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"



NEW MEETING LOCATION? POSSIBLY....(see pg. 3)



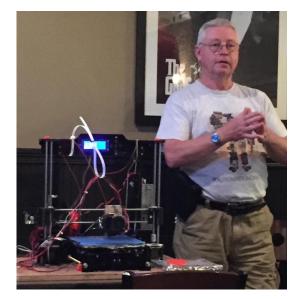
Trivia Questions

- 1 What is the fleshy main part of the ear called by an audiologist?
- 2 Promising a larger payoff than a Trifecta, what specific wager allows you to pick the top four finishers in a horse race?
- 3 Meaning fewer bucks for brokers, what do the letters FSBO mean in the Real Estate market?
- 4 Describing an annoying virtuous character that dates back to the 18th century, what is the character that has but one shoe?
- 5 What does HTTP stand for when you type in a browser?

Kevin offers 3-D Demonstration

Kevin Rutland offered the Demo at the April meeting, showing some of the possibilities that exist using his 3-D Printer. Kevin actually had the printer operating while he explained many interesting facts about the process, and by the end of the demo had a small part recreated that could replace an existing part of a drone. (He is also involved in the local Flight Club that meets monthly in Co. Bluffs).

Kevin showed and explained some of the software that can be utilized in conjunction with his printer. He is one of our newer members and has jumped-in with both feet, supporting the club and its' activities. We need several more 'Kevins' in our midst!





Fred Veleba

Minutes of April 18th Meeting

President, Joe Cavallaro opened meeting at 7 P.M. at Godfather's Pizza, in Co. Bluffs, Ia.

First Drawing

The drawing for the \$10.00 gift was held and the winner was our Secretary, Lynn Fehr. Lynn noted, "Finally, someone besides Joe 3rd won the drawing.... ME!"

Minutes & Treasury Report

Secretary, Lynn Fehr read the minutes of the past meeting, followed by Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr reading the latest treasury report. Both approved and accepted as read. Joe suggested that the club purchase necessary inks for the Treasurer's personal printer, since she uses it so often for club tasks.

Nomination Time

April is Nomination month. Joe 3rd was nominated for President, but refused. Same slate of officers will continue for the coming year.

\$100.00 Drawing & More Club Shirts

It was noted we had only 7 tickets left to sell before we could hold the drawing. One more ticket was then sold leaving six unsold. **SHIRTS:** Joe was to order 12 more Club Shirts (8 spoken for)

Sold 3-D Helmet

We auctioned-off the 3-D helmet the club purchased several months ago. Beginning bid was .25 which then slowly climbed to winning bid of \$10.00 by Kevin Rutland. A good buy Kevin!

Changing Meeting Location?

David Ladd made a motion that we hold our meetings at Apple Barrel at Sapp Bros. on So. 24th st. in Co. Bluffs. After further discussion, Joe suggested he and V.P. Joe 3rd pay the Manager,(Carie) a visit and discuss our possibilities. We will meet at Apple Barrel for the May meeting and then the members will decide on making the move permanent.

Demo

Kevin Rutland offered a demonstration describing his 3-D printer. He did some actual 'printing' during the demo. Excellent job Kevin and a very interesting demo.

May Demo

David Ladd will discuss his attendance of the 2017 CocoFest, held in Chicago. We will also spend some time on the contents of the club's website, for the benefit of our newer members and as a refresher course for all members.

Stick-Around Drawing

Looks like Lynn Fehr is now on a roll, since he won the Stick-Around drawing tonight too! Lynn split \$12.00 with our treasury - \$6.00 each.

Meeting closed at 8:40 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lynn Fehr

Oh Godfather's, wherefore art thou?

No, Godfather's is not literally missing, but we might wonder, 'where is the old, welcoming business that used to occupy 30th & Broadway in Council Bluffs?'

I have personally been associated with our Club and its' connection to Godfather's Pizza place since 1985. At that time, we were on very friendly terms with the manager of the franchised business, Mike Gotchalk.

Back then, smoking was allowed inside and we had an senior member who enjoyed a good, but **very aromatic** cigar, and there were also a few other smokers... but in the party room, during meetings? This bothered some of the non-smokers. I spoke to Manager Mike, and he obligingly had an exhaust fan installed by our next meeting. So much for Howard's 'fragrant' cigar smoke! **Thanks Mike!**

Later, we decided it would be nice to have a screen to project our Demo's on. I built a pull-down screen and Mike allowed us to install it in the party room. **Thanks Mike!**

Eventually we wished we could have Internet available for our meetings. Mike allowed Bruce and I to come on a Saturday and literally tear the ceiling tile out across the entire building from his office to the party room, in order to install the necessary wiring... a cable from Mike's office router, all the way diagonally across the building (above the ceiling tiles), then through the wall into the party room, where we installed a 'plug' so we could enjoy Internet accessibility. (Obviously before wireless). **Thanks again Mike!**

The list goes on and on, but I won't! Suffice to say, the 'old' Godfather's (franchised) arrangement suited our Club's needs much better than the present **Corporate** run business. Things have deteriorated drastically since corporate took over, including even the physical structure of the building! The current employees seem to be interested only in is how quickly we can vacate the party room so they can close early and go home. "Managers" change almost monthly so it's difficult knowing even who's in charge! As promised, I won't go on further.... *(but I could fill much more than this page!)*

ENTER—Trial of the NEW LOCATION

Over the past year or so we've often discussed the need for relocating our meetings into a more friendly, welcoming environment, and we've considered and discussed several locations.

This explains the current plan for our next meeting to 'test-run' a new meeting place: **Apple Barrel, located at Sapp Bros. Truck Stop on south 24th street, in Co. Bluffs.** The perfect answer? Possibly not, but you, our members will make the decision after holding our <u>next meeting at the **Apple Barrel on the 16th of May**</u>.

Our VicePres, Joe3rd and I paid the Apple Barrel manager Carrie a visit the day following our last meeting. We were greeted with exceptional friendliness and shown the meeting room and its' facilities including an overhead projector, auto pull-down screen, INTERNET, and Carrie explained we could move the tables in any arrangement we preferred. All this at no charge?

Well, there is just one request and that is that those using their party room patronize their restaurant while there. Since the majority of usually enjoy pizza at Godfather's, this may not be a problem but only fair to pass this news on to our members. The choice is ours... remain 'as is' at Godfather's or 'move on'. You will decide after May 16th. (I have to add that we enjoyed breakfast there and I devoured one of the most delicious, huge, airy waffles, topped with strawberries and surrounded by mountains of whipped cream, that I've ever experienced!)

The above is based on my personal experiences over the years and solely my opinions. I suggest YOU take part in this important decision by attending the **May 16th meeting at Apple Barrel**, having a snack and casting YOUR vote to decide our future. Your Pres., Joe

M.A.P.C.C.

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday each month 7 p.m. at Co. Bluffs Godfather's Pizza, 30th Broadway

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

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