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TUESDAY JAN 4

Main Meeting.

7:30PM

Home Finances by member Dick Morawski

Make a New Years Resolution, and visit a SIG in January. These meetings are where a lot of computer questions are answered.

**VISIT THE SHCC WEB PAGE AT:
<http://member.apcug.org/shcc/>**

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Free Internet Accounts

by Jack Vander-Shrier

At our last meeting of the Net-Com SIG, we had a very good turnout. One of the reasons was the fact that we were reviewing free internet accounts as well as free e-mail accounts. I thought that my first article for the WYSIWYG should be on this subject. This should be of interest to any of the AOL or Juno users. You will be able to retain your AOL and Juno accounts and yet take advantage of some of the great things you can do with Outlook Express. Many of the features can be used in Netscape Mail, but for the purpose of trying to keep things simple and to convert some of our members, we will be dealing with Outlook Express.

First of all we must set up a free internet access account. I will suggest several, you can try one or all of them. www.netzero.net, www.freei.net, www.bluelight.com is the latest free internet service from Kmart that you might enjoy. You can also get free service at www.ifreedom.com, www.freensafe.com if you want filtered internet access blocking pornography, www.dotnow.com, and www.altavista.com. All of these sites require you to download their software, which ranges in size from 600K to 4Meg. I would suggest you use Netzero, the reason is that they give you a pop3 email ac-

count instead of a web based email system. You would be able to access this email account from any pc in the world.

Once you have downloaded your Netzero account you must set up your account, I would suggest you create a username and a password that you normally wouldn't use. The setup requires that you fill in a lot of information. I would use phony information on everything but your area code and first 3 digits of your phone number. Remember all these services are in existence because they want to sell you things. You will be asked for a phone number you want to dial, I would use the Mt. Clemens number or those of you that are close or in Warren, one of the Warren numbers. Once you have that number, write the number down, then pick up your phone and dial that number without the area code. If you get a modem noise, a high pitched squeal then you know that it is a local number. If you get the operator or a message that says please dial the area code, it will be a long distance number. Do not put in an area code when dialing any of these numbers, the last thing you want to have is a \$300.00 phone bill.

Once the Netzero account is set up you have to set up your email server. This

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Guests and visitors are welcome. People may attend any of two consecutive months of club meetings before deciding to become a member or not. Membership includes admission to all SHCC functions and the newsletter. Membership is open to anyone. It is not limited to residents of Sterling Heights. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, except for July and August. There is a monthly drawing for door prizes at the end of the meeting.

DUES: \$25/YEAR

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Family Tree	Rick Schummer
FoxPro	Rick Schummer
Hardware	Jerry Carson
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MS Publisher	Rick Kucejko
Professional Write	Mike Greenen
Word	Rick Schummer
WordPerfect	Jim McNeil

2000 SHCC Officers

V. President: Mike Greenen
 Treasurer: Dick Morawski
 President: Don VanSyckel
 Secretary: Rick Schummer

Four Month Meeting Schedule:

JANUARY 2000

- 4 - SHCC - Home Finances by member Dick Morawski
- 9 - SEMCO meeting
- 10 - Net/Comm SIG
- 17 - Novice SIG
- 26 - Power Users' SIG
- 20 - MCUG meeting

MARCH 2000

- 7 - SHCC - Topic to be determined
- 12 - SEMCO meeting
- 13 - Net/Comm SIG
- 16 - MCUG meeting
- 20 - Novice SIG
- 22 - Power Users' SIG

FEBRUARY 2000

- 1 - SHCC - Topic to be determined
- 13 - SEMCO meeting
- 14 - Net/Comm SIG
- 17 - MCUG meeting
- 21 - Novice SIG
- 23 - Power Users' SIG

APRIL 2000

- 4 - SHCC - Topic to be determined
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SHCC Coordinators:

Ask the Expert	Jerry Carson
Net/Comm. SIG	Betty MacKenzie
Door prize	Paul Anderson
Greeting table	Lindell Beck
Newsletter pub.	Rick Kucejko
Novice SIG	Debby Wiza
Power Users SIG	Jack Vander-Schrier
Publicity	Patrick Little
Resource People	Mike Greenen
Vendor Press Rel.	Jim Waldrop

Special Interest Groups:

MS-DOS (Main)	IBM compatibles
Net/Com	Computers communicating with other computers
Power user	Advance users discuss various topics
Novice	Those starting out

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Other Computer Clubs:

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

MI Computer Users Group

Time: 3rd Thursday, 7:00PM
 Place: South Lake HS, 21900 E. 9 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, 585-2050
 Reciprocating: No

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO)

Newsletter submissions are due 10 days before the club meeting, but the earlier the better. They should be sent to:
 WYSIWYG Publisher
 5069 Fedora
 Troy, MI 48098
 OR at the e-mail addresses: rmk2@home.com

Time: 2nd Sunday at 1:30PM
 Place: Science Building; Oakland University; 248/398-7560
 Web page: <http://www.semco.org>
 Reciprocating: Yes

The OPC (Older Persons Commission) Computer Club

Time: Every Tuesday at 10:00 - 12:00
 Place: OPC in Rochester
 248-656-1403.
 Web page: <http://www.geocities.com/>

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SIG Meetings

Novice SIG



The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2000, starting at 7:00PM, at the Macomb

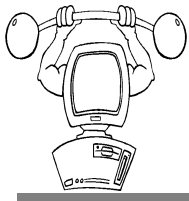
County Library.

All new and not so new members are invited to come and learn the DOS and Windows basics at our meetings. There is always a question and answer period at these meetings.

For more information about the SIG, call or email Mike Greenen (number on page 2).



Power User SIG



The next meeting of the Power User SIG is Wednesday, January 26, 2000.

The members of the Power User SIG also help each other out with some tough questions and topics.

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

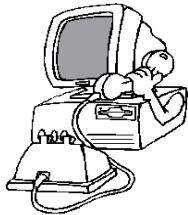


Attend A SIG

If you do not attend the 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.



Net/Com SIG

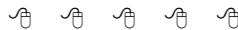


The next meeting of the Internet/Communications (Net/Comm.) SIG is Monday, January 10, 2000,

starting at 7:00PM, at the Macomb County Library.

Each month the members of the Net/Comm SIG discuss the Internet to help members of the SHCC learn more about this communications media.

For more information about the SIG, call or e-mail Betty MacKenzie (number is 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 blue sign says "Macomb County Library". The phone number is (810) 286-6660.



Your Article

If you have had some experiences choosing a program to do a particular thing, have solved a hardware problem, or have experience comparing software programs, consider sharing it with fellow club members. Write about it in the WYSIWYG. Write or e-mail the editor at the addresses on page 2.



SHCC Emergency Shutdown

The Sterling Heights Computer Club will utilize radio station WWJ - 950 on the AM dial to notify members that a meeting is canceled because of bad weather or for other reasons. The announcement will happen along with the school closings and other events. Please remember to listen to the radio when there is bad weather.



Copiers Needed

If you have access to a copy machine and can volunteer to duplicate some *WYSIWYG Gazette Special Editions*, please contact Don VanSyckel. We are looking for several members to ease the burden of one individual who has been duplicating our source of printed advertisement. The more copiers, the merrier. We are looking for approximately 500 to 1000 copies a month to be handed out to locations like the Sterling Heights and Macomb Libraries, computer stores and various retail outlets.



Presenters Wanted

The officers are looking for people to volunteer to make a presentation.

If there is some software you have been using and think others may be interested as well, or there is a computer topic you would like to present to other members, please call or e-mail Rick Schummer or Don VanSyckel. Making presentations is not that difficult. The hour goes by before you know it. There is always enough material in a software package to fill the hour.



SHCC Business

New Door Prize Coordinator Needed

The club is looking for a new Door Prize coordinator. This person will be responsible for obtaining and delivering the door prizes we give out at the meetings. If you have an interest in this position, or want more information about this important position, please contact Don VanSyckel.



"Ask The Experts"

Please send questions to "Ask the Experts" at the club's PO address, or e-mail your question directly to Jerry Carson at his new e-mail address at: jerrycarson@email.com

Q: My CD ROM drive won't play. I called Creative Lab's Tech Support and they ran me through a bunch of checks and changes and ended up telling me I had a missing file in my Windows program. They told me to go to the Microsoft web page and download it. And that is where the problem is! I always have trouble trying to figure out their web page and can't do it now. Sooooo, can you give a hand and either find the file and send it to me ... or..... send me some directions on how to get into MS web page and I can download it myself?

The file I need is 'mscd001' which I have to have in my C:\Windows folder.

Would appreciate it.

A: Actually the mscd001 is not a file. It is a designator that is assigned to your CDROM drive by your CDROM device driver. What you probably need To do is re-install your CD-ROM driv-

ers that came with your CDROM. If you don't have the driver any longer or think maybe it's time for an upgrade, <http://www.drivershq.com/mainhome.html> has a good list of current CDROM drivers. You can also usually download them from the manufacturer of your drive.

Let me know if this solves your problem.

Expert



Advertising Sign Hangers Wanted

The SHCC has been advertising to make people in the area aware of the club and what we are all about in hopes of building club membership. One way to get people to find out about us is to hang a flyer with tear-off phone numbers at the local retail stores like Meijers, Farmer Jacks and anywhere where a bulletin board is available.

If you are interested in helping out in this very important service please contact any of the officers.



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 the December winner's circle were:

Phil Reynaud won a mouse

Rene Ricafranca won a mouse

Joe Katovich won a mouse

John Mulhall won a mouse cover

Lee Murray won a mouse cover

Ellen Geering won a mouse cover



Member Classified Ads

None this month. Please 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.



Technical Bits

Patterns Changing in Removable Media Drives

by Ken Fermoye

The removable-media disk drive picture is changing. This category includes CD-ROM and DVD-ROM drives, CD/DVD writable drives, other read/write optical disk drive formats, rigid disk cartridge drives, card format rigid disk drives, high capacity floppy drives and low capacity standard floppy drives.

New types and technologies that enable users to remove data from systems for safe storage or sharing with others are supplanting older ones. A Disk/Trends, Inc. Report covering 61 manufacturers notes that 1999 worldwide sales revenues of such drives will top \$10 billion

The sales outlook for the nine disk drive product groups included in the report is a mixed bag. DVD-ROM drives are projected to pass up CD-ROM drives in shipments within two years, excellent growth is forecast for writable CD/DVD drive formats, miniaturized hard disk drive cards will develop entirely new markets, shipments of standard 1.44 megabyte floppy drives will peak within two years, and high capacity floppy drives will continue a strong growth pattern.

Rapidly declining prices and performance improvements for DVD-ROM drives will make drive customers the big winners in this product transition, as DVD-ROM drives go through the same rapid product cycles of speed improvements and price declines that have characterized the CD-ROM market in recent years.

Falling prices and improved availability of CD-RW drives have made this format the leading growth product among

all types of writable optical disk drives, at least for a few years. However, by 2002 significant growth in drive shipments is also expected for DVD rewritable formats and for new high capacity rewritable drives using new technologies.

Don't count out the lowly 1.44 megabyte floppy drive just yet. It is adequate for typical word processing applications and prices are low. Shipments should peak in 2001, then start a slow decline.



DSL Growing a Broadband Alternative

by Ken Fermoye

Covad Communications, a leading broadband access provider, recently reported its 20,000th DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) installation, and Earthlink began a pilot DSL project that it reportedly will expand nationwide.

Covad now claims to have the more installed lines than any other national provider. The 20,000th milestone represents a growth rate of 133 percent over the end of March 1999 and 413 percent growth from the end of 1998.

DSL offers high-speed, always-connected, simultaneous multi-user access to the Internet over existing copper telephone lines, which proponents say will make it a major player in the broadband arena. Myself, I can hardly wait for a DSL installation in Ken's Korner, coming soon as part of the Earthlink pilot project. The cost: Only \$6 to \$9 more per month more than our current ISP/phone bill because we can get rid of our second phone line, which has been a dedicated dial-up modem line. Stay tuned for updates.

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Canceling an ISP Service

submitted by Ralph Osinski

Having trouble stopping your old ISP's service (or, more specifically, stopping it from continuing to bill the credit card number you HAD to supply in order to subscribe)?

The phone numbers or URLs for cutting the cord are usually not well publicized, for the obvious reason. Well, here's a few of the "secret" customer service numbers and URLs for disconnecting from the major ISPs. Note: these are as accurate as anything found on the 'net can be.

You'll need to contact your ISP directly, and have all your subscription information handy when you call. That includes your user name, password and other verification information (credit card type and number, etc.)

Also, check with your provider to see if they will forward email to your new email account. Many will provide this service, but they generally charge you for it.

AT&T World.net: Call 800/400-1447. Press 2, press 4.

AOL: Call 800/827-6364. Press 1, press 3.

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WYSIWYG WEB WATCH (www)

by Paul Baecker and John Beauchamp

If you have a particularly enjoyable or helpful (or just plain useless) site which you would like to share with the membership, e-mail the site address and a s h o r t description/ review of the site for inclusion in the next WYSIWYG issue, to either beck038@ix.netcom.com, or Beaumajo@iname.com Then send in another one, or two.



This month we start with some more sound and light entertainment. Then, on to the usual mish-mash of hopefully enjoyable sites. Since you have driven your budget down the tubes for the Holidays, none of the sites listed here have purchasing as their main attraction.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Web Watch Guys!

Walt Mossberg is the Wall Street Journal's tekkie columnist. His weekly "Mailbox" column addresses PC users' questions. His latest and past columns are worth perusing.
<http://ptech.wsj.com/archive.html>

Turn your den into a laser-light show with this download. Psychedelic screen saver flickers along with any sound around your PC (whether from CD, MP3, or a mike). Works with WinAmp, too.
<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/~geiss/geiss.html>

Like you, when microprocessor engineers get bored, they doodle. Unlike you, they do it on silicon instead of paper. Call it the art of the laboratory rat. Start with a Buffalo Chip.
<http://microscopy.fsu.edu/creatures/>

Bored with seasonal TV reruns? Watch operations as they're performed live over the web. (Requires RealPlayer, downloadable here.)
<http://www.onlinesurgery.com/>

Y2K ready? Time magazine's digital site has info on various governments' activities towards Y2K compliance (US, Russia, China), a timeline leading to the Y2K dilemma, and, of course, links to Y2K pages of the most common PC vendors' sites. Is it too late???
<http://www.pathfinder.com/time/digital/y2k/>

Picked a resolution to save/invest some of your income but don't know where to start? This site may help. Several articles for novices from picking stocks and reading annual reports to investing in Mutual Funds for as little as \$100. Get started!
http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/business/YourMoney/ym_investing.html

Here's a sampling of quality MP3 sites for amassing a collection of tunes – some free, some for a fee.
www.listen.com
www.rioport.com
www.mp3.com
www.riffage.com
www.myplay.com
www.atomicpop.com
www.mp3now.com/html/mp3_search.html
www.timedigital.com/mp3

"The fast and easy way to find out how to do just about anything...and get the stuff you need to do it."
<http://www.ehow.com/home/home.asp>

TerraServer is an online source for satellite and aerial imagery. Search, browse, and buy images, prints, and more...or just let TerraServer take you

around the world!
<http://www.terra-server.com/>

Harry Potter books are all the rage for the younger literary set this season. This (unofficial) site expands on the storylines and characters of the three books thus far published. (Not recommended if you have not already read the three books.)
<http://homestead.com/harrypotter2/home.html>

Kodak hosts this new online photo gallery. The images here constitute something well beyond the ordinary. Photos including fashion, history, portraits, along with photographers' audio comments on their work.
<http://www.pdn-pix.com/legendsarchive/larchives.html>

You'll find everything art here. You don't need to buy or bid on an item to enjoy loads of museum and gallery listings and thousands of art images, along with 30,000 (!) links to art websites.
<http://artstar.com/>

Of course, not all virus alerts are real. Check here for the latest hoaxes and common misconceptions before circulating e-mail warnings.
<http://kumite.com/myths/>

Do you know what Luhn formula or Dhrystone means? How about Intranet or Webcasting? These sites will help you become technologically vocal. The second site also has an extensive guide to smileys (emoticons).
<http://webopedia.com/>
<http://netlingo.com/>

Need an R-rated marriage joke? How about a PG-13 animal riddle? Here's a humor database with jokes sorted by content, form, and the company you should be in when you tell them.

<http://humor.ncy.com/>

Computer history buffs as well as the plain curious will enjoy the Virtual Computer History Museum and the Obsolete Computer Museum. The first boasts a Timeline of Events in Computer History from before the 1600's, and photos of Neanderthal computer parts and peripherals. (Did you know the first 'computer bug' appeared in 1945? You'll see it here!) The second allows you to get intimate with close-up views and descriptions of early computers (you choose the make and model), some of which you may have in your attic.

<http://video.dlib.vt.edu:90/cgi-bin/TicketWindow?DejaVu=Yes>

<http://ncsc.dni.us/fun/user/tcc/cmuseum/cmuseum.htm>



Canceling an ISP Service

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CompuServe: Call 800/848-8199.

Concentric: Call 800/745-2747.

Earthlink: Go to <http://custos.earthlink.net/cgi/cancelme.cgi>, Fill out the "Cancel my EarthLink Sprint Account" form.

GTE Internet Solutions: Call 800/927-3000. Option 2. Or, send an account termination email to billing@gte.net. Type "Cancel my Account" in subject line.

Mindspring: Call 800/719-4660.

MSN: Call 800/386-5550. Press 2. Press 3.

Prodigy: Call 800/213-0992. Press 5.

PSI.Net: Call (518) 283-8860. Press 1, press 4.



Free Internet Accounts

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is done by clicking on start, then on programs then on Outlook Express

- From the **Tools** menu, select **Accounts**.
- Select the **Mail** tab and click on **pop.netzero.net**
- Click on **Properties** and select **Advanced**.
- Under the **Deliver** section, ensure that the **Leave a copy of messages on server** box is unchecked.
- Click **OK** to save.

From the **Tools** menu, select **Accounts**.

Click on the **Add** button and select **Mail**.

Type in your name and click on Next Button

Check the circle next to **I already have an e-mail address that I'd like to use**.

Type your e-mail address. For example: memberid@netzero.net

Click on the **Next** button

Select **POP3**.

In the **Incoming mail server** box, type **pop.netzero.net**

In the **Outgoing mail server** box, type **smtp.netzero.net**

In the **Account name** box, type your Member ID. **Note:** your member id must all be lower case.

In the **Password** box, type your password.

Note: your password is case-sensitive. If you want to have your password saved, so that you don't have to type it when checking email, place a check in the **Remember password** box.

Click on the **Next** button.

Click on the **Finish** button to save your settings.

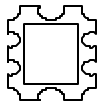
Now your email is set up. The next thing you do is click on your Netzero icon on your screen and start up your internet connection. Once your Netzero connection is completed and you are online click on Outlook Express to start up your mail. Click on New mail at the top of the screen and send yourself an email like myname@netzero.net, then click on the send and receive button. After the mail has been sent, click on the send/receive button again to make sure you got your mail. Once you have tested your mail system you are ready to go to the last step.

This is only for AOL users:

Log onto AOL and go to account preferences, you click on change type of account, you want to change your account to the \$9.95 a month option called Bring your own access. Once you have followed the instructions they give you, you have saved yourself \$10.00 per month on AOL. Then hang up from AOL and start up your Netzero account. Once you are connected, double click your AOL button and you will see the place that shows your connection, which is your local phone number, click on the arrow next to it and change it to the tcp/ip connection. Once that is changed click on connect and you are connected to AOL. When you hang up from AOL remember you are still on Netzero. Close your Netzero window to hang up your connection and you will be back at your desktop.

We covered a lot in this article. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email me at jvanders@myself.com Looking forward to seeing you all at the December 28, 1999 power SIG group meeting. Hope you all have a Great Holiday, and New Year.





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JANUARY AT SHCC:

TUESDAY Jan 4

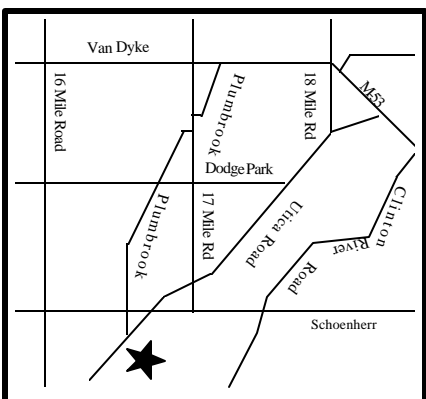
Main Meeting.

7:30PM at

Carpattia Club.

38000 Utica Road,
Sterling Heights

**Home Finances
by member Dick
Morawski**



SIGS

MONDAY

JANUARY 10

Net/Com SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

MONDAY

JANUARY 17

Novice SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 26

Power User SIG 7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

February

To be Determined

March

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