

Metro Area Personal Computer Club

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday at Godfather's Pizza – 30th & Bdwy. Co. Bluffs 7 P.M.

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Happy New Year!

Helpful Hints

If your computer is on for most of the time it is a good idea to replace fans every couple of years.

To remove a program, always use the "Uninstall" facility. Most programs make some changes to your operating system control files, and just deleting the program files will not remove these changes and can possibly stop the system from working properly.

Router Locking Up. Our broadband router kept locking up and it was some time before we realised that it was incoming phone calls that were causing the problem. The solution we came up with was to fit a telephone surge suppresser. The model we used was one that was incorporated with mains suppresser. No problems after that. Our searching the internet on the problem came up with the information that voltage surges and sudden pulses are quite common, most homes and businesses experiencing several very short period pulses that exceed 500 Volts peaks several times a week.

When learning a new computer operating system like Unix, Windows, Mac or Linux, a fast track way of learning is to go straight to the Command Line Interface and use the keyboard short cuts and learn the top 10 most used commands of the operating system. This also prevents repetitive strain injury from using the Graphical User Interface.

Editor's Comment

2011 is history. A brand new year is upon us. As we begin 2012 I approach it with high expectations for our club. We would do well to add to our membership. How much toward that goal have we each done?

It would be a great boon to the club if each of us attracted just one new member this year. That would double our membership. With each new member, we have the potential for added input, interest, ideas and suggestions. Why not make it your personal resolution – add a new member this year? ... Joe

Faster browsing. You can open your desired web site without entering 'www' and '.com' in the address bar. Simply type the name of the web site and hold down the CTRL key while pressing the ENTER key. The web browser will automatically add the prefix of www and suffix of .com after the site name and will open it

Pay It!

A motorist was unknowingly caught in an automated speed trap that measured his speed using radar and photographed his car. He later received in the mail a ticket for \$40 and a photo of his car. Instead of payment, he sent the police department a photograph of \$40. Several days later, he received a letter from the police that contained another picture, this time of handcuffs.. He immediately mailed in his \$40. Best not mess around with the Law!



Minutes of November, 2011 Meeting

Submitted by V.P. Lynn Fehr

Our Secretary, Dee Hindman was not present at the November meeting, so Lynn Fehr, Vice President pinched-hit for Dee, recording the meeting minutes. Thanks Lynn.

The November 15th meeting opened at 7:04 P.M. with only ten members present. President, Bill Pennington was home preparing for surgery the following day. We pray by now that he's doing much better.

Our first drawing yielded \$12.00 – \$6.00 for Lem McIntosh and \$6.00 for our Treasury. Congratulations Lem!

MINUTES – TREASURY REPORT: Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr read both the Minutes of the October meeting and the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read. Nice healthy Treasury amount to wind the year-up, \$1,221.26. Good job, Mary Alice!

NOT PRESENT: Members not present were: Jerry Bell, Tammy Cooper, Dee Hindman, David Ladd, Alan Love, Wm. Pennington and Larry Puls, (still ill), and our out of town members, Jo and Fritz Warden.

OLD BUSINESS: Active discussion covered several topics. Fred Veleba announced he became aware of a scam website – a very good copy of the Nebraska Driver's License site, but it was discovered to be a phony site, designed to get your personal information. It appears the site originated in Norway! Be cautious when on this type site. Make sure it's secure. Watch for the small closed padlock, usually in the lower, right corner, indicating it's secure, but even that isn't 100% protection.

Joe, spurred-on by Lynn's October demonstration, purchased a Wolverine slide/negative scanner.

He said it does an excellent job. Also discussed was Dragon's new 'speech to text' program.

Further discussion took place about information on the web after a person dies. There is still much info 'lingering' out there, long after a person's death.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed final plans for the Christmas party, being held a bit late, because of Bill's hospitalization. It was to be held at New Horizon's Church at 30 Valley View Drive, Saturday, Jan. 7th from 12:00 to 5 P.M. Joe Cavallaro III made a motion that the club would offer a **\$50.00 drawing prize and to sell tickets for that drawing for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.** Motion seconded and carried. **We will also to play Pokino for gold dollars.** Mary Alice was to pick up the food purchased by the club and was to phone to confirm our reservation for the above date.

(Editor's Note: What would we do without Mary Alice's willingness to help?!)

There was also to be a voluntary Gift Exchange – the usual \$5.00 per item. Joe tried to get Fred Veleba to assume the newsletter job, but was unsuccessful. One would think Joe was trying to retire!

JANUARY DEMO: Joe Cavallaro III will be heading the demo with a site, (Spokeo), he has been exposed to in his college course that 'digs up' much more information about most individual's life than most realize. Nice gesture: Joe purchased membership to the site for the demo – \$35.00.

GOLD DOLLAR DRAWING: Cheryl Pennington won the 'stick-around-drawing for the gold dollar.

MEETING CLOSED at 8:05 P.M.



From the Office of the President

Wm. Pennington, Pres.

Happy New Year to every one and all, I hope that every one of you had wonderful holidays.

Let us look forward to get our club to grow this year by each inviting at least one new member. Let's get the excitement back in the club like what we use to have, with wonderful demo's and discussions among us.

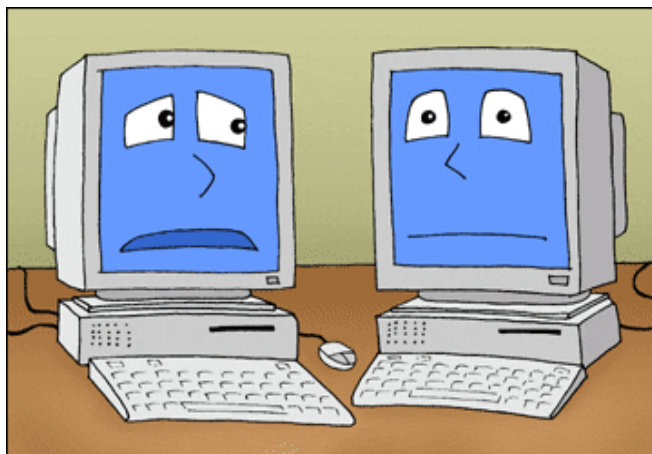
Let's each one of us do a different demo instead of the same people always doing it. This will help keep the freshness in our group.

Let us decide on different leaders to run the group so we don't get run down, because they could be getting tired.

Let us have fresh ideas from them to lead us into the new year when we come up to vote in this years election.

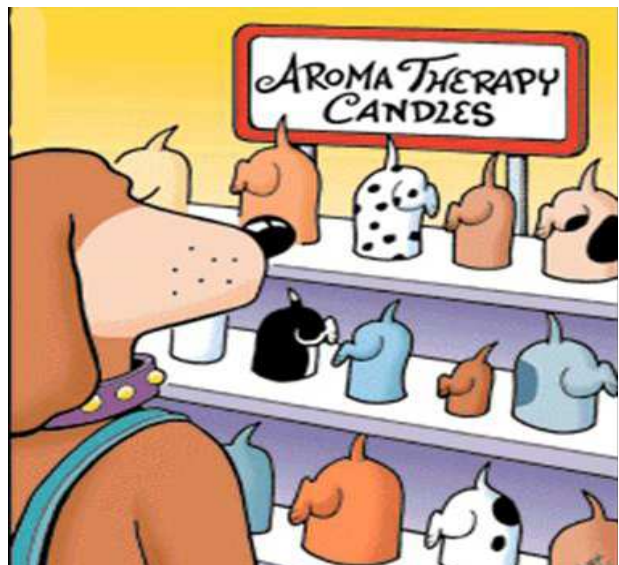
See you all at the meeting:

.....William L. Pennington



Thanks to Kerry Hodgkinson 11-29-2005

OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES, AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS



Hope this new year of 2012 brings you good health, Good fortune and more friends.

Bring 'em to the next meeting!