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## iPad — Netbooks

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Once again the guys from Best Buy will present new products —  
**iPads and Netbooks.**

**Joe Meher and Kayleigh Fidler** will show us:

- Differences
- Similarities
- Portability
- Ease of Use



The iPad is a tablet computer designed and developed by *Apple*. It is particularly marketed as a platform for audio and visual media such as books, periodicals, movies, music, and games, as well as web content.

Netbooks [sometimes called mini notebooks or ultraportables] are a branch of subnotebooks, a category of small, lightweight, and inexpensive laptop computers suited for general computing and accessing Web-based applications; they are often marketed as “companion devices”, i.e., to augment a user’s other computer access.

Just in time for gift giving. Come meet our presenters and bring your questions.

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010 — 6 - 8:30PM**  
**Whitesboro High School cafeteria**



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The MVPCUG was founded in 1981 by individuals interested in IBM compatible computers. This non-profit organization consists of volunteers whose expertise range from novice to professional.

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm, usually at the Whitesboro High School, Route 291, Marcy NY. A typical agenda consists of discussion of business affairs and a demonstration of computer related products. Meetings are open to the public.

Initial membership fee for an individual is \$25. Annual renewal dues are \$20.

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## Meeting Agenda

- 5:30. .... Meet and Greet
- 6:00. .... Business Meeting
- 6:30. .... Program, Part 1
- 7:10. .... Break
- 7:20. .... Program, Part 2
- 8:15. .... Drawing for Prizes
- 8:30. .... Adjournment

## Editorial notes . . .



You will notice a difference in the newsletter — there are only 6 pages instead of 8.

In the past I have filled several pages with hints and tips and information that I have gleaned from various sources. This is time consuming. I have encouraged others to contribute but have not be overwhelmed with any offers.

Because of health issues I will be cutting back on the amount of time I spend working on this newsletter. If anyone wishes to be responsible for the two pages, I will gladly return them to future editions.



Enjoy a safe and Happy Halloween!

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**Minutes of September 9, 2010**  
— HRussell, Secretary

The MVPCUG general meeting was held at the Whitesboro HS cafeteria. President **Jerry Finkelstein** called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. There were 21 persons in attendance.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Jerry greeted all and hoped that everyone had a nice summer. He also announced that the October general meeting will be held on our regular first Tuesday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next Bill to give a treasury report covering for the month of 6/1/10 to 8/31/10, to the attending members. Those that are interested in the full treasury report can check either with the secretary or Bill Gorrell.

As of date no one has volunteered to be a Moderator for the forum. If there is no response by the end of Sept than the forum will be shut down and this will include “items for sale” column.

Little Miss Lucky, alias Patty Bruno, told of how she won a Droid phone. She entered a contest on the website and her idea was selected as the winner.

Patty Bruno, our Program Chair, advised the members of the up and coming programs scheduled for the months ahead, as follows:

- Oct - Best Buy, on iPad and Netbook
- Nov - Nancy Fasoldt on Face Book
- Dec - Paula Flisnik, Software of the CABV
- Jan - Guest night for members, TBA

**PROGRAM**

We have another good program to start off our Fall session. For those having questions on computers, there were two experts present giving answers, Mr. Chris Urban and Mr. Nick Gasparovich. They became our Gurus for tonight’s session. They took many questions from the members, some of which consisted on how to duplicate movies. Another topic centered on copyright material laws. Chris Urban and Nick each gave their opinion on how to safe guard yourself

on copyright infringement laws — by being very careful on things you copy from the internet.

A discussion consisted on the various SD cards that can be used, such as (standard, ID, SADI). Nick passed out a sheet on “Digital Media” to the members and Chris said that if anyone needs more help they can Email him at urbanc @ sunyit.edu. A delightful and informative time well spent, not to mention educational. Thank you, Chris and Nick for your expertise.

**DOOR PRIZES**

[furnished with club funds]

- Flash Drive 2gb. . . . . Jerry Grega
- Pkg. Copy Paper,8-1/2X11. . . . . Ed Sajdzikowski
- Gel pens. . . . . Ben Drydel
- 4X6 Photo Paper. . . . . Ed Sajdzikowski

[Donated by Que Publishing]

- Book -Presentation Design. . . . . Jim Pease

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Helen Russell, secretary



**SERENE JAPANESE COMPUTER MESSAGES**

Here are actual error messages seen on the computer screens in Japan, some are written in Haiku. Aren’t these better than “your computer has performed an illegal operation”?

The Web site you seek cannot be located, but countless more exist.



Chaos reigns within. Reflect, repent, and reboot. Order shall return.

Your file was so big. It might have been very useful. But now it is gone.

A crash reduces your expensive computer to a simple stone.

Three things are certain: Death, taxes and lost data. Guess which has occurred?

Having been erased, the document you’re seeking must now be retyped.

## Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

### Mobile Phones Pose Risks to Troops

**W**eb newsletter Government Computer News <http://tinyurl.com/2b5ym8t> wrote recently that military smartphones provided users with a risk from hackers who could use malware to determine the location of individual phones.

Russian security company, Kaspersky Labs, noted that a software program that sends short messages to a number that charges phone users \$5 per message can be hacked to provide location information. According to the article, a number of security agencies have issued warnings about smartphone cameras with geocode information that may provide hackers with coordinates identifying picture locations. Troops sending pictures home to families could compromise unit safety if the phones are hacked. Ho Hum. Just another computer issue for DOD to worry about.

### Interview Technique Training

**Baseline Magazine** <http://tinyurl.com/2alphul>, recently published an article showing readers how body language affects hiring decisions. Body language such as posture and hand waving and other non-verbal clues may have a much larger impact on hiring decisions than job-seekers realize.

2500 hiring managers indicated that non-verbal behaviors betray weaknesses that rule out candidates in a competitive job market. The article provides a 10-slide show that offers specific suggestions such as: practice in front of a mirror to find flaws you never knew you had; and 38% of managers say that a lack of a smile significantly hurts candidates chances in getting a job. To view the slide show, click on <http://tinyurl.com/24n2ckf>. Anyone with experience with human resources knows these tips, but they may be useful for individuals new to the workforce.

### Hungry Kids Cause Concern and Generate Solutions

You may have seen public service announcements on television promoting **Share Our Strength**. This organization promotes activities that aim to end child hunger in America by 2015. A recent government survey indicated that 48% of all public school children in grades K-12 suffer from daily hunger or insufficient food. Share Our Strength organizes Taste of the Nation events throughout the year to meet the

challenge that no child should grow up hungry in this country. Since 1988 Taste of the Nation has raised \$73 million through silent auctions and other events sponsored by individuals and businesses such as American Express, Sysco, Stella Artois, Pellegrino Natural Mineral Water and others.

Hunger causes children to become ill more frequently and to recover more slowly, to suffer from an inability to concentrate and to develop emotional and behavioral issues. If you wish to help this program, click on <http://tinyurl.com/2f9ztj2>. You can participate in a local bakesale or buy a ticket to a touring dinner hosted by top American chefs.

### Monkey May Climb Mountains Soon

According to <http://tinyurl.com/236zbxm>, researchers at The University of Utah have created an 18 inch robot that uses ape-like motions to climb vertical spaces. University scientists have succeeded in producing a machine that converts 20% of energy from batteries into climbing motions. This represents a significant breakthrough since even the most efficient internal combustion engines convert only 5% of fuel energy into work energy. The robot is called ROCR or rock-climbing-oscillating-robot. This technology may provide future robots with the ability to inspect buildings, dams, bridges, storage tanks and nuclear facilities that present dangers to humans.

### IBM Does It Again

**eWeek.com** reports that IBM announced the release of the fastest computer chip in the world. The z196 processor has 1.4 billion transistors on a square 512 mm wafer. IBM claims that its new 196 zEnterprise computer is 17,000 times faster than its System 360 computer sold in 1970. The chip performs more than 50 billion operations per second.

### New York Magazine Picks Top Tomatoes

Recently, <http://tinyurl.com/2cbrao4> judges picked the 15 best heirloom tomatoes found at the Union Square Greenmarket. Varieties such as Brandywine, Paul Robeson, Scarlet Red and Cherokee Purple made the sweet 15 list. Topping the list at number 1 was Aunt Ruby's German Green tomato. The tomatoes all sold for \$4 to \$5 per pound and were grown in the New York City metro area. See if you can find some heirloom varieties in your markets.

Until next time . . .



## Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you can find text on any webpage with Ctrl+F? Get home quick [to the beginning of a document] with Ctrl+Home? Skip to the end of a document with Ctrl+End? Or move your cursor one word at a time instead of one character at a time with Ctrl+Left Arrow or Ctrl+Right Arrow? Great shortcuts for those of you who like using the keyboard rather than mousing around.

. . . that you might install a program that you don't want simply by not reading the installation dialog box? Uncheck the boxes before you install. Lots of helpful apps out there give you the option of installing search toolbars and other add-ons – and some of them are so pushy about being helpful that their installers are configured to install the uninvited extras unless you check a box saying you don't want them. Not only is each add-on another thing that your PC needs to load, but you have no idea what kind of data it could be sending out. They come bundled with the app because they make money for the developer, not because they're particularly useful. So take a close look at what you're installing before you click Install – and in return, the installer won't change your search engine or install apps you don't need.

. . . that certain key combinations provide shortcuts in Win7? The WIN+HOME combination minimizes all inactive windows. WIN+LEFT/RIGHT ARROW docks the active window to the side of the screen. WIN+UP/DOWN ARROW maximizes or minimizes the active window. WIN+NUMBER [1-9] launches or toggles to the corresponding program on the taskbar. CTRL+SHIFT+D will clear the Calculator's history. NUMLOCK+ASTERISK [on numpad] will display all subfolders under the selected folder. None of these combinations work when using WindowsXP so I can't validate how useful they might be.

. . . that you should be very skeptical of “cleaning” apps. Applications that make vague claims about improving your PC's performance and clearing out its clutter [for instance, Registry cleaners] will generally do more harm than good. To clean up your system, run Disk Cleanup [select Start Menu, All programs, Accessories, System Tools]. ♦

## Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

Have you visited the PC magazines on line? They carry loads of stuff you don't get in the paper editions. Articles, reviews, blogs, plenty of blogs, are all constantly updated. You don't wait a month to see what's new. You get something new every day. And they've got their archives, all easily accessible, and all free. So far.

You can read all about the new Windows Phone 7 at the PC Magazine site. According to this extensive report it will launch October 11; Microsoft hasn't announced it yet, but the rumors are strong. Initial reviews give this handheld mobile device very high marks. This is one really smart phone that's already putting Apple on guard.



Speaking of Apple, the iPad, just out, is getting ready for a major update come Fall. Among other add-ons it will contain a camera, great for those who require video chat software. We may get this update come November. If not, we will get it next year, at the latest. So, we are now



getting updates in less than a year of the products initial appearance. Doesn't our Club support the idea that we shouldn't buy a new product soon after its arrival, no matter how much you itch? Be sure, updates will soon be coming around.



About a hundred years ago our Club gave a presentation of the various map software available at the time. Some of us still use MapQuest, some swear by Google Maps. Now, Rand McNally is making a comeback; Its site has been extensively updated (it's got information on over 15 million points of interest). You might want to browse this “new” site, before your next trip of course ([www.RandMcNally.com](http://www.RandMcNally.com)). ♦

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Tuesday ♦ October 5 ♦ 6:00 PM ♦ Whitesboro High School



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