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The Part of Backup Nobody Mentions

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There are dozens if not hundreds of ways to backup your data, but we're not going to talk about that. We're going to discuss the most important part of doing a backup, the part that is hardly ever mentioned. Do you believe that your backup is a sound copy of your data? Would you be at ease if all your files suddenly disappeared from your computer, and all you had was your backup to restore them?

If your confidence fizzled to zero, what's the problem?

You may have developed the most sophisticated and comprehensive backup scheme the computer world has ever seen, but you won't ever know if it's any good unless you test it. Without a valid method of testing, you can have no confidence in your backups. There are many things that can go wrong with a backup, some beyond your control, some not.

Perhaps one day you were in too much of a hurry, and you made a backup of one folder instead of your entire system as you planned. Hmm, no wonder that backup completed so fast.

Your backup disk got exposed to a magnetic field and scrambled all your data.

The CD containing your data was left in the car, and excessive heat warped the media, making it unreadable.

You encrypted your backup and lost the password to restore it.

You upgraded your backup software, and now it can't read your old backups.

Your new upgraded backup software program becomes corrupted, and you can't make a new backup or restore an old one.

Your new backup program has a great innovative file compression scheme. However, it turns out that it compresses better than anyone expected.

You upgrade your Windows Operating System and your backup software no longer works. (Rare, but it happens).

Let's stop here before you get too depressed to make another backup. What's important

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Events

!!! IMPORTANT !!!

CAEUG meeting

will be the

4th Saturday

February 24

Time

09:45 - noon

*** NOTE ***

Confirmed

2007 meeting

dates will be the

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

MEETING PLACE

will be the

Glenside Public

Library

SEE YOU

THERE!!

is to understand that a great many things can go wrong even with the best backup methods.

The only true test of your backup is to do a restore and see if it works. Does this mean you have to erase all your files, and then run a restore from your backup media? No. Fortunately, there are less chancy ways of verifying your backup data.

One thing you can do is install a second hard drive and restore your data files to the second disk. If your original disk has enough capacity, you can partition it into at least two sections, and restore into one of the new partitions. Hard drives have become almost dirt cheap, so this is not particularly expensive.

Another thing you can do is make at least three backups and store them in three different locations for safety. Keep one copy at home, but in a different room than your computer. Store a second copy at your office or a friend's house, and do the same for him or her. The third copy could be in a safe deposit box or similar secure location.

If you feel that such measures are not necessary, ask yourself if you are ready to perform the ultimate test. Would you feel totally at ease erasing your hard disk today and restoring it from your backups? If not, then think again.

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**Ram & Reason: Enter the Dragon:
Comodo Free Desktop Security Tools**

By Rob Rice

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Every once in a while a company manages to push my button. Symantec is the latest after having bought my beloved Sygate Personal Firewall and then immediately yanked it from the market. Having paid for the Pro version, I can no longer install it; since it requires authorization - I am dead in the water.

Still, a nice thing about capitalism is that where there is a void, it will get filled. Enter the

Comodo Group, with not only a worthy alternative to Sygate's Personal Firewall, but a whole suite of security products for free!

The Comodo Group gets its name from the Komodo dragon, a metaphor for the Internet, with a "C" instead of a "K" to acknowledge a commitment to commerce, communications, and dot com. Comodo is the "2nd largest Certification Authority for ensuring Identity Trust & Assurance" on the Internet. In other words, they are the folks that make that little yellow padlock on your web browser work. The Comodo Group is the real deal with headquarters in Jersey City, USA (Yes, they have a real mailing address unlike some so-called security products offered on the web) with global offices in UK, Norway and India.

So why is Comodo giving away product? While the company does more than just issue SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) certificates, but apparently they feel the need to build brand identity. According to Melih Abdulhayoglu, the President and CEO - Comodo Group:

If we are able to write good software and give such valuable software for free, our name will be known in the market place, we will build our Comodo brand and this brand will be associated with security. And this will help us sell more Digital Certificates and other services we have as we will have a big brand!

Simple enough! So what are they offering?

Again from the Comodo website:

- Comodo Firewall
- Comodo Verification Engine
- Comodo AntiVirus
- Comodo AntiSpam
- Comodo BackUp
- Comodo iVault

Comodo Personal Firewall 2.0

FREE lifetime license

Sleek design gives an at-a-glance overview of your security status

1. Highlights - displays the latest Comodo news and information about updates
2. Traffic - high visual overview of the last minute of traffic history in terms Applications and Network protocols
3. System info - information about your system in terms of the Hardware and details of all network Adapters in your computer.
4. View Alerts - Get in-depth details on the high severity risks that the firewall has detected.
5. Update License - One click activation of your

free-for-a-lifetime Comodo license.

6. Computer Security level - customize firewall security by using the slider to quickly move between preset security levels
7. Check the security of your firewall's configuration with Comodo's online vulnerability scanner, HackerGuardian.
8. Security Monitoring - get an immediate heads up on the status of the firewall's major components.
9. Protection strength - your overall security level determined by the settings you have chosen Comodo Firewall, rated by PC Magazine Online as an Editor's Choice, constantly monitors and defends your PC from internet attacks. It's easy to install and use and passes the industry's most stringent firewall "leak" tests. Unlike some other 'free' firewalls, this is not a stripped down version but is the full, completely functional product. This free solution comes complete with continual updates that are free forever!

System Requirements:

Windows 2000 (ALL)

Windows XP (ALL)

Windows 2003 (ALL)

64 MB available RAM

32 MB of available free hard disk space

Comodo Verification Engine

FREE for life

VerificationEngine anti-phishing and identity assurance tool for Microsoft Windows offers an extremely simple way to differentiate legitimate web sites from fraudulent ones. Place your mouse cursor over a site logo. If it is authentic, a green border will appear around your browser. So if you really wish to be sure you are looking at the real www.paypal.com site rather than a clever imitation created to steal your identity, install VerificationEngine now!

Comodo AntiVirus

FREE lifetime license

- On Access Scanning - Always on, real-time protection against threats more...
- On Demand scanning - Take control by running instant scans on any file, folder or drive more...
- Automatic Daily Updates - Up-to-the second protection against the latest threats more...
- Email Scanning - Automatic checking and disinfection of incoming and outgoing mail more...
- Process Monitoring - Continuously scans your

PC's memory for viruses more...

- Worm Blocker - Monitors and intercepts suspicious mass mailing attempts more...
- In- depth Reporting - Comprehensive logs of all scans performed more...
- Pro-active virus defense - Submit suspicious files for analysis by the Comodo AntiVirus team more...
- Easy, User Friendly interface - Sleek design provides fingertip access to all major settings more...
- Scan Scheduling - Timetable scans to run when you choose more...
- Dedicated Quarantine Facility - Isolate suspected files where they can do no harm more...
- Advanced Heuristic detection Engine - Protection against unknown viruses more...
- Scan Removable Devices - CD's, DVD's, external drives, USB devices, digital cameras more...
- Scans Network drives - protection from any potential threats on your network more...
- Scans Compressed Files - there's no hiding place for viruses, even in a .zip file more...
- Does not hog system resources - Maximum Protection with no slow down of your PC more...

System Requirements:

Windows XP (SP2)

Windows 2000 (SP4 or later)

50 MB available space on your hard drive

128 MB RAM

Intel Pentium 300 MHz processor (or equivalent)

Note - Not compatible with Windows 9x systems

Comodo AntiSpam

FREE license

Install Comodo AntiSpam for free and reclaim your inbox. Our powerful challenge-response technology authenticates the sender of every mail - a system that automated spam bots can't get around. This is the full product, not stripped down 'cripple ware' and is free forever to the end user.

- Total Spam Elimination
- No hassle set-up
- Sender based authentication
- Thwart the Spam Bots
- Works with your existing setup
- Automatically authenticate your address book
- Instantly migrate custom black and white lists
- One click Bandwidth Optimization
- Pro-active Spam defense
- Maximum Protection - Minimum Drain

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- Independent Authentication Database
- Independent Quarantine Database
- Protects all your email accounts
- Stay spam free WHEREVER you access your mail from
- Never miss a message
- Failproof
- E-Commerce friendly
- You're protected - stay protected!!

System Requirements:

Operating Systems: Windows 2000/XP
Processor: Pentium 100 MHz or higher,
System RAM: 32 MB RAM
Hard Drive: 21 MB of HDD free space
Internet Browser: IE 6.0 or above.

Comodo BackUp

FREE lifetime license

Comodo Backup is the straightforward and powerful utility that allows users to quickly and easily create backup copies of critical files. Free of charge, it includes complete file and folder-duplication to local network drives and FTP servers, intelligent incremental backups, e-mail reporting, extensive report logs, real time backups with "synchronization" mode, advanced rule-based filtering, flexible scheduling of backups, space-saving archiving capabilities, and more.

- Easily backup files or folders anywhere on your computer, network, CD-RW or FTP server
- Protect yourself against ever losing those critical files that took hours to create
- Quickly recover your data in the event of data loss
- Schedule backups to run automatically at a time that suits you
- Synchronized backup feature - save a file and it gets copied instantly
- Send E-mail notifications to team members about the status of a backup job
- Save Disk space by compressing your backups as ZIP files
- Configure in minutes with our intuitive interface

System Requirements

Windows XP (Service Pack 1 or later) or
Windows 2K (Service Pack 3 or later)
Intel Pentium IV with 133 MHz processor
64 MB RAM
12 MB free hard drive space
Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 or above

Comodo iVault
FREE license

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iVault saves time by providing instantaneous logins to any username/password secured web pages such as online banking and email account sites. It also doubles up as a 256 bit secure storage for private and confidential information such as credit card details and social security numbers and protects against the very latest key-logging Trojan Horse viruses.

- Instantly login to your favorite websites and applications
- Speed up surfing - No more forgotten passwords
- Single point of storage for all your confidential information
- 256 bit encryption of credit card and bank account details
- Secure Password Generator instantly creates complex passwords
- Supports multiple users on a single machine
- Anti Keylogging feature- stop hackers monitoring your personal data
- 'Drag 'n' drop' interface -Windows ease of use

Comodo i-Vault can protect and manage:

- Website password details
- Software access passwords
- Credit card numbers and PIN details
 - Bank Account Details
 - Telephone banking codes
 - E-Mail account passwords
 - Computer logon passwords
 - Personal Contact details
 - Cell Phone PIN codes
 - And much more..

Phew! That is a lot of stuff! And I must admit I have yet to test all of these free products. Not for a lack of desire but because we are talking about six programs! I will say that I am about half way through my testing of the firewall product and it does seem to perform as advertised. But don't wait around for me, grab these six freebies and let me know what you think of them!

Thanks Comodo!

Comodo <http://www.comodogroup.com/>
Computer Club of Oklahoma City
<http://www.ccokc.org/>
PC Magazine Article on Comodo Firewall
<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,1969485,00.asp>

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by John Spizzirri



Last month I wrote about identity theft via phishing scams. If you have had your identity stolen, there are a few things you can do. In Illinois, the ID theft hotline is 866-999-5630. It is run by Attorney General Lisa Madigan. On the web site there are complaint forms and other helpful brochures and flyers. The site (<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/hotline.html>) also has the latest about new scams that others have complained about. The brochures and flyers are in PDF (portable document format) format which is a product (Acrobat Reader) of Adobe (<http://www.adobe.com/>). The latest version (8) of Acrobat Reader is on the CD of the Month. The Federal Trade Commission (<http://www.ftc.gov/>) also has resources including printable complaint forms, an informational video, and PDF brochures at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>. The FTC's Identity Theft Hotline is toll-free: 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338).

Judy Taylour, Chair of APCUG (<http://www.apcug.net/>) sent us information on how to get a free copy of Linspire 5.0 Version 2.0 (\$49.95 value). "Linspire is providing APCUG-member groups with a free downloadable copy of Linspire 5.0 in ISO format. Linspire 5.0 can be downloaded until March 1st. Use this link to download the program in ISO format: <http://www.linspire.com/apcug>. No coupon code is needed. After going to the web page, click the checkout button. If you do not already have a Linspire account, you will need to create one. Click the continue buttons until you get to the download directions page. NOTE: Linspire is provided in ISO boot image format. You will need to use your CD-ROM burning software to burn the image to a CD. It can then be used to boot from. Linspire provides directions on its download page." Our President, Mike Goldberg and Vice President, Tom Anzalone will be presenting Linspire at our February meeting. Those who do not wish to download the program can get it on CD for \$3. If you want it on CD, e-mail John Spizzirri at spizman@iwon.com no later than Friday, February 23, 2007, 6 PM CST so adequate copies will be on hand.

March 11, 2007, a date which will live in infamy, is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time (DST) this year. Some software including Windows 9x, ME, 2K, XP will have problems with the time change this year. InformationWeek reported that Microsoft (MS <http://www.microsoft.com/>) will have patches for XP and 2K. Nothing else is mentioned for patching. Microsoft said that fixes are already built into Vista and Office 2007. Users of XP, Media Center, and 2K systems will need to download software updates at http://support.microsoft.com/gp/cp_dst. MS knowledgebase articles on the subject are 931836, 928388, and 931667. The URL's (Uniform Resource Locator) for those articles are <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=931836>, <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/928388/>, and <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/931667/>. Information Week Magazine quotes MS saying, "Microsoft says the Y2K-like implications of the change in the start of daylight-saving time means computer users need to parry like it's 1999." The article is at <http://www.informationweek.com/news/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=197006039>. You may be interested to know that 2007 is the centennial year of the first call for DST. Some people think that Benjamin Franklin first called for DST in 1784. That is not true. Ben was poking fun at Parisians and encouraging them to 'save wax' (candle wax) by getting up early. Ben did not call for clocks to change. There were very few clocks in 1784 anyway. William Willett is known as the 'inventor' of DST. He was a British subject that tried to convince Parliament to create DST in a pamphlet entitled "The Waste of Daylight". Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany enacted DST for the first time in 1916 in order to conserve natural resources (coal) during World War I. England and the United States were soon to follow. As for saving natural resources, the University of California Energy Institute studied an Australian experiment with DST in 2000. U of C determined that there was no savings in overall electricity usage but peak periods had higher peaks.

Jason Brooks of eWeek Magazine in a recent article, <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2094972,00.asp>, called 'Vista: Permission Granted' confirmed

that Apple Computer's television ad (<http://www.apple.com/getamac/ads/>) called 'Security' is telling the truth. I would recommend looking at the commercial if you have not seen it. The Vista security asks "Cancel or allow?" whenever the PC says or does anything. Brooks notes that, "Microsoft has begun to change its ways, and now users must also." The implications of that statement are immense. First, MS has begun? What have they been doing for the last 25+ years? Second, users must "Cancel or allow?" because MS was derelict in its obligations to its customers? The Mac commercials have the implication that the Mac does what you think it should. The last line in Brooks article is, "...we should at least be able to expect that our machines act as we intend them to." I would describe Brooks' attitude as a combination of complacency and wishful thinking. On the other hand, many users are getting sick of paying big bucks to a company that considers them a cash cow that can be milked forever while delivering the same old hay and grass. MS has noticed a serious customer backlash over the last seven years. There is a sales resistance growing around the world. Macs, Linux desktops, and other cheaper or better alternatives can only benefit.

Vista has had its first interoperability trouble. Vista does not play nice with the most popular multimedia player in the world (iPod <http://www.apple.com/itunes/>). I guess that MS thought that everyone on earth uses the Zune multimedia device (<http://www.zune.net/en-US/> made by MS). To be sure, Apple is, in part, responsible for this trouble. Apple has produced a Vista patch that helps Vista work with the iPod. It is on the CD of the Month and is available here:

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/itunesrepairtoolforvista10.html> .

Mike Danseglio of MS in a recent article in eWeek Magazine, <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1945808,00.asp> , called 'Microsoft Says Recovery from Malware Becoming Impossible' reported that the only way to recover from some rootkit or spyware is to "nuke" the hard drive and rebuild the system from scratch. He is in the Security Solutions group at MS and was speaking at the Infosec Security Conference in Florida (<http://www.infosecurityevent.com/App/homepage.cfm?moduleid=42&appname=100004>)

I was looking for an alternative to the iPod for an MP3 player. I did not want the iPod because it is closely linked to iTunes in AAC format

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Audio_Coding) which has serious DRM (Digital Rights Management http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_Rights_Management) problems and does not use the MP3 format. The MP3 format (<http://www.mp3.com/>) has a wider base of machines that can read it with fewer DRM problems. I was looking for a large capacity player (greater than 10GB). I found the Toshiba Gigabeat (<http://www.gigabeat.com/>) at 40GB had all the reviews plus all its own press releases singing its praises. Nowhere did I find any mention of DRM or proprietary troubles. That was my fault! I found lots of articles that called it an MP3 player that also played WMV

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Media_Video) and WMA

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Media_Audio) files. I bought the Gigabeat. I tried using the software to transfer previously stored MP3 files to the Gigabeat and had nothing but trouble. The Gigabeat wants to rip the MP3 files from CDs or it wants you to buy files from an approved vendor on the Internet. It, in turn, stores the files on its hard drive in a mysterious format about which there is very little information. Once audio or video files are on the Gigabeat in its format, they can never be moved off in a usable format. I think Toshiba has propagated the notion that the Gigabeat is an MP3 player when in actuality it has a proprietary file format that is not compatible with anything. The only saving grace is that the hard drive can be used as an external hard drive. So I ended up with an overpriced, heavy, low capacity, external hard drive with a color LCD screen that burns battery power needlessly. I think Toshiba has falsely advertised the Gigabeat as an MP3 player. All products made by Toshiba are off my list of items that I might purchase in the future. They are also off the list of products I recommend to my clients. I found a low capacity (2GB) player by Ultra for \$40 after rebate from TigerDirect

(<http://www.tigerdirect.com/>). It has a built in FM radio which you can record into the memory as WAV format files. It works well for a low capacity unit. The feature it has that the Gigabeat does not have is a drag and drop of files. Once plugged into the USB (<http://www.usb.org/>) port, the device looks like a hard drive. Just copy the MP3 files to it. Once on the Ultra they play. That is the feature that Toshiba denied me for \$220. The only trouble with the Ultra is that the USB cable has a proprietary connector

on one end of the USB cable.

The Register recently published an article about the downside of DRM at http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/02/09/steve_gordon_drm/ . Steve Gordon, the author, was a lawyer at Sony Music. He describes his experiences with DRM from the corporate point of view. He relates how DRM is bad for business. If Sony had embraced reasonable pricing and DRM early on, DRM would not be on the way out as it is now. Sony chose to sue Napster back then and put Napster out of business. When Napster went out of business, some other Peer to Peer (P2P) services started (Kazaa, Limelite, etc.). Sony and other music publishers businesses started to slide. CD sales have continued to slide. Apple computer has been sued (in Europe) for being anticompetitive. Steve Jobs, head of Apple Computer, has made some deals with music companies to remove DRM. He has written (<http://www.apple.com/hotnews/thoughtsonmusic/>) that DRM does not work and probably never will. He points out that most music is sold by four companies and is DRM free on CDs. It only makes sense to get rid of this expensive and ineffective "protection". I think no one has sued MS for anticompetitive practices because of the vast resources and time the MS can throw at such a case. The MS PlaysForSure (<http://www.playsforsure.com/>) and Zune DRM are methods of DRM that are different from Apple's DRM called Fairplay. One of the problems is that there are many DRM schemes that do not work with one another and once a DRM scheme is broken it has to be upgraded to work again and thus does not work with previous versions of itself. The sooner DRM is dead the better I will like it.

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

What's on the CD of the Month February 2007 Not a complete list

AdobeReader8 - Upgrade for Adobe Reader
ARI - February Newsletter
Cyberhawk - Behavior-based security monitoring of malware
DzSoftFavoritesSearch - Quick search for IE
EasyCleaner - Registry cleaner
ExpiredCookieCleaner - Program for removing expired cookies
EXPStudioAudioEditor - Edit your audio files
FFexBackup - Back up your Firefox extensions, bookmarks, preferences
FolderSize - Extension that adds a Folder Size column to Windows Explorer
IDTheft - PDF's and files referneced in LampPost 81
ItuneVistaPatch - iPod patch for Vista
KillDisk - Hard Drive Eraser
NewsSifter - Learns what you like in RSS news and displays it
OldTimeRadio - Old radio programs
ParentalControl - Add-on for IE that helps parents prevent adult Web sites
Quintura - Search offers a visual map of tags related to your search query
StartupDelayer - Delays some programs from loading at startup
TabMix - Add-on provides tab controls for Firefox users
XPCursors - Well-designed cursor set
XPTweaks - Free 175 page PDF book on XP tweaks

Editor Finds: If you're interested in computing history, and I mean history starting 1915, an interesting site to visit is: <http://www.old-computers.com/news/default.asp> You can even contribute your expertise on the tab marked History. Then go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page for more.

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**Monthly Meeting of the CAEUG
January 2007**

The January 2007 meeting of the Computers Are Easy User Group was called to order by Vice President Tom Anzalone at 10:00am on January 27, 2007 at the Glenside Public Library

There were 29 members in attendance. No Guests.
Raffle Items: Trial Version of Microsoft Map Point & Map Point for Dummies book, Norton Confidential for XP, Jasc Paint Shop Pro v7.0, Cool iCam Microcam, D-Link USB PC Radio

Treasurer's Report October Report:

Balance: \$2956.87; Expenses: \$ 74.00;
Income: \$ 89.40; Ending Balance: \$2972.27

Board Reports

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

Newsletter Editor: None

Membership Chair: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Member's Forum: Question about using/installing ubuntu Linux. VP Anzalone advised how ubuntu is installed, run, etc. Another question was asked about a problem running Office XP. The program keeps asking for the key code even though a legal copy was used to install. Suggestions were to uninstall and then reinstall, you may also need to install Microsoft's .net frame work program in order for Office to run properly. The next question was is Nero 7 was a good program. Several members advised that they have had very good experiences with this software.

The business meeting was adjourned for coffee & donuts.

Program: Kathy Groce gave a very interesting demonstration of the new Windows Vista operating system. This generated many questions and much discussion from the audience.

Note: The February meeting will be on Saturday February 24th 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Holste, Secretary

**Meeting of the CAEUG Executive Board
January 27, 2007**

The Executive Board meeting of the Computers Are Easy User Group was called to order by Vice President Tom Anzalone at 12:15pm at the Glenside Public Library

Following board members were present; VP Anzalone, Treasurer Johnson, Secretary Holste, Newsletter Editor Groce, Past President Spizzirri, Membership Chair Nicchia, and Webmaster St. Clair. A quorum was present.

Old Business: Past President Spizzirri advised that the Board still needs to determine which four current Board positions will need to be elected. The following positions are proposed to be voted on by the membership in April 2007. These positions will be elected for a two year term:

Newsletter Editor
Membership Chair
Webmaster
Board Member at Large

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer that were elected this past April 2006 will retain their positions for two years.

Motion: Spizzirri

Second: Anzalone

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

New Business: Board members were reminded that the finding of program presenters is not exclusively the Vice President's job. All Board members should keep a look out for persons to present a program at our meeting.

There being no other business, Vice President Anzalone moved to close the meeting, second by Kathy Groce, motion passed by voice vote.

Board Meeting closed at 12:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Holste, Secretary

CAEUG OFFICERS

President Mike Goldberg
V.P. (Programs) Tom Anzalone
Secretary Dean Holste
Treasurer L. Johnson
Newsletter Editor Kathy Groce
Membership Chairperson & Circulation Manager Pete Nicchia
Webmaster John St. Clair



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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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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.

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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 February 24**

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 Mike Goldberg at 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 2007 at Glenside Public Library:
February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26**

**February 24th presenters will be
Mike Goldberg and Tom Anzalone
The Linspire 5.0 Experience
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Hope to see you there.

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