Metro Area Personal Computer Club

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



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Got Your Auction Items?

Have you collected any items yet for the September Auction? Now is the time to begin so we have a nice variety of items to offer.

I found by stopping by local yard/garage sales, one can pick-up some pretty fair priced items that are good for our auction. We ran into an all metal table-top electric slicer for only \$5.00. Tammy will be donating that as one of her contributions. I found three or four small cabinets with multiple drawers for storing small objects in. Lots of handy items can be discovered that may work well for the auction. Check 'em out.

Drop an email to me listing any items you may be offering and I'll share it with our members. Either they, or some of their friends they're inviting could be interested in what you have.

Don't be bashful about asking various businesses to make a Electronics designed a malware called contribution. Either items from them, or Gift Cards are always popular at the auction. It takes a little work and dedication, but if we want a successful and lively auction this year, we all have to do what we can to make it so.

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Looking forward to seeing what you'll be contributing.

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'Chameleon' Malware Spreads Like Common

Cold: Researchers Develop Computer Virus That Infects Wi-Fi Access Points

By Ryan W. Neal@ryanWneal

Traditional malware require a user action -- like downloading a malicious file or clicking an infected link -- before it can infect a computer, but a study at the University of Liverpool developed a malware that can spread through computers like an organic airborne virus spreads through humans.

The researchers at the university's School of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and Electronics designed a malware called "Chameleon" that infects computers by exploiting the access points that homes and businesses use to connect to Wi-Fi networks. The Chameleon malware can also identify security weaknesses in Wi-Fi networks to quickly spread between homes and businesses.



A new malware spreads around computers like a common cold spreads through humans. Once the Chameleon malware attacked an access point, it collected and reported the credentials of all other Wi-Fi users connected to it. The Chameleon malware then searches for other Wi-Fi access points on the network to infect.

Densely populated areas have more access points in close proximity, meaning that just like an organic virus, the Chameleon malware can spread much faster in a city.

"It was assumed ... that it wasn't possible to develop a virus that could attack Wi-Fi networks, but we demonstrated that this is possible and that it can spread quickly," Alan Marshall, a professor of network security at the University of Liverpool, said. "We are now able to use the data generated from this study to develop a new technique to identify when an attack is likely."

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Minutes of July 15th Meeting

Submitted by Secretary, Lynn Fehr

President, Joe Cavallaro called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. at Godfather's Pizza on West Broadway.

The June Minutes were read by Joe, followed by the Treasury report by Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr. Both accepted as read by the 11 members present.

Free Pizza Drawing

Dee Hindman drew the winning name for the free pizza. Dee Hindman was the winner. Dee was presented with a \$10.00 check, since Godfather's still didn't have their system arranged to offer or accept gift certificates. Joe spoke to their District Manager and he assured us that by our next meeting, things would be corrected and working. **We made history tonight!** At the past three consecutive meetings, each drawing was won by the person who drew the winning ticket from the container. (As a result of this, we had several volunteers from members wanting to be the one who draws the winning ticket at the August meeting!)

\$100.00 Drawing

The remaining three \$5.00 tickets for the one hundred dollar drawing were sold at this meeting, so we proceeded to hold the drawing at this time. Mary Alice Fehr was the lucky winner, splitting 50/50 with our treasury - \$50.00each. Congratulations Mary Alice! A new one hundred dollar drawing was started and five tickets were sold.

Summer Picnic and Action Auction

Joe announced that we have acquired #5 Shelter at Lake Manawa for Sunday, September 21st. The activities will be from 1-5 P.M. with a Pot Luck dinner before the Auction. Joe read a list of items he will be offering toward the auction and Kevin Holloway donated four-Ten Dollar gift certificates for Barley's on Broadway in Co. Bluffs. Good start, now let's keep adding to the list.

Joe 3rd severely injured his back shortly before the meeting, and was unable to attend to offer the demo. He was still at Mercy Hospital Emergency at this time. David Ladd kindly volunteered to pinch-hit for Joe, showing attributes of Thunderbird Email program and explained how to obtain a Web Email address via Google, (G-mail). Good demo, thanks David.

August Demo

No volunteers for the August demo at the time of the meeting.

Stick-Around Drawing

David Ladd did the drawing for the stick-around drawing and the lucky winner was Lem McIntosh, who split \$12.00 with our treasury, \$6.00 each.

Meeting Adjourned

With no further business to conduct, Joe adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

'Chameleon' Malware (con't)

The researchers explained that because <u>people often don't protect their Wi-Fi connections</u> with a strong password and encryption, they are increasingly open to an attack by hackers. Chameleon wasn't able to infect access points that were sufficiently protected, but it was able to move on to others that are more open, such as free Wi-Fi networks in coffee shops.

The Chameleon malware was created by the lab for a demonstration only and has not been found in the wild yet, but it's likely just a matter of time before nefarious hackers use the research for criminal purposes.

For complete article see: http://www.ibtimes.com/chameleon-malware-spreads-common-cold-researchers-develop-

computer-virus-infects-wi-fi-access-points

Will you be adding to this list?

These are items we have so far to offer at our Sept. Auction:

Brand NEW Bathroom Scale (\$39.00)

Matching felt art hanging pictures

FOUR Golden Corral Meals

\$25.00 Gift Certificate for Super Saver

3—Three-packs PaperMate 3 color Pens \$6.50 ea.

FOUR \$10.00 certificates for Barley's on Broadway

All Metal Electric Slicer (Like New)

FOUR Multi-Drawer small Cabinets

If you would like your items added to this list, send email to:

jcavallaro@cox.net and I'll be happy to add them.



Pot Luck Dinners are always inviting and Easy!

Our members have decided to support the 'Pot Luck' method for our meal at the Sept. 21st Summer Picnic and Auction. We've always wound-up with a delicious variety of food at past picnics with this method. I realize it's a little early, but we might want to be considering what goodies each of us will bring. Mary & I are considering several possibilities, like maybe ham or meat balls in Marinara sauce. Mmm, I'm making myself hungry by just thinking about such foods. What might YOU be bringing?





Impossibilities and things I know about you

IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can't count your hair.
- 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
- 3) You can't breathe when your tongue is out.

Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU

- 1) You are reading this.
 - 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
 - 4) You just attempted to do it.
 - 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
 - 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.
 - 10) You are probably going to share this to see who else falls for it.

You have received this because I didn't want to be alone in the idiot category.

Have a great Day. Laugh, and then Laugh and sing "It's a Beautiful Morning", even when it's not.

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many