THE WYSIWYG

TUESDAY DEC 5
Main Meeting
7:30 PM

"How to Sell on Ebay" by Mary Lou Metzger from the Sterling Heights Public Library

If your e-mail or mail address changes, please e-mail: secretary@SterlingHeights-ComputerClub.org

The President's Pen
by Don VanSyckel

So you want a new computer. Why? Are there things you can't do? Can you do everything but you need to do things faster? Does your current PC do everything you need but you just have an itch to get something new? Should you buy something now? Wait? What?

Here's my thoughts for what they're worth, no comments. Be smart about it and don't impulse buy. I'm not saying you should spend hours and hours comparing every detail of every PC but don't walk into a computer store with no intension of buying a PC and walk out with one. Remember if you don't need it today, it'll cost less tomorrow.

Do some thinking about what's important to you. This will be driven in part by what you use your PC for. Family tree, games, web surfing, photo editing, tracking a hobby, etc.

Gaming is an obvious category requiring a high end video card. Other applications like photography and music might need a lot of disk storage. Music could also require a better sound card and speakers or even an interface to other equipment you have. You probably don't need high end of everything. Go mid range for things that aren't important and put the money in the important items.

Another thing to consider is do you travel? If you travel would it be help to have a lap top with you? When we traveled the last couple of years we choose a hotel that offers free Internet. The lap top comes in handy for unloading pictures from the camera, checking schedules of local events, making last minute reservations, and getting directions to the attraction you saw advertised on the way into town. You can also check your email and do some banking. If these things appeal to you consider a lap top. The things to look for in a lap top are processor speed, memory size and maximum memory, hard drive size, screen size and if it's day light readable, and if there are connectors to hook up everything you need to hook up.

The last thing about a lap top you travel with is to consider what data you have on it if it's lose or stolen. Consider a data encryption package. You know how Murphy works. If you protect your data you'll never lose the lap top. I could do a whole write up about lap tops so this paragraph is just a summary.

This month Mary Lou Metzger from the Sterling Heights Public Library will present "How to Sell on EBay". With all the stuff that goes on it's important

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:

DECEMBER 2006
5 - SHCC– "How to Sell on EBay" by Mary Lou Metzger from the Sterling Heights Public Library
6 - COMP meeting
10 - SEMCO meeting
11 - Net/Comm SIG
19 - Novice SIG
27 - PC SIG

JANUARY 2007
2 - SHCC– "Screen Shots and More with SnagIt by TechSmith" by Rick Schummer of SHCC
3 -COMP meeting
8   - Net/Comm SIG
14 - SEMCO meeting
22 - Novice SIG
24 - PC SIG

FEBRUARY 2007
6- SHCC– "Your Photos on the Web with Picasa Web Albums" by Jerry Hess of SHCC
7 - COMP meeting
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12 - Net/Comm SIG
22 - Novice SIG
3/1 - PC SIG

MARCH 2007
6- SHCC– "Email Clients, What You Need to Know and Don't" by Don VanSyckel of SHCC
7 - COMP meeting
11 - SEMCO meeting
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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.

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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Newsletter submissions are due 10 days before the club meeting, but the earlier the better. They should be sent to :
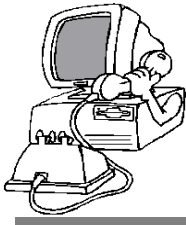   WYSIWYG Publisher
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SIG Meetings

Net/Comm SIG

The next meeting of the Internet/Communications (Net/Comm.) SIG will be Monday, December 11, 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
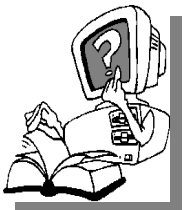
The next meeting of the Novice SIG will be Tuesday, December 19, 2006, starting at 7:00 PM at the Macomb County Library.

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 Windows, 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
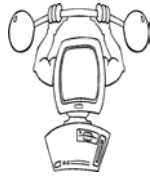
The next meeting of the PC SIG will be on Wednesday, December 27, 2006, starting at 7:00PM at the Macomb County Library. The SIG meeting is generally the fourth Wednesday of the month.

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

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 Coordinator". 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 support positions that become vacant. If you are interested in doing this function, or have questions about the position, talk to Don VanSyckel.

Club Record Changes

To update your e-mail address, phone number, etc., please e-mail the club secretary at: Secretary@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 advertisement for a reasonable advertising fee. If interested in details, contact 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 create a file using Microsoft Word and attach it to an email and then the person on the other side can't read the file. Why does this happen? Sherry

A: Dear Sherry:

The file that you created was a Microsoft Word file. When the person at the other end opens up the attachment the computer looks for Microsoft Word. If it is not on that person's machine, then the computer cannot open that type of file. Before sending attachments other than pictures or plain text, make sure that the person at the other end has the same program. In your case, you can save the document as HTML and send that as an attachment. If you are using another program try to save it in HTML or plain text so that the receiver will be able to read the attachment.

Try to avoid attachments when you can, since many spam programs will automatically delete them.

Expert

Q: Dear Expert:

I opened up my "My Documents" folder and have over 1000 files in there. I can't seem to find anything. Is there an easier way to find a file other than going through a search each time?

Buried in Files

A: Dear Buried:

You need to create sub folders inside of your "My Documents" folder.

If you were to see my folders you would see folders called, My Pictures, My Music, My Genealogy, My Letters, My Mail, My Videos, etc. etc.

First click on File then on new then on new folder. A folder will appear with the word new folder in blue. Without pressing another key type in the name of the folder and press enter. You have now created your new folder.

Then look for the files you want to place in there, hold the left mouse button down on the name, and drag it to your new folder and drop it. The file will now move. You can have as many folders as you like. One example of subfolders that I have is "My Documents, My Pictures, Digital Camera, Vacation, Europe" Next time I look for a picture from a vacation I can navigate directly to that folder.

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Door Prizes

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

In November, the coveted winner's circle included:

Paula Gralewski won an issue of PC World Magazine

Bruce Honeck won a Visual Basic 5.0 Manual

Joann Jessee won an issue of Smart Computing Magazine

Joseph Katovich won an issue of PC World Magazine

Ron Linsley won an issue of Smart Computing Magazine

Dave Makarewicz won an issue of Smart Computing Magazine

Ralph Osinski won an Oracle Manual

James Waldrop won an issue of Smart Computing Magazine

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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.

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SHCC Post Office Box

After 9-11 some of the rules have been changed concerning post office boxes. These changes are intended to make it more difficult for persons using post office boxes to remain anonymous, at least to the post office. If you send anything to the club's PO box don't put a person's name on it. It's OK to use titles such as President, Treasurer, and such. If you use a person's name, your mail will sit at the post office until that person can get to the post office with ID and claim the mail. This just slows down you mail and inconveniences the addressee.

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More Door Prizes

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

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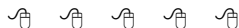
World Wide Web Column on the Club Web Site

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

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Presenters Wanted

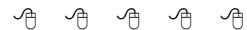The officers invite any member to make a presentation at the main meeting.

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.

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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.

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New SHCC Members
Please welcome the following new members
Herman Salinger
Rosemarie Salinger

The President's Pen

to know how to keep yourself safe wherever you're doing. You can find some good stuff on EBay but you can also find some hard times. Come learn the tips and tricks to keep EBay a good experience.

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Last Month Meeting

"What's New for the Holidays" was presented by Jay Bielicki and Jeff Shuboy of CompUSA, Hall Road store. Both a high end PC and Mac were demonstrated and discussed. Many people commented how much they enjoyed the meeting.

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Tech News

by Sue Crane, Editor, Big Bear Computer Club
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Amazon Reveals Windows Vista Pricing
http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2010150,00.asp
Preorder prices posted on the Amazon.com Website, Windows Vista Home Basic will retail for $199, while an upgrade to this version will cost $99.95, with $89.95 for an additional upgrade license.   Vista Home Premium is priced on Amazon.com at $239, with an upgrade costing $159 and an additional upgrade license for $143.00. Vista Business costs $299 retail, $199 for an upgrade and $179 for an extra upgrade license.

New Skype Phone Doesn't Need PC
http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2010681,00.asp
Skype announced a new cordless phone that sends and receives Skype calls just like a landline, but without the need for a computer. The new Philips VOIP841 plugs into a standard RJ-11 home phone jack, as well as into an RJ-45 broadband connection jack. It can send and receive Skype calls as well as calls from a regular home phone number, but you do have to have a broadband connection.

IRS Sets Refund for Individuals from Phone Tax
http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2011151,00.asp?kc=EWNAVEMNL090106EOAD
Long-distance   telephone   customers can receive refunds of between $30 and $60 on their 2006 taxes to reimburse them for a now defunct telephone tax, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service said recently. The U.S. Treasury Department in May announced it would end its legal fight to keep a 3 percent federal excise tax on long-distance telephone service that dates back to 1898, when a luxury tax on wealthy Americans who owned telephones was imposed to help finance the Spanish-American war.

Light Bulbs Going Organic
http://articles.techrepublic.com.com/2100-22_11-6111872.html?tag=nl.e019
The Ewing, N.J., company — along with General   Electric, Osram Opto Semiconductors and others — is tinkering with the idea of transforming organic light-emitting diodes, thin sheets of plastic that emit light, into a source of room lighting. Pioneer and Samsung Electronics already use OLEDs for screens on consumer electronics products. By increasing the size of the sheets and the brightness, researchers think the material could become an energy-efficient substitute for the incandescent light bulb.

Flying-car
http://news.com.com/Flying-car+ rm+relea ses+simulator%2C+takes+deposits/2100-1008_3-6112862.html?tag=nl.e703
The Transition, a plane that can also be driven as a car, won't come out for a few years, but you can try a flight simulator now and put a deposit on a future plane too. Terrafugia, a "roadable aircraft" developer that emerged out of MIT, has devised a flight simulator for its aircraft (which can be downloaded here). The application runs on top of the X-Plane simulator for Laminar Research. Potential buyers can also now plunk down $7,400, or 5 percent of the anticipated $148,000 purchase price, for a deposit on a Transition. The planes will come out in late 2009. A fully operational prototype is expected to come out in 2008.

Cars with Depth Perception.
http://articles.techrepublic.com.com/2100-22_11-6117385. html?tag=nl.e019
Honda believes Canesta's chips could help drivers know how close they are to other parked cars, pedestrians, and get other similar, useful information. Automakers are also examining ultrasonics (sound waves) or stereoscopic technologies to give drivers better information about their surroundings.

Fly planes in a 360-degree Virtual Universe. http://news.com.com/1606-2_3-6118278.html?tag=nl.e703
Take a tour of the Future Flight Central at NASA Ames Research Center in California.

Homemade Car Gets 105 mpg.
http://news.com.com/2061-11200_3-6118875.html?tag=nl.e703
Inventor Jory Squibb combines environmentally friendly products and do-it-yourself- gadgetry with the "Moonbeam," a DIY car that he claims can get up to 105 miles per gallon. The project took about $2,500- — and 1,000 hours-to complete. Check out the step-by-step instructions on his Web site: http://mysite.verizon.net/vze6omtd/ jorysquibb/id1.html

Motorola Sells Phones and Accessories in Vending Machines.
http://www.chicagotribune.com/technology/chi-0609210048sep21,1,939120.
Motorola has begun selling phones and accessories through "Instantmoto" vending machines at well-trafficked locations such as airports and department stores. Under the plan, the machines will stock nearly 12 phones and 18 accessories.

Gas from manure.
http://news.com.com/Gas+from+manure+Big+plant+to+open/2100-1008-6119213.html?part=dht&tag=nl.e433
Microgy plans to start operating its first two thermophilic digesters — large, heated vats in which microbes turn large quantities of manure into fuel.

Post-9/11 Anti-terror Technology: A report card by Declan McCullagh , Staff Writer, CNET News.comt http://articles.techrepublic.com.com/2100-1009_11-6113064.html?tag=nl.e019
A CNN writer examines five useful ways of improving security — and five that should raise eyebrows.

In need of support:
1. Going wireless
2. Better search technology
3. Inspecting cargo containers
4. Smarter translation software
5. Faster chemical detection.

Raising privacy concerns:
1. Omnipresent cameras
2. Registered traveler
3. Backscatter X-ray (privacy advocates say it can show body contours that are so exact it amounts to a "virtual strip search.")
4. "Brain ngerprinting"
5. DNA dragnets.

Canon to recall copiers
http://driveragent.com/pcworld.php?PHPSE SSID= 9241043d076111e037e92e9e1fbab1e8

Japan's Canon will recall more than 140,000 personal copiers made in Japan between 1987 and 1997 due to a faulty connection involving the power cord.

FREE Driver Update for PC Magazine Members.
Instant Access to 94,081 Device Driver Updates: http://articles.techrepublic.com. com/2100-10878_11-6114592.html?tag=nl.e019
Are your computer's drivers up to date? Stop wondering and get a free computer scan for instant driver updates.

Windows Vista RC1 Now Downloadable By Anyone.
http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/preview.mspx
First, it went to a select group of technical beta testers. Then to those who had tested Beta 2. As of September 14, however, Windows Vista Release Candidate (RC) 1 is now available to anyone interested in testing the product.
(Editor's note — Vista is now inits manufacturing phase.)

Free Music Downloads.
http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2009739,00.asp

SpiralFrog, a new music download service, said it will make Vivendi's Universal Music Group's catalog available for free legal downloading in the United States and Canada. Spiral-Frog's business model is based on sharing income from advertising with content partners like Universal.

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http://news.com.com/Google+These+books+are+free/2100-1032_3-6110950.html?tag=nl.e703
Google Book Search now offers PDF files of scanned books that can be downloaded and printed for free. Readers can find the books by choosing the "Full view books" option on the Google Book Search home page before they activate their search. Once they have chosen a book from the results page, a download button is clearly visible on the top-right corner of the page. Just be sure it doesn't cost you more to print the book than it would to purchase it!

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.

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How Do I Get My Home Videos Into My Computer?

by Elise Edgell, President, North Orange County Computer Club, California
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I have stacks of VHS and 8mm tapes that I want to convert to digital format before they are no longer accessible. I know that once I get the analog videos converted to digital format I can preserve them, edit them, back them up, etc. But, what technology is available to me?

First of all, let me explain that I have never been good at reading about a technology, learning all it's terms and features before I have had a chance to use the technology. When I am making a decision about software, frequently the feature, which sounded so good on the box and enticed me to purchase it, is not the feature which I really use. It often is something that I was unaware of when I initially got the program but which I use the most and like the best. An example of this is the "Reveal Codes" feature in WordPerfect.

When VCRs first came on the market, I wanted one. I heard about the pros and cons of VHS and BETA formats. I had a hard time remembering which was which. I had never used a VCR before I purchased a VHS model. I rapidly learned the different recording speeds and how they affected the quality of the image. The next VCR I purchased was a BETA format. The image quality was much better and I couldn't understand why it was not the format of choice for everyone.

Since that time, I have had a VHS camcorder, an 8mm and a Hi8. Again, the quality difference between the three formats is noticeable. I have not purchased a digital camcorder yet so I have not learned the difference between the different types of digital camcorders. When I was looking for the technology necessary to convert my precious memories to digital format I was focused on analog conversion devices.

The first analog capture device connected to the computer with a USB1 cable. That did not work well and I put the project aside for a while. I then received a ADS Instant DVD USB 2 capture device as a gift. By this time I had acquired a couple of video editing programs. I had installed them, read the documentation (much of it was incomprehensible to me without actually using the program), and attempted to capture some video from a Hi8 tape. This did not work well. I found that software programs are very touchy about which video capture device they will talk with. Fortunately, the video capture device came with capture software so I am able to transfer my analog video to digital. But, not in the way I wanted and I am still learning the terminology.

I wanted to write this because some of my confusion may be the same as yours. The software programs say that they can "capture" both analog and digital video. They also talk about "capture card" for the digital video. It

is necessary to have a "capture card" or "capture device" to take the analog information from your VHS (or other analog input) and convert it to digital information. This is usually accomplished by connecting the video-out and audio-out from your analog device (VHS player, camcorder, etc) to the input section of your capture card (this may be your video card) or external device. When you are in the process of capturing the video, the analog information is converted in the capture device to a digital format (there are several such as MPEG1 and MPEG2) and then stored on your computer. Once stored, they can be used by video editing programs or can be burned to a disk.

Please note, if you have a digital camcorder, you do not need a conversion device. The information that is on your camcorder is already in digital format. Depending on the type of camcorder the digital information my be stored on a tape, memory card, hard disk, or even on a DVD. If you cannot remove the storage device and put it into a reader on your computer then the way to transfer data is through a FireWire or USB2 connection to your computer. If you are using a video editing program to enable the transfer, there are some nice things that the program may be able to do with the data as it is received. It may automatically create chapters and provide other information that is handy when you want to edit the information (rare is the tape which cannot be improved with cutting out the unintentional video of the pavement).

There are programs which let you transfer your converted VHS tape directly to a DVD. The reason to do this is to get the analog tapes preserved. I know that I will never have the time to edit all the old tapes which I have, but I do want to preserve them. The CapWiz program which came with my ADS Instant DVD USB2 capture box has this feature. If you pur-

chase a program that is not bundled with the capture box (or card) be sure that specific version of that program will work with your model of capture device.

Expect to put in some time learning the terminology. Read carefully what the program will do and what it will not do so that you are realistic in your expectations. Keep in mind that what you are working with, once you have your video in digital format, is a file. The file can be in several different formats with different characteristics. What I mean is that, just like with digital photos, a file format which is really compressed will not look as good as a larger file with more information. When dealing with video information, you must remember that you need a lot of storage on your disk and it really helps to have a disk with fast response time.

A fast computer with lots of RAM is also important. It is only recently that video editing has become practical for the home user. Before really large, fast hard disk storage was affordable, the home user was very limited in the size of file that could be edited. With today's fast computers, inexpensive RAM, large storage disks, and inexpensive DVD writers it should be within the reach of many home users to be able to preserve valuable analog tapes. Plus, be able to make home movies from them that friends and family are willing to watch.

If you are planning to buy a new computer in the near future, keep in mind the requirements for video editing as well as the requirements for VISTA. Fortunately, the requirements for the Ultimate version of VISTA are also good for video editing purposes.

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

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 anything. 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.

Presentation of "interface-free, touch-driven" computer screen, manipulated intuitively with the fingertips and responding to varying pressure levels.
http://www.ted.com/tedtalks/
tedtalksplayer.cfm?
key=j_han&flashEnabled=1

How well can you score on the GMAC driver's test?
http://www.gmacinsurance.com/
SafeDriving/2006/test.asp

Read what they do with these military behemoths.
http://www.sarimage.com/Aviation/
DavisMonthan/

European butterflies.
http://www.geocities.com/
europeanbutterflies/indexUS.htm

Collection of antique bicycles and children's riding toys.
http://www.metzbicyclemuseum.com

Commercial and artistic posters from turn of 20th century. Select "Gallery".
http://yaneff.com

Find matured or undeliverable savings bonds, calculate value of bonds, determine when bonds stop earning interest, and more.
http://savingsbonds.gov/indiv/indiv.
htm

Free Asset Allocator tool helps you see how different asset mixes may be appropriate for investors in different circumstances. Enter your data and move the sliders.
http://www.smartmoney.com/
oneasset/

Classic car photo galleries and articles.
http://classiccar.com

Novelty radio collection.
http://www.noveltyradio.com/collect.
html

Like Windows' Notepad on steroids; a free utility with multi-doc viewing, autocompletion, bookmarking, zooming, and more.
http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net

Early 20th century mining artifacts and photos.
http://miningartifacts.homestead.com

Follow a collection of classic sports cars on a driving tour through Colorado.
http://www.goolsbee.org/tuesday.html

Quirky collection of photographs of roadside signs.
http://www.signslanguage.com

Everything DVD video – software tools, DIY guides, reviews of players/recorders, media, more.
http://www.videohelp.com

Creative animation sequences display world's most ambitious conservation and restoration project.
http://www.theevergladesstory.org

Complete free Linux-based operating system.
http://www.ubuntu.com

View dramatic weather-related photos. Select "Photo Gallery" (presently at bottom of webpage), then "Popular Tags" for categories.
http://home.accuweather.com

Burn CD and DVD images with this free utility.
http://imgburn.com

Enjoy a new word game each day.
http://www.agameaday.com

Free utility converts time, length, area, volume, power units, bits, bytes, degrees, feet, gallons, weights, more.
http://www.allpurposesoftware.com/
instant_converter.htm

View the front page of 400 of today's newspapers.
http://www.newseum.org/
todaysfrontpages/

Locate available housing in your area – for sale, rent, rooms, sublets.
http://www.housingmaps.com

What blends in a blender and what does not.
http://www.willitblend.com

Collection of pictures of thousands of international stadiums.
http://www.worldstadiums.com

Galleries of unique automotive designs –- custom and hot rods, movie and novelty cars.
http://www.barris.com

A humorous approach to a serious subject. Turn on volume, click on "Watch Video".
http://www.coughsafe.com
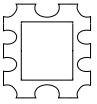
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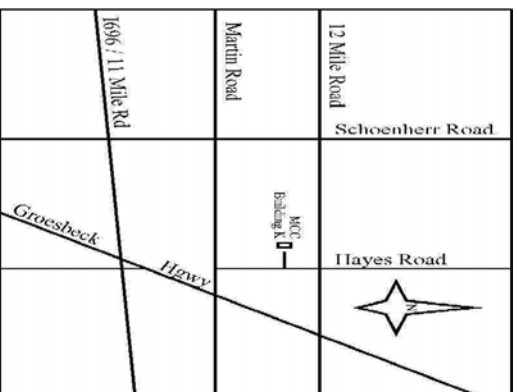
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DECEMBER AT SHCC:

TUESDAY DEC 5
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)

"How to Sell on Ebay"
by Mary Lou Metzger
from the Sterling
Heights Public Library

SIGs

MONDAY   December 11
Net/Com SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

TUESDAY   December 19
NOVICE SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

WEDNESDAY   December 27
PC SIG

7:00PM at the Macomb County Library.

JANUARY: "Screen Shots and More with SnagIt by TechSmith" by Rick Schummer of SHCC

FEBRUARY: "Your Photos on the Web with Picasa Web Albums" by Jerry Hess from SHCC