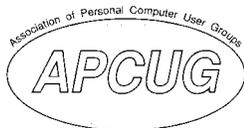




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TUESDAY NOV 7

Main Meeting

7:30 PM

“What's New for the Holidays” presented by Jay Bielicki and Jeff Shuboy of CompUSA

Elections of the 2007 officers will be held at this meeting.

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The President's Pen

by Don VanSyckel



Be on the look out for phishing emails. Any email asking you to supply information either in a return email or at a web site is suspect and probably phishing.

Remember that when a web link or address is displayed (usually underlined and in blue) and looks like a valid web address, the web address the link points at is not necessarily the same. In most browsers and email readers, when you hover over a link the web address it will send you to is displayed in the lower left corner of the window. If the link looks like a web address in the email and when you hover over it a different web address is displayed in the corner of the email reader then you are being tricked. Don't go there. The whole address displayed should match the whole address displayed when hovering.

For instance you get an email with the link: <http://www.sears.com> with a request to update your records. When you hover over this link and look at the lower corner of the email reader you see something like: <http://www.sears.tw/www.sears.com/memberlogin/>

This certainly looks like the Sears web site. Here's a very important difference, it does not matter that the

address has www.sears.com in it! What matters the most is the part of the address called the domain which is the section following the double slashes '/' through the next slash or end if there is no other slash. In this case we see that this is 'www.sears.tw' and this is certainly not the Sears web site. The rest of the stuff following this just tells where on the web site to look.

So the trick is to make you think you're at a web site you trust, like Sears, but you're actually at a web site run by crooks trying to steal from you. First they steal your information. Then they use this to steal your money.

A phishing email currently going around from “Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union” is very convincing in its request for your assistance in updating your records. It contains a rather long link. When you hover over this link you can clearly see that the actual address you would be sent to does not match that displayed in the email. **WARNING!! WARNING!!** should go off in your head! I'm not sure what country the 'tw' domain suffix actual belongs to but its likely not anyplace you can get your money back from. And as in other types of fraud, while catching the crook and having them thrown in jail might make

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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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2006 SHCC Officers

President: Don VanSyckel V. President: Open
 Secretary: Pat Little Treasurer: Ed Trombley

Four Month Meeting Schedule:

NOVEMBER 2006	JANUARY 2007
1 - COMP meeting	2 - SHCC- Main Meeting
7 - SHCC- "What's New for the Holidays" by Jay Bielicki and Jeff Shuboy of CompUSA	3 -COMP meeting
12 - SEMCO meeting	8 - Net/Comm SIG
13 - Net/Comm SIG	14 - SEMCO meeting
20 - Novice SIG	22 - Novice SIG
22 - PC SIG	24 - PC SIG
DECEMBER 2006	FEBRUARY 2007
5 - SHCC- "How to Sell on eBay" by Mary Lou Metzger from the Sterling Heights Public Library	5 - SHCC- Main Meeting
6 - COMP meeting	6 - COMP meeting
10 - SEMCO meeting	11 - SEMCO meeting
11 - Net/Comm SIG	12 - Net/Comm SIG
19 - Novice SIG	22 - Novice SIG
27 - PC SIG	3/1 - 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

Special Interest Groups:

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

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 OR at the e-mail addresses: newsletter@SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org

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SIG Meetings

Net/Comm SIG



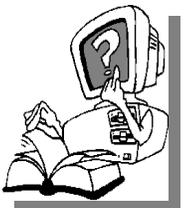
The next meeting of the Inter-net/Communi-cations (Net/Comm.) SIG will be Monday, November 13, 2006, starting at 7:00PM at the Macomb County Library. The SIG meeting days are generally the second Monday of the month.

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

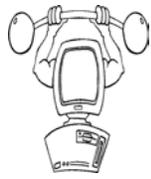


The next meet-ing of the Novice SIG will be Monday, November 20, 2006, starting at 7:00 PM at the Macomb County Library.

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, November 22, 2006, 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-retary@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:

I am switching from an old computer with Windows 98 to a new one with Windows XP. How can I get my programs and files from the old computer to the new one?

Ready to Move

A: Dear Ready:

The easiest way to move programs between an old pc and a new one is to use a cable called null modem serial cable. The cable plugs into a serial port on each computer. Most computers will have a nine-pin serial port. Make sure you get a nine-pin cable long enough to reach both computers. Once the computers are connected, go to the new computer and click on start – all programs, accessories, system tools, file and settings transfer wizard.

Follow the instructions and then go to the old computer, using the Windows XP CD to start the files and settings transfer wizard. Select which files and settings to transfer. Click next and the wizard begins collecting the files and settings from the old computer. This may take a long long time. After the process is completed go to the new computer and start the wizard again. After telling the computer this is the new computer, select the last option. Then all you have to do is tell the wiz-

ard where to look for the collected items. For detailed instructions check out http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/setup/expert/crawford_november12.mspx

Expert

Q: Dear Expert:

I have files in a particular folder that I put there by mistake. I want to transfer it to another folder. What is the easiest way to do that?

Jim

A: Dear Jim:

First open up the folder that has the file in it and do a right click on the file you wish to transfer. Then left click on cut. Then navigate over to the proper folder. When you are in the proper folder, click on edit then on paste and the files will move to the new folder.

Expert



Door Prizes

The SHCC offers door prizes at most regularly scheduled club meetings. The door prizes for the November meeting were not known at the time of publication.

In October, the coveted winner’s circle included:

Dave Makarewicz won System Mechanic Pro

Harry Kenney won Family Tree Maker

Lindell Beck won a mouse, calculator

Mary Strzyzewski won Quicken software

Cliff Miller won a keyboard

Russ Canary won a copy of Internet Privacy

Emmy Evangelista won STOPzilla Software

Frank Podolski won Smart Computing Magazine

Nina Jarboe won a Word 97 Manual

Don Hjelle won Microsoft Office Compact Guide

Ron Frederick won Office Layout

Ralph Osinski won a Java II Manual

Marshall Steele won a Power Supply



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.



The President's Pen

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you feel better in the short term, it does nothing towards getting your money back if the crook has squandered it.

The same trick with web addresses can be done with links on a web page. So if you are at a site you don't trust be careful. Hover over any link that looks like a URL and see if the URL displayed matches.

Not all links match the text displayed. It's a feature that is very useful. Go to the SHCC web site and look at the club web page and find the "Article of the Month" link. Hover over it. See where it points to? In this case we're not tricking you, but then "Article of the Month" doesn't look anything like a web address. In this case displaying "Article of the Month" fits into the context of the page and is much more meaningful than the actual URL.

You need to be on your guard when reading your email with web addresses in it. You and only you are the first line of defense to prevent theft from you.

This month's meeting will feature "What's New for the Holidays" presented by Jay Bielicki and Jeff Shuboy from CompUSA. Presentations from CompUSA have always been lively and informative.

Also, don't forget that SHCC officer elections are this month. Currently we have three nominees for four offices, all but vice president. If you are interested in serving in any of the four offices, nominate yourself, have a friend nominate you, or contact any of the current officers before the meeting.

See you Tuesday.



Last Month's Meeting

Mr. Mike Cali of www.theWeeklyCoupon.com presented "Internet Safety." Mike gave a lively presentation with many links on the topic for future reference.



Electronic WYSIWYG

You have the choice of receiving either the paper or the electronic version of the WYSIWYG. Contact the SHCC secretary to request the electronic version, since it will only be sent to those requesting it.



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.



Presenters Wanted

The officers invite any member to make a presentation at the main meeting.

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 Don VanSyckel. Making presentations is not that difficult. The hour goes by before you know it and there is always enough material to cover in a software package so that the hour is easy to fill.

If there is a topic you are interested in or something you would like demonstrated, please see any of the officers. They are always interested in what the members would like to see.



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.



Election Announcement

It is time to re-elect our officers. Here is the process, the jobs, and responsibilities:

The nomination process is simple. You can nominate yourself or have another person nominate you for one or more of the offices. All the offices (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) are elected for a one year term starting in January and completing in December. Nominations are taken in October and just before the elections in November. You must be a member to be nominated or to nominate someone.

The elections are usually held at the regular meeting closest to November 1st. The easy way to remember this is that we hold our elections on the same night as the local and national elections are held, in years when there is a national election.

Only members of the SHCC can vote. Ballots will be handed out at the sign-in door. The elections are held during the business portion of the meeting. The person with the majority of the vote for the office is the winner, for each office.

The jobs of each office are flexible. Some are defined, some change from office to office depending on the officers' capabilities and availability.

In reality the president makes sure the meeting topics are set, the speakers are prepared, writes thank you notes to presenters and door prize contributors,

runs the regular club and officer meetings, publishes the minutes to the officer meetings, takes phone calls from potential members and sends information to them, audits the monthly treasurer report and membership databases, tracks door prizes, and handles most of the publicity issues for the club. The WYSIWYG column is optional, but a great forum to pass along information to the members. The president also makes sure that the different coordinators are appointed and do their jobs. The president enforces the constitution and Club's policies. The president does whatever things cannot be done by anyone else. The key to this job is delegation. The more the president delegates the less there is to do.

The Vice President has the catch all job. So far to date the vice-president has not had to step in for the president, and there have not been any state funerals that they have had to attend. This is an important job. The person must be flexible and be prepared to run the regular and officer meetings if the president cannot attend. This officer usually picks up a project or two during the year to lift the burden from other officers.

The secretary maintains the membership database which is tracked in an Access database. They also put together "New Member Packets" and give them to newly joined members, and members who renew. These packets are already printed, some

assembly required! The secretary audits the treasurer report to make sure that the membership money collected matches the membership counts in the database, print the mailing labels for WYSIWYG mailing, and maintains several reports such as a membership list and attendance sheet. The secretary makes sure that sign-in table materials needed at each regular meeting are there before the meeting, and before people start showing up.

The treasurer maintains records for all the money taken in and paid out from the Club's checking account. The SHCC currently uses Quicken to track the funds and generate reports for the officers. The treasurer also audits the membership counts. The treasurer makes reports to the officers at the officers meeting and four times a year to the Club's membership. All the receipts are collected and maintained by the treasurer.

All the officers attend the officer meeting that takes place during the week after the club meeting. It starts at 7:30PM; time and date are flexible to the liking of all officers.

I hope everyone considers this invitation, this call to service. It is some work, and it is a lot of fun. Normally it takes 3 to 5 hours a month (give or take a few hours) outside of the meetings. The president's job might take a little more, but remember that delegation can lower the burden. If you have any questions concerning the duties, feel free to give any of the officers a call.

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Managing Device Drivers

by Vinny La Bash, Member of the Sarasota PCUG, Florida [labash\(at\)spcug.org](mailto:labash(at)spcug.org) www.spcug.org

Windows is the most widely used operating system (OS) in the personal computer world.

For each piece of hardware that's connected to a Windows based computer, somebody somewhere has written a piece of software to make the device

work with a computer. This piece of software is called a "Device Driver." One of the most useful features of a well-written device driver is making

itself all but invisible to whoever is using the computer. You create a document, send it to your printer, and somehow the document prints. Your device driver takes care of all the little details necessary for the printing operation to occur.

Drivers are one of the three most important broad categories of software in computers. The first is the operating system, the second is whatever applications are installed, including communications, and the third is device drivers. Drivers are important for two reasons. First, your peripherals won't work without them, and second, corrupted or out-of-date device drivers are responsible for most system crashes.

There are other reasons why it's important to keep your device drivers up-to-date. Sometimes a manufacturer will become aware of some kind of defect or glitch in the driver software and issue a fix. You will need it. A different manufacturer may have a driver for its own device that will cause a conflict with an out-of-date driver on your device. Over time, updates for Windows may eventually cause problems with an out-of-date driver.

Proper device driver management is essential to keeping your computer crash proof. If device driver management is unfamiliar territory, please pay attention. You'll be glad you did. Microsoft introduced the concept of Signed Drivers with Windows 2000 and continued with Windows XP. If a device driver is "signed" by Microsoft, it means that the driver has been subjected to meticulous, painstaking, extensive testing to ensure compatibility with your Windows operating system.

Anytime you install a signed driver, Windows checks it by default and also guarantees it has not been altered or changed in any way. If the driver is not signed, Windows alerts you with a strong message that the driver has not

passed Microsoft's rigorous certification tests.

Windows will also ask if you want to install the driver anyway, and will do so if you give it permission. Keeping your computer safe from unstable software is always a good idea. Fortunately, changing the Windows default is relatively easy, but you need Administrator privileges.

Right-click the My Computer icon on the desktop, then select Properties. Click the Hardware tab and then the Driver Signing button. Choose Block to let this be the new default, and you're done. Windows will now block any device drivers that it does not recognize as signed.

Not all manufacturers send their drivers to Microsoft for testing. For small firms this can be an expensive proposition. Does this mean you should never install an unsigned driver? No, but you should do some checking of your own to ensure that the company has a good reputation in the industry. Sometimes a new device driver will prove unstable for various reasons. Windows XP has the ability to delete the driver and install a previous version. Open the Device Manager, and double click the drive that's causing problems. Switch to the Driver tab and Roll Back the driver to the previous version.

What we've discussed so far is fine if you're using relatively new equipment, but suppose you're having trouble with something that's old and the manufacturer has gone out of business. Chances are good that the original installation disk is lost or deteriorated to a point where it is no longer useful. There are many other reasons why you could have difficulty finding a device driver, but these are the most common.

In the past, finding the right device driver or firmware was often a tedious,

time consuming, and frequently impossible task. Nowadays, we have web sites such as www.driverguide.com to help us. The site has been around since 1997, and has seen many improvements. It has a unique membership base of thousands who collectively compiled a massive database of drivers, firmware, and support documents that is the largest and most comprehensive on the Web.

Recognizing that most people who use computers are not experts, they have devised an easy step-by-step process that will help you find and install drivers. There is an archive of hundreds of thousands of files containing not only drivers, but voluminous information on manufacturers including links to other sites with driver information. Also useful are the discussion boards where you can chat with others who have the same hardware, and learn from their experience.

After you search for a driver and find it, help doesn't stop. The Driver Summary provides you with a rundown of all the information you're likely to need to make the decision about whether or not to download and install the driver. This information is put together from the original manufacturer, plus ratings and comments from those who have previously downloaded and installed the file. It's nice to have everything in one place.

There are many web sites where you can find information about device drivers, but this is one of the best places to use as your starting point. Managing device drivers does not have to be a search in the dark. Use the tools available to you, and your system will be stable and a lot less prone to crash.

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.



Essential Processes, How You Can Tell

by Vinny La Bash, Member of the Sarasota PCUG, Florida
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Every other computer article these days seems to be about Windows Vista, a long promised operating system that hasn't appeared yet. Why all the fuss about something that doesn't even exist yet? It's as far advanced over Windows XP as Windows 95 was over 3.1, that's why. That's nice, but we don't have Vista to take us to Nirvana today. We common folk have XP. That's not bad, but we don't have Vista as promised. Maybe this time next year I'll be writing about a Vista tip to make life easier while we're all anticipating the release of Vienna, the follow on to Vista. While we're waiting, here's something to make the wait easier.

If you press Ctrl+Alt+Delete to bring up the Windows Task Manager and then activate the Processes tab, you see a long list of computer services that run in the background while you're working with your system. You've undoubtedly received recommendations that you should shut down or disable the unessential processes to improve system performance. This is sound advice, but how can you tell what's essential from what could be shut down without clobbering your operation? Try the following to get a fighting start in that direction.

Restart your system and when it begins to reboot press F8 repeatedly until the Start Up menu appears. Select the Safe Mode option from the menu. If you get another screen asking you to select the operating system, choose the one which applies to you. In most cases, you will see one choice and it will be Windows XP Home Edition, Windows XP Professional Edition or Windows XP Media Center Edition. A bunch of programming gibberish may fill up your screen next and your system may appear to be 'frozen' for a

minute or two. Relax, but don't touch anything, especially the keyboard or the mouse.

Eventually something like the normal Windows Welcome Screen will appear and you will be asked to sign in. If you are the only one using your system and your user profile has full Administrator privileges, you can safely log on to Windows Safe Mode. If you're not certain, use the Administrator Profile.

You will now be confronted with a formidable looking dialog box containing an ambiguous explanation of Safe Mode. Click the Yes button. When the desktop appears, don't panic. The icons may look very different, but nothing is wrong. One of the characteristics of Safe Mode is to load only the minimum number of video drivers that will support the lowest resolution your monitor can handle. This guarantees you will have a visible screen in Safe Mode. Everything will be back to normal when you restart, but you will probably have to rearrange your icons.

Press Ctrl+Alt+Delete. This time the Windows Task Manager displays a considerably shorter list in the Processes section. This list represents what's really essential to keep Windows running. Don't shut down or disable anything in this short list when you are running in Windows normal mode. You run the risk of not only crashing your system, but you may not be able to boot up again without doing a repair reinstall of your operating system. The idea here is to improve the performance of your system, not put yourself out of business.

You can make a handwritten list of the processes that are running in Safe Mode and use that as a reference, but here is another method.

1. Click on a blank area of the Windows Task Manager to make sure it is active. Click the Processes tab.
2. Press Alt+PrtScr to capture the image of the dialog box and store it in the clipboard area.
3. Close the Windows Task Manager Dialog box.
4. Click on the Start button.
5. From the Start Menu, open the All Programs section.
6. Open the Accessories Menu.
7. Start the Paint program.
8. From the Edit menu select Paste to put the stored image in the canvas area.
9. Save the image on the Desktop, the My Documents folder or in any folder where you can retrieve it easily.
10. Close Paint.
11. Restart Windows.
12. Rearrange your icons if necessary when the desktop appears in normal mode.
13. Open Paint as you did in Safe Mode.
14. Retrieve and print the Task Manager Dialog box image.

You can copy and paste the image in your word processor or another application if you prefer. When you shut down or disable any process not on your short list, you can be confident that you won't inadvertently clobber your system while trying to improve its performance. What about all those other programs running in the background? That's a subject for another article.

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.



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.

Various categories of local retailer savings coupons.
<http://www.valpak.com>

Free utility to recover deleted files. Select 'Downloads' and then 'FreeUndelete'.
<http://www.officerecovery.com>

Create a spectacular light show with grapes.
<http://www.pmichaud.com/grape/>

Shop for deals which do not involve mail-in rebate hassles.
<http://www.antirebate.com>

Perfect parking - timed auto parking scenarios to test your ability.
<http://www.107.peugeot.co.uk/peugeot.swf>

Pretend you're in prison and make a license plate.
<http://www.acme.com/licensemaker/>

Extensive collection of descriptions of auto systems and parts, pics and diagrams, troubleshooting guide, maintenance tips, glossaries.
www.3dauto.com

Financial calculators of all sorts.
<http://drcalculator.com>

Comprehensive free third-party patch-and-tune-and-update service for Windows machines. Select "Support and Services", then "Consumer Edition Help" for download link.
<http://www.bigfix.com>

DIY projects, including how to build your own jet engine.
<http://www.instructables.com>

Who killed the electric car? You decide.
<http://whokilledtheelectriccar.com>

An important reminder.
<http://home.valornet.com/sabruf2/countchr.html>

Guide to energy-efficient heating and cooling.
http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/heat_cool/GUIDE_2COLOR.pdf

"Shameless promotion of insect appreciation."
<http://www.insects.org>

Many galleries of photos in several categories. Select "Gallery".
<http://www.pdnonline.com>

Info on processes and techniques of modern photography - basic to advanced.
<http://azuswebworks.com/photography/>

The daily e-zine for everyone over 50 who feels way too young to be old.
<http://www.suddenlyseneior.com>

Find out what your congressional representative is or is not doing for your taxes.
<http://www.congress.org>

View pics and info on the National Zoo's cats, pandas, invertebrates, apes, reptiles, backyard visitors, more.
<http://nationalzoo.si.edu>

Hundreds of appetizer, meal, dessert, drink recipes. Links to recipe exchange forums.
<http://therecipeexchange.com>

Hundreds of high-quality 'wide-view' scenic photos of US, Scotland, New Zealand.
<http://www.tawbaware.com/maxlyons/>

Sony's QRIO robot in motion. Click on "FLASH", then click on "QRIO's Story" to see 4 animations.
<http://www.sony.net/SonyInfo/QRIO/>

If your PC gets infected with the popcorn.net extortion-ware, this info will help you remove it.
<http://www.schrockinnovations.com/removepopcorn.php>

Missed an episode of your favorite TV show? Find opinionated recaps of many current and past dramatic series.
<http://www.televisionwithoutpity.com>

Settle baseball arguments with this collection of team / manager / player stats, awards, transactions, salaries, more.
<http://www.baseball-reference.com>

Museum of bad album covers.
<http://www.zonicweb.net/badalbmcvrs/>

Feeling abstract? Paint a head on a virtual canvas. Observe the works of other budding artists.
<http://www.mrpicassohead.com>





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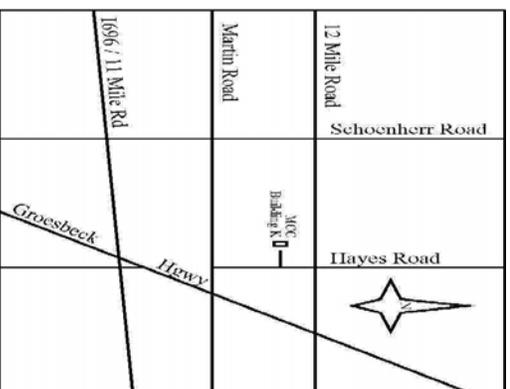
NOVEMBER AT SHCC:

TUESDAY NOV 7

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)

“What’s New for the
Holidays” presented by
Jay Bielicki and Jeff
Shuboy of CompUSA



SIGS

MONDAY

NetCom SIG

November 13

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

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NOVICE SIG

November 20

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

WEDNESDAY

PC SIG

November 22

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

DECEMBER: “How to Sell on eBay” presented by Mary Lou Metzger from The Sterling Heights Public Library

JANUARY: “Home networking, wireless access points, and all that stuff, part 3” presented by Don VanSyckel from SHCC