

Orange Bytes Newsletter Page

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The Orange Bytes Newsletter is undergoing a change. As of this point in time, and for the foreseeable future, the 'Bytes will be composed as a web page, and be organized sort of like a multi-authored "column". While we await a new Editor, the Adobe PDF version will not be composed, printed, or mailed out. This page, like all other web pages, may be printed out if desired.

Articles for this page will be included which are submitted by Members at large. The Webmaster won't be in composing mode. Just send your composed input to the Webmaster with a note stating your name and a brief description of the article. This page will be archived at the end of each month, and then cleared. As new articles roll in they will be published each month. If you would like your article to span several months, please so indicate. The Webmaster reserves the right to monitor what gets published. Please contribute so the 'Bytes continues to live on.

Submissions should consist of a Word document; that way text and images may be easily included. Topics could range from event reports, book reviews, tutorials, product reviews, nicely composed boilerplate, etc., to even hard-hitting political or religious commentary. Ahhhh, skip those last two. But you get the idea.

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Mobile Computing

Ben Lochtenbergh, SIG Leader

The main topic in the February meeting was showing how to do a free full length movie on the big screen. Also were discussed, that because of losing in litigation, Microsoft has to change the name SkyDrive to OneDrive. That Lenovo bought Motorola Mobility from Google and the x86 Server business from IBM. We looked at overcoming the problems of putting MC SIG presentations on the Internet (SkyDrive) and demonstrated it by putting Steven Breitbart's BitCoin presentation on the Internet. We looked at, and talked about, an image of a bad email I received. We discussed several warning signs that should make it suspicious to anyone and therefore none clickable. This talk is somewhat outside the scope of mobile computing, but we do it once in a while, just to refresh our awareness about how to recognize some of the dangers of the connected world. We had a good laugh watching a video about hacking a BlackBerry phone (in a blender).

If you wish to be removed from the monthly MC SIG email, or know someone who wants to be added, please send the request to bal@msn.com. Make sure the subject line starts with NOCCC.

This SIG meets in Science 109 at 10:30 am.

From the Desk of the Membership Chairman

By Ben Lochtenbergh, bal@msn.com

I'm sorry that no member apparently is willing to publish the Orange Bytes. We'll go on in some fashion on our website where our webmaster rblauter@cs.com will publish what we send him via email. The club had a nice run with its orange color covered newsletter, but all things have a beginning, a middle, and an end. This looks like the end.

Thank you Steven and Ted who edited the Orange Bytes these last few years.

Comments on Orange Bytes Newsletter Web Page – New Style

By Webmaster

The February Orange Bytes Newsletter PDF contains some articles for the month of February 2014, and some articles that pertain to January 2014, e.g. Main Meeting Report for January 5 and the Board Meeting Minutes for January 5. At or around the time the March 2014 Newsletter would come out, it was apparent there would be no further newsletters due to the absence of anyone to prepare it. So, an O.B. Newsletter Web Page was set up as an interim measure.

Since web pages don't have submission time dates or printing and mailing time dates, there could be a lot of overlap from one month to the next. So, why put a monthly date at the top of this page? Answer: To try and maintain some semblance to the printed O.B. Newsletter format. The Bytes may rise again.

Just to be clear, there will be a separation in the text here to denote the current month from the previous month. At some point in the current month, previous month articles will be deleted. At the end of a month, the current O.B.N. web page will be archived as a PDF file. Windows 7 seems to do this nicely, embedding images from the html web page directly into the PDF document. This has just been done and the file in the archives is named "bytes2014-FebMar.pdf" to show that it's not entirely one month or the other.

Web Site Update

By Webmaster

The site has been updated in several ways. A *new layout* has been done with an eye towards simplicity. It's called the Visitors Page, and is accessible by pressing the big red button at the top of the LEFT column on the original home page. It's meant to be easier for a *visitor*, i.e. someone other than an existing member, to operate. However, even if you're already a member, try it, you might like it.

In addition, several technical details have been modified to make the site look better on *some* of the new handheld devices. For example, my iPhone5 now correctly displays the site pages fairly well, with no discernable problems. Not having any other smart-devices, I can't speak about them. Your comments would be appreciated regarding other devices. Be sure to try the VisitorPage layout on your new widgets and report any problems. Also, it must be stated that all browsers are not created equal. For example, Safari on my laptop displays differently than Safari on my iPhone5. And those browsers are from the same manufacturer. Personally, I'm not looking forward to getting into another era of *browser wars*.

Finally, use of a web site takes some learning, similar to learning how to use a new camera, or car, or TV, etc. Your view of something as easy or hard is very subjective. Brain surgery and the proverbial rocket science are both easy to the well trained practitioner. But to you or I, they would appear to be *hard*. Let's remember that when commenting on new technology.

Winners at March 2, 2014 NOCCC Main Meeting

General Raffle: Gerry Resch

Photos: John Krill

Composition: Steven Breitbart

March 2, 2014 Raffle Winners *Photos by John Krill, NOCCC*



Rudy Lauterbach
64GB Flash drive



Richard Miller
Coffee Grinder



Don Armstrong
Headphones



Frank Emanuel
Flashlight



Rudy Lauterbach
Five reams of printer paper



Muriel Fitzsimmons
Flashlight



Terry Dickson
Digital Multimeter

You could be a raffle winner!

- 1) Remember to bring \$1 or \$5 bills.
- 2) Buy tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5!
- 3) Get two General raffle tickets for a Lastinger Parking receipt!
- 4) Get one Members Only ticket for wearing a NOCCC badge!
- 5) Get another for wearing a NOCCC shirt!

April Main Meeting Speaker
By Steven Breitbart

Our Main Meeting presentation for the April 6, 2014 meeting will be delivered by Monique Stennis of Inter Valley Health Plan. The topic will be "An Orientation to Digital Media." Monique is the Digital Marketing Specialist at Inter

Valley Health Plan (www.ivhp.com). She is responsible for the day-to-day management of social media campaigns on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and www.forhealthandliving.com.

The presentation will be about understanding social networking and media, photo and video sharing and how you can become active on-line. We will learn about the following social media sites: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Pinterest. We'll also visit YouTube, Meet-up and Inter Valley's new interactive website, "For Health & Living." Attendees will also get some tidbits on how to stay safe on-line. This is an orientation workshop and not designed to be hands-on.

Monique's Bio:

Monique develops informative content and interesting facts to create online brand awareness or seniors and baby boomers. She enjoys teaching Facebook, Digital Media, Vision Board and Online Dating classes at Inter Valley's Medicare Information & Vitality Centers. In addition, Monique manages the electronic member advisory council and the ongoing engagement with Inter Valley Health Plan members. She is an adjunct professor where she teaches business courses to undergraduate students. She holds an MBA in marketing from the University of Laverne and a bachelor of arts in communications, with an emphasis in public relations and mass media from California State University, San Bernardino. Monique's greatest moments are spending quality time with her teenage sister who she raises.

Web Site Update – S.T.E.M. Tech Solution
By webmaster

A solution to the technology/cryptology question is now available on the Members Page. You must log in first to access the Members Page. It's mostly programming relating to Caesars Cipher.

Web Site Update – Hit Counter Revised
By webmaster

To make a hit counter that doesn't count robots that are incessantly *indexing* the web, the use of a *modified captcha* has been set up, as suggested by Dr. Don. Our home page is now a cheap and dirty homemade captcha. It uses a random number generator, range 1 to 10, which gets displayed, and which said number must be typed into a separate box; then a CONTINUE button must be pressed. This is clearer than those warped messages in real captchas, which sometimes are ambiguous. So, there is no guessing, no hard to read jumble, and no secret password, to enter our site. Just very basic human interaction.

If you're concerned that some evil genius might figure out how to defeat this scheme, ask yourself who would go to so much trouble to break into a computer club web site. Probably not ordinary robots. However, the fact is that we have already been indexed by Google and other search engines. So, our hit counts may still be unrealistically high. We just have to watch the number and see if it takes big jumps.

Articles from the previous month . . . For several days.
