

## Windows Operating Systems

Many of you remember when the first modern version of Microsoft Windows was released in 1995. Since then Microsoft has released a new version of their operating system every few years. With each revision, new features are added and old ones evolve. It can be tricky keeping up with all of the changes.

Windows 7 brings a beautiful new graphical interface with features like Aero and Snap as well as performance tweaks such as full 64-bit support. Windows 8 is coming up next and will pack many of its own new features. Many techies are looking forward to playing with the new Metro interface that makes excellent use of touchscreen technologies.

Josh Glassberg will help shed some light on the various challenges new software presents.

Today's world is filled with personal computers. Computers are quickly becoming integrated into lives of everyone from children to grandparents. Josh Glassberg is an IT professional that would like to share some of his tips and tricks. Josh has a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from SUNYIT and works for Capraro Technologies as a System Analyst. Josh powered on his first computer when he was ten and has been addicted ever since. Please feel free to bring questions.

### WEBSITE DRAWING

Each month we will pose a question, the answer of which will be found on our website [[www.mvpcug.com](http://www.mvpcug.com)]. [Sometimes on the first page, but not limited to that page, so look around.]

You have until the day of the next meeting to send in your answer. Type the answer and your name into an email and send it to [mvpcug@mvpcug.com](mailto:mvpcug@mvpcug.com). A drawing will be held at the main meeting. You need not be present to enter but will be responsible for picking up your prize if your name is drawn. All members are eligible for this prize so send in your entry.

**This month's question** — Who developed the "timeshare" system? Using what language?

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> — 6 - 8:30PM**  
**New Hartford Library**  
**Meeting Open to the Public - Free**



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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 New Hartford Library, 2 Library Lane, New Hartford. A typical agenda consists of discussion of business affairs and a demonstration of computer related products. Meetings are open to the public.

Membership fee for an individual is \$25.

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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 . . .



After the April meeting, Dr. Capraro sent a note telling me about the newsletters his company publishes. He says they will be posting new ones soon, but take a look at the older ones – lots of info and possible answers to some of your problems.

<http://www.caprarotechnologies.com/newsletter>.

Of particular interest to me was a link in Volume 4, Issue 1. This site has training manuals for sale, but that wasn't what impressed me. Go to [mousetraining.co.uk/ms-office-training-manuals.html](http://mousetraining.co.uk/ms-office-training-manuals.html) and scroll down the page and find MS Office 2010 Quick Reference Guides or the guides for Office 2007, if that's what you are using. These guides are 2 pages each and can be downloaded and printed – free.

Watch the next newsletter for information on where we will be holding the June meeting. We'll be getting a look at how the volunteers make books for the blind - in their location so we can have hands on demonstrations.

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**Minutes of April 3, 2011**

—Joe Penabad, Secretary

**BUSINESS MEETING**

The MVPCUG General Meeting, with 25 attendees, was called to order by President Jerry Finkelstein at 6:05 PM in the SAMMON Room of the New Hartford Library on 04/02/2012.

Jerry F. indicated that for the 05 June meeting, (subject: translating books into Braille), the club has the option of hosting the meeting at the New Hartford Library or at the facility where the translations are done, The advantage of holding the meeting at the CABBI facility is being able to see all the equipment that facilitates the translations. The MVPCUG attendees voted to hold the meeting at the Charlestown Facility. A map will be included in the June newsletter and/or on the club web site.

Bill Gorrell’s Treasurers report for the period of 03/01/2012-03/31/2012 include: Income from four membership renewals of \$100.00, door prize tickets of \$2.00, refund on T-shirt sales tax of \$6.00, and bank interest of \$0.65 for a net income of \$108.65. Expenses for newsletter printing of \$70.00, door prizes of \$32.84, final T-shirt printing of \$71.51 for net expenses \$174.35. The report was accepted with no corrections.

Jerry F.’s solicitation of questions/problems from the audience generated: (1) an apology from Donna G. for misdirecting readers to p.1 for clues for the newsletter web page quiz instead of the correct page (an incentive to search the web site !?), (2) A printer problem: the printer malfunctioned and the readout was “error code” without a code number. The audience made various suggestions; however, we are eagerly awaiting the working solution at the next General meeting (01 May).

There was little response to Jerry F.’s inquiry re: opinions on “ultra-books”.

**PROGRAM**

{6:15 P.M./Speakers: Dr. Gerard Capraro, founder of Capraro Technologies, Inc. (CTI) and Joshua Glassberg, CTI Systems Analyst.} Dr. Capraro began his studies in the 1960-70s when database management systems (DMS) were in their infancy. In lieu of spreadsheets (eg. Excel), Dr Capraro suggested using database management

systems with SQL (structured query language), but with the caveat that it requires a certain amount of programming. He informed us about the prodigious number of programs they have developed... about 50% for the government and 50% IT work, including an abundance in the Mohawk Valley for banks, construction, real estate and insurance businesses. Most applications on the internet sit on top of database management systems. The advantage of using DMS is to hasten the pace of identifying/organizing products.

The MVPCUG applauded Dr. Capraro and Joshua Glassberg for their comprehensive, enthusiastic presentation on the complex and sometimes bewildering world of database management systems. The pair responded to inquiries from the audience, offered their e-mail addresses [gcapraro@caprarotechnologies.com](mailto:gcapraro@caprarotechnologies.com) and [jglassberg@caprarotechnologies.com](mailto:jglassberg@caprarotechnologies.com) for more information, and would welcome an invitation to return to address any specific areas of interest for the club.

**DOOR PRIZES**

[furnished with club funds]

- 8 GB Flash Drive..... Rod St.Clair
- 4 X 6 Photo Paper..... Nelson Robinson
- Memo Cube Note Paper. .... Lou Barile
- Pens. .... Steve Gorrell
- Yellow Tablets. .... John Neustadter

[Donated by Bill Gorrell]

- Paper, Notebook, Folders. .... Edmond Dembowski
- Copy Paper. .... Bohdan Wozniak

[Donated by Father John LaVoe]

- 15 CD cases. .... Don Pianka

**WEB SITE CONTEST WINNERS**

- March. .... Lou Barile
- April. .... Bill Wilson

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Penabad, Secretary ♦

**Editor’s Note:**

Please accept my apologies for misdirecting you to the wrong page for the website contest. This month it will be up to you to discover where the answer can be found. Check out the website and look around, you may find something more of interest other than the answer to our question.

## Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

### Getting A Job

The economy is getting better say the pundits. That said, if you are unemployed, it is still a Depression economy. Several websites offer tips to job seekers. One such website is [dressforsuccess.org](http://dressforsuccess.org). Founded in 1997, this international organization promotes economic independence for disadvantaged women by providing services that help unemployed women secure and hold jobs.

In addition, the organization provides professional attire as well as a network of support and career development to help women to thrive at work and in life. Many local churches and service organizations also provide such assistance. Be sure to check the local clergy if you wish more information.

### More Help

Clothing assistance in another form comes from [allamericanclothing.com](http://allamericanclothing.com). This company manufactures clothing in the USA to “to support USA families and jobs by producing high quality clothing at an affordable price.” By producing clothing in the US, the company adds to the tax base that supports local communities in addition to generating much needed jobs.

The site also provides a link that allows consumers to trace the raw material back to the farmers that grew the fibers. The company produces jeans and shorts, ladies clothes, outerwear, shirts and accessories.

Site navigation is easy and the clothing for men, women and children looks fashionable. For example, a full-zip hooded sweatshirt costs just \$34.99. Classic jeans start at \$47.95. The next time you need clothes, give this site a look.

### Battery Life

The next time your iPad, iPod, iPhone or laptop stops working because the battery is low, don't get irritated. New technology promises to increase battery life exponentially. [www.gcn.com](http://www.gcn.com) recently published reports that promise standard lithium-ion batteries that last 10 times longer between charges and charge 10 times as fast as current ones.

Researchers at Northwestern University have figured out a way to build the anode to extend charge-life. Production of these new batteries may come as quickly as a year or two. To read the whole article,

click on [www.gcn.com/articles/2011/11/17/experimental-batteries-last10-times-longer.aspx?sc\\_lang=en](http://www.gcn.com/articles/2011/11/17/experimental-batteries-last10-times-longer.aspx?sc_lang=en).

### Home Decor

Those of you interested in the newest home decorating trend need to check out [www.wallwords.com](http://www.wallwords.com). This company provides wall graphics that express “inspiring, thought-provoking humorous or reflective sentiments.” According to the site, “ words convey your intellect, your philosophy and can serve as a window to your soul.”

At my visit, the site provided a chance for visitors to create their own word art. Such as, the phrase, “I'm the Dad!” that allows the customer to pick the color, font and letter size. You can also add images to match the words. This product has a market in kid's rooms, schools and hospitals. So, if you want your home to look like a billboard, this is the site to visit.

### Easy Vacations and Easy Lessons

Many educational observers note the poor geography skills of our students. At a new website, Darren and Sandy Van Soye have embarked on a 424 day around-the-world journey to increase geo-literacy of K-12 students. During this trip, the couple plan to visit more than 50 countries on six continents. They will document the trip with photos and blogs. The trip features 60 education modules and four page weekly modules that match the geography where the couple currently visit.

Educators, students and non-students alike are invited to travel with the Van Soyes. All materials are free and can be downloaded at [trekkingtheplanet.net](http://trekkingtheplanet.net).

At my visit, the couple were in Cairns, Australia. You will have to register as a subscriber in order to receive the material. An added benefit, you can click on Google latitudes and follow the couple in real time tweets. The journey will feature a number of hikes with pictures posted on the website.

### Facebook Deters Spam Attacks

Late last year Facebook warned of graphic spam that flooded inboxes with pictures of sex and violence of the 800 million Facebook users. Social networks are popular with spammers because people are more likely to trust contacts they know. For the whole article visit [www.eschoolnews.com/2011/11/16/facebook-warns-of-recent-wave-of-graphic-spam/](http://www.eschoolnews.com/2011/11/16/facebook-warns-of-recent-wave-of-graphic-spam/).

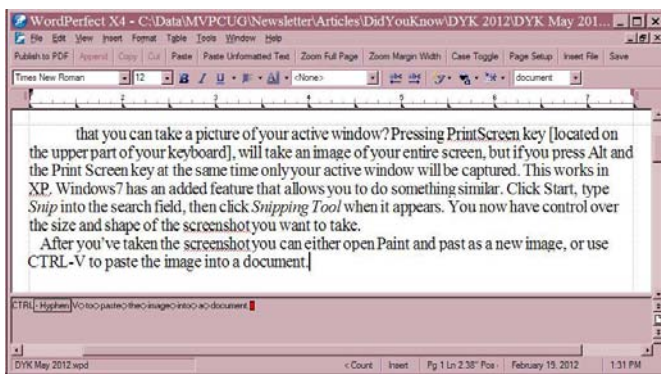
This attack promised free airline tickets, new videos or answers to quizzes. Facebook says that only four percent of posts are spam, but be careful.

Until next time . . .



## Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you can take a picture of your active window? Pressing PrintScreen key [located on the upper part of your keyboard], will take an image of your entire screen, but if you press Alt and the Print Screen key at the same time only your active window will be captured. This works in XP. Windows7 has an added feature that allows you to do something similar. Click Start, type *Snip* into the search field, then click *Snipping Tool* when it appears. You now have control over the size and shape of the screenshot you want to take.



After you've taken the screenshot you can either open Paint and paste as a new image, or use CTRL-V to paste the image into a document.

. . . that Outlook mail lists suggestions when you start typing an email address in the To, CC, or BCC field? These suggestions come from the emails you've sent. Use the arrow keys to select the email address you want, then press TAB key to enter that address. This saves time but can be a nuisance if you have entered an incorrect address. If that has happened, here's how to fix the problem.

Start typing the address, once the suggestion appears, click the X that appears to the right of the address. Outlook won't use the address again. Send an email using the correct address to update the suggestion database.

. . . that you could browse the Web without having a record [history]? In Internet Explorer9 and Firefox, simply press and hold CTRL-SHIFT-P. This starts a private browsing session. The session will end when you close the browser window. No record of your browsing history will remain. ♦

## Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

This will be a column made up of bits and pieces about mourning. I'm saying goodbye to some of the stuff in my life.

I wasn't the only one who started his grieving with the announcement that *The Encyclopedia Britannica* will no longer be available in paper form. Those beautifully bound, wonderfully printed volumes containing "all the information in the world there is to know" are things of the past. You got updates every year; it truly was a resource for now and forever. The *Encyclopedia* as you knew it, gone. This was no Wikipedia enterprise, this information resource had heft, it had authority, it was reliable.

The salesmen for the *Encyclopedia* traded on guilt as they went from house to house extolling the benefits of having these 20 volumes (plus updates) in your home, for your children's education. The books would be an invaluable help in their schoolwork. *Don't you want your child to be educated? Don't you want your child to be a genius?* And they opened the books and turned the pages and showed off the print, the charts, the maps. Without the books you were a very bad parent. Did you really *want* your children to fail? Only a couple thousand dollars would make everything right. Of course there was a payment plan.

The books came with its own bookshelf, it was the centerpiece of the living room. The parents felt a warm glow just having it around, the children were careful when they looked through it, everybody smiled as they passed it on the way to or from the kitchen. The children are grown up now and they're away, no geniuses, but the books are still there, in the living room, just as they left them so many years ago. We've got computers now with a bunch of browsers that gets you anywhere you want to go and anything you want to know in no time flat. On your PC. On your mobile. On your tablet. Have it your way. Maybe not; mobiles are getting bigger, tablets are getting smaller and the desktop, we're told, is going the way of the dinosaur. The next new thing is here, the mini-iPad is just around the corner.

Just as you take off your black arm band it's time to put it back on again. ♦

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**Tuesday ♦ May 1 ♦ 6:00 PM ♦ New Hartford Library**



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