years ago running out of disk space could still happen, especially if you load up your system with videos. You can reduce that likelihood even further by configuring System Restore properly.

The snapshots we talked about in the first paragraph are taken by a built-in program called the Volume Snapshot Service (VSS). There is no way to access this utility in the standard Windows Graphical Utility Interface (GUI). This means you can't get to it with a menu option. You need to open a Command Prompt window with elevated administrator privileges.

Click on the Start orb located down at the bottom left corner of your screen, select All Programs, and open the Accessories folder. Right click on the Command Prompt icon, and then select Run as Administrator from the menu. That will open up a Command Prompt window with enough authority to configure System Restore.

Before doing any configuration, let's take some time to understand how System Restore works. You can do this with the vssadmin tool. At the Command Prompt type `vssadmin /?` (Press Enter after typing a command.)

You see a list of all the commands supported by the utility.

(Note: Shadow copy = Restore Point)

Enter the command `vssadmin list shadows`

This displays a list of all the restore points currently on the system.

The list `shadowstorage` command displays the amount of disk drive space currently being used to store restore points, how much space is set aside to accommodate restore points, and the maximum permitted size for restore points.

To see what's available on your own system, at the Command Prompt type:

`Vssadmin list shadowstorage`

Take a few minutes to understand the way the information is displayed. If there is enough free disk space you can store up to 64 restore points before Windows automatically starts deleting old restore points to accommodate new ones.

Making backups is an essential task, but there is no reason why Windows should be allowed to consume every available byte of storage with System Restore points. The default settings allow Windows to run amok but you can reset the maximum value with the `resize shadowstorage` command.

Here is an example:

```
Vssadmin resize shadowstorage /for=c: /on=c: /maxsize = 12GB
```

The `/for=` switch specifies the disk drive where the storage space is to be resized. The `/on=` switch tells Windows where to save the Restore Point. The `/maxsize=` switch tells Windows how much space it can use for Restore Points.

If you don't specify a maximum size you are giving Windows permission to do anything it wants. The minimum size is 1GB. I have seen references stating that the minimum size can be as low as 300MB, but I could not verify that information. After entering the `resize` command the system needs to be restarted to take effect. Configuring System Restore points won't solve every problem you may have with Windows, but it will give you more control of how Windows allocates resources.

Nybbles and Bits

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Last month, I mentioned an article in TechRepublic regarding removing old drivers from your system. Little did I know that issue was going surface in my notebook computer that I upgraded to Win 7. The touchpad on my notebook computer has a vertical scroll area at the right side of the pad. I had no problems using the vertical scroll until I upgraded to Win 7 at which point, it stopped working.

I ignored the problem until just after the January P*PCompAS meeting. When I started to investigate and tried to access the settings for the touchpad, there was a pop-up dialogue box telling me that IntelliPoint was blocked from running because of known incompatibilities with Win 7. It took me a few minutes to remember that I had bought a USB mouse and installed Microsoft IntelliPoint software shortly after purchasing the notebook. I had used the USB mouse until I bought a Logitech wireless mouse a year or so ago.

My first thought was to just remove the offending software. Good idea except there was nothing shown for IntelliPoint in the Programs and Features list and nothing for the USB mouse in the Mice section of Device Manager. Connecting the USB mouse made it appear in Device Manager and caused IntelliPoint to appear in the Programs list. I thought I was close to being done. Surprise, surprise! Trying to perform an uninstall of the software produced the pop-up about IntelliPoint being blocked. I wondered how you could uninstall it if it was blocked from running. This time the pop-up dialogue box provided a link to an update and I performed the update. After the IntelliPoint update completed, the vertical scroll on the touchpad worked correctly. However, I decided to remove

IntelliPoint because I no longer use the USB mouse and could not think of a good reason to leave the software installed.

This is the first time I can remember where it was necessary to upgrade software just to remove it. I expect the Win 7 upgrade did not upgrade the IntelliPoint software because the USB mouse was not connected at the time the upgrade was performed. Maybe next time I will remember that USB devices should be plugged in during an upgrade and to make the related software and drivers visible. Even better would be to remove old drivers as TechRepublic suggests.

[Move a Message from the Junk Email Folder to the Inbox](#)

Open the Junk email folder and select the message to move to the Inbox. In the toolbar point to Junk email and click Mark as Not Junk in the drop down menu. The message is moved to your Inbox.

[Add Sender to the Blocked Senders List](#)

Select a message from the sender to add to the Blocked Senders list. On the toolbar point to Junk email and then click Add Sender to Blocked Senders List. This blocks all future messages from that specific sender.

[Add Sender to the Safe Senders List](#)

Select a message from the sender to add to the Safe Senders list. On the toolbar point to Junk email, and then click Add Sender to Safe Senders List. This allows all future messages from that specific sender.

[Correct File Associations](#)

If files are opening in the wrong application find one of the files and right click it. Then in Windows Vista, select Open With and then Choose Default Program. From the list of programs select the program to use. Or Browse to add a program to the list. Click to check the Always use the selected program to open this kind of file box and then click OK. In Windows XP, after right clicking the file select Open With. Then find the program to use. Or Browse to find another program. Again, check Always use the selected program to open this kind of file and click OK.

Remove Your Phone Number from Searches

[Google](#)

Search to find your listing in Google's PhoneBook. Then go to Google's online PhoneBook Name Removal form and enter the information as it appeared in the Google listing.

[WhitePages.com](#)

Find your listing on WhitePages.com. and at the bottom of your listing click the small link that for "Is this you? Remove your listing." Confirm the remove request.

[Yahoo](#)

Find your listing using Yahoo!'s People Search. Then use the online Remove Phone Listing form and enter your name as it appears in the listing.

[Switchboard.com](#)

Find your listing by searching Switchboard. Click the Remove this listing link beside the listing and provide your email address.

Office 2007

[Format Painter](#)

The Format Painter is an easy way to copy formatting you want to duplicate on other text. Select the text to copy the format from, click the Format Painter button and then select the text to format. To apply the same formatting to more than one item, select the text with the formatting, double-click Format Painter, and then select each word, phrase, or paragraph you want to apply formatting to. When finished, click the Format Painter again or press ESC. Format Painter is available in most Office programs.

[Create a Theme from a Document](#)

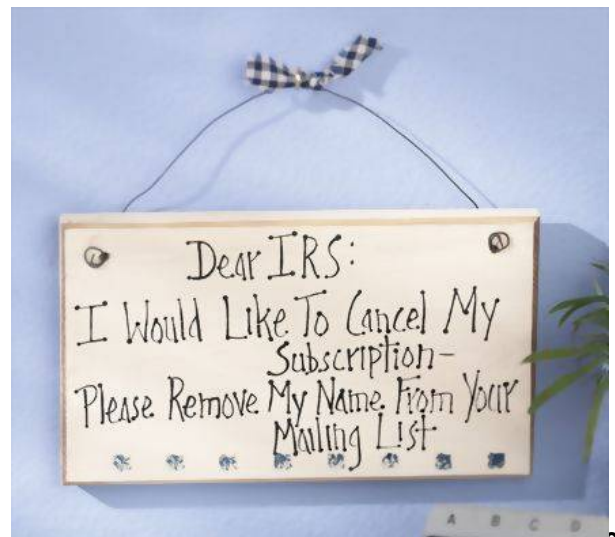
Themes are a valuable asset in Word and other Office files. A theme is a combination of theme colors, theme fonts, and theme effects. When you have generated a document with just the perfect formatting you may want to use it again. So save the formatting as a custom theme. With the document open on the Page Layout tab, in the Themes group, click Themes. At the bottom of the menu, click Save Current Theme. Provide a file name and click save.

[Use a Theme from another Document](#)

If you didn't create a theme from a document you can still use it as a theme for a new document. Open the document that you want to apply a different theme to and on the Page Layout tab, in the Themes group, click Themes. At the bottom of the menu, click Browse for Themes. In the Choose Theme or Themed Document dialog box, select the 2007 Office document that contains the theme to apply, and click Open.

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.

Albert Einstein



Reviews Editor's Corner

Products Available for Review

The NOCCC regularly receives copies of books or software from the publishers for our review. **We can also request specific products for you to review.** These reviews are published in this newsletter, the Orange Bytes. **Then, you get to keep the book or software.** If you are



interested in doing a review, please call or send me an e-mail and provide your membership number, phone number, and e-mail address; or pick up the product in the lobby of Irvine Hall **between 9 A.M. and Noon** at the next NOCCC meeting.

Ted Littman, (714) 779-1936, reviews@noccc.org.

Note to Reviewers

- ❖ You have 2 months to submit a review. Due-cause time extensions must be requested from the Reviews Editor.
- ❖ You must leave a security deposit (check, credit card number, or cash equal to the product's list value.), returnable upon our receiving an acceptable review.
- ❖ If you decide to return the product without reviewing, there is a \$2 penalty after the first month and a \$5 penalty after the second month.
- ❖ Guidelines for preparing your review are addressed on the next page.

Boxed Programs and CDs – **New!!**

Acronis True Image Home 2010 – Lots of new & improved features for this quality backup & recovery program. MSRP=\$50.

Camtasia Studio 7 – Possibly the world's smartest screen-recording program. Just out. From TechSmith. MSRP=\$299.

Diskeeper 2010 Pro – The new version adds preventing fragmentation before it happens to the best defragmentation program. MSRP=\$60.

Vipre Antivirus Premium 4 – A high-performance antivirus + antispyware software with an integrated firewall. And it isn't bloated! From Sunbelt Software. MSRP=\$40.

Books

Operating Systems

Creating Vista Gadgets – Sams; Rajesh Lal. MSRP=\$35.

Office & Home Programs

New: QuickBooks 2010, The Missing Manual – From O'Reilly. MSRP=\$30.

Ado.net 3.5, LINQ, & EF w/VB2008 – From Murach For database programmers. MSRP=\$52.

Office 2008 for the Mac on Demand – If you use this Microsoft suite on your Mac, this book by Steve Johnson should be of interest. From Que. MSRP=\$30.

FileMaker Pro 10 In Depth – Written by Jesse Feiler & published by Que, this book covers the features of this powerful database system and is aimed at the FileMaker developer community. MSRP=\$40.

Internet

New: Teach Yourself Facebook in Ten Minutes – From Sams. MSRP=\$15.

New: Teach Yourself Flickr in 10 Minutes – From Sams. MSRP=\$15.

New: Teach Yourself YouTube in Ten Minutes – From Sams. MSRP=\$15.

New: All a Twitter – From Que. MSRP=\$20.

New: iPhone; The Missing Manual – From O'Reilly. MSRP=\$25.

New: Murach's Ado.net 3.5 LINQ and the Entity

New: Microsoft Expression Web 3 in Depth – A comprehensive book on this powerful web development software. From Que. MSRP=\$40.

New: Microsoft Expression Web 3 on Demand – All about this web creation program in a visual step-by-step format. From Que. MSRP=\$30.

Microsoft Expression Blend Unleashed – Sams; Brennon Williams. MSRP=\$50. For developers of interactive Web & desktop applications; take graphical assets & blend them with functional .net code through the power of XAML and the WPF platform.

Microsoft Voice & Unified Communications – From Addison-Wesley. MSRP=\$40.

Digital Photography & Design

New: Adobe InDesign Styles – Author Michael Murphy explores styles in InDesign CS4 for graphic designers, art directors, and production artists starting with the simplest concepts and building up to the most intricate and time-saving concepts. Peachpit Press. MSRP=\$45.

New: Real World InDesign CS4 – This book covers the waterfront on Adobe's new design suite. Authored by Olav Kvorn & David Blatner, it is published by Peachpit Press. MSRP=\$55.

New: The Photoshop Elements 8 Book for Digital Photographers – Coauthored by Scott Kelby from New Riders, this book shows you "how to do it" and is full of color illustrations. MSRP=\$50.

New: Teach Yourself Photoshop CS4 in 24 Hours – Sams. MSRP=\$35.

New: The Adobe Illustrator WOW! Book/CD – Peachpit Press. MSRP=\$60.

New: Designing Brand Identity – Authored by Alina Wheeler from Wiley, a hardcover book. MSRP=\$45.

Packaging Sustainability – This Wiley book covers tools, systems, & strategies for innovative package design. \$50.

Security

The New School of Internet Security – Security experts Adam Shostack & Andrew Stewart address the biggest, toughest problems and how to solve them. From Addison-Wesley, MSRP=\$30.

Router Security Strategies, Securing IP Network Traffic Planes – From Cisco Press, this book by Gregg Schudel & David Smith, this book tells you how to segment and protect traffic in the data, control, management, and services planes. MSRP=\$65.

Cisco Networking Simplified, 2nd Ed. – A comprehensive visual explanation of networking technologies from Cisco Press/Prentice Hall. MSRP=\$40.

CCIE Professional Development Network Security Technologies and Solutions – A comprehensive, all-in-one reference for Cisco network security – Authored by Yusuf Bhajji, from Cisco Press, this 790-page hardcover book has an MSRP=\$80.

The New School of Information Security – Addison-Wesley; Adam Shostack & Andrew Stewart. MSRP=\$30. Why critical problems exist & how to solve them.

Cisco ASA, PIX, and FWSM Firewall Handbook, 2nd Ed. – From CISCO Press, MSRP=\$60.

Important! There are two articles at the following link. One provides suggestions and guidelines for preparing a review or article for the Orange Bytes. The second provides guidelines for submittal. Please read both. The link is:

www.noccc.org/bytes/info/index.html

The NOCCC reserves the right to refuse to publish any article or review at the discretion of the editors of the Orange Bytes newsletter or officers of the club. Reasons may include, but are not limited to, length and quality of the review or offensive nature of the product or of the review.

Orange Bytes and More at the NOCCC Web Site; Webmaster Needed

By Steven Breitbart, NOCCC

Jim Sanders, the NOCCC President, has been updating the NOCCC web site. **Nevertheless, we urgently need a volunteer to be the Webmaster. If you can help, contact Jim Sanders** at president@noccc.org or (714) 544-3589.

The latest issue of the Orange Bytes is now available in PDF format, in color and with **live** internal and external links. There is no user name or password needed. Older issues also are available. Go to our website:

<http://www.noccc.org/bytes/index.html>.

Preparing a Review or Article for the NOCCC Orange Bytes

By Steven Breitbart, NOCCC

There are two sections in the NOCCC newsletter, the Orange Bytes, where our members can contribute reviews and articles. They are the **Computer Talk** section and the **Product Reviews** section.

Articles in the **Computer Talk** section can be about almost any computer or technology related experience that you have had. For example, getting a new ISP, getting an ISP to change your

connection speed, converting a PC to Linux, using a MacIntosh PC for the first time - the list is endless.

The **Product Reviews** section can be a review of almost any type of computer hardware, software, or book about a computer-related topic. The item can be something you have bought or obtained from the NOCCC. Once you agree to do a review, you will generally have 2 months to complete it. These reviews are published in this newsletter, the Orange Bytes

The NOCCC Reviews Editor, Ted Littman, (714) 779-1936, reviews@noccc.org is often sent copies of books or software by the publishers for review by one of our members. **We need NOCCC members to take these items and commit to reviewing them promptly. The reward for doing a review is that you get to keep the book or software.** If we do not review them, they may stop sending these items in the future.



ZoomText Express

Review by Jim Sanders, NOCCC



Aisquared (www.aisquared.com) makes a number of products for the visually impaired. Their premier software product is ZoomText which is both a screen magnifier and a screen reader that speaks the contents of the screen. ZoomText Express is the baby brother of that product and is only a screen magnifier without a reader function. At \$59.99 list, it is also very much the baby brother pricewise compared to the \$595 cost of ZoomText. Aisquared offers a \$10 discount for a downloaded version of the program.

The installation process for this program is quite simple. One places the CD into the CD drive and it will normally Autorun. A nice and logical feature is that when the license agreement appears in the middle of the screen it is in large type. For people who are installing the software because they are having trouble reading the screen, this makes a lot of sense. I actually read the whole license agreement, and found it interesting to note that for a single user you may install the program on three different CPUs with the caveat that only one at a time should be used. When the portion of the license agreement comes up where you are to enter your name, it automatically fills in the information with what it grabs from the system. The program offers a 30-minute trial use before it requires that you register the program.

The setup of the program offers to allow you to have it autorun at boot time, which again makes sense for the audience that is primarily going to be using the program. I installed the program on an AMD 2800+ CPU with 1 GB of RAM, a fast DVD optical drive, and a large SATA hard disk. The installation took about five minutes on this system; your mileage may vary. When the program finished installing it said that it needed to reboot to finish. When I double-clicked on the icon it had placed on the desktop, the program loaded in about 30 seconds. It placed a large control panel in the middle of the screen that was very easy to read. There is a minimize icon on the control panel to place it on the taskbar, a – and + button to change magnification and a power symbol button to shut down. The control panel has four tabs, a View tab, a Color tab, a Pointer tab, and a Cursor tab.

The View tab offers three levels of magnification with a preview function. The smallest level of magnification places a square on the screen which can be moved around and everything within that screen is magnified. The middle tab provides an even larger square with greater magnification that also can be moved around desktop screen in the same fashion. The third tab provides a 2X magnification of everything on the screen. The whole screen then becomes a window on the much larger virtual screen. If you visualize a 1 ft.² screen that you magnify by 2X the virtual screen would then be 2 foot on a side. The actual

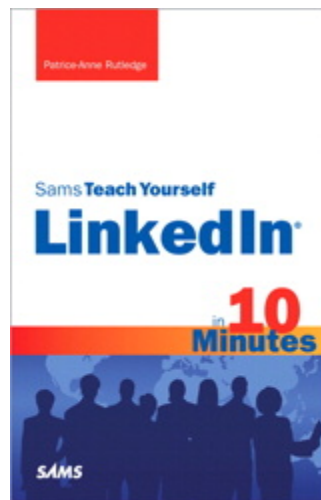
screen that you are seeing then becomes a 1 foot square window on that larger virtual window. As the cursor approaches the edge of the screen it starts scrolling in the direction that you are moving the mouse pointer until the limit is reached. In this fashion you can move your one foot square window all over the much larger 2' x 2' virtual screen.

The Color tab also has three choices. The first choice is normal video. The second choice is high contrast inverted video and the third choice allows you to choose any one of a number of pastel colors that can be made that background to text instead of white. Most people seem to find pastel background colors much easier on the eyes. The pointer tab allows you to choose three different sizes of pointer and the two largest sizes allow you to choose several different colors for it. The cursor tab works a little differently. Normally the cursor in Microsoft Word is a blinking vertical bar | and is not all that easy to see. ZoomText Express allows you to add a colored triangle above and below the blinking bar with one of the points of each triangle pointing to the bar. You are given several colors to choose from for the triangles.

I thought most of the functions worked quite well. Personally, I think I would always be using the full screen magnification as it seemed far less disconcerting than a little magnified window moving around on the screen. With a current CPU and a pretty good video card driving a 24-inch LCD display, this program should take care of quite a number of vision problems. The minimum system requirements are Windows Vista or Windows XP with Service Pack 2, a 1 GHz Pentium 4 or equivalent, 1.5 GHz for Vista, 512 MB of RAM or 1 GB for Vista and 50 MB of free hard disk space.

Sam's Teach Yourself LinkedIn in 10 Minutes

Review by Jim Sanders, NOCCC



What is LinkedIn and why should you care if this book is good, bad, or indifferent? Because there is a good chance that you could profit, in many more ways than just monetarily, but that too, of course, requires joining LinkedIn. LinkedIn was conceived as a business-oriented social networking site, and it is, but it has also become much more than that. Founded in December 2002 and launched in May 2003, it is mainly used for professional networking but has the capabilities to help a lot of non-professionals as well. As

of February 2010, LinkedIn had more than 60 million registered users, across more than 200 countries and territories around the world.

The full title of this book is: Sams Teach Yourself LinkedIn in 10 minutes. Now one of several things is possible, the publisher is the world's fastest speed-reader, the title is an attempt at humor, or what they are actually saying is that each of the highlighted subjects on the back of the book can be learned in 10 minutes worth of reading or learning. I say that because although I consider myself to be a rapid reader, there is no way that I can go through a 200-page book in 10 minutes. On the back cover of the book, it says 10 minutes is all you need to learn how to...

- Create a LinkedIn profile that generates results.
- Find jobs, consulting opportunities, partners, and clients.
- Enhance your visibility to an audience of millions.
- Promote your services as a LinkedIn service provider.
- Develop a streamlined approach for managing contacts.
- Customize LinkedIn for maximum effectiveness and productivity.
- Use LinkedIn answers and groups for research and marketing.
- Extend the power of LinkedIn with third-party applications and tools.
- Give and receive professional recommendations.
- Recruit job candidates.
- Access LinkedIn from mobile devices.
- Advertise on LinkedIn.

The above is an almost complete summary of the many things that you can accomplish on LinkedIn.

To be fair, the beginning of the book takes you step-by-step through the creation of a LinkedIn account. Assuming that you are at least a very fast hunt-and-peck typist, you may be able to read the first few pages of the book, log on to the LinkedIn website, fill in the basic information required to set up a new LinkedIn account, and do it in under 10 minutes. But, if you do, you miss the real point and power of this book. The point is that LinkedIn is a very powerful multifaceted tool that allows you to achieve multiple social networking goals if properly used. The power of this book is that it explains in detail how you can use the many different features that are available, and do so in a fashion that will improve your ability to reach your goals.

As extensive as this book is, it still doesn't cover everything that is available on LinkedIn. In fact, it can't, as LinkedIn is a dynamic tool that keeps adding new features and refinements. There are links in the book to on-line sites that can update you on the latest changes to the site. To use an analogy that more people are familiar with, Google is a tool that is poorly used by millions of people. Searches are requested that are so vague that an overwhelming millions of hits are often reported. If they spent a little time to learn about the tools that are available for searches; Quotes, Boolean Operators, + and - functions, etc, millions of hits can often be reduced to hundreds. LinkedIn has similar search features and lesson 7 in the book covers how to use most of them to improve your searches on the LinkedIn site. Since the basic membership to LinkedIn service is free, other

than a little bit of your time, the cost to find or be found by an old co-worker or friend, to locate a recommended local plumber, or many other possibilities, is pretty reasonable and this book will show you how to do it.

The author, Patrice-Anne Rutledge, is the best-selling author of 25 books on business and technology, including many from Pearson Technology Group. She is an expert in online communications and presentation technologies, working with leading international technology firms for more than 10 years. Patrice is also a CeM-certified online marketing professional who specializes in teaching others how to tap the power of the latest social media technologies.

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Amazon.com price \$10.19.

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- Compupic - Lets you adjust the thumbnail size of icons and images.
- CWShredder - Primarily an anti-adware program, but can also compress files.
- MagicISO - Allows you to open a music CD file (ISO file) and extract a part of it.
- OpenOffice.org - A full featured office suite (see previous issues of the Orange Bytes for articles on OpenOffice.org).
- R-Studio - File recovery software, but not as user friendly as some others.
- Smart Defrag - Automated hard disk defragmenter.
- TCPOptimizer - Optimizes your Internet connection
- The Pirate Bay - This is a BitTorrent tracker.
- Windows Advanced System Care - Repairs and optimizes the system.



Lyle also shared his own list of favorite pieces of software:

- Astra32 - Lists the components and software in the computer, similar to Belarc Adviser.
- Microsoft Security Essentials - A free antivirus program which doesn't tax the CPU much.
- Secunia PSI is a software inspector that detects vulnerabilities in installed software.
- Spyware Blaster - Gets rid of spyware.
- Super Anti Spyware - Gets rid of hard to eradicate malware, and can be run from a thumb drive.
- Unlocker - Deletes files that normally refuse to be deleted.
- Ztree - A file and directory manager based on Xtree, from back in the DOS days.
- He also mentioned www.malwarebytes.org, a source for anti-malware software and information and www.malwarebytes.org, an actual anti-malware software product.

Another interesting meeting! See you all next month.

Delimited Text-to-Columns in an Excel Micro Tip

One of the handiest features in [Excel](#) is the Text to Columns feature, which allows you to easily split cell contents into individual cells according to any criteria you specify. One method of using the feature is to allow it to recognize characters within the cells and use those characters to trigger where the split should take place. This type of splitting is referred to as a *delimited* split. You may be wondering how you can perform a delimited text-to-columns [operation](#) in a macro you may be writing. This is easy enough to do by using the TextToColumns method on a selection you set up. Consider the following very simple macro:

```
Sub ExampleSplit1()  
    Selection.TextToColumns _  
        Destination:=Range("A2"), _  
        DataType:=xlDelimited, _  
        TextQualifier:=xlDoubleQuote, _  
        ConsecutiveDelimiter:=False, _  
        Tab:=True, _  
        Semicolon:=False, _  
        Comma:=False, _  
        Space:=False, _  
        Other:=True, _  
        OtherChar:="-"  
End Sub
```

Notice all the variables that you can set for the TextToColumns method. Most of these variables are only necessary because this is a delimited split; the variables set what is used as a delimiter by the method. Beginning with the Tab line, the variables correspond directly to the settings you would make in Step 2 of the [Convert Text to Columns Wizard](#), if you were manually using the feature. You can set Tab, Semicolon, Comma, and Space to either True or False, depending on whether you want that character used as a delimiter.

You can also set the Other variable to True or False, depending on whether you want to have a "user defined" delimiter. If you set it to True, then you should set the OtherChar variable equal to the character you want used as a delimiter.

If you use the TextToColumns method multiple times in the same macro, the only thing you need to do on invocations subsequent to the first is to change variables that differ from the previous invocation. For instance, let's say that you are calling the method twice in the same macro, and the first time you want the split to be on an instance of the dash character, but the second you want it to be on any instance of a lowercase x. You can put the macro together like this:

```
Sub ExampleSplit2()  
    Dim objRange1 As Range  
    Dim objRange2 As Range  
    'Set up the ranges  
    Set objRange1 = Range("A2:A20")  
    Set objRange2 = Range("A21:A35")  
    'Do the first parse  
    objRange1.TextToColumns _  
        Destination:=Range("A2"), _  
        DataType:=xlDelimited, _  
        Tab:=False, _  
        Semicolon:=False, _  
        Comma:=False, _  
        Space:=False, _  
        Other:=True, _  
        OtherChar:="-"  
    'Do the second parse  
    objRange2.TextToColumns _  
        Destination:=Range("A21"), _  
        DataType:=xlDelimited, _  
        OtherChar:="x"  
End Sub
```

This tip applies to Microsoft Excel 97/2000/2002/2003.

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Picking a Starting Label in Word Tip

When you create labels in Word, there are two ways you can do so. The first is to use the Labels feature (choose Envelopes and Labels from the Tools menu) and the second is to use the [Mail Merge](#) feature of Word. If you use the first method you can create a single label or a full sheet of the same labels. If you use the second method you can merge data from an external source to create however many sheets of labels you need.

If you are creating a single label using the Label feature, Word allows you to specify at which label position (column and row) you want the label. If you are dealing with full sheets or with the Mail Merge feature, however, you cannot pick the label at which you want printing to begin. For instance, if you have a sheet of thirty labels and the first ten have been used, you can't direct Word to start printing with the eleventh label on the sheet. There are a couple of ways you can get around this.

First of all, if you are only printing a couple of labels, you can often turn the sheet of labels around so that the bottom becomes the top. Thus, the "used" label spaces would be at the bottom of the sheet rather than at the top. Then, before printing, you could delete the information that would have printed in the used area. This approach is very handy if you are simply trying to use up the labels on a partial sheet, for instance as return address labels.

If you are using the Mail Merge feature of Word, there is another approach you can use: Insert blank records in your [data source](#) to compensate for the "used" areas of the label sheet. For instance, if you already removed ten labels from your sheet, then you could insert ten blank [records](#) into your data source, resort the records so the blank records are at the top, and then [print](#) your labels.

This tip applies to Microsoft Word versions: 97 | 2000 | 2002 | 2003.

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April 11, 2010 Main Meeting Report

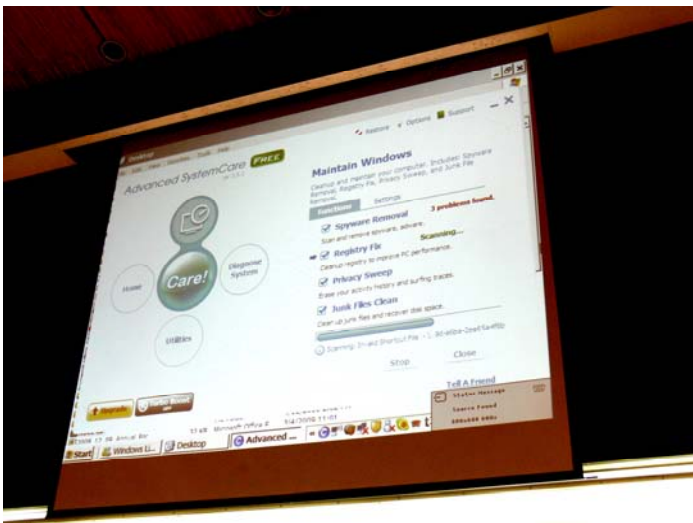
By Steven Breitbart, NOCCC
(Photos by Jim Sanders & Larry Klees)

NOCCC President Jim Sanders briefly mentioned that elections for the NOCCC Board of Directors are coming in June; the next term starts in July 2010. The club needs people to help on the Board and as volunteers.



Our Main Meeting speaker was **Nick Anis**. Nick is a technology, food, wine, and travel writer with over 24 books in print. He started working with computers in the 1970s and, in general, still thinks that using computers is fun. Over the years Nick has been involved with developing software and computer related trade shows as well as writing many books and articles. Long time members may remember

Nick's earlier visit to the NOCCC, about 20 years ago.



One aspect of Nick's talk was about telephones. Some of the newest innovations are for smart phones. For example, Yahoo Instant Messenger and AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) can be used on phones. The difference between a text message and an instant message is that a text message has a limited number of characters. Also, instant messages can be saved and will be waiting for you if your phone is off.

Google is heavily involved in the telephone business in several areas. Google Voice, www.google.com/voice, can forward calls
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to other numbers, record voice mail and transcribe them it to text. It is available by "invite only" but you can request an invite. Google also has a free directory (as in phone book) information service called GOOG-411, just call 1-800-GOOG-411. More information is available at <http://www.google.com/goog411/index.html>.

Another product Nick uses is MagicJack. He is able to use it when he is in China. Since he signed up for 5 years, the total cost was about \$14/year!

Nick's friend, **Dr. Lyle Henry**, was also at our Main Meeting. He recommended keeping one profile on your PC as "Administrator" - don't change the name - with administrator rights, just in case your main profile gets corrupted.



Nick mentioned that most software updates are security patches. While necessary, these patches have a down side in that they can cause systems to crash and they alert malware writers where vulnerabilities are. Malware, of course, is an all-inclusive term for spyware, adware, and every type of computer virus.

Nick gave out copies of a 4-page article about keeping your PC free of malware. Most of the rest of his talk was about free programs Nick uses for PC security and other tasks. He mentioned that these programs work with Windows XP. Typically, several programs are needed to clean a system. Advertising for the higher level versions (Pro, Gold, etc.) can be avoided by downloading these programs from www.cnet.com, www.download.cnet.com, or www.techsupportalert.com. The programs listed below probably do many other things, but here are the things Nick mentioned:

- Adobe Acrobat Reader - Adobe has always given away the Reader, used to open PDF files.
- BitTorrent - A file-sharing application for distributing very large files over the Internet.
- Calibre - E-book management software. It creates a library for your e-books and electronic newspapers and can convert between e-book formats.
- CCleaner - Gets rid of temporary files, works for one profile at a time.

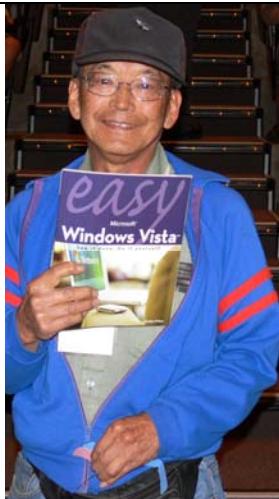
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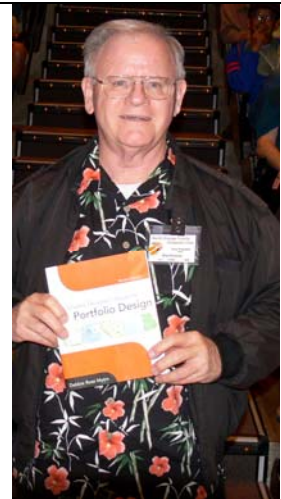
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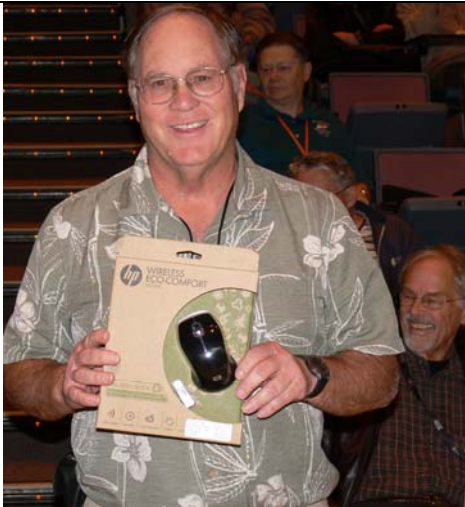
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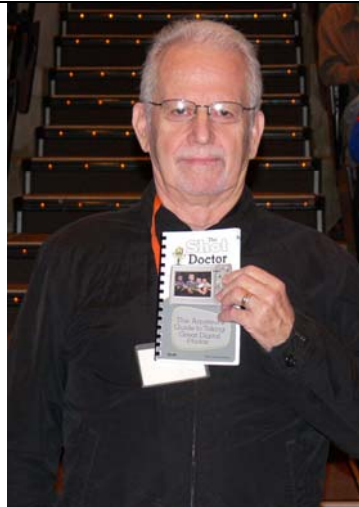
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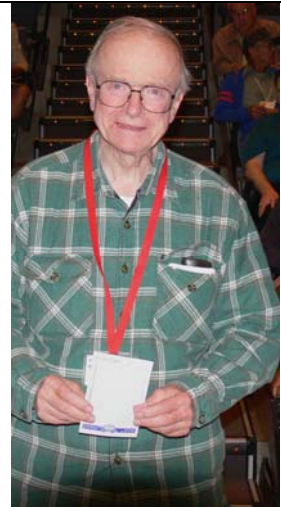
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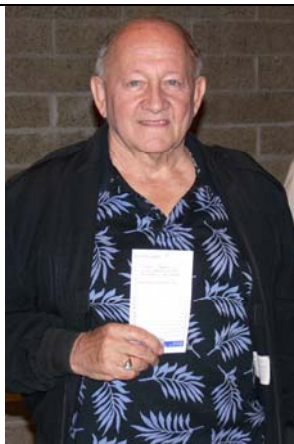
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Gordon Strickland



John Szary



Gerry Resch

*Your photo could be here,
but only if you buy a raffle
ticket or wear your
membership badge!*

*Wear your Membership
Badge for one free ticket!*

**See Page 4 for a list of prizes that will
be available in May.**

More photos of April winners on p. 23.

Beginner's Digital Photography

By John Krill, SIG Leader
April 2010 Meeting

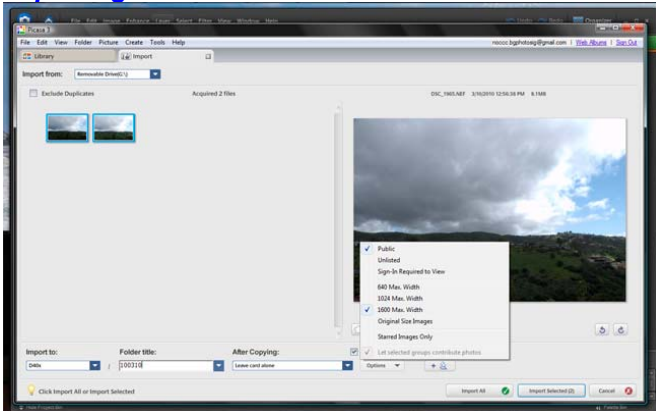


In April, we continued our discussion of Google's Picasa. This free download from Google is a powerful Photo-Organizer. From Picasa you can edit your photos, then print from your own printer or order them online.

This month, we talked about importing your photos from the camera into your computer using Picasa. Following that, we talked about printing with Picasa.

Remember you can view this report and others subjects at our blog. Remember we want your photos so we can post them at our Picasa web site. See the end of the report for the address of the Blog and our Picasa site.

Importing Pictures to Picasa



Importing your photos from your camera is straight forward and limited in what it can do. You can select a directory to which ALL your imports will go and you can select a directory (Folder) where the current import will go. But, you can't rename the images. Whatever name your camera gives the images will be the name used when the photos are imported via Picasa.

Instead of going through the process I will just direct you to the location in Picasa Help where you can get instructions for the import. I do this because it's just easier for me and also, because you as a user of any application, should get used to that application's Help.

So, to get help with an import go to the Help menu on the menu bar and select "Help Contents and Index". Under "Getting Started with Picasa," select "Importing Pictures." From the Importing Pictures page, select "Add New Photos."

While you're at the Help site for Picasa, browse through it and get used to what's there.

The best way to learn is to just do it. Mistakes happen. Learn from them.

Remember Photography is fun and Digital Photography is pure fun.

We'll go over the *Import* at the meeting.

May 2010

Printing with Picasa

Printing can be a trial. It was and still is the most difficult procedure to master. I've had conversations with photographers who have been printing digital photos for years and still many of them still aren't entirely convinced they've got it right.

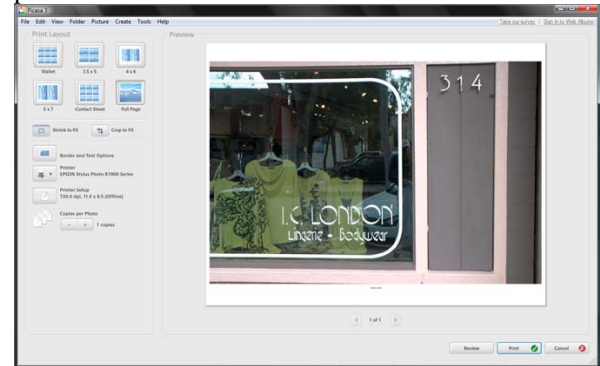
There are many variables: Computer hardware and the OS. The software application used to view, edit and print your pictures. The printer. The paper. It gets worse. Under each of these variables, there are more variables.

But, there is a straight-forward method. Ignore all the variables and just make prints. If you're using glossy paper then it all just got a lot easier.

I'm not an expert at printing. It scares me at times. But in most instances I just make the print and forget the rest.

Printing is a two-part process: First are the application's print options. Second is the printer setup.

We will continue to talk about printing at EVERY meeting. Simply put, printing is your number one goal with your digital images and I'm sure everyone of you has questions on how to print.



Picasa Print window

Printing with Picasa

1. Select the photo(s) you want to print.
2. At the bottom of the main Picasa window select the *Print* button.
3. Select a Layout. You may be printing 4x6 or a contact sheet for several pictures. There are more layout options and I will show you how to select other layouts.
4. Select a printer. You probably only have one so this shouldn't be a problem.
5. Set up the printer. The really FUN part. We may get to this depending on our time limits.
6. Print.

Other Subjects We Covered

Making a movie from your pictures and creating a collage. I also talked about the Epson Perfection V300 Photo-scanner.

The May 2010 Meeting

We will continue talking about Picasa and I will also talk about other free or nearly free software that helps you organize your photos.

I will also bring in my Epson scanner and demonstrate its usefulness.

SIG Email: noccc.bgphotosig@gmail.com

SIG Blog: <http://nocccbgphotosig.wordpress.com/>

NOCCC Photos: <http://picasaweb.google.com/noccc.bgphotosig>

This SIG meets in Science 127 at 9:00 a.m.

Advanced Digital Photography

By Larry Klees, SIG Leader



Last Month

We used three books from THE KODAK LIBRARY OF CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY. “Capture the Beauty in Nature,” “Mastering Color” & “The Magic of Black-And-White.” Kodak is a top name in photography around the world and the photos in these books stimulated an outstanding Question & Answer session.

The exquisite photo of “Four ballerinas” on page 47 of the “Mastering Color” book triggered lengthy discussions about lighting, composition, contrast, and color control.

Another image, “A rock arch” on page 30 of the “Capture the beauty of nature” book, had us going for about forty minutes. It had a long slender rock arch silhouetted by the moon or the sun (we never did figure out which) with an indigo sky. In addition to discussing the photo we spent considerable time talking about photographing silhouettes.



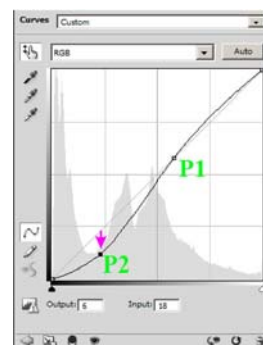
Someone asked how to make the blacks look really black.

When the sun is shining directly into the lens, this usually is not a problem provided there are no dust spots or dirt smears or films on the camera lens. Still, you may want the blacks to be blacker. The above image was made from the ‘Straight Out of Camera’ shot shown below. This was taken with a pocket point & shoot and the blacks are actually a dark gray.



Most every mid-to-high-power image-editing program has a levels tool. This can easily make the blacks blacker by adjusting the black point as shown at the right. The histogram shows the quantity of pixels at each tonal level. The dark pixels are on the left and the light pixels are on the right. Note that the black pointer (next to the magenta arrow) has been nudged to the right. Now, all of the dark gray tones to the left of the black point will be converted to black.

This works very well. However, if you have a program that has a curves tool, you may be able to achieve more precise results. Note the P1 and P2 points in the straight out camera shot. The P1 point is a bit of sky that I wanted to maintain its original tonal value. I placed a corresponding point at P1 on the line above the curves tool histogram. This point will anchor the lighter values. Referring again to the straight-out-of-camera image, note the P2 point. It is a tone of gray that I want to darken. I added that point to the curves graph and nudged it down. The end result is similar to using the levels tool but it is more precise, allows greater control, and has more options. A side effect of the curves tool can be to increase the contrast and saturation of colors. This is frequently desirable; but if it is too much, simply reduce the saturation to taste.



Because the sun is shining directly into the lens, dirt spots that would usually be no problem are quite conspicuous. The one circled in green and another in the upper left corner had to be removed by editing. If there is fog or film on the lens, the contrast of the entire photo will be reduced making all of the blacks turn to gray. This can be corrected by the same methods already mentioned, but it is more difficult.

At the May meeting we will take pictures of time.

I was a small child when I first saw my Grandfather’s oil paintings of the canals in front of his house in Holland. There was one painting for each of the four seasons.

Skip forward to last month and I listened to a guest on Leo Laporte’s Tech Lab radio show give an assignment to

photograph time. (No man-made time-keeping devices are allowed in the image.)

My first thought was tree rings with a shallow depth of field. I visited the nearest eight-foot-diameter slice of tree trunk I knew of, and was disappointed to discover that it has been coated in black gunk, which obscures the rings.

I also thought of a thing I call a chronarama like this one.



It looks like a wide-angle shot but in reality the left end is about three seconds newer than the right end. It is made from a burst of five shots that are stitched together like a panorama. By the meeting, I expect to have one lasting 20 – 30 minutes and another lasting about two weeks.

I have twelve shots (only two shown) of this olive tree taken at one month intervals.



This shot of very old water heater innards illustrates the passage of time.



Are you getting the idea? These examples are just to get you thinking about pictures of time. You are bound to have ideas of your own that we can discuss at the May meeting.

We may even have an assignment to take pictures of time and use some of those Kodak books for prizes. This will be fun. Hope to see you there.

This SIG meets in Science room 127 at 10:30 a.m.

May 2010

Microsoft Access

By Bob Dickson, SIG Leader



The April meeting produced some excellent results. The home-hobby project we've been working on made real progress. I'd been communicating via email regarding the project but you know how that goes: trying to explain how to thread a needle works best when you can show the person rather than tell him. We turned on their laptop, opened the Access app, brought up the table input screen and went over the way it works. The issue was cleared up, input proceeded smoothly, and by the end of the session, mucho records had been entered. We're on our way! To add a little sweetener we loaded a DVD of pictures of the quilts and showed how to have the pictures appear on screen with all of the data about the quilt. We're making progress. Sometimes, with new technology, new to the person, not new technology as such, it takes a little time to get off the ground but we've turned the corner and are on the way. We should make rapid progress now on converting all of those 3-ring binders of records into a working database that can be shared and viewed and maintained. Wonderful. In addition, another person was interested in seeing how Access worked as he has a project on equipment maintenance he'd like to put on the computer. We're looking forward to getting together again in May to continue with these projects. Come on up to Science 306 at 9 AM and join the fun.

This SIG meets in Science 306 at 9:00 a.m.

Visual Basic for Applications (Access VBA)

By Bob Dickson, SIG Leader



We had a lot of fun and involvement at the April meeting. One of the participants brought his laptop with a system he's developed over the years using Excel and VBA. We'd been discussing it for a couple of months so the previous month he volunteered to let us see it. It was a really neat system which he'd developed, and continues to develop, in Excel with lots of VBA forms and logic behind the screen. It's a real system used everyday in his business and by clients. I'd spent decades in the Info Tech industry but he's built a system that exceeds anything I'd ever done. Of course, I'd never done much with Excel, either, but he's still done impressive things with VBA in his system. We ended the session, about a half-hour overtime, discussing a problem raised by another fellow who has "lots and lots" of files, a great big digital library of files, and he needed a better way to be able to locate and document them without having to manually enter the path to each file. We explored creating macros and then having the system convert the macros to VB. We ended with some suggestions that just may solve his problem. Hopefully, we'll

find out next month if we helped. Join us in Science 306 following the Access SIG.

We will follow the Access SIG in Science 306 with the VBA SIG at 10:30 a.m.

PC Q&A

By Jim Sanders, SIG Leader



This month's SIG was fun as there were a number of interesting questions. One of the first ones was a question about whether or not I knew of inexpensive or free video-editing software for creating videos that would be uploaded to YouTube. I responded that at least for me the Pinnacle Studio HD Ultimate package was pretty inexpensive. Of

course there are some extenuating circumstances to that comment. First, Fry's had the Pinnacle Studio HD Ultimate software package on sale for \$74.99, and there was a \$30 mail-in rebate for anyone, plus a special \$30 upgrade rebate for owners of a previous copy of Pinnacle or one of their competitor's products. Which, ignoring our wonderful sales tax on the purchase price, meant that I was able to get the program for \$14.99 after rebates. But the question did give me a golden opportunity to ask my favorite question; "Did you ask Google?" He said he forgot about doing that, so I typed the following query into my computer: free video editing so. You will notice that I stopped typing at free video editing so, that is because Google has been asked that same question so many times that it knows that it is one of the common questions. Google included it in the options window that pops up beneath the search line. Google displayed the following entry: free video editing software for youtube which I then clicked on. Needless to say there were a lot of hits.

Another discussion was about why one member turned off his DSL modem when he wasn't using his computer. His response was that he wanted to make sure that none of the bad guys could get to his computer when he wasn't using it. Obviously if the computer was turned off nobody could get into it anyway, but turning the modem off has a couple of downsides. The same member made a comment about his IP address, saying that he found it was in use by another computer when he went back online. He said that turning the modem off and then back on made the problem go away. He wondered if some other user was using "his" bandwidth. The answer is no. It is certainly possible for another computer to be assigned the same IP address that he had been using. The reason for that is that the dynamic IP addresses are leased for a fairly short period of time, frequently for three days or less, sometimes just for 24 hours. If the modem stays turned off in excess of the lease time, that IP addresses is available for somebody else to use. Another downside to turning the modem off is that it takes a noticeable amount of time for it to sync back up once you return power to it.

Of course all of that brought up the topic of a router. If he was to place a router between his DSL modem and his computer, the Network Address Translation feature of the router would provide a very significant firewall which makes a successful attack on his computer by the bad guys on the Internet unlikely. The power to have both the DSL modem and the router turned on at all times is only a few watts and has the advantage of providing instant access to the Internet as soon as your computer is turned on. Unlike a cable modem connection, where really heavy use of one branch of the cable by a large number of users at the same time can result in a decrease in available bandwidth, whatever bandwidth you are paying for with DSL is always available to you minus line quality restrictions. Back a few years, the distance that your house was from the central office would have a significant impact on your DSL data throughput. For most people in this area, the problem has gone away because of technology changes. The phone company has started running optical fiber to what is in essence a local central office in your neighborhood. In a large number of cases this means the copper wire going to your house is capable of a much higher bandwidth than the maximum DSL speed of 6 Mb per second that is offered. A number of the cable companies offer a higher basic bandwidth speed than the best DSL offering and much higher for additional money. It has been a long time since I have heard of a cable company in this area having the overload problem that was a horror story of yesteryear.

The question of upgrading to Windows 7 from Windows XP was asked. Microsoft's policy is that you can "upgrade" from Windows XP, but their current definition of "upgrade" is not the same as you are used to. That is to say, the old definition of upgrade was that you could take your existing Windows operating system, install an upgrade version of the newest Windows operating system on your computer and when installation was through, all of your existing application programs would be available for your use, as well as all of your data of course. With Windows 7 Microsoft magnanimously allows you purchase the lower-priced upgrade version of Windows 7; however, when you go to install the program it warns you that you better back up all of your data on your Windows XP installation because the first thing that the Windows 7 installation is going to do, is delete the contents of your hard disk. Which is in essence the same as if you were to format your hard disk and do a clean install of the new version of Windows 7.

Microsoft offers a number of explanations of why this is necessary and a good thing, at least from their point of view. The LapLink Company, with their PC Mover product, has figured out at least a partial answer to that problem. It does kind of require you to buy, or better yet, build a new computer, but you end up with all of your applications and data installed on your new machine after using their product. There are some exceptions of course, because some older pieces of software are simply not compatible with the Windows 7 operating system. But for all of those programs that are, that you would have had to reinstall, assuming you still have the installation disks to do that, after running PC Mover between your new machine and the old machine, for the most part you'll be back in business. So if you have a bunch of stuff on your XP machine and don't mind

spending 60 bucks, PC mover appears to be the only game in town that will save you a lot of headache and time transitioning to Windows 7.

The latest, version 10.4, of Ubuntu will be out before our next meeting and I plan on playing with it at the May 2nd SIG.

Jim's two SIGs meet in the Irvine Hall at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., respectively. The first is the Beginner's PC Q & A and the second is for everything and everyone else.

Linux Administration

By Bob Ray, SIG Leader

In future meetings we will be discussing and demonstrating some of the GNOME Desktop applications focused on multi-media: Movie players, TV viewers, Live Radio, Video content players, and music players with music file jukebox-type applications using Rhythmbox. We will "try" to unravel some of the man-made complications associated with multi-media content and usage.



Also scheduled, per member request, for our up coming meeting agenda is the use of photo and document scanner capabilities. A planned live hands-on demonstration of such will be given. I will be dragging in some additional equipment specifically for this demonstration.

Finally, we will do a review of the state-of-the-global-union regarding the Gnome Desktop. The Gnome desktop with the many countless associated applications has reached an historic plateau; or has it? Members will be asked the question "What else would you like it to do?" Use your imagination. Will it ever cook breakfast, or do lunch? See you there.

This SIG meets in Science 131a at 9:00 a.m.

Microsoft Office SIG

Tia Christian, SIG Leader



These sessions are an open forum for problems incurred using Microsoft **Word**, **Excel**, and **Outlook** and their resolutions. During these SIG sessions, topics have been discussed on creating Labels in Word and exporting to Excel and printing them. Primary session topics have been the upgrade from Microsoft Office 2003 to Microsoft Office 2007, in addition to the requirements for installation of Microsoft Office 2007 from Microsoft Office 2003; using add -In; e-mail compatibility issues from Microsoft Office 2003 to Microsoft Office 2007 Word, Excel, and Outlook; and PowerPoint

products; installation requirements for installing Microsoft Office 2007 on Windows XP as well as Vista 2007; PowerPoint compatibility issues on PowerPoint 2003 slide presentation consisting of an AVI; file viewing.

This SIG meets in Science 109 at 9:00 a.m.

Visual Programming

Anson Chapman, SIG Leader



This SIG is lead by Anson Chapman and is a continuing discussion group about computer programming using Visual Basic, Visual Basic Script, Visual C, Visual C++ and Visual J++ for Beginners.

This SIG meets in Science 111 at 9:00 a.m.

Understanding Operating Systems

Charlie Moore, SIG Leader



This SIG is lead by Charlie Moore and is a continuing discussion group about Operating Systems for Computers. Charlie also will be the Jan. 10th Main Meeting speaker.

This SIG meets in Science 111 at 10:30 a.m.

SIG Leaders Wanted

We would like to expand our Special Interest Group topics to include:

- Computer Aided Investing
- Home Automation
- PC Hardware Essentials
- Internet and the World Wide Web
- Computer Security
- Genealogy 101
- Desktop Publishing

If you have knowledge of and an interest in any of these areas, or others, please consider leading a SIG. Contact Jim Sanders, President of the NOCCC, with your SIG ideas.

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.
Albert Einstein

More Raffle Winners
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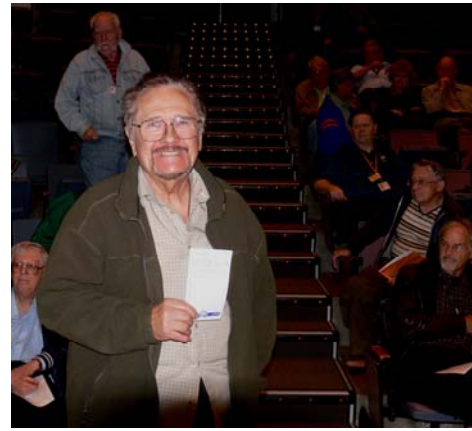
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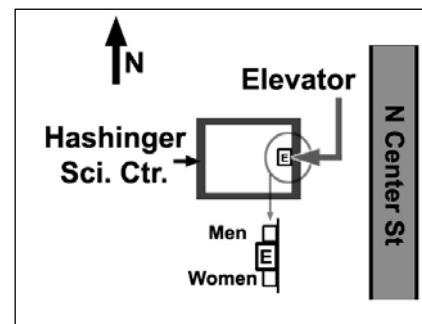
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One of the things that Nick did was to bring a number of CDs that he had burned with copies of the freeware and shareware that he spoke about. He offered the CDs for sale for five dollars and said that half of that amount would be donated to the club. Club members present thought well enough of his presentation and description of those programs that they quickly bought all of the CDs that he had burned and there were still people who wanted a copy. As a result, he announced that he would give the last copy to me so that I could burn additional copies and bring them to the next Main meeting, offer them for the same price, but have the club take in all of the money.

At the May 2 meeting we are going to try something new. Gene Barlow, who has presented at the club several times, will be doing so again, but this time it will be in the webinar format. That is to say, he will stay at home and use the Internet in combination with Skype to do his interactive presentation remotely. You will see him and his computer screen display being projected on the big screen in our auditorium and hear him over the sound system. If you have not experienced one of these before, I think you'll find it interesting. So be at the meeting and let us know what you think of it.

Rest Rooms & Elevator Access

Rest rooms are available at the East side of Hashinger Science Center, on every floor, on either side of the elevator. The elevator also is accessible. To get to the Irvine Hall auditorium, take the elevator to the basement, and follow the left corridor around to the end of the hall and go through the two sets of double doors on the left.



Transportation Information

Meeting Information

The NOCCC meeting is held at Chapman University, in the Hashinger Science Center and Irvine Hall, near the northwest corner of Center Street and Palm Avenue.

Parking Information

Most of this information is on the back cover. For more information, see www.chapman.edu/map/parking.asp. A map of the Chapman University campus is also available at www.chapman.edu/map/map.pdf.

Bus

Several Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) buses service Chapman University. Route 54 runs East and West on Chapman Ave. The 59 runs North and South on Glassell Avenue, but doesn't start early enough for the 9:00 a.m. SIGs. Get the most current information or use a trip planner at www.octa.net. OCTA also has a Consumer Information Center at (714) 636-7433 (RIDE).

Railroad

Metrolink trains can get you to the NOCCC meeting from the Inland Empire. There are stops in the cities of Riverside, Corona, and Anaheim Hills. Parking your vehicle is free at the train station. (See M on map below.)

On Sundays, Inland Empire-Orange County Line train 859 leaves San Bernardino destined for Orange County at 8:55 am. For the return trip, train 860 leaves nearby Orange Metrolink at 4:30 pm. The Metrolink station is four-and-a-half blocks from Chapman University. For specifics regarding your trip, check the web site: <http://www.metrolinktrains.com> or call 1-800-371-5465.



April 12, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The NOCCC Board Meeting was held at President Jim Sanders' residence on Monday, March 8. Jim called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Also in attendance were John Heenan, Ted Littman, Dallas Hazleton, Richard Miller, Steven Breitbart, Bob Dickson, Jeff Stevens, Jerry Resch, Ben Lochtenbergh, Mary Cornett, and Tia Christian. No members were absent.

President's Report

Jim talked about the upcoming elections and several other issues - see New Business for details.

Secretary's Report (by Ted Littman): It was motioned to approve the Secretary's Report as printed in the April Bytes; this was seconded and approved by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report (by John Heenan): Net income for Coffee & Donuts was \$10.25. The General Raffle earned \$91. Total Dues paid was \$330. Unit cost to produce & distribute the March newsletter was \$1.11.

Membership: Regular (1-yr.) = 193, Regular (3-yr.) = 12, Family = 8, Newsletter = 12; **Total of 225 Members**, down 1 from last month. The Board accepted the Treasurer's report.

Main Meeting: The speaker was Nick Anis who talked about malware. (See Main Meeting report by Steven Breitbart elsewhere.) There were over 50 attendees. Board members who attended had favorable comments.

Opening & Closing: Bob Dickson again set up the Coffee & Donuts table in the lobby of Irvine Hall and all went well. All of the coffee and donuts was consumed! A few issues were noted including SIG meeting rooms locked.

Next Scheduled Meetings: **The next Main Meeting is Sunday, May 2nd, followed by the BOD meeting on May 3rd at the President's residence.**

Committee Reports

Programs: Mary said that we do not have a firm commitment for the May Main Meeting presentation, but she will contact a recent speaker about demonstrating the just released Apple iPad. (Note, see p. 1.) Jim will check with Gene Barlow about doing a Webinar on Acronis 2010 at the June Main Meeting.

Public Relations: Mary requested inputs on future speakers so she can post the information in the OC Register.

Publications & Reviews: Ted emailed the production schedule for the next newsletter to BOD members & SIG leaders. He reported that two book reviews by NOCCC members were in the April OB, one has been received for May, and one is pending. A number of software programs were obtained for review and for the raffles. One program had been specifically requested by a new NOCCC member. Two of software programs were taken for review. Two book reviews are pending for the May newsletter. He also has reviews and articles from other user groups provided by APCUG. Jim Sanders took photos at the main meeting and Steven took the minutes. Richard Miller received the April newsletter from the printer and delivered it to the Post Office for mailing.

Raffles: Gerry was back and ran the April raffles with several “special” prizes purchased by the club as well as computer magazine subscriptions and books from Ted. \$91 was taken in. Ted provided software and books for May. (See full list on page 4.)

SIGs: Dallas checked the various SIG meetings.

Consignment Table: Richard had a fair assortment and \$14 was earned for the Club. He will visit EWaste’s warehouse before the June meeting to obtain additional items for the next consignment.

Old Business: Jim has not had time to work on the FM transmitter to aid hearing-impaired members at our Main Meetings.

New Business: Jim will contact Chapman U. about the NOCCC meeting dates beyond May. Jim canvassed the Board attendees about continuing their service for the next year. All agreed, some with conditions. John Heenan will require help with the membership tasks of the Treasurer. The slate to be placed before the membership at the June election is published elsewhere in this newsletter and will be expanded if additional nominees are submitted before or at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:40 P.M.

This report was prepared by NOCCC Secretary Ted Littman.

NOCCC Fee Schedule

The fee schedule has been set up to increase club membership, attract people with an interest in computing, and attract local computer-related businesses to place ads in the Orange Bytes with or without becoming NOCCC members. **We are also offering members the opportunity to help our club financially by making donations that should be income-tax deductible since we are chartered as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.** Donors will be acknowledged in the Orange Bytes and the Membership level will be shown on the Member’s Badge. **Your regular dues is tax deductible!**

Membership Level (\$)	1 Year	3 Years
Individual Member	35	90
Each Additional Family Member	15	45
College Student	20	
High School Student	15	

Business Member + Ad (Business Card)180
 Business Member + Ad (¼ Page, ½ Page)465 , 800
 Business Member + Ad (Full Page)1,475

Membership Donations (\$)
 Contributing Member75
 Supporting Member100
 Advocate Member250
 Patron Member500

Thanks to Our Members Who Renewed in March 2010

- ❖ John Carlson
- ❖ Graham Chalmers
- ❖ Tommy Crenshaw
- ❖ Francis Emanuel
- ❖ Tom Feeley
- ❖ Robert Fiedler
- ❖ Bill Fox
- ❖ Herbert Hirsch
- ❖ Bob Howard
- ❖ Loren Johnson
- ❖ Larry Klees
- ❖ Robert Love
- ❖ George & Cathy Margolin
- ❖ Robert Palmer
- ❖ Eric Saca
- ❖ Robert Schmeideke
- ❖ Ed Schwartz
- ❖ John Szary
- ❖ Ole Thompson

Thanks to Our New Member Who Joined in March 2010

- ❖ Charles Massicotte

We invite you to take an active roll in running NOCCC and planning its activities. Please contact President Jim Sanders or one of our other officers at a monthly meeting or by e-mail (editor@noccc.org).

NOCCC Bylaws

You may view the club’s Bylaws at our website:
<http://www.noccc.org/bylaws/>.

NOCCC Elections at the June 2010 Main Meeting

Please consider becoming more involved in running the NOCCC. **During the June 2010 meeting we will be holding our annual elections.** All positions on the NOCCC Executive Board are to be filled. While mostly taken from the Bylaws, the summary below is not all-inclusive.

NOCCC Executive Board

The NOCCC Executive Board “subject to the limitations of those bylaws, shall debate, establish, amend, and update the policies for all the affairs and business of the NOCCC.”

“The Board shall concern itself with the disbursement of all NOCCC moneys. The Board shall consider the budget and such additional expenditure requests as are submitted by the president, and shall authorize such expenditures as it considers wise and appropriate.”

The NOCCC Executive Board consists of four officers, eight elected directors, and ex-officio members. There are four officers of the club: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Duties of the President include:

- Represent the NOCCC to the community as the chief executive officer.
- Set the agenda for and presides at all general meetings of the club.
- Set the agenda for and presides at all meetings of the NOCCC Executive Board.
- Appoint members to chair all standing and special committees and appointed positions.
- Receive, on behalf of the NOCCC, all contributions to the club.

Duties of the Vice-President include:

- Assume the duties of the president in the president's absence.
- Assume special duties as may be directed by the president.

Duties of the Secretary include:

- Establish and maintain a record of all NOCCC correspondence, and attend to correspondence as directed by the president or the Executive Board.
- Establish and maintain records of the proceedings of all regular and special general meetings, and of the Executive Board meetings.
- Establish and maintain a record of all real or personal property acquired by the NOCCC and cause said property to be permanently identified as property of the NOCCC.

Duties of the Treasurer include:

- Receive and deposit into the NOCCC accounts all moneys received.
- Establish and maintain an accurate journal of all receipts and disbursements of NOCCC money.

- Report at the regular general meetings a summary of the financial status of the NOCCC.
- Suggest, if appropriate, to the Executive Board that an audit be made and reported to the general membership.

Elected Directors

- The eight elected directors are on the Executive Board and, along with the four officers, address any issue that comes before the Board.

Ex-officio members of the Executive Board

- Ex-officio members of the Executive Board are the immediate past president, editor of the club newsletter and the webmaster. The President appoints the editor & webmaster.

Other Appointed Positions

These positions are Membership Chairman, Reviews Editor, Public Relations, Business Solicitations/Lecture Series, Classified Advertising for Members, Commercial Advertising, and Programs/Speakers Coordinator. Contact the current club President if you are interested in any of these positions

Current Slate for 2010 NOCCC Elections

By Steven Breitbart, NOCCC

President: Jim Sanders

Vice President: Bob Dickson

Treasurer: John Heenan

Secretary: Ted Littman

Director: Steven Breitbart

Director: Tia Christian

Director: Mary Cornett

Director: Dallas Hazelton

Director: Ben Lichtenbergh

Director: Richard Miller

Director: Gerry Resch

Director: Jeff Stevens

Six appointed positions have volunteers:

❖ **Raffle Leader: Gerry Resch**

❖ **Editor/Reviews Editor: Ted Littman**

❖ **Programs/Speakers: Mary Cornett**

❖ **Public Relations: Mary Cornett**

❖ **Membership Chairman: Ben Lichtenbergh**

❖ **Consignment Table: Richard Miller**

Nominations from the floor will be open at the June main meeting election.

Upcoming Computer Shows

By Steven Breitbart, NOCCC

Here is a list of all the computer related shows I found for May to July 2010. I recommend checking the web sites before going.

West Coast Expos Computer Fair (acomputerfair.com)

Fairplex in Pomona
May 15 & 16
June 19 & 20
July 17 & 18

Bagnall's Camera Expo (www.cameraexpo.com)

Brookhurst Community Center in Anaheim
May 16
June 13
July 18

Hyperactive-ACP Computer Show

(<http://www.swapmeetbyhyperactive.com/>)

Hyperactive Computers Parking Lot, Santa Ana
May 30
July 25

The W6TRW Amateur Radio Association

(<http://www.w6trw.com/swapmeet/swapmeet.htm>) Northrop

Grumman Aerospace Systems parking lot, Redondo Beach.

Last Saturday of the month,
7am to 11:30am

If you know of any other computer, technology or other shows in the Southern California area that NOCCC members might be interested in, please send me information about it. sbreitbart@socal.rr.com

FREE AD SPACE

If you are a NOCCC member, and have a computer related, **non-commercial** or **"talent Available"** ad that you would like to have placed in this newsletter or on the NOCCC web site, send an e-mail with a copy of your business card or ad to the NOCCC Editor at editor@noccc.org.

If you have had an ad previously, you must request that we continue to run it for the remainder of this calendar year.

Your business card would look good here!!

For information about advertising in the Orange Bytes, contact editor@noccc.org.

Classified ads by NOCCC members cost \$5 for 1-25 words and \$10 for 26-50 words.

Pig SIG Open to All

Meet us outside Irvine Hall from about noon to 12:30 p.m. There are several benches where NOCCC people gather, eat and chat. Just look for the member badges, grab a chair and join in!



This is an informal group; so many different subjects are discussed. It's a great opportunity to mix, mingle and network.

**Free coffee
at May meeting!
Donuts \$1.00/each.**

Food Available During the NOCCC Meeting

By Steven Breitbart, NOCCC

What is a hungry NOCCC member to do during the monthly meeting? Thank you, of course to Bob Dickson for all the donuts and coffee, but sometimes a person needs *real* food.

On Campus, restaurant locations are listed on the Chapman University web site at www.chapman.edu/dining/locations/default.asp. The only one open Sunday is the Residence Center Dining Commons. Get to the Residence Center Dining Commons by walking north on Center Street past Walnut Avenue. The Dining Commons is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Brunch and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Deli and Salad.

Many restaurants are available off-campus. Our meetings are at North Center Street and East Palm Avenue, five short blocks from the traffic circle at North Glassell Street and Chapman Avenue, the heart of Old Towne Orange. In fact, the Chapman University web site has a page on Old Towne Orange at www.chapman.edu/about/oldTowneOrange.asp. That web page has a link to a map of many local restaurants. The most recent one is included here. Almost everything from soup to nuts (literally) is close by. Check them out.

OLD TOWNE ORANGE restaurant map



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Thomas Jefferson



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- **Meetings.** Keep up with what's going on in the computer world. Hear outstanding industry representatives make presentations of the latest and greatest in computer products.
- **Special Interest Groups.** Our SIGs cover a broad spectrum of computer issues. Whether you are a beginner or a power user, attend the lectures and demonstrations, and share your knowledge about computers.
- **Raffle Drawings.** We have distributed thousands of dollars worth of hardware, software, and books as prizes at our Main Meeting.
- **Consignment Table.** We have a consignment table during select monthly meetings, in which members can sell or buy all kinds of computer items.
- **Get help with your current computer problems.** In the [Random Access](#) portion of the Main Meeting, you may ask your question of the entire assemblage. More than likely someone will have the answer.
- **NOCCC Help Line.** NOCCC volunteers, experts in their fields, are ready to assist you with your computer problems. They can be contacted by email or by telephone.
- **The Orange Bytes Newsletter.** Our [award-winning](#) newsletter reports on club activities and provides articles about current computer issues and reviews of software and books.
- **Product Reviews.** Write a review for the *Orange Bytes* and keep the software, hardware, book, or CD!
- **Volunteer Work.** We have numerous interesting assignments available. As an all-volunteer organization, you can join with other members in a variety of activities: solicit newsletter ads, write articles for our newsletter, conduct a seminar, run a SIG, give a Main Meeting presentation, show new members around, join a committee, assist in setting up the meeting or participate in computer-related community volunteer work.

Become an NOCCC member by signing up at the Reviews/Membership Desk during a general meeting, usually the first Sunday of the month. Or simply fill out the form on the reverse side of this page and send it in.

Meeting Information — The NOCCC meeting is held at Chapman University, in the Hashinger Science Center and Irvine Hall, near the northwest corner of N. Center St. and E. Palm Ave.

Parking Information — Chapman University's main parking lot is the underground Lastinger Parking Structure under Wilson lot on the north side of the campus. Enter from Walnut Avenue, just east of Glassell Street. Parking is free on Sunday. **Buy a visitor permit; the vending machine takes bills, coins and charge cards.** Do not park in any other lot, in a reserved space or back into a space.

Free street parking also is available on the campus-side of the streets only. **Parking in front of any residential housing will result in an expensive parking ticket.** A City of Orange public parking lot, located on the southwest corner of E. Maple and N. Orange, is also free and only 2 blocks from the meeting. See page 23 for more information about parking and transportation.

