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Goodbye Dual Boot...Hello Virtualization! by Tom Anzalone

My first dual boot system...ahh I remember it well. I had a dual 486/33 processor motherboard, 256 megabytes of memory, and a huge 40 GB hard drive. I bought a product called System Commander that helped me setup a boot partition in which I could boot to multiple operating systems. I wanted to learn Red Hat and I had only enough money for my current system. I couldn't go out and buy another machine to dedicate to another operating system nor could I give up my windows box. The product worked well and I was able switch between operating systems. For many of us, the only way to run multiple operating systems on the same machine is do use a similar product to setup the dual boot or to do it manually. Well those days are over with! The last several years has brought us a huge change in how we will view hardware and operating systems. This new technolgy, or should I say old technolgy brought to the X86 platform, is called Virtualization. This technology adds an abstraction layer that decouples the physical hardware from the operating system. This gives us the ability to run multiple virtual machines, with heterogeneous operating systems to run in isolation, side-by-side on the same physical machine. So what does this mean to us? Virtualization allows us to run Red Hat linux, Windows XP, and DOS on the same physical machine all at the same time! Virtualization is by no means new. It was first introduced in the 1960's to allow partitioning of large mainframe resouces which were expensive. Eventually minicomputers and PCs provided a more efficient, affordable way to distribute processing power, so by the 1980's, Virtualzation was no longer widely employed. In the 1990's, researchers began to look for some of the problems associated with the proliferation of less expensive hardware. These problems, including underutilization, high management costs, and vulnerabilities, are solved through the use of Virtualization. I will be doing a series of several presentations over the coming months that will cover Virtualization using products, some free and some not, from a company called Vmware. I will be discussing how to use their free Vmware Player to run prebuilt Virtual machines. I will also discuss how you can create your own virtual machines using this free tool. I will then

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**CAEUG
combined
November /
December
meeting
will be the
1st Saturday
December 2
Time
09:45 - noon**

*** NOTE ***

**Confirmed
future meeting
will be the
December 2

MEETING PLACE

**will be the
Glenside Public
Library

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move on to their commercial product called VMware Workstation 5.5. So, if you ever built a dual boot system or just want to run those old DOS games on your new XP machine, then make sure to look for my presentations in the coming months.

Lugging a Laptop **By Larry Bothe, 11/9/2006**

I'm writing this article in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, about half way between the Canary Islands and Nassau. Through the miracle of satellite communications and possession of a laptop computer I have very expensive (33¢/min) Internet access. I have been able to keep up with e-mail, write our Christmas letter and this article, and prepare most of the monthly aviation newsletter I do down here in southern Indiana. I also downloaded a lot of pictures from my digital camera to the laptop.

I have been a PC user since the late 80's, but never owned a truly portable machine until recently. When my wife and I booked this cruise I decided that we really should have a computer to take along with us. Eighteen (18) days is a long time for a geek to go without. I began watching for a bargain laptop and finally struck pay dirt in May when Staples ran a 5-day computer sale event on Compaq products. In a very complicated transaction involving multiple rebates and the selling of an included printer that I didn't need, I ended up with a brand new (not "refurbished") laptop with 512 megs of RAM and the long-life (4-hour) battery for about \$400. It's a little heavy, but in the world of laptop computers weight is inversely proportionate to cost. The really light ones are very expensive. For those of you who remember my Rebate Battles article from August, I did get all the rebates relative to this machine, as well as the \$90 that Tiger Direct owed me from a monitor purchase a year ago.

The first order of business with the laptop was to load some application software and test the machine at home. I immediately discovered that I did not like the built-in mouse function that works by moving your fingertip over a sensitive mouse area just below the keyboard. I went to Staples and purchased a travel-size USB mouse with a retractable cord for about 20 bucks. I like that much better. The only other accessory I use with the laptop is a small headset I had lying around the house.

Next I took it to the local library to see if the wireless feature worked. I had never worked with wireless before so it was to be a learning experience. The library visit simulated using the machine on a trip. After a minimum of fooling around I was able to connect to the library's network and access the Internet. There is not very much technical knowledge required to connect to a wireless network where no encryption exists. As my wife's son the software engineer says, it's pretty much "automagic."

If you decide to haul a computer around you will need some sort of carrying case. I recalled that my wife had bought a luggage set that included a sort of zipper briefcase, and that she never used it. I commandeered that case and found it adequate for my needs. The main compartment was large enough for the laptop itself, and the side pouches hold the power cord, a few blank CD's and the little headset and mouse. I also carry around the rather paltry manual that came with the machine, but I have yet to refer to it since the first day. It doesn't tell you very much. If you buy a laptop and don't have a suitable case available you will have to spend at least \$30 to get a decent one, and up around \$100 is not unheard of.

Perhaps you have noticed that in computing one thing leads to another, which always costs more money. After I learned to use the wireless feature from a couple visits to the library I fancied that I needed a wireless network at home so I could use the laptop in various rooms. In theory I could run all our computers wirelessly and get rid of my CAT-5 cable. All I would need is a wireless router, and wireless cards to put in the two desktop PC's that we use most often. Fortunately for me I mentioned this scheme to my computer guru friend John Spizzirri before I spent any money. John hastened to caution me that wireless connections are much slower than the cabled CAT-5 type. He went on to explain that wireless routers also have CAT-5 cable connections and that I should use the cable connections where possible. The true wireless signal ought to be used only with the laptop. I took John's advice and bought just the wireless router, which was easy to install. I confess that I haven't used the laptop around the house very much. When I'm at home I find that I prefer my regular work area with the desktop machine and its

larger keyboard and trackball mouse.

When it came time to pack for the cruise I debated for a while over how I wanted to transport the laptop. We had to drive to Houston, and then fly to London and on to Venice. I wondered if I wanted to lug the computer through several air terminals, which would mean unpacking it at each stop for security inspection. Since I didn't intend to use the laptop on the plane I thought maybe I would just bury it in the middle of my big suitcase and not have to worry about it. In the end decided to carry it with me and put up with the inspections. That way I would have no concern about baggage handlers damaging the machine, and it wouldn't get stolen out of my luggage. I had a small rolling carry-on bag so I put the computer, inside its zipper bag, in the carry-on. That made hauling it around nearly effortless. Getting it out for the security inspections was no big deal.

If you travel with a computer you have to consider how you will keep it synchronized with your main machine at home. I don't have much experience with it, but so far my procedure has been to copy my My Documents folder on to a CD and then in turn copy that to the laptop. Since I regularly copy My Documents on to a CD for backup purposes this was no extra work for me. I have only modified a few files during the trip so when I get home I'll just transfer those files, and all the pictures, to my main machine using a USB flash drive. I could transfer the files over my home wireless network, but I have file sharing turned off for security reasons.

I have gotten a lot of use out of the laptop on this cruise; I'm glad I brought it along. However, after the initial setup in June and taking it on a short trip out to PA in August, the laptop sat essentially untouched until we got ready to go on the cruise in late October. And I don't know what I'm going to use it for after we get home at the end of next week. We're not planning to travel again any time soon. I certainly don't have any desire to lug the thing around on short overnight excursions. One future use could be to couple it with a digital projector and be able to do presentations on an overhead screen. But then I would be back to the problem of one thing leading to another in computer technology, with the resultant cost. The least expensive digital projectors run around \$700, and better ones are over \$1000. And just how often would I use that setup? Probably not much. I'm retired so my days of sales and budget presentations are over. The point of caution is to be careful that you really need a laptop before you run out and buy one. In the end mine might not get very much use.

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**Monthly Meeting of the CAEUG
October 2006**

The October meeting of the Computers Are Easy User Group was called to order by President Michael Goldberg at 9:50am on October 28, 2006 at the Glenside Public Library.

There were 28 members in attendance. No Guests.

Raffle Items:

- Visoneer One Touch USB Scanner
- Belkin 2.4GHz 802.11b Wireless Router
- Broderbund Clip Art CD
- Czech Language 33 1/3 LP Record
- Link Sys Ethernet Starter Kit
- Craig Karaoke Machine

Treasurer's Report:

August Report	
Balance:	\$2688.60
Expenses:	\$ 126.48
Income:	\$ 51.00
Ending Bal.:	\$2613.12

Minutes: No corrections or additions to last month's minutes.

Old Business: President Goldberg advised that the old projector will be auctioned off today. There are two sealed bids. The highest bidder will receive the projector.

New Business: None

Member's Forum: A member asked if anyone has used the 3-D Photo Album software from last year. A few members advised that they had used it once or twice but stopped using it due to the fact they could not burn DVD's with it. One member advised that he uses it to format photos for posting on the web. An update to the program is available, but apparently has not solved the DVD burn problem.

Another member had a question about a computer that turns itself on at night. One suggestion was to check for dust in the ports on the back of the computer. It is possible that dust can create a connection because the ATX board is always powered on even though the computer is turned off. Also, go to Control Panel and check the power settings.

A member wants to burn audio files to a CD.

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Some of the songs are “mature” and wonders how they can be hidden so as to not play automatically. Try putting those files in a folder then burn the CD. Windows Media Player or any home CD player should not recognize a folder as an audio file and ignore it.

The business meeting was adjourned for coffee & donuts.

The meeting resumed at 10:50am for the program presentation.

Program: Vice-President Anzalone gave a program on virtual machine software its use and how it's implemented.

Note: The next meeting will be the November/ December combined meeting on Saturday December 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Holste, Secretary

Black Friday Sale and What to Look For by Kathy Groce

Had free time so I thought it would give me a chance to check out the huge amount of sale fliers for Black Friday (the big shopping day after Thanksgiving). Best Buy had 'WOW List' items. One was a “\$379.00 HP Notebook, 15.4” Widescreen, Save \$370.00 instantly.” The specifics indicated that it had an “Intel Centrino Mobile Technology, Intel Core Solo Processor 11350, 512mb DDR2 memory and 80 GB hard drive. Reads and writes DVD's and CD's. Windows Vista Capable, Minimum 10 per store. Limit 1 per household. No rainchecks.” Notice the three words 'Windows Vista Capable'. All first letters in caps. This sounded great. Here was the zinger. “See page 8 for details.”

Now, I thought 'Okay I can find page 8 and see the details. What a great price on a laptop'. Right? Well, I turned to page 8 and looked for a picture or something about the laptop. Nothing. Was my eyesight failing? I looked page 8 over at least three or four times. Still nothing. As I said, I had the free time, so I started reading everything on the page. Okay, so now I'm telling myself to 'get a life'. Finally, there it was, in about 4 point font. Here is what was printed, “Not all Windows Vista features are available for use on all Windows Vista Capable PC's. All Windows Vista Capable PC's will run the core experiences of Windows Vista, such as innovations in organizing and finding information, security and reliability. Some features available in premium editions of Windows Vista, like the new Windows Aero user interface, require advanced or additional hardware. Check for details

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<http://www.windowstv.com/getready> .

Information at this web site stated:

Windows Vista Capable and
Premium Ready PCs

Choose a *Windows Vista Capable* or *Premium Ready PC* for the Windows Vista edition that's right for you.

Are you looking to buy a Windows XP-based computer today but want to make sure that it can run Windows Vista? There's no need to wait. When you buy a new PC that carries the *Windows Vista Capable* or *Premium Ready PC* designation, you'll be able to upgrade to one of the editions of Windows Vista while taking advantage of all the opportunities offered by Windows XP today.

What is a *Windows Vista Capable PC*?

A new PC that carries the *Windows Vista Capable PC* logo can run Windows Vista. All editions of Windows Vista will deliver core experiences such as innovations in organizing and finding information, security, and reliability. All *Windows Vista Capable PCs* will run these core experiences at a minimum. Some features available in the premium editions of Windows Vista—like the new Windows Aero user experience—may require advanced or additional hardware.

A ***Windows Vista Capable PC*** includes at least:

- * A modern processor (at least 800MHz1)
- * 512 MB of system memory
- * A graphics processor that is DirectX 9 capable.

Windows Vista Premium Ready PCs

To get an even better Windows Vista experience, including the Windows Aero user experience, ask for a *Windows Vista Capable PC* that is designated Premium Ready, or choose a PC that meets or exceeds the *Premium Ready* requirements described below. Features available in specific premium editions of Windows Vista, such as the ability to watch and record live TV, may require additional hardware.

A ***Windows Vista Premium Ready PC*** includes at least:

- * 1 GHz 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor1
- * 1 GB of system memory
- * Support for DirectX 9 graphics with a WDDM driver, 128 MB of graphics memory (minimum)2, Pixel Shader 2.0 and 32 bits per pixel.
- * 40 GB of hard drive capacity with 15 GB free space.
- * DVD-ROM Drive3

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by John Spizzirri**

Recently, I went to a meeting of the Chicago Windows User Group (<http://www.cwug.net/>). I went because they had a "hands on" Vista lab. The meeting was held at the Microsoft (MS <http://www.microsoft.com/>) headquarters in Downers Grove. The building is in the complex on the northeast corner of Highland Avenue and 31st Street. If you intend to go to any future meetings, you must register on the web site because of building security. The meetings are held on Thursday evenings. I made the mistake of going at the 5 PM start time. The sponsors of these events include a meal. In November the meal was pizza. The presentation did not start until 6 PM. About 20 minutes into the presentation we were told that the hands on lab was in a different room and that we could go there at any time. As the presentation was about a Windows administration product, I went to the lab. The lab room is a class room with about 20 Dell

(<http://www.dell.com/>) computers with 15 inch flat screen monitors, 1.7GH Pentium processors and 1GB RAM. This gave me a great comparison reference because I use a 1.4GH Athlon (<http://www.amd.com/us-en/>) processor with 768MB RAM and Windows ME operating system. Vista was already running on the machine when I sat down. The lab syllabus set up a number of tasks that I was to complete. I created a user, logged in as that user and deleted that user. There were other tasks on the syllabus that called for use of the Internet. Unfortunately, none of the lab computers were connected to the Internet. So, you may ask what's new? The most striking item to me was the elimination of the Start button. Replacing it on the task bar is a stylized circle with the MS flag in it. I do not know what that circle button is called. Someone (adult) new to computers will not know what the start button is let alone what the circle button is. A help desk professional will have to direct the newbie by telephone to that button. I think MS has shot every help desk professional in the foot. The task bar is partially transparent and partially black. It has rounded edges. There is a application bar on the right side of the screen on which you can add or subtract 'gadgets' or any application. The bar has a gradient control of transparency from 100 percent solid to 90 percent transparent. I have included many add in programs on the CD of the Month for Windows XP and 2K that do the same thing. The main menu is slightly different than the XP menu. The machine I was working with had a predominately black theme. The other machines I saw in the lab were also black themed. I do not know if that is the default theme or just some technician's preference. The wallpaper was blue and green pastels with the MS logo. When I changed the wallpaper to the pictures shipped with Vista, I noticed that the pictures were strikingly vivid. I do not know if that vividness was do to the picture quality, picture alterations (in a MS lab), or the video card. I shut down the machine and restarted it to see how fast the OS loaded. I felt that the Vista took longer to load than ME in a slower machine. (That is not a scientific appraisal. I did not measure the time.) I do start the ME machine every day. Thus, I have a sense of the time it takes to load. Other speed issues I noticed were the time it took menus to appear and picture rendering on the screen. The results were spotty. Some menus and pictures popped up while some took some time. I think a real test would be on your machine. If you want to check out Vista, the next CWUG Meeting will be held Thursday, January 18th, 5:00 - 9:00 PM at the Microsoft HQ in Downers Grove. The topic is listed as a "Vista-Palooza". MS Vista information site is <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/>.

While we are on new stuff from MS, version 7 of Internet Explorer (IE) is out at <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/default.msp>. If you want the new version, it is on the CD of the month. There is a parody site at <http://www.msfirefox.com/> which also has the download of version 7. The parody points out that all the new features of version 7 are already in FireFox (<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>). It also points out some of the new built in anomalies like the absence of a file menu. It fails to point out that the security holes in IE may still be there.

Now for some more new stuff. Those of you using AVG anti-virus from Grisoft (<http://www.grisoft.com/>) may have received a message stating that the version you are now using

will no longer be supported after January 2007. The link provided with that message directs you to the paid version of AVG. AVG version 7 does have a free version and is on the CD of the Month. It is also available at <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/1> .

There is an on line gaming site at <http://www.dxinteractive.com/> . Be aware that some of the games are violent and intended for adults. If you want to allow children to play some of these games, they must be supervised. There is no way to lock out any game from a user.

Sysinternals (<http://www.sysinternals.com/>) was purchased by MS. The site is now being redirected to the MS site at <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/default.mspx> . The Sysinternals site was a Windows help site that provided utilities and help files that explained how to do things with Windows. Occasionally, they provided joke files like the Blue Screen of Death (BSOD) screen saver file. That file emulated a Windows (NT, 2K & XP) system crash as the screen saver. Now that MS has purchased the site you would think that they would omit the BSOD file as it makes fun of Windows but that is not the case; check

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/Miscellaneous/BlueScreen.mspx> . The BSOD file is on the CD of the Month.

(http://news.zdnet.com/2100-3513_22-6135389.html?tag=nl.e550)

MS entered into an agreement with Novell (<http://www.novell.com/>). Under the contract MS will promote Suse Linux interoperability with MS products and pledge not to sue developers of Linux code for patent infringement. This has brought about a storm of protest in the Open Source community because MS has a demonstrated track record of breaking agreements as soon as it gets what it wants (<http://blogs.zdnet.com/open-source/?p=843&tag=nl.e550> &

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/11/20/eben_moglen_on_microsoft_novell/page2.html). Then Steve Ballmer opened his mouth which seemed to justify the protests

(http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/11/20/microsoft_claims_linux_code/). Ballmer, the MS CEO, made a statement that Linux users will owe MS money because they use MS intellectual property

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9005338&intsrc=hm_list . The statement and protest made Novell to rethink the agreement with MS

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9005258&intsrc=hm_list and

http://www.cbronline.com/article_news.asp?guid=FC1384FA-5B22-4F07-BC4C-83B7BFC42D1B . Both Novell and MS have issued public statements to quell the protests and sooth hurt feelings

(http://www.novell.com/linux/microsoft/community_open_letter.html and

<http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/press/2006/nov06/11-20Statement.mspx>). Novell makes about \$60 million out of the deal and has a major stake to keep it in place. \$60 million is pocket change to MS.

MS is facing law suits with Alcatel and Adobe. Alcatel acquired Lucent which was suing MS for patent infringement

(http://www.cbronline.com/article_news.asp?guid=FA9DC5AB-F7B5-4347-94D0-1C37F33FA683). Adobe may sue MS for a Vista function that allows saving a document in a pdf format

(http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/11/20/adobe_vista_complaints/).

The Register reported on a California Supreme Court ruling that affects everyone with a web site. A doctor sued a woman for slander because the woman posted e-mail she received about the doctor on her web site. The court ruled that the woman was not liable for the third party's e-mail posted on the web site. The article pointed out that trial lawyers are upset by the decision because it prevents Google, Yahoo!, MSN, and AOL from being liable for posters on their sites. In California, at least, trial lawyers will not have the big money defendants' gravy train for slander suites. The Register article at http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/11/21/he_said_she_said_ok_online/ points out that the trial lawyers will seek legislation that will make Google and the like liable.

Speaking of censoring the Internet, Reporters Without Borders

(http://www.rsf.org/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=20) voted on which countries restrict the Internet the most. Myanmar (Burma) came in first with China a close second. The rest in descending order were Belarus, Iran, Tunisia, Cuba, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan, Vietnam,

North Korea, Syria, and Uzbekistan.

The last Congress passed a bill to build (but not pay for) a 700 mile long fence along the 2,000 mile long border between the United States and Mexico

(http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=6744&print=Y). Illinois Senators Durbin and Obama canceled each other's vote (Durbin against, Obama for). Perhaps, those who voted for the bill and the President who signed it should have looked to history about the other barriers that have been built to demark and divide political boundaries. The Great Wall of China did not work in ancient times or modern times

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Wall_of_China and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defense_of_the_Great_Wall). Hadrian's Wall in England did define the end of the Roman Empire but has never been a barrier to anyone wanting to cross it

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrian's_Wall and <http://www.hadrians-wall.org/>). In modern times, the Maginot Line did not keep the German Army out of France

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maginot_Line). The Berlin Wall made it more difficult for people to leave East Berlin but it did not stop them. The Berlin Wall also had significant numbers of armed guards with shoot to kill orders (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Wall). I was reading the Technology, Commerce, Society Daily that brought the history to mind

(<http://www.tcsdaily.com/Article.aspx?id=110806E>).

AT&T's deal to acquire BellSouth gets antitrust approval

(http://www.cbronline.com/article_news.asp?guid=DC832217-BDBD-47FC-A89E-481A84EB7EA9). Of the original seven baby Bells formed after the breakup of the original AT&T, only three survive. They have merged with or purchased one another. The history is at

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Bell_Operating_Company . At this rate AT&T will be back to where it was in 1984 (the breakup year) by 2014. It makes me wonder why the court broke up the company to start with. Perhaps, opening competition would have been a better option than breakup.

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

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* Audio output capability

* Internet access capability

Read all of the *Windows Vista Capable* footnotes. Review the Windows Vista minimum supported system requirements.

Windows Marketplace has a selection of *Windows Vista Capable* and *Premium Ready PCs* that are available today.

Windows Vista enterprise hardware planning guidance is available on TechNet.

Q. Can the Windows Vista experience vary on different PCs?

A. Yes. Windows Vista is the first Windows operating system with a user experience that adapts to take advantage of the capabilities of the hardware on which it is installed.

All *Windows Vista Capable PCs* will be able to run at least the core experiences of Windows Vista.

All *Windows Vista Premium Ready PCs*

can deliver even better Windows Vista experiences, including the new Windows Aero user experience.

Q. Does buying a *Windows Vista Capable PC* mean that I will receive a free upgrade to Windows Vista?

A. No. A PC that is *Windows Vista Capable* or *Premium Ready* means that the PC is ready for an upgrade from Windows XP. You would still need to purchase the edition of Windows Vista that you want to install on your *Windows Vista Capable* or *Premium Ready PC*.

So, now you know what wording you need to be aware of when purchasing a new pc. 'Windows Vista Capable' vs 'Windows Vista Premium Ready PC' are definitely different. Or maybe it's Microsoft turkey talk disclaimer. What it means to me as a consumer is that I can spend money now and spend more later. Moral of this article should be read and understand the fine print.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/capable.msp>

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/editions/default.msp>

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AudioTagging	- Manage your audio files by tagging, renaming, and finding duplicates
AVG	- Version 7 of the Anti Virus software
AVGanitSpyware	- Anti spyware from Grisoft
BSODspooF	- Blue screen of death screensaver
Clavier	- Quick and easy access to your keyboard shortcuts
ClipboardHelp	- Store notes and spell check the clipboard
Copy2DVD	- DVD backup software tool to copy files to DVD
CoreFTP	- Free FTP client
DannonRecipe	- Store, organize, and share all your favorite recipes
DropMyRights	- Opens selected programs under limited user rights
DVDShrink	- Upgrade of DVD movie reader / shrinker
FastCache	- Speeds Internet access by creating a proxy server DNS cache
FastStoneScreenCapture	- Powerful screen capture utility
FileSort	- Moves specific files from one folder to another
FindDuplicates	- Lists files that are duplicates - even with different names
Firefox	- Upgrade 1.5.0.8 and 2.0
FoxitReader	- A free PDF document viewer and printer
FreeDwnldManager	- A powerful download manager
HardDiskScrub21	- A program that overwrites all the free space on a hard drive
IE7	- Upgrade to IE
IrfanView	- A lean and mean graphics utility (upgrade)
LaunchBar	- Customizable application and folder launcher
MediaCoder	- Converts audio or video to different formats
miniTrezor	- Enables you to create password-protected folders
Mobysaurus	- English thesaurus that helps you find related and synonymous words
MyHomeInvent	- Document your valuables
NASAWorld	- View Earth from space
OldTimeRadio	- Old radio programs
OpenOffice204	- Office suite upgrade
PasswordSafe	- Stores your login data in a password-protected, encrypted file
PD-Base	- Address book program with a much nicer user interface
PrinterAnywhere	- Print a document directly on a printer anywhere in the world
Pyrrha	- Podcast utility
RenameMaster	- Rename a large series of files or folders
ServiWin	- Displays a list of all installed drivers and services
ShellExView	- Free tool helps you identify and remove pesky programs
SpywareTerminator	- A full-feature adware and spyware scanner w/ real-time protection
StoragePoint	- A file-copying tool
TVUPlayer	- View a variety of free TV stations broadcast over the Internet
VisualTaskTips	- A lightweight shell enhancement utility
WiFiSiStr	- Keep track of your Wi-Fi connection
WindowsLiveToolbar	- Integrates maps, desktop and Web search, and news-feed management
Wonderfullcon	- System tray icon acts as a hotkey launcher

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The CAEUG newsletter is published eleven times annually. Contributions by members are encouraged and will be gratefully acknowledged in the newsletter. We have a policy of exchanging newsletters with other users groups across the nation. Several CAEUG member articles have already been picked up and reprinted.

MEMBERS HELPLINE

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**

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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. The treasurer, will keep track of anyone placing a 9-month order.

MAIL Request - There will be a \$2.00 mailing charge per CD

Membership Costs.....

	First Yr.	Renewal
• Individual	\$25.00	\$20.00
• Family	\$30.00	\$25.00
• Corporate	\$30.00	\$25.00
• Associate	\$20.00	\$15.00

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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 **1st Saturday December 2**

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 MikeGold60137@yahoo.com. 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, Mike Goldberg at MikeGold60137@yahoo.com, 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:
Combined Nov / Dec meeting Dec 2**

**December 2 presenter will be
Tom Anzalone**

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>