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PC personal computer or communicator?

What to do with your new windows 10 device/communicator. Google has android device/phones. Apple has iPhone. But nobody has more Servers, Desktops, Tablets and now phones then Microsoft in use. (How many keyboards have a windows key?) Most new PC's come out of the box with Windows 10 installed. For those with Windows 7 and 8 the free Windows 10 update will end on July 29, 2016.

The club has purchased a new laptop. It is a Dell Inspiron 15 (3558) with Windows 10 Home installed. After installing Windows 10 many times on older systems and new ones. I saw an issue with the user experience. This is what Microsoft calls it. You are steered to a Microsoft account. As you go through setup, you will end up with a MS account. But that's cyber life. They all want your account, Google did it, Apple did it, Verizon did it and so on. Back to point, out of box laptop. There is a workaround for these issues if you are concerned about security and keeping the system clean. With a few easy steps/guidelines to follow, the transition to Windows 10 may be easier. We'll take a look at the new GUI (graphic user interface) all key system apps are there and some you do not need. Windows 10 is a device driven operating system. The workaround setup will/should work for the internet installed update. We'll look at some features that work in all Windows 10 devices. As always we will learn to love Windows and Microsoft.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 — 6 - 8:30 PM
New Hartford Public Library
Meeting Open to the Public — Free — Bring a friend



The MVPCUG General Meeting was held Parkway Recreation Center, Utica, NY.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Jerry Grega with 14 members in attendance, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on May 03, 2016.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Bill Gorrell for the period of April 01, 2016 thru April 30, 2016. Budget details are available from Bill G. or the Secretary.

Plans for a club cookout are open for discussion for a date in June and possible locations (such as NH Town Park, etc.), if the Club has the interest to have a cookout this year.

Jerry G. noted that the Club needs a newsletter editor to replace Lisa Britt who will be unavailable after June. Jerry asked if anyone in the audience was interested. The matter will be brought up again at the end of the meeting. The club is also in need of a Secretary. Anyone interested is urged to contact Jerry G. for details. Needed is a person to search the Internet for interesting computer articles and there is a need to change the Newsletter format (including setting it all digitally).

There were no announcements or old business.

PROGRAM

Jerry’s presentation on The Internet of Things (IoT). It is a \$100 million (BILLION?) dollar market called the “jelly- bean business”, which is for people playing hand-held games/virtual reality games/augmented reality/autonomous killing machines/swarming robot games on their hand-held devices. The government is funding a lot of this for simulations, in Nebraska, where they invite gamers in to test out the latest gear and set up simulations world-wide. Lisa Britt brought up the autonomous car concepts, known as driverless cars. There are other helpful ways to use technology, such as robots that can be used to find survivors after an earthquake.

Jerry G. noted that the Internet uses your telephone to help you with home automation. There are countless apps being generated for the phone to use the Internet to assist you in the home. Home remote control systems are used to operate your refrigerator, TV, ceiling fan, stereo’s, night lights, Roomba and i-Robot. Some of the new devices such as HUM, plug into the car. This

cellular data device listens to how the car is vibrating and responds by telling you about what problem you have and much other information about your car. You can also speak to a mechanic on-line or be sent assistance when the car breaks down. All devices need to be programmed to accept the control device.

Jerry G. spoke about Fitness Trackers. These currently are priced at about \$100-150.00. Stu Culp uses his Fit Bit to keep track of the number of times he gets up at night, how fast you walk during the day, by measuring steps you take, not distance. The consensus is that everyone seems to have a phone connected to their ear and that these new computer based products are useful and some are simply a novelty.

A review of what is available in the market and the future of digital control devices was discussed. All are designed to make our stay on earth more comfortable and easy. For example, blood pressure monitors, i-temperature, intelligent oven, smart locks, watches etc. are becoming a source for collection of trivial thing which collect data for a specific event. Philosophical points were raised in regard to security of data collection, storage of personal information, who has access to the information, how long information is kept, how it is purged and who determines the purging.

A discussion followed which suggested moving the newsletter format to a digital base. Ideas were solicited on how to make this transition. Under the new format, you would go to the website, put it to a link, which will take you to a paper format with a link attached. People would go directly to the website to get their newsletter information.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Copy Paper..... Stu Culp
- 64 GB SD Card..... Fred Cole
- 3 Pens Rod St. Claire
- Battery Bank Dee Pfohl
- 12 Pens..... Bob Angelhow

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

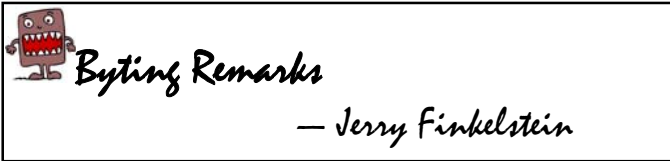
- Printer Paper Bo Wozniak

[Donated by Bob Angelhow]

- Norton Security Deluxe Bo Wozniak

The meeting was adjourned by Jerry Grega at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Penabad, Secretary



This is your last Newsletter. As always, it is taking a vacation for the summer but this time it won't come back unless someone steps up to take over for Lisa as editor of the Newsletter. So far, nobody's volunteered. So far, no Newsletter come Fall. Oh, the Club will carry on but without a Newsletter.

Remember the days when a lot of us (me included) didn't want to give up the hard copy? Well, for the sake of the Club's finances we gave it up and switched to online publishing. We lived, And saved money. Now the online edition is about to go. It is up to you.

Before we go I want to carry on a bit from last month's article, about all things getting very smart and taking up residence in phones and tablets. I did not say, hold back the dawn. I joined the pack (Bernie might say the revolution), I gave up on hard copy books and magazines and newspapers, and get them all online by way of phone, tablets and Nook. Never thought I'd switch, loved my books with real pages and a spine. But with Nook and tablets I can adjust the fonts, the brightness so that there is no eyestrain. I've got loads of magazines and books on my "bookshelf" and they carry no weight. You can get all this stuff on your desktop but THIS stuff is mobile. You take it all with you, in your hand, in your pocket, in a little bag. And the stuff you buy is really inexpensive. And a lot of the stuff comes free. PC magazine came free with my tablet, AP and Reuter's came free. I've had the Daily Beast and Slate for years, free. Right now I am reading how Google plans to take over the world. Makes for great conspiracy theory.

You no longer need to be tethered to your desk/laptop. Your computer savvy is now dependent on how you swipe away on your phone and tablet.



Surfin' the 'Net

— John Hunter

Wheelchair bound individuals find stairs a challenge. Several years ago Dean Kamen invented the iBOT wheelchair that automatically climbs stairs using a double wheel set of powered wheels. The device hit the marketplace priced at \$25,000 but was discontinued in 2009 due to poor sales. The iBOT resembled a super Martian rover that could negotiate uneven terrain as well as assuming an upright position that allowed users to talk at eye level with unhindered people.

Kamen has now partnered with Toyota Motors to produce and market the iBOT. To learn more about the iBOT, visit http://www.pcmag.com/news/344655/toyota-revives-stair-climbing-ibot-wheelchair?mailing_id=1842653&.

USDA Develops Drought Monitor

Water is a life necessity. But too much water causes as much damage as too little water. And parts of the US have faced both extremes this year. To help local communities track water, the USDA developed a water monitor which tracks drought areas. The agency releases new data weekly, and the map maybe downloaded at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>. Drought may be tracked in different areas of the US such as the Northeast, Mid Atlantic, the Southeast and so on and discussed separately in a sidebar. The map also provides a forecast of weather for the weeks ahead. An example of your tax dollars at work, a very good use of government money especially if you live in Southern California which faces extreme, long-term drought.

Other buttons provide statistics as well as views of the previous week's maps. Just so you know.

Where Have All the People Gone?

In 2005 Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on Gulf Coast states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Whole communities faced major destruction caused by wind and water. Some areas experienced so much damage that large numbers of residents had to relocate to other parts of the country. Recently, the Census Bureau released a population study of these affected areas to see what had become of displaced residents.

Cities such as Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Long Beach and Waveland experienced population declines as much as 18 percent in 2006, a year after the hurricane. Since 2010, however, populations in these cities have rebounded to pre-storm levels. To read more about the Katrina

aftermath, click on

<http://blogs.census.gov/2016/05/23/after-hurricane-katrina-where-are-they-now/>. The Census Bureau does much more than count people every ten years.

Right Wing Violence Not Limited to U.S.

Internet news agency, Politico, recently reported that Germany has suffered a 19.2 % increase in politically motivated crimes over the last year. Politico also reports that the increase comes largely from a 44.3 % increase in violent crimes committed by right wing groups targeting Muslims and Syrian refugees. It seems the Trump brand of xenophobia has spread contagion in Europe as well as the U.S. To read more about this, click on <http://www.politico.eu/article/right-wing-violence-in-germany-rose-44-percent-last-year-refugee-law-asylum/>.

New Examples of the Digital Divide

Detroit Michigan sits in a morass of poverty, crime and destruction. Add to this, a litany of bankrupt municipal water, failing schools and acres and acres of vacant lots, a digital wasteland which prevents many poor residents from digging out of the economic mire. Downtown, the new business climate provides access to high speed Internet that is unavailable in many other parts of the city. Detroit has the lowest rate of internet connectivity of any city in the country. In fact 4 in 10 Detroit residents have no internet access. To find out more about Detroit and the digital divide, click on <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/23/technology/unemployed-detroit-residents-are-trapped-by-a-digital-divide.html?>.

Dietary Help for Celiac Suffers

For newly diagnosed people allergic to gluten, finding foods gluten-free may pose problems. Celiac Disease patients now have access to the Internet site nutrition action that provides lists of foods that do not contain gluten. The disease may produce chronic fatigue, infertility, skin rash, or nervous system problems. To download the list of gluten-free foods, click on <http://www.nutritionaction.com/daily/eating-gluten-free/a-list-of-gluten-free-foods-for-new-celiacs/>.

Have a great summer. Until next time...

You can read more of John's Blog at the [Utica OD website](#)

President's Corner
Jerry Grega

Have a great summer.

See you in September.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7 General Meeting 6 PM BOD to follow	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	June 1 – Dare Day June 9 – Donald Duck Day June 14 – Flag Day June 19 – Father's Day June 30 – Meteor Day	