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TUESDAY JAN 9

Main Meeting

7:30 PM

“Screen Shots and More with SnagIt by TechSmith” by Rick Schummer of SHCC

This month the main club meeting is on the SECOND TUESDAY in January. The college is closed on January 2.

The President's Pen

by Don VanSyckel



This month's meeting will be on the SECOND Tuesday in January.

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a good holiday season. 2006 was a long hard year for me and I'm glad it's over. 2007 should be a bit better.

There are lots of really cool technical goodies out there this year. Did some of them wind up under your tree? I hope so. We saw some very exciting products in November from CompUSA. There were no new computer items under my tree though. That's OK, I don't have anything new that I need to do so I guess it's business as usual.

2006 was the first full year we are meeting at Macomb Community College (MCC) South Campus. The room has been good but the parking is a bit of an issue. There are not enough handicapped spaces and enforcement has also been lacking. The MCC Center Campus facilities are done but the price is out of our reach, so we'll be where we are for the foreseeable future.

We have a vice president this year. That's a good thing. SHCC gets many things done by sharing the load and having one of the officers missing isn't

good. Along this line, if you have any ideas for improvements or for meeting topics, send an email.

Last month Mary Lou Metzger from Sterling Heights Public Library presented "How to Sell on eBay". It was very interesting and timely if you were selling off stuff to make room for Christmas presents. Otherwise, you might want to try some of those techniques now a make your place a little less crowded.

This month the college decided to keep the buildings closed for an extra day through the 2nd, which is our normal meeting day, of the first Tuesday. The meeting will be January 9th, the second Tuesday so mark your calendars.

SHCC member Rick Schummer will present in January. Rick will do "Screen Shots and More with SnagIt by TechSmith". There's always a need to do a few screen shots, make some notes for yourself how to do something, send some help to a friend, document something for technical support, and the list goes on. Don't miss this informative and helpful presentation on a topic you're sure to find useful.

See you there.



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Guests and visitors are welcome. People can attend any SHCC meetings during two consecutive months before deciding to become a member or not. Meetings include the main meeting and SIGs. July and August don't count since there is no main meeting. Membership includes admission to all SHCC functions and the newsletter. Membership is open to anyone. It is not limited to the residents of Sterling Heights.

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Net/Com	Computers communicating with other computers
PC	Intermediate users discuss various topics
Novice	Those starting out

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Four Month Meeting Schedule:

JANUARY 2007

9 -SHCC- "Screen Shots and More with SnagIt by TechSmith" by Rick Schummer of SHCC
 3 -COMP meeting
 8 - Net/Comm SIG
 14 - SEMCO meeting
 22 - Novice SIG
 24 - PC SIG

MARCH 2007

6 - SHCC- "Email Clients, What You Need to Know and Don't" by Don VanSyckel of SHCC
 7 - COMP meeting
 11 - SEMCO meeting
 12 - Net/Comm SIG
 19 - Novice SIG
 28 - PC SIG

FEBRUARY 2007

6 - SHCC- "Your Photos on the Web with Picasa Web Albums" by Jerry Hess of SHCC
 7 - COMP meeting
 11 - SEMCO meeting
 12 - Net/Comm SIG
 22 - Novice SIG
 3/1 - PC SIG

APRIL 2007

3 - SHCC- "Home networking, wireless access points, and all that stuff, part 3" by Don VanSyckel of SHCC
 4 -COMP meeting
 9 - Net/Comm SIG
 8 - SEMCO meeting
 16 - Novice SIG
 23 - PC SIG

Other Computer Clubs:

As a member of SHCC, you can attend meetings of other clubs where we have reciprocating membership agreements, at no charge.

Computer Club of Marysville and Port Huron (COMP)
 Time: 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM
 Place: Mackenzie Bldg, Room 201, St Clair Community College, Clara E McKenzie Library-Science Building, 323 Erie St.
 Port Huron, (810) 982-1187
 Web Page: http://www.bwcomp.org
 Reciprocating: Yes

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO)
 Time: 2nd Sunday at 1:30PM
 Place: ArvinMeritor Complex, 2135 W. Maple Road in Troy, across from Troy Motor Mall; 248-398-7560
 Web page: http://www.semco.org
 Reciprocating: Yes
The OPC (Older Persons Commission) Computer Club
 Time: Every Tuesday at 10:00
 Place: OPC in Rochester 248-656-1403.
 Web page: http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Village/1904/
 No cost for residents to join or attend meetings. \$150 fee for non-residents
 Reciprocating: No

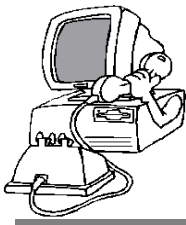
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SIG Meetings

Net/Comm SIG



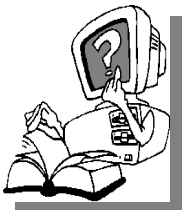
The next meeting of the Inter-net/Communi-cations (Net/Comm.) SIG will be Monday, January 8, 2007, starting at 7:00PM at the Macomb County Library. The SIG meeting days are generally the second Monday of the month.

Each month the members of the Net/Comm SIG discusses topics to help members of the SHCC learn more about the Internet.

For more information about the SIG, call or e-mail Betty MacKenzie (phone number is on page 2), or check the club web site.



Novice SIG

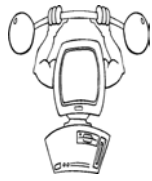


The next meet-ing of the Novice SIG will be Monday, January 22, 2007, starting at 7:00 PM at the Macomb County Library.

We are using WinXP as the version of Windows to focus on. Since we are dealing with novice topics, virtually all of the information is directly usable by whose using other versions of Win-dows, Win98, WinME, and Win2000. For more information about the SIG, call or e-mail Don VanSyckel (phone number is on page 2), or check the club web site.



PC SIG



The next meeting of the PC SIG will be on Wednes-day, January 24, 2007, starting at 7:00PM at the Macomb County Library. The SIG meeting is generally the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Intermediate level topics are discussed, aimed at users with some knowledge of computers. Questions and answers re-garding your computer will be discussed as always.

For more information about the SIG, call or e-mail Jack Vander-Shrier (phone number is on page 2), or check the club web site.



Attend A SIG

If you do not attend SIG meetings, you are missing out on important club benefits available to you. These small groups get into more detail and question and answer sessions than is possible at the main meeting.



Resource Person Coordinator

The club is looking for a "Resource person Coordina-tor". There is a list of people to call for help on various topic (see page 2). This coordinator position involves looking for people to fill in call sup-port positions that become vacant. If you are interested in doing this func-tion, or have questions about the posi-tion, talk to Don VanSyckel.



Club Record Changes

To update your e-mail address, phone number, etc., please e-mail the club secretary at: Sec-etary@SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org. Using this address will provide the smoothest and quickest venue for any changes.



Advertising Space in the WYSIWYG

Pages, or fractions of pages are available for commercial adver-tisement for a reasonable adver-tising fee. If interested in details, con-tact the WYSIWYG publisher at the address shown on page 2.



Directions To The Macomb Library

The Macomb County Library is located at 16480 Hall Road, in Clinton Township, between Hayes and Garfield, close to the light at Garfield, on the south side of Hall Road. A large red sign says "Macomb County Library". The phone number is (586) 286-6660.



SHCC Emergency Shutdown

If a club meeting is canceled an email will be sent to members by an officer or the coordinator if a SIG meeting at least an hour before the scheduled start of the meeting. If you have an issue with your email call one of the officers of the coordinator of the SIG. Don't call too early, the decision might not be finalized yet. All members are encouraged to keep the club up to date with their email address.



SHCC Business

“Ask The Experts”

by Jack Vander-Schrier



Please send questions to “Ask the Experts” at the club’s PO address, or e-mail your question directly to the Expert at the club e-mail address: AskTheExpert@SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org.

Q: Dear Expert:

When I receive emails some of them go directly into the delete folder, I have checked various tabs to redirect them but can’t figure out where it is. Can you help.

Stuck on Delete

A: Dear Stuck:

At one time you set up a message rule that automatically sent items to the delete folder. In Outlook Express click on Tools, then on message rules, then on email. You will see the rules that the program follows. Go through each rule and make sure they are all correct. If you aren't sure, it is safe to delete them and start over. If you would like a tutorial on message rules, just go to www.jvanders.com click on tutorials and then click on item #18

Expert

Q: Dear Expert:

I would like to watch television or listen to radio stations in cities other than my own. Is there a place on the Internet where I can do this?

Addicted to TV

A: Dear Addicted:

There are many sites on the Internet to watch television or listen to radio stations. I would suggest going to <http://www.wwitv.com/>. Here you will find 1618 TV stations from around the world. Remember that these stations will probably be in the language of that country, so unless you understand that language you can only watch the video.

For radio stations go to <http://www.radio-locator.com/>. Here you will find over 10000 radio stations.

Enjoy your search

Expert

Q: Dear Expert

I am on AOL and most of my friends have Outlook Express. Is there a way I can stay on AOL and send out messages using Outlook Express?

AOL Lover

A: Dear Lover:

AOL uses a proprietary email system so you can’t read your AOL mail through Outlook Express. However you can open up another email account at www.gmail.com or www.hotmail.com and then use Outlook Express to read that mail. That way you will have best of both worlds. Use your AOL mail to send mail to fellow AOL users, and use Outlook Express for your Outlook Express friends.

Expert

Door Prizes

The SHCC offers door prizes at most regularly scheduled club meetings. The door prizes for the January meeting were not known at the time of publication. In December, the coveted winner’s circle included:

Russ Canary won a Photo Suite III disk

Bill Cleland won a MS Greetings disk

Ron Frederick won a Picture It! Disk

Jerry Hess won a Laser Mouse

Bruce Honeck won a HP inkjet cartridge

Dave Makarewicz won a Key Color Clip Art disk

Ralph Osinski won a Driving disk

Carole Polus won a Kodak Picture Page disk

Jim Waldrop won an Optical Mouse



More Door Prizes

Have software you no longer use? It could make a good door prize for a fellow member. It would also give that member another good reason for being glad to have been at the club meeting. Contact one of the officers, or just bring it.



A Ride In From The Parking Lot

For those that have a problem with the walk from the parking lot into our new meeting location for our monthly club meeting, Jerry Hess will operate a "shuttle service" from the parking lot to the front door. To do this, Jerry will need to be notified before noon of the meeting day, that you will be there and need a ride. He can be contacted by email at jhess@comcast.net or by phone at 586-566-6166. He drives a black Chrysler van and will be at the parking lot around 7 pm. You will need to arrange with him how you both will make contact in the parking lot.



Member Classified Ads

Send any classifieds to the WYSIWYG Publisher at the club's PO Box, or to his e-mail address posted on page 2 of the newsletter.

Ads are available to SHCC members and are limited to computer related items for non-commercial purposes. There is no charge for members classified ads.



World Wide Web Column on the Club Web Site

Check out the Improved section on the web site. You can see past web sites reviewed in the column on our club web page. They are arranged into various topics to help locate a specific site.



Last Month Meeting

"How to Sell on eBay" was presented by Mary Lou Metzger from Sterling Heights Public Library. Members found out many interesting tips and tricks about eBay which will be handy to use.



Smart Computing Reminder

If anyone subscribes or renews Smart Computing Magazine or associated magazines, they should mention SHCC so the club gets credit. We will get free subscriptions to give away if people do this.



Are you A Zombie? How About Your Computer?

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There are literally hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of "zombie computers" out there. Is your computer one of them?

Creating zombies out of computers used by you and me has become a major tool used by computer hackers, unscrupulous marketers, and other malicious evil-doers. A computer becomes a zombie when it performs tasks as instructed by someone other than the computer owner. The instructions given to the zombie usually involve distributing information to other computers, which the zombie computer does without notifying its owner. In every spare moment, a zombie computer sends out data, most of which is spam that tries to get someone to purchase something.

- The computer seems sluggish.
- The computer seems to be accessing the hard drive constantly.
- The mouse or keyboard becomes unresponsive.
- Excessive "bounce" notifications from people you never knowingly tried to e-mail.

These warning signs may also be symptoms of other computer problems, but if you see any of them you should investigate. For more information on zombie computers and spam, check out the Federal Trade Commission's Operation Spam Zombies website at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/spam/zombie/index.htm>.

Protect Your Computer from becoming a Zombie

- Install a good antivirus program and update it regularly.

Watch for "Zombie Computer" Warning Signs

- Install a good **two-way firewall**. It will notify you when information is being sent from your computer. Unfortunately the WindowsXP firewall is not adequate for this purpose—it is “one way” only.
- **Update your operating system** and other software regularly.
- Use an **anti-spyware program** to eliminate spyware on your system.
- **Check your antivirus and firewall** software occasionally to make sure they are running properly—often one of the first instructions given to a zombie computer is to disable the antivirus and firewall software.
- **Don't open unknown/unexpected e-mail attachments!**
- **Use caution when downloading software**—buy from reputable companies, and be sure to read every screen as you download and install any software.

NOVICE CORNER

So, you've decided to download a program from the Internet. Are you sure that you really need it? OK, if you can't live without it, are all of your security programs active and updated? If so, click on “download” and cross your fingers.

An Internet download usually comes with a “prompt” from your browser—you'll be asked whether to “Run” (or “Open”) or to “Save” the file. What should you do? Here's the difference:

- If you select “Run”, the download file will go to your “Temporary Internet Files” folder. Then it will run or open automatically.
- If you select “Save”, you have to choose where the file will be stored on your hard drive (creating a “Downloads” folder on your C-drive might be a good idea at this point). The file will sit in this file until you decide to open it yourself.

So “Run” is convenient, but “Save” gives you more control and it's generally safer. Once the file is saved, you can run a virus scan on it and examine the file. On the other hand, you shouldn't be downloading something of which you are unsure. Downloads from companies you know—for instance, **Microsoft, Adobe or Apple**—are always OK.

Even if you do choose “Run”, you may still have the option to do some checking. **Internet Explorer** often lets you view digital signatures from the download prompt. After you click “Run”, a digital certificate message will pop up. You can click on the name listed under “Publisher” for more information. Under “Digital Signature Information”, it should say, “This digital signature is OK”. Otherwise, the file is high risk.

Another option you might see is a checkbox labeled something like “Always ask before opening this type of file”. Other browsers might use different phrasing such as “Always perform this action with this type of file”. The phrasing can be tricky—the two examples mentioned here have opposite effects. So be careful with options that include “always”, “never” or “automatically”. Select the setting that will alert you with *every* download. Good luck!

The Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member, brings this article to you.



Windows XP: Remote Assistance

*By Dick Maybach, Member of the Brookdale Computer User Group, New Jersey
<http://www.bcug.com/>*

With Remote Assistance a tutor can see a student's Windows desktop and operate his or her computer over the Internet.

Because of BCUG members' interest and experience with PCs, many of us are asked for help by friends and family. Often, those seeking help live across town or across the country, and it is inconvenient to visit them. Fortunately, Windows XP (both the Home and Pro version) provides a solution. Using its Remote Assistance feature, a tutor can see a student's Windows desktop and operate his or her computer over the Internet. This allows you to assist someone almost anywhere in the world. Remote Assistance supports an audio link and live file transfers. During the session, you can speak with the person you are helping, and exchange files between the two PCs as

easily as you can move them between directories.

To use Remote Assistance, both parties must be using Windows XP, either Home or Pro. The operation will be smoother if both have high-speed Internet access, but this is not required. Also, both parties should have microphones or combination microphone-earphone headsets, which are available inexpensively from many computer hardware dealers. Without this, you will have to juggle a telephone during the whole session or use text chat, both of which are inconvenient. Finally, Universal plug-and play must be enabled on your hardware router, if you have one. This appears to be the default for those used in homes, but if you are behind your company's, college's, or some other organization's firewall, you may not be able to use Remote Assistance. UPnP does entail a

small security risk, which many organizations won't tolerate.

It will also be helpful to use MSN Messenger to set up the session. Without this, you will have to use e-mail, which will slow down the dialog immensely. (As a bonus, Messenger will allow you to make free audio or video calls anywhere in the world.) Both the Messenger software and service are free. You can download the software from Microsoft. (The fastest way to find the correct download page is to do a Google search for "MSN Messenger". During the installation process, you will be led through the process of obtaining a Messenger account.)

XP enables Remote Assistance requests by default; however, check to be sure that this is so. The error message if it isn't is not helpful. (Right-click on My Computer, select Properties, select Remote, check Allow Remote Assistance invitations to be sent ..., select Advanced, check Allow this computer to be controlled ... While you are here, reduce the time that requests are active to something like four hours; the 30-day default is far too long.) Allowing Remote Assistance requests does add a small security risk; I recommend that you disable it when you aren't using it.

Use the following procedure to start a session. (It assumes you use MSN Messenger.)

- Both parties start MSN Messenger and sign in.
- The student requests assistance (Start » Help and Support » Invite a friend to connect to your computer with Remote Assistance » Invite some to help you » select the friend from the Messenger list » select Invite)
- The tutor accepts the request.

Both can now see the student's desktop, but only the student can control it; that is, the tutor's mouse and key-

board do not affect the student's desktop. For many problems, this is all that is needed.

Once the session has begun, you can control the interaction.

- If you are using a high-speed connection, tell the program so. (Click Settings and check High Quality Connection.)
- To start a voice conversation, click Start Talking. Again, one party requests and the other accepts the link. This, of course, requires a microphone or a headset at each PC. You can use instant messaging for conversations, but this is much slower than talking and can be confusing.
- The tutor can request control by clicking Take Control. If the student accepts, both now control

the student's desktop. This allows the tutor, for example, to demonstrate the correct procedures and to make changes in the student's configuration.

- Either party can send a file, by clicking Send a File.
- Hitting Esc allows either party to revoke control, kill the voice link, or stop the session.

Remote Assistance provides a very valuable tool that allows PC users to help each other without leaving their homes, but it hasn't received the recognition it deserves.

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Practice Good "Netiquette" - Be a Good "Netizen"

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<http://www.snopes.com>
[http://www.papercut.biz/
 emailStripper.htm](http://www.papercut.biz/emailStripper.htm)
<http://www.irfanview.com>

There are many unwritten etiquette rules that apply to internet usage. These etiquette rules are commonly referred to as "netiquette". Likewise, there are rules of being a good online citizen, often given the moniker "netizen". If more people practiced good netiquette, and were better netizens, we would likely have more online satisfaction, and improve our throughput while on the net.

Emails are a common source of irritation. While there is little that we as individuals can do to stop the torrent

of spam emails which typically come from unknown sources, we can ask our known email correspondents to practice good netiquette when sending us emails.

Despite repeated protestations from me, I still receive several hoaxes and urban legends daily, all sent by some well intentioned friends who desire to warn me about some potential pseudo-threat, or to solicit my assistance in forwarding emails for some sham charitable purpose or imaginary sick kid. According to the urban legend busting website, Snopes (www.snopes.com), no one is really putting leaflets on rear windows of cars at the mall parking lot, carjacking the car when the driver stops to remove the paper. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is not paying seven cents for each email forwarded

about some terminally ill child. For the thousandth time, Marshall Fields is not charging \$250 for its chocolate chip cookie recipe. A father did not really foil the attempted abduction of his son at a local movie rental store, despite the allegations in the widely circulated email. Hillary Clinton was not named after famed mountain climber Sir Edmund Hillary. The artificial sweetener aspartame was not originally developed as an ant poison. Entering your PIN number in reverse order at the ATM machine will not really summon the police. These and countless other emails, all typically containing wording that it is imperative to forward to everyone in your address book, are commonly circulated hoaxes and urban legends.

Good netiquette demands that the potential forwarder of these reports should check them out first by doing a search on any of the major urban legend websites, such as Snopes. Avoid the embarrassment of being connected with hoaxes by checking these things out before sending. By not forwarding hoaxes and urban legends you may also be contributing to public safety, as there are a handful of cases where the urban legend actually incited the act to occur. What might not be such good netiquette, is a practice I have been known to participate in, which is clicking the “reply to all” icon, and sending the sender and his victims the truth about the hoaxes, in a hope to put an end to one tentacle of this spreading mass of lies. Someone has to step in to halt this waste of bandwidth; conserving bandwidth by minimizing the hoaxes and urban legends being forwarded en-mass is good netizenship.

Since the topic of the moment includes forwarding emails, whether hoaxes and urban legends, or the often more common jokes or prayer requests, good netiquette demands proper behavior in email forwarding. It is a waste of bandwidth and space to receive an email that contains multiple

headers. This occurs when multiple senders forward the same email without editing out the headers. This results in an email that may be a spammer’s delight if received by a miscreant, in that it may contain hundreds of valid email addresses. It is also an irritant to have to scroll down pages of useless headers just to get to the message. If forwarding an email, strip off the useless headers by painting them (hold down left mouse button and drag over the useless headers, then “delete” or “cut”). Now if forwarded, just the body of the message will be sent. This is good netiquette.

Another common faux pas is the fact that many email programs add the “>” (greater-than) symbol to the first character of each line in a forwarded email. If this email is forwarded, and forwarded again several times, each line will begin with something like “>>>>>” which makes reading the now poorly formatted email difficult. Fortunately, there is a free utility available, emailStripper, which can be downloaded from www.papercut.biz/emailStripper.htm. This small utility is very easy to use. Simply copy the body of the email by painting it (hold down left mouse button and drag over the text), then “copy” it (right click on the painted area and click “copy”, or press CTRL-C); then open emailStripper, and paste (CTRL-V) the message body in the window. Click on the “Strip it!” button, and all of the “>” symbols will be instantly deleted, and the message may then be restored to its original formatting. Finally, click on the “Copy” button, and paste back into the email program for sending, with the “greater-than” symbols all removed. This is good netiquette.

Now that digital cameras are nearly universal, we are taking billions of digital photos. Just because a digital camera has a maximum resolution of several megapixels does not mean that all photos should be taken in that high resolution, unless they are to be

printed in a larger than snapshot format. I sometimes appreciate receiving photos of cute kids, cats, dogs, and family photos, but please do not send me photos taken in multi-megapixel resolution that have not been resized, or otherwise cropped and edited to make them smaller. Consider that a one megapixel digital photo will totally fill the screen on a 1024x768 resolution monitor, and be about a megabyte in file size. A four megapixel image will typically be 2048x1536 pixels in display size, meaning that only a corner of the image, consisting of one-fourth of the image, will appear on my monitor. This means that I have to do a lot of scrolling to view the image, as it is four times the maximum image size that my monitor can display, and be about four megabytes in file size. Please save me and your other correspondents the download time and inconvenience of trying to view an oversized image by either taking the image in a more reasonable resolution (such as one megapixel), or using imaging editing software to reduce the size of the image, and crop if necessary. Almost all image editing software included with most digital cameras can easily perform the task of resizing the image. Alternatively, use the free image utility IrfanView, my personal favorite, available for download from www.irfanview.com. If you do not want to alter the original image, simply save the edited or reduced image under a different file name. The smaller image size will relate to a smaller file size, meaning faster uploads and downloads. This is good netiquette.

These are but a few tips that can contribute much to being a good netizen. Practice good netiquette.

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WYSIWYG WEB WATCH (www)

By Paul Baecker

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This column attempts to locate sites containing valuable, amusing and free content, with no overbearing pressure to purchase any-

thing. Send your favorite entertaining, helpful or just plain useless sites (a description is optional) to the e-address noted above, for inclusion in a future WYSIWYG issue. Also check the SHCC web site ("Web Page Reviews") for previous gems.

Find local recycling centers for many household items and materials.
<http://michigan.earth911.org>

Calculate fuel usage based on your destination and vehicle make/model.
<http://fuelcostcalculator.com>

Collection of 150 mathematical puzzles, with hints and solutions.
<http://www.qbyte.org/puzzles/>

View evolution and history of U.S. stamp design and production, as well as development of U.S. postal system with many exhibits.
<http://www.arago.si.edu>

Free still and animated logos and ring tones for cell phones. Messages also available for download (not free).
<http://www.answeringsmachine.co.uk>

PassKeeper is a free Windows utility that allows you to keep a list of accounts with usernames, passwords, and

notes. This list is stored encrypted.
<http://www.passkeeper.com>

What to watch on TV and at the movies and where to watch it ~ articles, photos, best bets, schedules, grids.
<http://www.zap2it.com>

Enter a word or phrase, and view clichés using it.
<http://www.westegg.com/cliche/>

Determine your General Intelligence Quotient Score.
<http://www.iqtest.com>

Play the classic Sim City game online. (Registration required.)
<http://simcity.ea.com>

Nutrition, fitness and health resource with articles from athletics and exercise equipment to low-calorie food choices to informative info on nutrients, disease prevention and balanced dieting; calorie counter tool.
<http://dietdetective.com>

Collections of 'broken' labels, signs, websites, places, products. Select from 'Categories' list.
<http://www.thisisbroken.com>

A behind-the-scenes guide to the things we buy - making environmental and social decisions. Select 'Publications', then 'Good Stuff?'.
<http://www.worldwatch.org>

Guide to snowflakes, snow crystals, and other ice phenomena.
<http://www.snowcrystals.com>

Enter ingredients, dishes, chefs, cuisine, or other food-related inquiry, and this service searches the web for related recipes.
<http://www.foodieview.com>

Follow along with some steam-powered vehicles on tour.
<http://steamingdownsouth.com>

Collection of old package and container labels.
<http://www.packagemuseum.com>

Download 'Michigan's best bread recipes' in PDF format.
<http://www.aaa.com/fun>

What is your long-term risk for developing a serious health problem?
<http://www.yourdiseaserisk.com>

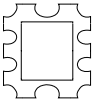
Online gallery preserves and showcases graphical user interfaces.
<http://www.guidebookgallery.org>

These video bouts are only a record of a day in the life of co-habiting felines.
<http://www.catboxing.com>

Collection of photographs and postcards featuring vintage cycles from all around the world.
<http://www.motorcycle-memories.com>

Collection of photos containing humorous, bizarre, and or confusing signs from around the world.
<http://www.signslanguage.com>





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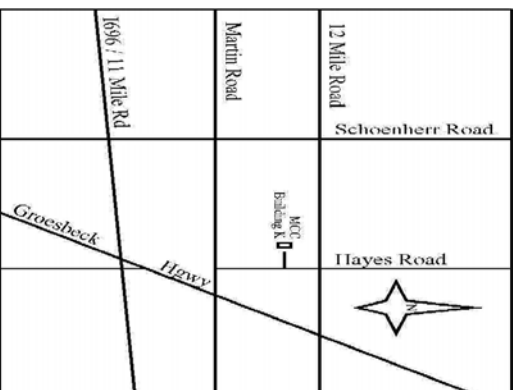
JANUARY AT SHCC:

TUESDAY JAN 9

Main Meeting, 7:30PM

Macomb Community College
South Campus
14500 E 12 Mile Road, Warren
John Lewis Community Center
(Building K)
(Enter from Hayes Road)

**“Screen Shots and
More with Snagit by
TechSmith” by Rick
Schummer of SHCC**



SIGS

MONDAY

January 8

Net/Com SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

MONDAY

January 22

NOVICE SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

WEDNESDAY

January 24

PC SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

**FEBRUARY: “Your Photos on the Web with Picasa Web
Albums” by Jerry Hess of SHCC**

**MARCH: “Email Clients, What You Need to Know and Don’t” by
Don VanSyckel of SHCC**