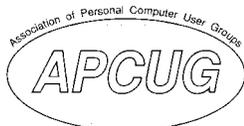




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TUESDAY May 5
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“Microsoft Windows 7 Beta” presented by Jeffrey Bates of Microsoft Corporation

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The President's Pen

by Don VanSyckel



Wow, May's already here. Just this month an June before Summer break. What am I talking about, "Summer break"? Geeky people don't take Summer breaks do they?

This month we'll be treated to a presentation of "Windows 7". While a beta version, it's look and feel will be virtually that of the release version. To Microsoft's dismay Windows Vista has not made any real penetration into the PC market place. So Microsoft has pushed up delivery of the next version named "Windows 7". Industry buzz has it that a marketing study concluded that names like "XP" and "Vista" which have no relationship to each other confused consumers about which order they're in. The assumption is that "Windows 7" will be followed by "Windows 8".

The last time this happened "Windows 98" was followed by "Windows ME". "ME" had a number of issues and was quickly followed by "Windows XP". "XP" turned out to be a stable work horse and is still in use today by most Windows users. Hopefully "Windows 7" is as good as "XP".

Of course, the features that I'll be look-

ing for are: 1) hard drive encryption, 2) ease on use from the start (to me this means it behaves exactly as "XP" out of the box with the occasional pop up to offer new features to the user), 3) the ability to load third party application such as Firefox, Thunderbird, and Open Office Dot Org, and 4) the flexibility to fit into the way I work

Come and see for yourself what the PC world will be all a buzz about in a few months. The presentation will be done by Mr. Jeffrey Bates of Microsoft. Mr. Bates also was with us last month and did a great presentation on Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.



Last Month's Meeting

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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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Four Month Meeting Schedule:

MAY 2009

5 - SHCC - "Microsoft Windows 7 Beta" presented by Jeffrey Bates of Microsoft Corporation

6 - COMP meeting
 10 - SEMCO meeting
 21 - Net/Comm SIG
 27 - PC SIG

JUNE 2009

2- SHCC - "New uses for Social Networking Sites" presented by Kathryn Ribant Payne of the Sterling Heights Public Library

3 - COMP meeting
 14 - SEMCO meeting
 Net/Comm SIG
 PC SIG

No Club Meetings are held in July and August

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MS-DOS (Main)	IBM compatibles
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PC	Intermediate users discuss various topics

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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: The Engineering Society of Detroit 20700 Civic Center Dr. Suite450 4th Floor
 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 location for the Net/Comm SIG meetings will alternate between the Sterling Heights Public Library and the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, since neither library will allow a pre-arranged monthly meeting to be scheduled for months in advance. As you are aware, the Macomb Library is not able to host our meetings any longer, and we have not yet found a single permanent location to replace it.

In May, the SIG meeting will be in Thursday, May 21 at the Sterling Heights Public Library. (The date is subject to change – please check the web site prior to the meeting.)

The members of the Net/Comm SIG discuss 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

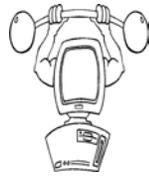


This SIG has been discontinued for now. All the Novice users have graduated to the Intermediate PC level!

This SIG may be restarted in the future, when there is a need and sufficient interest in the SIG.



PC SIG



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In May, the SIG meeting will be on Wednesday, May 27 at the Sterling Heights Public Library. (The date is subject to change – please check the web site prior to the meeting.)

Intermediate level topics are discussed, aimed at users with some knowledge of computers. Questions and answers regarding 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.



Location Of The Sterling Heights Public Library

The Sterling Heights Public Library, at 40255 Dodge Park Road, is located just south of Utica Road. A large sign reading "City Center" marks the driveway to the library and parking. The Programming Center, where the meeting is held, is just inside the front door of the library.



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.



Selling Your Used Computer Equipment or Software

If you have some computer equipment or software to sell, you can either place a free ad in the WYSIWYG, or bring the article to the club meeting. You can set up at the back of the room before the meeting, and sell your items to people at the meeting interested in buying them. Members are responsible for any damage, so bring a pad to prevent damage.



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

Door Prizes

The SHCC offers door prizes at most regularly scheduled club meetings. In April the winners circle included::

Jane Minnick won post-it notes

Linda Messer won post-it notes

Paul Baecker won post-it notes

James Waldrop won a tape dispenser

Marshall Steele won Windows Vista

Carole Polus won re-usable envelopes

Joe Katovich won Windows Vista



Are Computers Male Or Female?

A language teacher was explaining to her class that in French, nouns unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine.

"House" in French, is feminine -"la maison," "Pencil" in French, is masculine "le crayon."

One puzzled student asked, "What gender is computer?" The teacher did not know, and the word was not in her French dictionary.

So for fun she split the class into two groups appropriately enough, by gender and asked them to decide whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Both groups were required to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The men's group decided that computer should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computer"), because

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later review
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ("le computer") because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still

can't think for themselves

3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem

4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer you could have gotten a better model.



Smart Computing Renewals

If you are going to subscribe to or renew a subscription to Smart Computing Magazine, use the user group sign up and give SHCC some credit. For every 5 subscriptions or renews SHCC receives a 'subscription credit' which we give away as a door prize. Help us out, it costs you nothing. Idea, if multi-year subscriptions aren't cheaper, renew a year at a time; more credits.

To give SHCC credit you must subscribe or renew using a certain method. Do NOT go to "Subscribe & Shop" on the main page.

1) There is a menu on the left of the main page. In the dark blue section click on "User Groups."

2) This will open the "User Group Program" page. On the left there is a yellow menu, click on "Subscribe or Renew Today!"

3) This opens a form to use to subscribe or renew. Make sure to choose "Sterling Heights Computer Club" in the "User Group" select box.

Again if you use the "Subscribe & Shop" on the main page you will NOT be given an opportunity to specify a user group and you can NOT have it undone.



From The DealsGuy

by Bob (The Cheapskate) Click, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group.

(Editor's Note: Bob Click used to be a member of the SHCC.)

From The DealsGuy For May 2009 by Bob (The Cheapskate) Click, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group

*More On Digital Picture Frames

I talked last month about problems reading the internal memory in my digital picture frame. Since then, it's been an education trying to put it into service. The old adage, "you get what you pay for" must apply here. I received no help from "Smartparts" (the company) tech support. At first, the message was that the lines were busy, call back later, but never any luck. Now the message has changed to "No one is available to take your call." I tried their Web site's tech support, but with no response there either.

I used their Optipix™ software to process the pictures and load them into the digital frame's internal memory, but they went into that "eternal bit bin." I eventually got them into the picture frame's memory (no folder) and not on the SD Card I had added. I then copied them from the internal memory into a folder on the SD Card I plugged into the picture frame. So far, so good, but when I tried turning the frame on to display them, it was showing all the pictures I had on the SD Card, even from other folders I had previously put on it, but it retrieved nothing from the internal memory.

I can't seem to select a certain spot for retrieving the pictures. When I remove my SD Card, the frame runs all the pictures it can find in its internal memory, including the samples not in a folder. It seems like I should put each picture set into a separate SD Card by itself. A bit frustrating, but, oh well.

A friend purchased eight digital picture frames on line as gifts to his family, but two came through DOA and the Internet distributor would not replace them. First he deleted the sample pictures in the memory of one of them to set it up, but then could not load pictures. He spotted a small hole and tried a paper clip to see if it was a reset. All the sample pictures came back and he loaded his pictures again, and then deleted the samples. He also purchased more digital frames from another online merchant and two had problems, but he got those replaced. He said that with those, he could select the folder to get a slide show from. I checked the book for another friend's frame and it also lets you choose the retrieval source.

I had problems when I tried putting text captions on some of my pictures. At first, I thought it didn't find them; until later when I found it was running them last. Huh! How did that happen? The FAQ on their web site says "Most digital picture frames run the pictures in the order they are copied to the memory." Wow, it's getting complicated, but I guess I can do that. Oh well, hopefully it will eventually do "something" I would like. I'm suggesting that you ask lots of questions if you are buying a digital picture frame.

*Another New Toy!

I saw an ad for a HP color laser jet printer for \$199.99, but I've seen those ads before and was never happy with the price of the cartridges because new printers do not come with "full" cartridges. The sale was at Office Depot and I also shopped at a local computer shop that supports our user group and offered a Ricoh color laser jet for the same price. He printed the spec sheet and it came out on a machine that also featured duplex printing (both sides). It impressed me and it was \$379 for

club members. I receive several newsletters in PDF format and can't live with reading that much on my screen. I've been printing them out by first printing the odd pages, and then reverse the page sequence to turn them over and print the even sides.

My present HP laser curls the paper a bit and even though I try to straighten them, sometimes that printer runs two pages through at once when printing the opposite side and ruins the page sequence. A duplex printer would sure simplify all that, so my choice was made. I went back to Office Depot and saw a HP printer with duplex capabilities for the same price, but after asking how the warranty worked, I returned to the other shop and purchased a Ricoh duplex printer from them.

Unpacking the machine when I got it home was a bit frustrating because trying to figure out the many protective tapes and metal stops to remove by looking at their pictorial brochure, and in which direction and sequence to do it, was confusing. I later found a PDF manual on the installation disk. I called their tech support number and a guy picked up the phone and proceeded to help me, also offering suggestions. He was based in Atlanta, Ga. and spoke excellent English. What great tech support! I called again later with the same quick response. Oh yes, the store salesman didn't tell me the new machine was an all-in-one multi-function printer. I noticed that when I unpacked it.

I printed some newsletters the other evening and watched that printer run them out while I just sat there, and in COLOR. The new printer is a treat, and so was the Ricoh tech support. I copied a color brochure today and that was simple, and a treat also.

*FACUG Spring Conference

My wife and I attended the FACUG/APCUG Conference and it was a nice

weekend. There were about 140 attendees from several Florida user groups, but a few were from other states. There were less sponsoring vendors this year, but that void was filled with other interesting presentations such as "Cloud Computing," "Doterati," "Wikis," "Twittering," "Second Life" and "BarCamp." I had never heard of BarCamp, but it is an intriguing event where you sign up to speak for fifteen minutes about "anything you want" and this "Unconference" concept is gaining popularity all over the world. Doterati is for people locally that work, study, speculate, ask, and answer questions about interactive marketing, media and technology. <<http://www.doterati.com>>. In just a year, they have 500 members and expanding. Watch the FACUG videos for more information.

A lot was packed into the weekend and it was nice to see friends, especially an attendee there from my hometown area in Michigan. Most of the sessions are available for viewing at <<http://www.facug.org/ConferenceSpring/conference-s.asp>>. Two presentations were by APCUG President Jay Ferron, one on Security, and another on Windows 7. If you skipped it, you missed an enjoyable conference.

*Government Discount

I wouldn't ordinarily include this, but a few readers work for the government and law enforcement agencies, and perhaps some others might qualify. ElcomSoft Co. Ltd., a leading provider of various password recovery solutions, announces the availability of a special discount. <<http://www.elcomsoft.com/special.html>> The new discount program enables government entities, military branches, criminal investigation and law enforcement agencies, and police and emergency services to order selected ElcomSoft password recovery products at a discount. The new 20% discount is in addition to any volume or bundle discounts already offered by ElcomSoft.

Check the URL above for products covered and information about ordering.

*Protection For Your Computer

I have not tried this and there's no discount, but the lifetime membership concept sounded OK for the column. I have edited their announcement to shorten it and we found no reviews on it.

South West eCommerce announced the availability of Spyware & Adware Remover 2009, a new version of the privacy protection software ensuring optimal system performance. Spyware & Adware Remover 2009 delivers features to protect valuable data from getting corrupted or stolen, stop hackers and hinder ID theft.

Spyware can transmit secret personal information such as name, address, credit card number, social security number, driver's license number, and passwords. Spyware & Adware Remover provides users with protection from the widest range of threats, and prevents recurrence.

Spyware & Adware Remover helps find what's eating a computer's resources by detecting and eliminating malware and adware running in the background. It removes disturbances and blocks annoying pop-up ads. Spyware & Adware Remover 2009 runs under Windows 98, XP, ME, 2000 and Vista. The one-time membership fee is \$29.90. Lifetime Membership includes unlimited downloads and support. Further information on the product, and its free evaluation copy, is available from <www.webdefenders.net>.

That's it for this month. I'll have some more new product announcements on my Web site that didn't offer discounts. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers or freebies I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of any products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click <bobclick@bellsouth.net>. Visit my Web site at <<http://www.dealsguy.com>>



How Can I Keep My PC Clean And Tidy?

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Like changing your car's oil or replacing your home's air conditioner filter, a little PC cleaning pays off with a faster, more reliable, and longer-lasting computer.

Although nothing suggested here is either rocket science or inherently dangerous, always follow the medical adage, "First, do no harm". So don't do anything that makes you uncomfort-

able (perhaps have a more experienced person clean up while you watch and learn), and back up your system and data. Then reboot, to get a clean start, and don't open any programs,

Before starting, to measure what your cleanup deletes, determine how full your hard drive is. Open My Computer, Right Click your hard drive (usually labeled "Local Disk (C:)"), and click Properties. Note how much space is used and free, then close the dialogue box.

Next, use Windows' built-in disk clean-

ing tool. Click Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Cleanup, and the drive to clean, likely C. Choose what to clean; default selections are usually what you need. To be extra thorough, if your system has been running problem free, click the More Options tab and then Clean Up System Restore. Confirm your choice and click OK.

Delete Web browser temporary files. Using Internet Explorer, click Tools on the Menu Bar, Internet Options, and Delete Files under the General tab. Other browsers provide similar functions, sometimes using "cache" to refer to the collection of temporary files.

Delete unneeded personal files, items outdated and no longer used. While most Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, etc.) store their files in the My Documents folder, you may have changed this default location. And other apps likely have their own favorite places to stash files. Look around, since cluttered files make Windows work harder to get things done and waste time and resources when they're backed up. If you collect photos, music and such, delete those you no longer want or need, perhaps saving them on CD/DVD or ISB drive. Sorting files by size or date helps find deletion candidates.

If you run PC-based email software, it's worth periodically purging Sent and Trash folders, perhaps pitching material older than a certain date. Then look for a Compact Folders option, sometimes on the File pulldown menu, which squeezes out unused space from email folders.

Weed out software no longer used or useful by uninstalling applications with Window's Control Panel Add/Remove Software tool.

The Recycle Bin, which preserves erased files for recovery until it's emptied, has likely grown during this cleanup process. To empty it, Right Click its Windows desktop icon and click Empty Recycle Bin. Note that programs such as Norton Utilities may offer other cleanup options for the Recycle Bin and other Windows components.

Finally, remember that when writing to your hard drive, Windows places bits of each file in the next available open space on the hard drive.

While Windows can reassemble them, having many files fragmented slows access to them. So, to store all files as single entities, periodically defragment the hard drive. To do this, click Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Defragmenter, select a drive, and click Defragment.

When finished, compare the amount of hard drive space used and free to what you saw initially. If this is the first cleanup you've done in a while, the amount of space recovered may surprise you.

Many books give much more detailed instructions for PC cleanups. Search Amazon.com for "degunking windows" and "cleaning windows" to see choices (but don't be distracted by instructions for cleaning house, office, and car windows!).

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Performing Better Searches

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Better Internet searching allows researchers to immediately drill down and locate the information they are seeking, without having to wade through a myriad of irrelevant search results in the process. The increasing complexity of search engines has made understanding search engines a necessity for those who spend any amount of time online. The following search tips are standards that will work in most of the major search engines.

How To Find What You Are Looking For

As the popularity of the Internet grows, more and more results are returned for even the most obscure search phrases. In order to save time,

web surfers need to increase their search relevancy. It is advisable to use multiple search terms to produce better search results. Searchers should use specific words and phrases to find what they're are looking for, while filtering out irrelevant and unwanted results.

In searching, more usually means less. Using more keywords in a search will help qualify the search and make it more specific to what you are looking for. It is all about striking a balance; more search terms will reduce the number of search results, but those results will be more accurate. Remember that you can always refine the search further if there are too many results returned in the initial search.

Capitalization Is Irrelevant

The major search engines ignore capitalization. Upper case and lower case search phrases will deliver the same results.

Order Matters

Keep in mind that the order in which the terms are entered into the search box will affect the search results. The most important terms should appear first in the list of search words.

Word Stemming

Major search engines will provide results that use word stemming. Word stemming includes variants of the terms that were searched for. For example, searching on the term fish in a major search engine will generate organic search results that also contain the terms fishing, fishes, and fisher.

Exact

Using quotations around a search phrase will generate search results that contain only that specific search phrase, exactly as it was entered. For example, searching on the exact phrase "rocking horse" in a major search engine will only generate search results that contain the phrase rocking horse. The results will not include any results that contain "horse rocking" ~ even though both terms appear, they do not appear in the proper order for an exact match.

Do Not Include

Adding a (-) negative/minus sign before a search term will filter the results so that they contain the first term but not the negated word. For example, entering the search phrase horses - rocking into a major search engine will return search results about horses but not about rocking horses.

Must Include

If you want search results that only include a specific word, just type a (+) plus sign in front of a search term. The results produced will always contain

that term. For example, conducting a search horse + carousel will result in all search results that contain carousel, and may include horse as well.

Similar Words

Adding a (~) tilde character in front of a search word will generate search results that not only include the specified search term, but will also include all words considered to be related to the original search term. For example, using the search term ~soda will result in organic search engine results that not only include soda, but also include pepsi, pop, cola, coke, bottle, and soft drink.

Either /Or

Adding an OR parameter between two search terms will result in search listings that include either the first or the second word in the search results. For example, searching on the terms soda OR bottle will generate search results that may contain both terms soda bottle or it will produce results that contain either soda or bottle but not both in the same search listings.

Advanced Searches And Segmented Searches

Many search engines allow you to specify the type of content you wish to search in. For example, you can often search just news articles, just blogs, or just images. If you are looking for a specific type of media, segmenting your search can be helpful. Searches can be conducted to locate webpages that contain a specific language, or a specific file type (ie. pdf, rss, etc). Simply use the search engine's advanced search option and select the content, language, file type, etc to filter your search results.

Search Meta Words

Meta keyword searches give search engines special instructions. When the meta search words are used, a specific type of search is conducted. Following are some common meta search terms...

define: When define: is used at the beginning of a search word or phrase, the search engine results will be a definition of the word or phrase.

site: When site: is entered in the search box, followed by a domain, the search engine locates all documents within a specific domain and all of its subdomains. This is an easy way to get a rough idea of the number of pages indexed on a domain.

link: When link: is used and followed by a URL, the search results will include all the web pages that are indexed by the search engine which contain links to the specified URL.

inurl: When inurl: is used, followed by a keyword or phrase, the search results will include links to web pages that contain the specific keyword or phrase in the urls themselves.

intitle: When intitle: is searched on in conjunction with a keyword or phrase, the search engine locates search results that contain the specified keyword or phrase in the web page title.

Web surfers can save large amounts of time and energy by optimizing their search techniques with these helpful tips.

**Member Ads**

Ads are available free to SHCC members, and are limited to computer related items for non-commercial purposes. Any ad shall be a maximum of twelve newsletter lines of text.



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WYSIWYG WEB WATCH (www)

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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")

How long will your foods stay safe and tasty? How best to store them?
<http://www.stilltasty.com>

Some Detroit homes which need much TLC.
<http://www.100abandonedhouses.com>

Freely downloadable e-books, documents and lecture notes on many subjects.
<http://www.e-booksdirectory.com>

Uninstall many of the common trialware and annoyances found on many new PCs from big name OEMs.
<http://www.pcdecrapifier.com>

Provides a visual representation of how many calories are in the different foods we eat.
<http://www.caloriegallery.com>

Art too bad to be ignored.
<http://www.museumofbadart.org>

Time-lapse videos on seed germination, northern lights, storms, rotting apple, snow storms, more. After viewing each video, other similar video options are

displayed.
<http://blog.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/03/tenlapse.html>

Free interactive training sessions on Computer Basics, the Internet, Productivity Programs, Security & Privacy, and Digital Lifestyles. Go to "Get the Basics", select "Get Started Now", select a language, select "Original Version" for XP and "Version II" for Vista, and select the course you wish to take either online or downloaded to your PC. Each course includes exercises, worksheets, and assessment quizzes.

<http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/us/communityinvestment/elevateamerica.aspx>

Free ERUNT registry backup tool creates a complete registry backup set, including the Security hive and user related sections.
<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/erunt.html>

The things people do to set or break records.
<http://www.urdb.org>

Downloadable math tutorials and cheat sheets for algebra, calculus and differential equations.
<http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu>

Is your PC part of a botnet? Entertaining video and investigative software here.
http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/is_your_pc_part_of_a_botnet.php

Break discs with your invisible mouse cursor. Game ends when you miss a disc.
<http://www.addictordie.com/games/cursorinvisible.php>

Someone's timeline of memorable (and also forgettable) Internet events. Not much happened prior to 1995 apparently. Four ways to view: timeline, flipbook, list, map.
http://www.dipity.com/tatercakes/Internet_Memes/embed_tl

Create the perfect trap-o-matic to help Tom catch Jerry. This is tough!
<http://members.abunawaf.com/dukefleet/Games/11/Tom&Jerry.swf>

Adjust the Astrotour of the solar system and view how planets relate to each other's orbits. Take the "Introductory Tour".
<http://www.gunn.co.nz/astrotour/>

Want to build a PC? Animations here on choosing the components, building the computer, and installing the XP or Vista operating system.
<http://pcityourself.com>

Galleries of extreme climate conditions ~ tornados, hurricanes, volcanoes, flood, hail, fire, drought, ice, more.
<http://www.stormchaser.ca>

Multitude of photography tips, tricks and tutorials.
<http://www.amateursnapper.com>

Animation of how the International Space Station is being assembled. Click on individual components for more info.
http://i.usatoday.net:80/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm

View exotic animal newborns at zoos and aquariums around the world. Sort by creature or location.
<http://www.zooborns.com>





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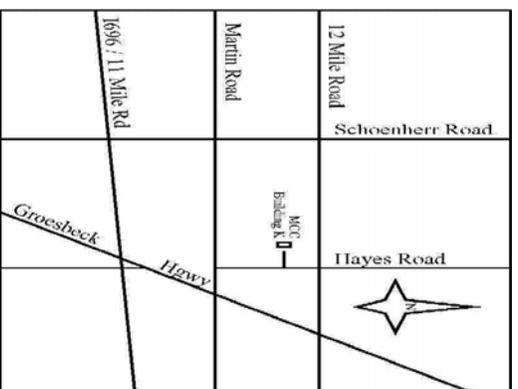
MAY AT SHCC:

TUESDAY MAY 4

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)

**“Microsoft Windows 7
Beta” presented by Jeffrey
Bates of Microsoft Corpo-
ration**



SIGs

THURSDAY

MAY 21

Net/Com SIG 7:00PM at the Sterling Heights Public
Library Programming Center .

WEDNESDAY

MAY 27

PC SIG 7:00PM at the Sterling Heights Public
Library Programming Center .

Note: The SIG meeting location will alternate between the Sterling Heights Public Library and the Clinton-Macomb Public Library for now. Dates are subject to change—check the web site prior to the planned meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

JUNE: “New uses for Social Networking Sites” will be presented by Kathryn Ribant Payne from Sterling Heights Public Library