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Computers Are Easy User Group



**Calendar
of
Events**

**!!! IMPORTANT !!!
CAEUG meeting**

**will be the
4th Saturday
August 26
Time
09:45 - noon**

***** NOTE ***
Confirmed
future meeting
will be the**

**August 26
Sept date not
confirmed
October 28
December 2

**MEETING PLACE
will be the
Glenside Public
Library

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**Computer
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Date
August 27

August 2006

Suggested Retail Price \$1.95

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Our August presenter, Michael Goldberg, will compare reference software Encarta and Britannica.

Michael Goldberg had his first computer experience with a Zenith, 5.25 floppy, 512MB hard drive running Dos 4.0 and WordPerfect. He used it for 21 months. He then got a CTX Win 95 machine in 1998 and his computer learning got serious. He found good computer books at College of DuPage library and subscribed to PC World Magazine which helped him learn how to use his computer. In March 2000, he joined Computers Are Easy User Group (CAEUG) club which has been very helpful. Michael has enjoyed Flight Simulator versions 98 through 2002 and various reference suites.

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Choose Your Own "Home Page" By Ira Wilsker

WEBSITES:

- <http://my.yahoo.com>
- <http://www.live.com>
- <http://www.msn.com>
- <http://www.theexaminer.com>
- <http://www.mozilla.com>
- <http://my.netscape.com>
- <http://www.google.com/ig?hl=en>

I work on a lot of different computers at a variety of locations, and one factor that consistently astounds me is that many people have blissfully ignorantly never changed their startup "home page" from its default. This is the page that first opens when the user connects to the internet. For example, many Dell computers have the Dell website set for the startup page when the user first accesses the internet, while Windows itself, unless otherwise changed, defaults to Microsoft's MSN home page, making it one of the mostly used startup pages. Many internet service providers (ISP), such as AOL, AT&T, and others changed the users' home page to the ISP's selected home page.

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Startup or “home” pages are big business because they are commonly advertiser supported, and the more views (also referred to in the industry as “hits”), the more revenue generated by the host. This on-screen real estate is so valuable that a type of malware or spyware, sometimes known as homepage hijackers, will attempt to change your homepage to its client’s home page, for which the miscreant receives compensation for each page such changed.

There are many different services offering home pages, and if the user finds one that he likes, it is very easy to make the selected page the new home page. The process for selecting the default home page is the same for most browsers. Using Microsoft’s Internet Explorer (IE), which is still the most widely used browser in the world, the process is simple. If the user visits a website that he would like as his homepage, he simply clicks on “Tools” on the menu bar, and then that will open a window where the home page can be selected. If the open page is what is desired, then click on the “Use Current” radio button, and the current page will be displayed each time the browser is loaded. If “Use Default” is selected, the home page will revert back to the Microsoft (or other manufacturer) default start up page. On the new Internet Explorer 7 (Beta), which offers tabbed browsing, a different home or startup page can be selected for each tab. For those who do not want to connect to any page at all when loading the browser, IE7Beta offers the option of a blank page. All versions of IE also allow for the manual entering of any selected internet address for a home page. To directly go back to the home page at any time, simply click on the little house or “home” icon on the menu bar.

Firefox (<http://www.mozilla.com>), one of the most popular browsers behind IE, offers a simple interface to select or change the homepage. Clicking on “Tools” on the menu bar opens a window where “General” can be selected, and then “Home Page”. Firefox allows the address to be manually entered, or the current page loaded can be selected. Other options allow for the home page to be selected from a previously saved bookmark (Internet Explorer calls these “Favorites”), or the option for a blank startup page can be selected. Firefox also offers the little house on the menu bar for instant access to the home page.

There are many choices for a home page, which is totally up to the user. Some users use their web mail accounts as a home page, first displaying their email when connecting to the internet, while others may choose retailers, auction sites, employer web pages, search engines (such as Google or Yahoo), newspapers (such as the Examiner at <http://www.theexaminer.com>), or any other page of interest. While any page can be selected as a home page, the most popular home pages selected are usually news and information based pages.

My personal favorite, which I use on all of my computers, is “My Yahoo”, at my.yahoo.com. I have found My Yahoo to be the most comprehensive and flexible home page. Being an information junkie, I have customized my My Yahoo page to include stock and mutual fund listings, news from dozens of sources, weather, lottery results, sports scores, my personal calendar, latest emails received, TV listings, and other information. My Yahoo, which is very easy to configure, directly offers thousands of choices. Many information resources, such as the Examiner, are now using “RSS” or “XML” feeds as a news source, and these can be added to My Yahoo often with a single mouse click. My Yahoo is also customizable with hundreds of backgrounds, color schemes, layouts, or other features to personalize it.

Microsoft is currently testing a new homepage intended to at first supplement its flagship homepage at <http://www.msn.com> , and may be later replace it. This new homepage, currently in beta testing, is currently online at <http://www.live.com> . It will be a strong competitor to My Yahoo, offering news, sports, weather, email, and other resources in columns that are infinitely customizable.

There are countless other “My” homepages available, such as AOL’s my.netscape.com, and other personalized home pages, including Google’s “Personalized Home” link sitting quietly on the top right corner of the popular google.com website. All of these home pages can be easily customized to suit individual needs.

There is no need to continue to use the default startup or home page provided by your operating system or ISP. Investigate some of the alternatives, and increase your enjoyment of the web.

What's on the CD of the Month for August

- 7-Zip** - File archiver that handles 7z, ZIP, GZIP, BZIP2 and TAR formats
- AdobeReader708** - Adobe Reader upgrade
- Alt-TabThingy** - Extended task switcher
- AntiVir** - Free anti virus software
- ARI** - CAEUG Newsletter
- Burge Report**
- CompuSec** - Provides pre-boot authentication to protect your hard drive
- CSDNPicViewer** - Fast picture viewer
- DeskSlide** - Wallpaper changer (Win catches up to Linux)
- Doom** - Violent shoot'em up game (graphical)
- DriverHeaven** - Tune up for Win XP
- DSpeech** - Free text reading program with lots of features
- EasyRead** - IE plugin to increase/decrease text size
- ExplorerXP** - Windows Explorer plugin that gives file manager features
- Filemon** - Troubleshooting tool for XP
- Filesplitter** - Splits files into manageable chunks for e-mailing
- Firefox** - Upgrade to 1.5.0.6
- Folderico** - Allows you to change the icons for folders
- HottNotes** - Sticky note program
- IEView** - Firefox/Mozilla plugin that allows IE views of Web sites
- iResize** - Graphic & photo resizer
- KlipFolio** - A configurable RSS Dashboard
- Mixxx** - A cross-platform DJ program that mixes MP3, OGG, WAV, and AIFF music files
- MrHyde** - Hides all the specified windows on the Desktop to a user-defined hotkey
- mtPaint** - A simple painting program for pixel art
- MyTunesRSS** - An iTunes music server with RSS feed
- OldTimeRadio** - Old time radio programs
- PCWizard** - Hardware detecting program
- PFrank** - A Freeware bulk file renaming program
- PowerMenu** - a single menu click to minimize programs to the taskbar
- Qm** - A small, fast e-mail client
- Quake3** - Violent shoot'em up game (graphical)
- QuickSet** - Quick change of IE security settings
- RAMBooster** - A free utility that optimizes how your computer uses its RAM
- ShortCutter** - A program to launch other programs or processes
- ShrinkPic** - Automatically resize images that you are sending by email
- SnapFolders** - Helps you create faster, more powerful shortcuts
- SpiderPlayer** - A small media player with features include a CD ripper and audio format converter
- StartMenuEx** - Replace your Start menu with a totally customizable menu
- StorURL** - A utility that allows you to store all your favorite Web site URL
- TaskSwitchXP** - Extended task switcher
- TeenSpirit** - An MP3 player and organizer
- VisualZone** - Backtraces hacker attempts & locate the intruder's IP address
- Webwasher** - Filters unwanted ads, crushes cookies, and prevents profiling
- WinPatrol** - Alerts you if a program tries to install something unexpected
- WordHyperlinkChecker** - Word add-on manages and checks hyperlinks in documents

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August 12, 2006
 by John Spizzirri



I will continue this month with how to use Open Office Writer (OOW) the word processing program in the Open Office Suite. Last month I covered some advanced functions. This month I will cover one more advanced function.

A DROP CAP is a capital letter at the beginning of a paragraph that occupies more than one line of text. A drop cap is used in many novels at the beginning of each chapter or section. To create a drop cap select Format on the menu then click Paragraph then click the Drop Caps tab. Alternately, select Format from the menu then click Styles and Formatting. Click the character styles icon then click drop caps. The Format - Paragraph - Drop Caps dialog tab has five settings (properties) that can be set. The first setting is Display drop caps. If that is checked, the drop cap will show in the document. the next setting is Whole word. If that is checked, the whole first word of the paragraph will be Drop cap. The next setting is Number of characters. That setting allows you to set the number of characters that will be displayed as drop cap. The next setting is Lines. This setting allows you to set the number of lines the drop cap will occupy i.e. the character size of the drop cap. The last setting is Space to text. That setting allows the distance between the drop cap and the next character to be set in inches.

The former chair, Thomas H. Kean, and vice chair, Lee H. Hamilton, of The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (known as the 9-11 Commission) have written a book, "Without Precedent: The Inside Story of the 9/11 Commission". It is available from Amazon.com

(<http://www.amazon.com/>). If you want to order this book from Amazon, go through the CAEUG web site (<http://www.caeug.net/>). In this book, Kean and Hamilton explain how they and the other members of the commission in conjunction with other branches of government swindled the American taxpayers. This book is a real bargain at only a little over four cents per page (Amazon price) as opposed to the 9-11 Commission report that cost taxpayers a little over \$25,600 per page (total cost of the 9-11 Commission of \$15 million divided by the number of pages - 585). The story is at <http://www.independent.org/newsroom/article.asp?id=1785> and <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060805/D8JA0FDG0.html> . The 9-11 Commission report is on the July 2004 CAEUG CD of the Month. (<http://www.9-11commission.gov/>)

Representative John Conyers, Jr. has released a 370 page report (no data on how much it cost the taxpayers) that slams the President on the reasons why 9-11 led to the war in Iraq. The story is at http://www.motherjones.com/washington_dispatch/2006/08/new%20conyers%20report.html .

Representative Ron Paul wrote an article about legislation he has introduced to Congress that would allow anyone who pays property (real estate) taxes to deduct them, regardless of how they file income taxes. The article reveals that real estate taxes in Texas are quite low compared to DuPage County in Illinois. If you cannot deduct your real estate taxes for any reason, you may be interested in the article at <http://www.lewrockwell.com/paul/paul337.html> .

Senator Arlen Specter has introduced a bill that would make all the NSA/CIA/FBI electronic snooping legal. The Supreme Court recently ruled that the Executive had overstepped its bounds in pursuit of terrorists (that would include Cindy Sheehan). The story is at <http://washingtontimes.com/commentary/20060807-100029-6510r.htm> . In a related article, the Gonzales directed Justice Department classified an article that appeared in the New York Times and a published decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. I do not quite know how a bureaucrat could come to the conclusion that previously published material could be classified. The story is at <http://www.unknownnews.org/060803-Secret-govt.html> .

Here is junk science gone wild. This story was reported in Scotland at <http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/international.cfm?id=1147332006> . A professor at San Diego

State University found that because nicotine adheres to surfaces near smokers, children who hug their smoking parent(s) get exposed to second hand smoke. A scientist at Dundee University worried that because of the prohibitions on smoking in public, people would smoke more at home and cause ill health effect for their children.

On the issue of junk science, if you own a cat, it may be changing the culture of the country. A particular cat parasite can cause neurotic changes in humans exposed to it. Kevin Lafferty, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, claims that if there are enough humans exposed, the culture of a country can be affected. The story is at http://www.livescience.com/othernews/060803_tgondii_culture.html .

Speaking of cats, does your cat look like Hitler? The site, <http://www.catsthatlooklikehitler.com/> has pictures of cats that have what appear to be small black mustaches.

AOL (<http://www.aol.com/>) has lost about eleven million subscribers since its alignment with conglomerate Time Warner (<http://www.timewarner.com/corp/>) . It has decided to change the way it earns revenue from a subscriber basis to an ad basis. In an effort to reduce costs it will delete 5000 jobs (read that human beings). The article about this change is on the Computer Business Report On line at

http://www.cbronline.com/article_news.asp?guid=E9AC4394-B27A-4BD7-9ABA-7E85CF463A42 . Another article I read the same day brought back memories of why creating mega-companies is such a bad idea. We have lived through this type of downsizing before and for the same reasons. The article is at <http://www.lewrockwell.com/rozeff/rozeff89.html> . A brutal explanation of a book that explains how downsizing works is at

<http://mutualist.blogspot.com/2006/04/more-on-moron-fish-philosophy.html> . The book is called "Fish! Philosophy" and is available at Amazon.com.

This past month the Burge report was released. This report is the findings of an investigation into the practices of Chicago Police Area Two detectives under the command of Jon Burge. The report, which cost taxpayers a little over \$21,000 per page, is on this month's CD of the Month. It details how the Chicago Police brutalized people suspected of crimes into confessions. The Chicago Tribune has the story at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/> . The Chicago Police are fortunate in that the U. S. Army / CIA have pre-trained some of their police candidates at Abu Ghraib. The Campbell County, Tennessee Sheriff's Deputies seem to already have been trained. Harper's Magazine reported a transcript of an audio tape made by arrestees, Eugene and Jenny Siler, of their arrests on July 8, 2006. Be forewarned that the transcript has some strong language and violence in it. (<http://www.harpers.org/AssaultAndBatteries.html>)

Theodore Dalrymple, reported in the City Journal, that in the United Kingdom crime reporting, administration of 'justice', and punishments all work at cross purposes and thus injure the public they were created to serve. As I read the article (http://www.city-journal.org/html/16_3_oh_to_be.html), I was struck by the similarities to the American system of 'justice'. The numbers are not comparable but the mismanagement, waste, and injustice is the same.

If you wear contact lenses, you may want to get glasses. The Department of Homeland Security has determined that contact lens solutions may cause airliners to crash or blow up, so it is no longer allowed on aircrafts. Also, if you any type of liquid medicine, it must be in a container that has the prescription number on it as well as your name. Your name on the prescription must match your picture ID card. The story is at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/> . This is the same place that issued the edict that no one could be trusted with fingernail clippers or tweezers on aircrafts. But, of course, it is safe to fly. My question is, if the airline companies do not think it is in their best interest to protect \$100 million aircraft and a few hundred customers, why should some ten or twelve dollar per hour TSA bureaucrat care what happens.

If you take prescription drugs on a regular basis, you may want to stock up (a little) before the Federal Drug Administration (FDA <http://www.fda.gov>) policy of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) on all prescription drugs takes effect in December. The FDA has yet to issue

guidelines to drug makers and handlers as to what is required and when. This lack of direction by the bureaucrats charged with giving orders to competent citizens could lead to shortages or shut offs of certain drugs. The story is at

<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2000805,00.asp?kc=EWEWKEMNL081006WHN1> .

If you are getting radioactive therapy of some kind, you may not want to fly for some time afterward. I am not talking about x-rays, barium enemas, or MRI's, but long term therapy with a radioactive element injected into your body. The Register reported a story from the British Medical Journal where a man receiving radio iodine for a thyroid problem was strip searched at an American airport because he set off alarms. The story is at

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/08/04/thyroid_alarm/ .

Senator Joseph Lieberman or his lackeys are woefully computer ignorant. The Lieberman campaign complained that their web site (<http://www.joe2006.com/>) was hacked. The story at <http://www.themoderatevoice.com/posts/1155028465.shtml> does not cite that the Lieberman campaign was paying about \$20 per month for the site. For \$20 per month you get VERY LIMITED bandwidth. When that bandwidth is used up, the site is shutdown by the hosting company that needs to be paid for it's services. If Joe knew this, I am sure he would have paid the three or four dollars per day that would have kept the site running.

At the Black Hat conference (<http://www.defcon.org/>), Lukas Grunwald of DN-Systems (<http://www.dn-systems.de/>) demonstrated that a RFID passport, aka epassport, could be cloned with easily available hardware and software. The story is at

<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,71521-0.html?tw=rss.index> and

http://www.workpermit.com/news/2006_08_04/rfid_technology_cloned.htm . The Smart Card Alliance (<http://www.smartcardalliance.org/>) defended the epassport stating that what Grunwald did was the same as stealing a passport i.e. the passport is useless to anyone it is not issued to. I guess the Smart Card Alliance has never heard of identification theft. The details about epassports can be found at

http://www.secunet.com/content.php?text=k_biometrie_epassport&ln=2 . As of August 14, 2006 all passports issued in the United States will be epassports and cost \$97. When your current passport expires, it will be refitted with the chip.

(<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/11/AR2006081100941.html>)

Here is a site with advice that can save you money and grief. It is a common sense approach to keeping your identity out of the hands of criminals. It is at

<http://www.freeidentitytheftprevention.com/> .

Security of your home is now in more jeopardy than ever before. I came across this video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Uv45y6vkcQ&search=bump%20key> at Youtube. The video is in a foreign language with English subtitles and is quite long (watch out if you use dial up). The video references an on line pdf file at <http://www.toool.nl/bumping.pdf> . The video and pdf file describe how to use blank keys to open locks including house door locks. I found no evidence that this technique is a hoax.

In Alaska the McNeil River salmon are attracting the brown bears (grizzly bears <http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/mcneil/>). Only 10 to 13 people are allowed in the viewing area each day from June 7 to August 25 each year. The permits are issued by lottery

(<http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/mcneil/mr-rules.cfm>). If you have a high speed connection, you can view the bears at

<http://www.animalcameras.com/index.php/bears/alaska-grizzly-bear-cam/> .

Between you, me and The Lamp Post that's all for this month.

Monthly Meeting of the CAEUG July 2006

The June meeting of the Computers Are Easy User Group was called to order by President Michael Goldberg at 9:55am on July 22, 2006 at the Glenside Public Library

There were 23 members in attendance. No Guests.

Raffle Item: 16MB Gateway Thumb Drive

Meeting Minutes: There were no minutes due to the picnic being held last month.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month, Treasurer Johnson forgot her folder.

Officer Reports: VP Anzalone advised that Epson Rep Kathy Long had to cancel her presentation due to her employer requiring her to attend a convention. VP Anzalone requested input on topics for future meetings. He reminded us that today's program is about using Window's System Restore.

Membership: No Report

Newsletter Editor: No Report

President: We are seeking volunteers to take over setting up and making the coffee for the meeting. Discussion was held as to what was involved. VP Anzalone suggested that if no one comes forward to volunteer by next month's meeting, then the members will be responsible for bringing their own coffee. It will then be decided if donuts will continue to be purchased also. President Goldberg thanked Kathy Groce for volunteering to set up the table this month.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bill Douglas requested that if any member has extra RAM memory they do not want, he is looking for donations to an organization that assembles PC's to be given to low income households. You can contact him for more information.

Member's Forum: A member asked about using the Skype Telephone service and 911 services. Discussion ensued.

A member advised that when he puts a CD in the CD-ROM drive the auto-run feature would to come up. His machine no longer does that. Where and how can he change the setting to enable auto-run again? The members were shown on the projection screen where to find this setting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30am for coffee & donuts.

The meeting resumed at 11:00am for the program presentation.

Program: VP Tom Anzalone gave an interesting presentation on how to use the System Restore feature in XP. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Holste, Secretary

The New, the Best, and the Worst -- June 2006
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Open Document Format

Long-term archiving of documents generated and stored in computer format presents formidable problems. Current storage media, such as magnetic tape, CDs and DVDs, have a limited, ill-defined lifespan. Programs currently used to read their contents sooner or later will become obsolete. And the most-used formats for storing office documents are mostly proprietary, mutually incompatible, and incompletely documented.

The international Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) has developed an Open Document Format (ODF) based upon the XML-based file format originally created by OpenOffice.org. It was developed with inputs from a variety of organizations, with the notable exception of Microsoft, and a committee of the United Nations. It is publicly accessible, and can be implemented by anyone without restriction. The Open Document Format was recently adopted by the International Standards Organization as ISO/IEC 26300. Many foreign governments are adopting the new format, and it has also been adopted by the US National Archives

Microsoft, meanwhile, is developing its own proprietary, XML-based document format expected to be used in the forthcoming Office 12 suite. Most likely it won't be compatible with ODF.

The most recent version 2.0 of OpenOffice.org uses ODF as its native format, although documents can also be saved in formats that are compatible with the major proprietary Office Suites.

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenDocument>)

Camera Fingerprints

Jessica Fridrich and coworkers at Binghamton University have developed a technique to extract a

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characteristic “fingerprint” pattern from pictures taken by a digital camera. It depends on the observation that each original digital picture is overlaid by a weak noise pattern characteristic for the camera used. It is due to background electrical noise in the pixel units of the light sensing element.

That pattern can be seen by taking a picture with a digital camera with the lens covered. The resulting image is not pure black, as with a film camera, but shows a mottling in many colors, due to electronic noise. The mottling also shows up when a digital picture is underexposed, maybe because the flash did not go off. The mottling pattern is uniquely different for all cameras. It is distinct from pixellation that results from insufficient resolution.

It requires a number of pictures taken by the same camera to extract the characteristic pattern. Being able to identify the camera used can be helpful in legal prosecutions of child pornography and such. Study of the background patterns can also give an indication of image tampering.

Astrophotographers habitually take pictures of faint objects in a dark sky with CCD chips similar to those found in digital cameras. In order to eliminate the mottling from their images they take a “dark frame,” a picture taken under identical conditions with the lens covered. They then digitally “subtract” the dark frame from the image to remove the mottling. This can be done with Adobe Photoshop, but it doesn’t work with inexpensive digital cameras that internally process and compress photos, usually in JPEG format.

(<http://urel.binghamton.edu/PressReleases/2006/Jan-Feb%2006/Fridrich.html>)

Linspire Back On Top

The best things in life generally go unnoticed. If you notice your shoes, they probably don’t fit right. If everyone notices your new glasses they may not be flattering.

If you own a PDA, do you know what operating system it uses? Never noticed it? How about the operating system of your computer? You’ve noticed that plenty of times, haven’t you?

The ideal operating system works quietly in the background, doing what’s expected of it. Microsoft Windows has come a long way over the years, to the point where weeks may go by without you noticing anything wrong. But oh boy! when it crashes.

Over the past 15 years Linux, “the other operating system,” has in the hands of computer professionals grown into a powerful, reliable tool. It has been running many of the largest computer servers in the world, including Google. Early efforts to make it available as a desktop operating system didn’t get very far because of the steep learning curve to overcome in mastering it.

To make Linux easier to use, a number of Linux distributions on CD-ROM have become available. They typically bundle the Linux Kernel with drivers for peripherals, sound and video cards, and network connections, and include a boot manager to allow side-by-side installation of Linux with MS Windows. In addition, the self-installing distributions typically include a windows interface, an Office Suite such as OpenOffice.org, an Internet browser and email program (Mozilla), a paint program (The Gimp), a variety of card and arcade games, and other useful or entertaining features.

The ideal distribution provides the best off-the-CD support for a wide variety of peripherals, useful programs, and easy access to a broad range of other programs available for the Linux operating system. Over the last several years I have reviewed most of the major distributions and concluded that Linspire (nee Lindows) and Xandros came the closest to the ideal.

Last year Linspire underwent a major upgrade to version 5.0, including support for the latest version of the Linux Kernel, itself a major upgrade. Unfortunately, I couldn’t get the new Linspire to run well on my computers, so I reluctantly switched to Xandros on my desktop, and kept the old Lindows 4.5 on my laptop for everyday Internet access. Xandros does not have the same range of software available, including updated versions, as Linspire.

Recently Linspire issued its greatly improved version 5.1, and I am glad to report that in my opinion they are back on top again. It faultlessly recognizes all my systems, including the recent AMD 64-bit double-core CPU in my new computer. In fact, Linux was weaned on 64-bit processors and runs best in that environment. Linspire continues to offer its extensive program library (\$20/year) that lets you download programs over the Internet and install them, all with a single mouse click. It doesn’t get easier!

Try it sometime. Use the free LIVE CD version of Linspire 5.1 to boot your computer. It allows you to experience Linux without permanently installing anything on your hard drive, and to determine your system’s compatibility. After you turn the system off nothing is left behind. (<http://www.linspire.com>)

Maybe some day you’ll be running Linux without even noticing it!

Noticeable

One amazing event during our special May meeting that went unnoticed: Jim Geiser, 75, SWIPCUG President and volunteer fireman, backing a humongous, \$400,000, gleaming red firetruck into its cramped stall in the fire station - in a single try! (<http://swipcug.apcug.org/Photos/photos06.htm>)

Did you see his interview on CNN in mid-May?

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Any member with a specific expertise can volunteer to be on the Members Helpline.

Beginner Helpline Billy Douglas

Beginner hardware problems . . . Dick Fergus

QuickBooks, Turbo Tax, IBM Lotus, MS Excel, Corel's Quattro Pro Terry Moye

Hardware problems, Win 9x, 2K, XP & Linux John Spizzirri

Beginner's SIG

Ask questions and discuss computer experiences Such as:

- 1. New to Computers? (basic topics)
2. How to use the Web or download information
3. How to install hardware/software
4. Discuss how to troubleshoot hardware conflicts, learn boot up emergency tricks
5. What do you want to know??

SIG meets before regular meeting from 9:05 to 9:45

CD OF THE MONTH FORMAT: Is now available in two (2) flavors. The Basic CD will be packed with the standard items, while the CD of the Month will have NEW and updated items.

NEW Money Saving Offer for CD of the Month Pre Order + Prepay = SAVE \$\$

The club will offer the CD of the Month on a pre order, prepaid basis. The charge will be \$70.00 a year for 9 months. This is \$20 annual savings over buying them for \$9 each month.

Lynn Johnson, the treasurer, will keep track of anyone placing a 9-month order. MAIL Request - There will be a \$2.00 mailing charge per CD

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FREE PARKING Admission - \$7.00 Kids 12 and under FREE http://www.greatmidwestcomputershow.com

E-mail address: info@greatmidwestcomputershow.com

2006 dates August 27, October 22, December 3

Membership Costs.....

Table with 3 columns: Membership Type, First Yr., and Renewal. Rows include Individual, Family, Corporate, and Associate.

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Meeting place and date information:

The next **REGULAR** meeting will be held at the **Glenside Public Library in Glendale Heights** starting 9:45am on **4th Saturday August 26**

The Glenside Public Library is located at 25 E Fullerton Avenue, Glendale Heights, Illinois. The Library is located on Fullerton between Bloomingdale Road (stop light intersection) and Schmale Road (stop light intersection) on the south side of Fullerton. Fullerton is parallel to North Avenue (Route 64) and Army Trail Road. North Ave. is south and Army Trail is north of Fullerton. Please park away from the building. Thank you. The meeting(s) are not library sponsored and all inquiries should be directed to. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this program and who require certain accommodations in order to observe and / or participate in the program are requested to contact CAEUG president, at least five (5) days prior to the program, so that reasonable accommodation can be made for them.

CONFIRMED Future Meeting dates for 2006 at Glenside Public Library:
4th Saturday August 26, Sept no confirmed date, October 28, (Nov / Dec meeting) Dec 2

August 26 presenter will be
Michael Goldberg, will compare reference software Encarta and Britannica.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: July 22 meeting the CAEUG current bylaws
with proposed changes will be handed out
August 26 meeting a vote to accept the new CAEUG by laws will take place

Hope to see you there.

CAEUG website has a new home.
Remember to change your bookmark to the new address to <http://www.caeug.net>