

# Metro Area Personal Computer Club

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



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Club Motto: "Pass It On"

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## Picnic Time is Near

(give it some thought)

It won't be long 'till we will be enjoying our 33rd "Summer Picnic". Now is



the time to be making plans as for activities we should include. Also the foods you would like. Fried Chicken has always been a popular favorite and it's recently been supplied by the Club. Of course, it's all the great variety brought by our members 'pot luck' that compliments the food & drinks the Club will provide.

Please be considering your contribution now, so when our A-Team Mom asks what you will be bringing, we can compile a list of what foods we'll have and/or what still may be needed? Let's not wait 'till the last minute, ok? Picnic time is fast approaching. Let's make it a fun and well-planned activity. We need your input. ...Joe



## Why is Facebook BLUE?

Because Mark Zuckerberg is color-blind and sees blue best.

## MEMRISTOR

The Next Big thing? The [memristor](#), a microscopic component that can "remember" electrical states even when turned off. It's expected to be far cheaper and faster than flash storage. A theoretical concept since 1971, it has now been built in labs and is already starting to revolutionize everything we know about computing, possibly making flash memory, RAM, and even hard drives obsolete within a decade.  
READ MORE: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/152683/tech-events-dupe/tech.html>

## Burning Photos to Disk in Windows 10

Excellent short video showing how to burn Photos (or other data) to a CD or DVD, without the need of any special software. Recorded by a clearly (UK) English speaking fellow, short and to the point.

Check it out: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVWJt\\_vLzAA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVWJt_vLzAA)

## U.S.'s Computer Not Fastest in the World

The United States has many powerful supercomputers, but since 2013 none of them have been the fastest in the world. As of 2016, the United States also doesn't have the second-fastest supercomputer in the world. And as of today, the U.S. doesn't even have the third-fastest supercomputer in the world. That honor [now belongs to Switzerland](#). (Read more: <http://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/a26990/americas-fastest-supercomputer-only-third/>)

## Note of Interest

If you ship a package with UPS during certain dates in November and December, you will pay \$0.27 more per package for regular delivery and almost \$0.97 more for overnight. They want to encourage people to ship before crunch time.

# MINUTES OF JUNE 20th MEETING

President, Joe Cavallaro opened the June meeting at Apple Barrel restaurant at 7 P.M. followed by the first drawing for \$10.00. Kevin Rutland was the lucky winner. Lynn & Mary Alice's granddaughter, 'Lainie Rich' did the drawing. Visitor Lainey even brought her own computer to the meeting. (Prospective Member?) Then her Grandfather, Lynn shared some humorous comments exchanged between Aviation Pilots and Maintenance men. **(Editor's Note:** "Thanks Lynn, they were funnier than my corny jokes":o)

## Minutes of Past Meeting

Joe read the Minutes from the May 16th meeting. Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr read the treasury report. Both accepted as read without comment.

## Hundred Dollar Drawing

It was pointed out that five, \$5.00 tickets still remain to be sold before we can hold the drawing which will be split 50/50 between winner and treasury.

## Comments and Problems

Roland Lynch mentioned an ongoing problem he's been troubled with since an 'apparent attempt' of his computer installing Windows 10 over Windows XP. Solution suggested: Wipe XP and install more current OS.

In an attempt to salvage data from a severely damaged computer, Bruce removed the hard drive hoping to be able to help our VP's friend Ashley, recover her data.

Joe once again announced our coming events: **Summer Picnic = August 19th and Christmas Party = December 9th.**

## No More Trivia

Joe also announced that Trivia Master, Fred Veleba has discontinued the "Trivia Contest", due to lack of interest by members. Thanks Fred, for your effort in spite of it not catching-on. Some members mentioned the trivia was too difficult to solve, even with the use of Google.

## Tonight's Demo

After a ten-minute break, David Ladd presented the demo, doing a very thorough job of demonstrating how he used software to design a circuit board. Very clear and concise demo David, nicely done!

## July Demo

William Pennington will offer the demo during the July meeting, showing us the software and his method of "Editing Sermons".

## "Stick-Around" Drawing

Once again we took advantage of 'magic fingers', little Laini who obligingly drew GRANDMA Mary Alice's name out, yielding \$5.00 for each, Mary Alice and our Treasury. This gained Lanie an extra good HUG from Grandma, and a one-dollar bonus for being such a good helper!

*Meeting adjourned about 8:40 P.M. Minutes recorded by Sec. Lynn Fehr, June 20th, 2017*

# Fastest Mobile Network

## PC Magazine Tests

Verizon Wireless remains America's fastest mobile network by a nose in our closest Fastest Mobile Networks race ever. In our, (PC's) tests across the US, Verizon offered the most reliable and consistent high-speed network overall, but split individual wins for 36 cities and rural regions three ways with AT&T and T-Mobile—the first time we've seen that kind of an even divide.

It's clear that all three carriers are pushing hard to improve their networks. Depending on where you live, they're all great choices. While Verizon is the fastest mobile network overall, AT&T has the fastest average download speeds in the nation, and T-Mobile can cost less than Verizon while offering very close to the same performance.

For our eighth annual test, we spent most of May driving within and between 30 cities, with [Samsung Galaxy S8 phones](#) continually running speed tests based on a customized version of Ookla's Speedtest.net software. (Note: Ookla is owned by Ziff Davis, PCMag.com's parent company.) We collected more than 124,000 data points, and then balanced downloads, uploads, latency, and reliability to create our [Speed Score](#).

AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon all offer strong performance this year, but they don't each offer strong performance everywhere. For example, AT&T is weak in New York City but strong in Indianapolis, while T-Mobile is the other way around. So it's important to check our individual city pages if you're making a carrier choice

<https://www.pcmag.com/Fastest-Mobile-Networks>

## How to Secure Your Windows 10 PC With Dynamic Lock



If you're running Windows 10 Creators Update, you can use your smartphone to lock your [Windows 10](#) computer via a feature known as Dynamic Lock.

Let's say you forget to lock your Windows 10 PC. If you're in a public place or office, that means anyone can snoop on your computer until it goes into Lock mode on its own. To prevent that from happening, Dynamic Lock pairs your smartphone with your computer. When your PC detects that you've walked far enough away with your smartphone, it automatically locks your Windows 10 PC. Here's how to turn on Dynamic Lock.

Before we proceed, you'll need to make sure you're running the [Windows 10 Creators Update](#). To check, right-click on the Start button. If you see the Settings command in the pop-up menu, your PC is graced with the Creators Update. If you see the Control Panel command instead, you don't yet have Creators Update, so you'll want to upgrade, which you can do through Windows Update from the Update & security screen under Settings.

## Turn On Bluetooth

Since Dynamic Lock uses Bluetooth to communicate between your PC and your phone, you'll need to make sure Bluetooth technology is baked into and enabled on your PC and that your phone's Bluetooth connection is turned on as well. In Windows 10, click on the Start button > Settings > Devices > Bluetooth & other devices. Confirm that Bluetooth is turned on.

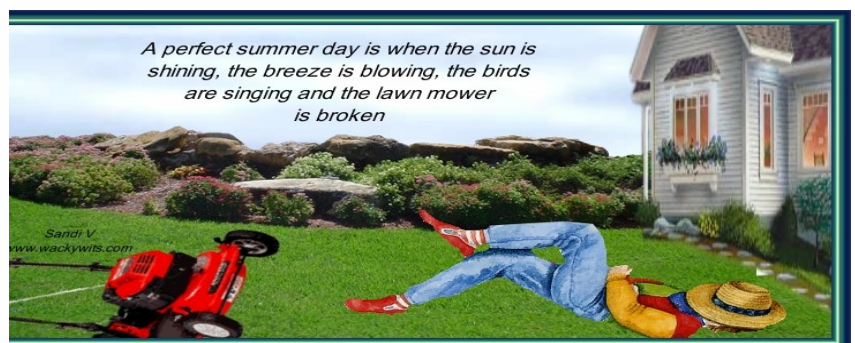
On your iPhone, tap on Settings > Bluetooth and toggle it on or swipe up from the bottom and tap the Bluetooth icon within Control Center.

On a typical Android device, swipe down from the top of the screen for quick settings, and turn on Bluetooth if it's not already enabled.

**For More info see:** <https://www.pcmag.com/news/354417/how-to-secure-your-windows-10-pc-with-dynamic-lock>



Okay, Ralph .... let me 'splain it you again. You're big, I'm little; BUT!!! you're dog, I'm cat ..... that makes me the boss. Got it ??



*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken*

Sandi V.  
[www.wackywis.com](http://www.wackywis.com)

# **M.A.P.C.C.**

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## **Meetings:**

**3rd Tuesday each month 7 p.m. at Apple Barrel, So. 24<sup>th</sup> St. Co. Bluffs, IA**

## **Elected Officers:**

President: Joe Cavallaro

Vice President: Joe Cavallaro 3rd

Secretary: Lynn Fehr

Treasurer: Mary Alice Fehr

## **Appointed Officers:**

Librarian: Lem McIntosh

Newsletter Editor: Joe Cavallaro

## **Annual Membership Dues:**

Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$20.00

## **Club Motto:**

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