Metro Area Personal Computer Club





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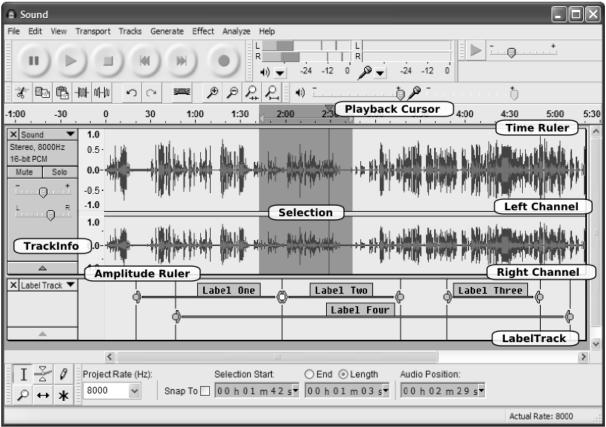
Do you have the audacity to use Audacity?

(primary source: <u>WikiPedia.org</u>) **Audacity** is a <u>free and open-source digital audio editor</u> and recording <u>application software</u>, available for <u>Windows</u>, <u>macOS/OS X</u> and <u>Unix-like</u> operating systems. Which means you can install it and use it for the incredibly low low price of just \$0.00 today! The Audacity application was first released in May of 2000 and is now at version 2.2.2.

My hope is that somebody can give us a demonstration at one of our monthly club meetings.

Features and usage:

In addition to recording audio from multiple sources, Audacity can be used for post-processing of all types of audio, including <u>podcasts</u> by adding effects such as normalization, trimming, and fading in and



out. Audacity has also been used to record and mix entire albums, such as by <u>Tune-Yards</u>. It is also currently used in the UK <u>OCR</u> National Level 2 <u>ICT</u> course for the sound creation unit.

(Audacity Continued...)

Audacity's features include:

- Four user-selectable themes enable the user to choose their preferred look&feel for the application (version 2.2.0 and later)
 - Four user-selectable colorways for waveform display in audio tracks (version 2.2.1 and later)
- Recording and playing back sounds
 - Scrubbing (Version 2.1.1 and later)
 - Timer Record enables the user to schedule when a recording begins and ends to make an unattended recording.
 - MIDI playback is available (from version 2.2.0 onwards)
- Editing
 - via <u>cut, copy, and paste</u>, with unlimited levels of <u>undo</u>
 - Features of modern multitrack audio software including navigation controls, zoom and single track edit, project pane and XY project navigation, non-destructive and destructive effect processing, audio file manipulation (cut, copy, paste)
 - Amplitude envelope editing
 - Precise adjustments to the audio speed (<u>tempo</u>) while maintaining pitch in order to synchronize it with video or run for a predetermined length of time
 - Conversion of cassette tapes or records into digital tracks by splitting the audio source into multiple tracks based on silences in the source material

Multitrack mixing

• Support for multi-channel modes with sampling rates up to 96 kHz with 32 bits per sample

Audio <u>spectrum analysis</u> using the <u>Fourier transform</u> algorithm

Importing and exporting of <u>WAV</u>, <u>AIFF</u>, <u>MP3</u> (via the <u>LAME</u> encoder, downloaded separately), <u>Ogg Vorbis</u>, and all <u>file formats</u> supported by <u>libsndfile</u> library. Versions 1.3.2 and later supported <u>Free Lossless Audio Codec</u> (FLAC). Version 1.3.6 and later also supported additional formats such as <u>WMA</u>, <u>AAC</u>, <u>AMR</u> and <u>AC3</u> via the optional <u>FFmpeg</u> library.

Detection of dropout errors while recording with an overburdened CPU

A full downloadable Manual

Limitations:

Audacity does not natively import or export WMA, AAC, AC3 or most other proprietary or restricted file formats; rather, an optional FFmpeg library is required.

Presidents Corner

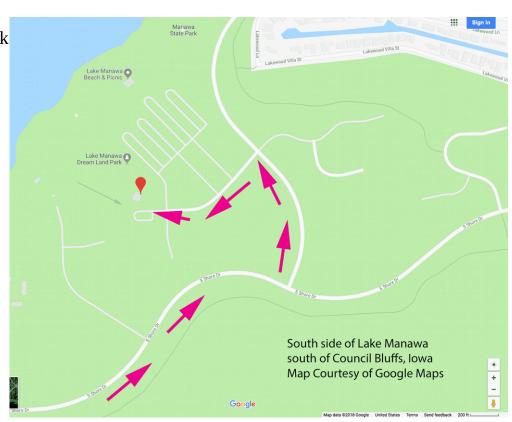
Hello everyone,

Just a quick reminder that the club picnic is on August 19th, 2018 at:

Lake Manawa State Park 1100 S Shore Dr Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Shelter #6

Geo Coordinates for GPS or Google Maps: 41°11'55.1"N 95°51'30.7"W



Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/Qv35rPQfN7p

The next club meeting date is July 17th, 2018 at:
Apple Barrel (at Sapp Bros.)
2608 S. 24th St.
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Minutes of June 19, 2018 Meeting

President David Ladd called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at Apple Barrel Restaurant in Council Bluffs, IA with 9 members present.

First Drawing

Joe Cavallaro III won the initial drawing for the \$10.00 gift!

Minutes and Treasury Report

Secretary Lynn Fehr read the minutes of May 15th, 2018 meeting. Members approved the minutes as read. Mary Alice Fehr was absent so Secretary Lynn Fehr gave the report. Members approved the Treasury report as read.

New Business

It was decided and voted on to have the Christmas Party on December 2nd, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at New Horizon Presbyterian Church, 30 Valley View Drive in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

After a discussion about the summer family picnic, a motion was made by Joe Cavallaro II to have the 2019 picnic on Saturday, August 17, 2019 using shelter #6 at Lake Manawa State Park. The motion was approved.

Demo

No Demo was given for this month, so instead, we had a healthy sharing of things we'd like to see.

Stick-Around Drawing

The stick around drawing was won by Joe Cavallaro III and was present. He won \$6.00 in cash.

Adjourned

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Lynn Fehr 6/19/2018

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Established 1982

The Metro Area Personal Computer Club Newsletter is published monthly and posted on the club website: http://www.mapcc.com

Meetings:

3rd Tuesday each month 7 p.m.

Apple Barrel (party room) 2608 S. 24th St. Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Elected Officers:

President: David Ladd

Vice President: Kevin Halloway

Secretary: Lynn Fehr

Treasurer: Mary Alice Fehr

Appointed Officers:

Newsletter Editor: Bruce

Annual Membership Dues:

Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$20.00

Club Motto:

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