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Free Programs

The critical components for the man-machine interface are a keyboard, mouse, touch screen, voice recognition, operating system and other useful software for human machine interactions. There exists a large array of browsers and applications to choose from to enhance your computing experience. Some of these browsers and applications are no-cost and included with the operating system purchased with your computer.

Frank Calidonna will discuss and demonstrate browsers and applications available in Windows. Additionally, He will present and demonstrate general purpose applications and utilities to use and maintain your computer. Finally we will discover some free special purpose applications for video, images, and audio.

Frank currently teaches at the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR). He has taught Basic Computer Skills, Digital Photography and The History of Cemetery Art to name a few. He previously taught at The New York State School for the Deaf at Rome, NY.

Join us for an evening of learning and bring a friend.



Who am I?

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 — 6 - 8:30 PM
New Hartford Library
Meeting Open to the Public — Free — Bring a friend



The MVPCUG General Meeting was held in the Sammon Room of the New Hartford Library. President Jerry Finkelstein with 17 Members, 1 Non-member in attendance, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on December 01, 2015.

BUSINESS MEETING

There were no announcements. Q & A followed

Question 1: A member has two laptops, one has the other does not have an A⁺/A⁻ adjacent to the drop line menu for file, with + increase % size and - reduced size by % on screen. How do you get the 2nd computer to activate this feature?

Responses: 1) With the browser open use the control and + or control and – keys to modify the size of the picture. 2) Using Firefox over on the right, there are 3 lines, click on that then click the + or - to increase or decrease the size.

Question 2: The computer is getting slower and slower, it is about a year old, problem was there before and after Windows 10 installation.

Response: Try installing more memory, and also what type of anti-virus is being used?

Bill Gorrell presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period of 11/01/2015 thru 11/31/2015, details are available from Bill G. or the Secretary. He then presented the proposed Budget for 2016.

The election of Club Officers for the 2016 term was held. Jerry Grega was elected Club President, taking charge in January 2016 with the other incumbents.

Jerry F. noted the club is in need of a volunteer for the position of Editor of the Newsletter and a replacement for the position of Secretary, please contact him or Jerry G. if you wish to volunteer.

The club does thank Jerry F. profusely for his many years of service contributing in the office of the Presidency.

GENERAL MEETING

A video was played titled Cyber War Threat by NOVA. It was a very sobering look at the Cyber threats going on all around the internet world that have been occurring over the last 5-10 years. The problem of threats of any kind can occur over the web at any time, is a very real problem. The NSA (which could stand for NO SUCH AGENCY) which many Americans were unfamiliar with until 2013 when whistle blower Edward Snowden walked out the door with a huge pile of secret documents. Many were documents indicating the NSA spying on e-mails written by American citizens. In 2010 there was a departure by the NSA to develop offensive weapons in preparation for Cyberattacks.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Car Charge & CableRod St. Clair
- 32 GB Flash DriveJim Pease
- Post It NotesHoward Netzband
- Outlet Multiplier Lisa Britt
- Paper Mate Pens.....Bill Gorrell
- Key Board/Mouse Rod St. Clair

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

- Square Candle Howard Netzband
- Photo PaperFred Cole
- CD Cases..... Stu Culp
- Ginger Bread CandlesDon Pianka

[Donated by John LaVoe]

- Weather Station.....Jerry Grega

[Food & Toy Drive]

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The meeting was adjourned by Jerry Finkelstein at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully,
Joe Penabad, Secretary



Surfin' the 'Net

— John Hunter

Global Air Quality

In the “your taxes at work” department, NASA just released video data that illustrates the effect of human activity on the world’s air quality. To see the good news concerning emissions in the US and Europe as compared to the rest of the world, click on

www.nasa.gov/press-release/new-nasa-satellite-maps-show-human-fingerprint-on-global-air-quality.

Environmental pollution controls work.

Another Kind of Building Material

Lumber and cement prove to be very expensive building materials especially in underdeveloped countries. A recent post, however, provides evidence of human ingenuity at its best: plastic bottle homes. For example, a two bedroom, one bath home with a kitchen and living room in Nigeria can be built with 14,000 sand-filled plastic bottles. Since the world discards 47 billion bottles each year, there will be no shortage of home building materials any time soon. To read more about plastic house building technology, visit

www.takepart.com/article/2015/12/10/plastic-bottle-homes?cmpid=tpnews-eml-2015-12-12-homes.

The only other material needed is mud to hold the bottles together. The post presents some nice photos of various homes under construction. This technology also reduces landfill waste.

What a Kid!

What can a 10-year-old from Rhode Island do that inspires adults to help her? Simple. Start a program that collects used restaurant cooking oil to produce biofuel and home heating oil for poor people. The kid, Cassandra who is now 17, and her friends both kids and adults now produce fuel for 400+ homes and have reduced the carbon footprint by 3 million lbs of CO2 emissions or the average carbon footprint of 88 Rhode Islanders. To read more about this remarkable undertaking, click on

www.upworthy.com/her-dad-thought-her-clean-energy-idea-was-just-a-kids-project-he-was-wrong.

Now, when you hear people criticize today’s kids, you’ll know the rest of the story.

Shake, Rattle and Roll

What state generates the most earthquakes? If you said Oklahoma, you’re right. In a recent lawsuit, an Oklahoma resident filed suit asking that two oil/gas companies pay \$75,000 to repair her house damage caused by earthquakes caused by injecting waste water into a disposal well. The companies have asked the judge to dismiss the suit, not because the companies dispute the cause, but because the plaintiff did not file a timely suit. To read more about this, click on

www.thinkprogress.org/climate/2015/12/11/3730531/oil-gas-doesnt-want-to-pay-for-earthquake-damage/.

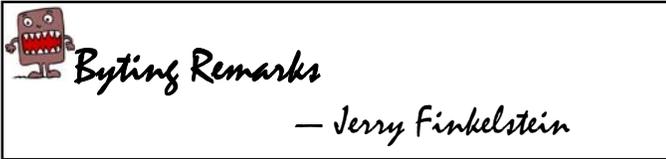
Aren’t we happy that Governor Cuomo refused to allow hydrofracturing in our state? I am.

Can You Help?

As you know, my blog “Cruisin’ the Internet” extends the reach of this column. To date, four Gatehouse Media newspapers provide a link to my blog on their digital editions. Three daily papers in Corning, Hornell and Wellsville as well as the weekly paper in Penn Yan carry my blog.

I think that the Utica Observer-Dispatch, also a Gatehouse Media paper should carry my blog as well. Will you contact the paper and ask that the OD provide a link to my blog as well?

Thank you. Until next time . . .



In the days before XP, at the dawn of 98, I joined the Club. The joint was really jumping in those primitive times. Membership was up (this was before the split), and for a long while it was an active one. SIGs were flying everywhere, although mostly at the Church in Whitesboro. We all remember the days when Gore invented the internet and we held SIGs on how to surf it. Other perks for membership were discounts to the computer shows. We'd pool cars and take the trip to Syracuse or Albany or...for the special deals on all things PC. There were smiles on our faces at the end of the day when we came home. Our presenters at our monthly meetings were the big promoters like reps from Microsoft. And they left us with big expensive products for our door prizes.

And those were the days when Joe and Donna took turns as president of the Club. Different demeanors, different ways of "governing," but both with a strong sense of purpose, to maintain the Club as the best community PC Club in our area, a Club were members help members. To keep things "moving right along."

Well, all things PC did move right along. The internet is everywhere. No one needs a Club to learn how to move a mouse. The sales of workstation and laptop computers are down, cell phones and tablets are way up. It seems that every Grandma in the world is on Facebook. Everybody is showing off the pictures of their grandchildren. Have you seen are door prizes lately? Does it look like one of the big promoters was here?

I came on board as president of the Club, when? Let's just say it was about the turn of the century, just before the new stuff came tumbling in. It was a fun and interesting time. Some changes with the Club too, most notably in the membership. Down. But we carry on. And thanks to Bill and the Board, we're still in the black. The Newsletter, online, still looks great, and we gotta thank Donna and now Lisa for carrying It on, for that. And I'm on my way. New stuff all the time and it's time to welcome Jerry G. as the new

President of the Club. We all wish him luck and lots of success in his leadership. And now, moving right along.....

President's Corner

Jerry Grega

Hello All,

I hope that everyone had wonderful holidays? I would like to thank everybody for a great food and toy drive. As the new club president, I would like to bring more insight to the digital technology that is all round us. The PC (personal computer) has drastically changed our lives. From a box that needed a desk, to a small pocket size device and everything in between. Digital communication (internet) has revolutionized everything giving us all this information at our finger tips or thumbs. When we go into our cyber world, we invite the good, the bad and the ugly. We have to keep abreast of the current technology to stay safe. The easiest way to stay safe is to unplug from the internet! That won't happen?

It's no longer Microsoft vs. Apple. There are many other operating systems (OS) out there. They all do the same thing now, connect you to

the world. But it is our responsibility to stay safe. It is important to understand how to protect ourselves from cyber predators.

Hopefully we can learn together to stay safe as the technology keeps moving at a lightning pace.

Jerryg





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