



THE PREZ SEZ...



Happy August Everyone!

Well, it's the time of the year where not a whole lot gets done outside and air conditioners are working overtime trying to keep us cool. I hope you are all accomplishing that at least.

August will be the last month we will be having only one live meeting, and it's going to be a great one. Hopefully a lot of members will be on hand to welcome our guest speaker Sheri Paddock, Director Of Marketing at Blue Squirrel. I'm sure she'll have an entertaining presentation.

Our meeting on August 23rd will be our last ONLINE meeting of the summer. Several members took advantage of our online meeting in July, and learned some great information from Jim Richardson on Computer Security. Thanks Jim for preparing the program and working so hard to keep our members informed

I'll be offering an opportunity in the near future to do a software review. So keep watching the message board for the option to get free software. In return, you will be asked to use it, write a short review, and do a mini presentation for the members. (not as hard as it sounds). More details to follow.

September will bring us back to our normal schedule of two live meetings per month. I'm looking forward to getting back in the "groove" again and getting some great programs, classes and information moving through our club. 'Till then, keep cool, keep safe n keep computing. Joannie

Lon's Freeware of The Month

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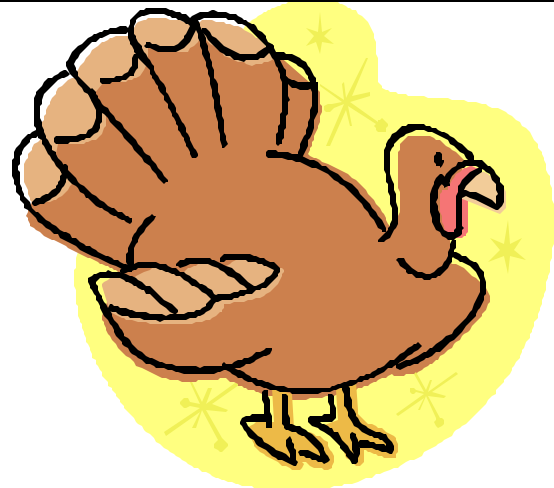
EZBack-it-up v2.0.1

Just the backup, ma'am. EZBack-it-up doesn't ask you bewildering questions- it just backs up your data where and when you tell it to do it. It can compare thousands of files in mere seconds. Check EZBack-it-up's logs to see what it's done. If even this much attention to backup is more than you can stand, just install the program and schedule regular backups.

EZBack-it-up is donateware. If you like the program, you may want to send the developer money to cover the cost of further developing EZBack-it-up. [Download](#)

Aqua Dock

Aqua Dock gives PCs a dash of Mac-fashioned goodness, imitating OS X's animated launchbar. When you run your mouse over the bar, it reacts, expanding the icons for the items you mouse over. This helps you be absolutely sure you know what you're opening.



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Meeting Time and Place

2nd and 4th Tuesday
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Seventh-day Adventist
Church
29885 Bradley Road
Sun City, CA

You still don't want a computer?

By F. Verano

eBay has announced that it will buy the Internet voice service Skype. This move could pit eBay against both phone companies and other voice-over-internet services (VoIP) such as Vonage.

Skype can be used to make free voice calls from any computer running Skype software to any other running the same software, anywhere in the world. For an additional fee, Skype users can also call regular telephones and vice versa. Although other online services offer free computer-to-computer voice conversations, Skype has grown at an astonishing rate, adding 150,000 users a day, mostly in countries such as China, India and Sweden.

Skype will be built into eBay, allowing buyers and sellers to talk to each other with a single mouse click.
(USA Today 9/12/05)

Now read this from the NY times:

So, get ready, because the latest Internet-driven shift is targeting ordinary telephone service.

This development called voice-over-Internet protocol (VoIP), which uses the Internet's wiring as opposed to the phone systems, provides you with a small black box that is placed between your existing telephone and your broadband modem (commonly referred to as your cable modem or D.S.L. box).

After you're signed up, you could make unlimited local, regional and long-distance calls anywhere in the United States for a fixed rate of \$20 to \$40 a month, plus the cost of your broadband Internet service. This voice-over-Internet service is exempt from F.C.C. line charges, state 911 surcharges, number-portability service charges and other extra charges. The rates aren't subject to inflation and overseas calls cost about three cents a minute.

VoIP is different from the nerd-favored and widely used PC-to-PC Internet calls, because you dial and talk using a conventional phone and your computer doesn't need to be turned on.

The Internet phone service hype began last year after a startup called Vonage offered a \$35-a-month calling plan, which was soon followed by similar unfamiliar phone services such as VoicePulse, Packet 8, Broadvox and VoiceGlo. Well-known names like AT&T introduced their Internet-based service, CallVantage and Cablevision, the cable TV company, started offering their own service called Optimum Voice.

Most of these service plans include exceptional features such as:

Call waiting, Caller ID, Call transfer, Three-way calling,
Call forwarding, Caller ID blocking and Automatic busy-line redial.

Twenty to \$40 may not mean an earth-shattering discount from your existing phone bills, however even \$20 a month is a decent savings. The voice mail feature allows you to listen to your voice mail by dialing *123 on your phone, by visiting a Web page or by letting your new Internet phone company send you sound attachments by e-mail. This allows VoIP users to save important messages for as long as they want and be able to pick up messages from anywhere in the world.

(You still don't want a computer?)

Don't Forget

Just one meeting during November and December
The first Tuesday

BEWARE OF NEW ONLINE SCAM

Submitted by Fran Nakayama

Many Americans are still getting reeled in by "phishing", a kind of online identity-theft scam. Now comes a new breed of crime called "pharming", adding to the challenge of keeping your personal and financial information safe online.

Phishing scams — named for the way they bait victims — are mass e-mails mimicking authentic communications of financial institutions and other companies.

Warnings of identity theft or pending account cancellations prompt you to "confirm" financial information in an e-mail response or on a linked Web site.

The information is actually relayed to the scammer, who uses it to clean out bank accounts or open new lines of credit.

Pharming, on the other hand stems from viruses that infect your computer, says Nicole Lowe, a credit-education specialist with TrueCredit.com. "The virus is set so that when you type in a specific site, the virus redirects you to a fake site, she says. The site in question could be that of your bank, credit-card company, or even an online store where you frequently shop.

Scammers set up the fake site to look identical to the real one. But when you submit sensitive information like an account number and PIN to log into your bank account, the data is relayed to scammers.

So how do you spot a fake?

Check the address. "Look for a URL, that you don't recognize," advises Lowe. Don't just type in the Web site URL, and go about your business. Check to make sure the Web address on your screen still matches the one you typed in.

Browse. "Before you log in to a site, click around on it," she says. "Usually these scammers aren't going to spend the time to really set up the site." "Don't just click on the link to log your self in."

Browse the site. Does it look like it usually looks? Watch out for obvious problems, including graphics that don't load, misspellings and links that don't work.

Protect your computer. Make sure the anti-virus software on your computer is up-to-date.

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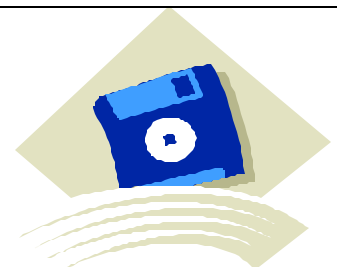
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Upcoming Classes

October 18 & 20	Intermediate Microsoft Excel
October 25 & 27	Basic Microsoft Word
November 1 & 3	Basic Microsoft Excel
November 8 & 10	Microsoft PowerPoint
November 15 & 17	Intermediate Microsoft Word
November 29 & 30	Intermediate Microsoft Excel
December 6 & 8	Basic Microsoft Word
December 13 & 15	Basic Microsoft Excel

Security Terms

Anti-virus: Software that scans your PC for viruses, worms, and Trojans using up-to-date virus signatures. Once found, the program can remove or quarantine the virus and (ideally) keep it from performing whatever malicious duties it was sent to do.

Attack: An attempt by an unauthorized individual or program to gain control over aspects of your PC for various purposes.

Backdoor: Sometimes referred to as a trapdoor, and is a feature in programs that the original programmer puts into the code in order to fix bugs or make other changes that need to be made. However, if this information becomes known to anyone else it poses a potential security risk.

Firewall: A firewall refers to either a software or hardware device that basically protects your internal network from any outside threat or any unauthorized Internet access from the inside.

Hole: A known flaw in code that can compromise the security of your system by allowing unauthorized access.

THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS By F. Verano

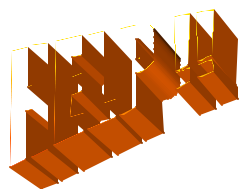
I love teaching you something that I know and that you may not know. I didn't go to college for nuttin. This time it is the 2nd law of Thermodynamics. Well, it may be the first or third law..... I don't remember. Trust me; it is a law of thermodynamics.

Picture this: It is 5 am. I just awakened but my eyes are closed and I'm still in bed. I feel a cool breeze over my face. What is it? (I asked myself.) (I talk to myself a lot.) (Often I get stupid answers.) (I also ask stupid questions too.) Well, where was that breeze coming from? (I asked myself again.)

I knew that I was lying directly under the air vent. After some real deductive and intuitive reasoning, I concluded that the air was coming from the vent. But Why? (You see, I keep talking to myself.) It can't be the furnace. I have it timed to go on at 6 AM. (AM means anti meridian. Before the meridian, whatever that is.)

Here is where the 2nd law of Thermodynamics comes in. Or the 1st law or 3rd law, whatever the hell it is. I knew that cold air falls. Either that or warm air rises. Well, the bedroom was cold so therefore there was no warm air to rise. So I surmised that the cold air in the ducts (not ducks) was falling on my face.

So that is how I witnessed how the 2nd law (or first or third or fourth) law of thermodynamics works! I was so proud. I opened my eyes, pulled on the covers to remove them and I couldn't. It was my damn cat was sitting on my chest and breathing in my face.



I need more articles from the club membership for our Newsletter. I have been the editor for nearly a year and only Lon Whistler, Frank Verano and Gary Skill have submitted articles. Joannie emphasizes this at our meetings.