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by Larry Bothe, 2/4/2009**

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Those of you who follow these pages know that in recent years I have been through quite a few of the popular computer security suite programs. Way-back-when I thought Norton (Symantec) was very good, but over the years it became bloated, took over your machine, hogged up resources, and was difficult to get to do what you really wanted. I ran McAfee for a while and found it to be about the same. More recently I used Zone Alarm. ZA was good when I first started using it, but then they came up with a major revision, to accommodate some things in Vista, I think, and it went downhill from there. The user interface for ZA is pretty good, but it still noticeably slows up your machine.

My Zone Alarm subscription was running out late last year and I really didn't want to renew it. I had already switched my laptop and my wife's machine to do-it-yourself free security consisting of AVG Free, Spybot Search & Destroy, and the built-in Windows firewall; and I was considering doing that with my workhorse desktop machine as well. But then computer guru friend John Spizzirri suggested I take a look at the Eset security suite. It alleged that it uses much less random access memory and is very unobtrusive, yet still highly effective. (Sometimes I think John suggests that I look at software just so I'll write one of these reviews, but it would be unkind to come right out and accuse him of that....., oops!)

Being a glutton for punishment and forever seeking the perfect security suite, I downloaded the free 30-day trial version of Eset from <http://www.eset.com>. I figured

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that after a month I would pretty well know if I wanted to pay for Eset, or go with my original plan to cobble together a freeware security suite. I'll tell you up front that after about 3 weeks I bought 2-year subscription. Here's what I found out.

Downloading and installing Eset was a breeze. There is no litany of setup questions that you have to answer; you know, the ones you don't even understand? Eset just makes some assumptions and goes to work. You might conclude that Eset is being very presumptuous in deciding what you need, and it is, but you know what? - - It's right. I have had little occasion to go into settings to change anything. I wanted to see just what could be changed, and I had a little difficulty figuring out how to get into it, but once there you can change just about anything you want. The good news is that it isn't necessary. The only thing I can recall changing is turning off the feature that appends a note to all your outgoing messages that says they have been scanned by Eset and found to be virus-free.

I think Eset does a good job with spam/junk messages. It learns what you consider to be spam and then puts such messages in a Spam folder for you to quickly scan through and then delete. I guess Eset is effective against virus attack; I haven't gotten any. The virus definitions update on a daily basis. The update is very unobtrusive; there is no machine slow-down. All you get is the quick flash of a dialog box telling you the update was done. I like that.

I saved the best for last. Eset doesn't hog up your machine resources and slow it down. My computer both boots and shuts down faster now that I got rid of Zone Alarm in favor of Eset. How much? I don't know exactly because I didn't record a "before" time, but it really is noticeably faster, maybe 25% or a little more.

Eset pricing is competitive with other security suite programs. Forgetting the pennies, it costs \$60 for one year or \$90 for 2 years for a one-machine license. There are discounts for 2, 3, and 4 machine licenses. You go out on a limb a bit when you spring for 2 years, but you can see that the discount is substantial. Now, if they just refrain from some major update that ruins the efficiency of the

program I'll be all set.

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File Management - Part One
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What exactly do I mean when I say file management? And, I can hear you saying "Who needs to fool around with that stuff. I have too many real things to concern myself with. My computer takes care of all those things anyway, doesn't it?" Well, the answer is yes and no. If you went into a restaurant to dine, would you rather select your own choices from the menu, or just have the waiter bring you what he feels like bringing? Very few of you will answer with the latter. But, most people don't bother to establish/customize their file preferences on the computer. It's easier to just take what the computer has been set to do. And, they don't have to learn anything (they think) if they just accept all the defaults.

Please note that I'm making the assumption that you know how to use a mouse, and right or left click on things. And, when I say "scroll down" or drag, you know what to do. If you haven't reached this point yet, I think it's time to take a very basic beginner's course before proceeding.

The simplest way to understand the way your computer stores things is to consider the following. Suppose you saw a line of text as follows -

USA\Florida\Boca Raton\123 Broadway\2nd

floor\room 24\gray file cabinet\top drawer\3rd folder\2nd document.

I'm sure that everyone would understand exactly where to look for the document in question. The line above is actually a descriptive path to get you there. Well, computer hard drives store things in a very similar way. A path to get to a document in your computer might be -

c:\My Documents\Letters\Personal\Aunt Emma's Birthday.doc

This path states that the filename is "Aunt Emma's Birthday.doc", and it is in a folder named "Personal". That folder is a subfolder of "Letters", which is a subfolder of "My Documents", which is a folder on the hard drive C. To define paths in computer language a "\" is used to separate the various elements of the path. Note that this information is not case sensitive. That is, upper or lower case makes no difference. Just having learned this already puts you well on the road to understanding file management.

File management includes things such as establishing certain folders which will be the storage areas for your documents, and other files. You direct where files will be stored in various of your programs by saving your files in folders you establish or define. This makes things easier when you want to do backups also. Many programs allow you to specify what those folders are. So, when you go to save a file, that folder comes up as the default. A common cry from beginners is "I saved the file, but I don't know where it is."

Within a folder you can have sub-folders. For example, if you had a folder c:\letters, you could put in subfolders for business, personal, club, etc.. This way, you have an organized filing system. If you have a file drawer that you use for filing things, most people will have separate folders or hangers for different categories. Throwing everything in the same area make it much more difficult to find things, just as putting all your different socks into the same drawer, unpaired, and mixed up, makes life tougher also.

Most people are intimidated by their computers. Remember, it's only a machine, and you should be the boss, not the computer. The more you understand, the more in

control you will feel. But, that doesn't just happen. Like all things in this world, you must make it happen.

Reading these articles, and doing the practice can help you along the road to that end.

Once you become reasonably proficient in the subjects to be presented, you will be prepared to move files around, copy them to a floppy or ZIP disk to back them up, or delete them. The exercise below should help you in this area.

Please note that the protocols used here are applicable not only to PC's, but also to Mac's. These protocols are very logical once you understand them. The term "Windows" will be used throughout the article. This means that all versions of Windows, 95, 98, ME, or Windows 2000 will follow the same procedures

EXERCISE NUMBER 1

1. Open up Notepad - if you don't know where it is, click on the START BUTTON on the bottom left of your screen START>PROGRAMS>ACCESSORIES. Double click on Notepad, and the standard Windows text editor will open. Notepad is simply a small program in which you can generate and edit text documents. It offers almost nothing in the way of formatting, but is a bare bones text editor, as opposed to WordPerfect or Word which are capable of elaborate activities.

2. Type "This is a test." in the Notepad window.

3. Save the document by clicking on FILE>SAVE. A window will open. At the top of the window is an area with the notation "Save in". It will probably show your C: drive. If not, use the scroll arrow to select the C: drive. Once you have done this and double-clicked on it, there should be a listing below of all the folders on the C: drive. Scroll to the one named "My Documents", and double click on it. (My Documents folder is a standard folder that Windows installs.) The focus is now on that folder. Next, go down to the bottom of that window and in the field at the bottom, select "all files (*.*)" just to see what else is in that folder. There is a field with "File name" alongside of it. In that field, type testfile.txt. Then click on the save button. You have now saved that file in the "My Documents" directory. Now, exit Notepad.

4. Open Windows Explorer. If you don't know

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how to do this, it's time you learned. Click on START>PROGRAMS>EXPLORER. Or, click on the Windows key and the "e" key on your keyboard at the same time. Navigate around to display the list of folders on the C: drive. If that's not what showing, find C: on the left and double click on it. This should bring up the list of all the folders on the C: drive. Find the My Documents folder, and double click on it. There should be at least one file there, the one we just saved called "testfile.txt".

5. Before continuing, I suggest that you configure Explorer to show all file extensions. This makes working with Explorer easier. At the top of the Explorer Window, click on VIEW>OPTIONS, and then uncheck the line which reads "Hide file extensions for the types that are registered."

This is the end of part 1 of Learning Basic Windows skills. Next month, the second part of this will cover moving and copying files, along with setting up new folders. If you find this material useful, you may want to download this article in PDF format, from our web site

<http://www.bracs.org> . This allows readers to keep the material either as a PDF file, and/or print it out, and place it in a looseleaf notebook for future reference.

A Good Meeting

By Larry Bothe, 12/14/2008

I was fortunate to be able to attend the CAEUG combined November/December meeting on December 6th. Several good things happened for me at that meeting, and I want to share them with you.

President Mike Goldberg put on the main presentation. Mike demo'd the Ubuntu version of the Linux operating system. As part of the demo he briefly showed some of the applications that are available (for free!), one of which is OpenOffice. Mike showed us a spreadsheet he had created in the Calc module to track his utility costs at home. That brought to mind a little device I recently purchased called Kill-A-Watt. I was going to talk about it at the meeting, but it got to be a few minutes before noon so I thought I better be quiet and let the meeting come to an end on time.

The Kill-A-Watt is a palm-sized recording power meter. You plug it into a wall socket and then plug any electrical device or appliance into it. The KAW unit measures and records the amount of electricity used over time. Once you tell it how much your electricity costs per kilowatt-hour, which you get from your electric bill, the

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KAW will tell you how much it costs to operate that device for a day, week, month or year. I have had my computer system plugged into it for a couple weeks now. The KAW advises me that it will cost me \$67.18 to run the computer for a year, based on a 13¢/KWH energy cost. Next I'm going to move the KAW to my entertainment center and find out what that costs to operate. I bought my model P4460 Kill-A-

Watt EZ from amazon.com for \$34.99, no tax or shipping charges.

The Nov/Dec disk-of-the-month had a lot of interesting programs on it, among them a little gem called Startup Delayer. When you turn on your computer a whole bunch of programs start up all at once. Some of them start because they put themselves in your startup group in msconfig. A good example of that would be your security programs; antivirus or security suite. Others start because you put a shortcut icon in your Startup folder (documents and settings/owner/start menu/programs/startup). For me that would be Outlook Express (e-mail), Internet Explorer (weather, online portfolio), Sunbird (appointment calendar) and my "To Do" list in Microsoft Word. I use all those applications every day so I just want them to start when I turn on the computer. My problem has been that my security suite, Zone Alarm, is slow to start, and Outlook Express gets finished before ZA. When that happens ZA warns me that I have e-mail messages that have not been virus-scanned. Then I have to close Outlook Express and reopen it so ZA can do its thing. That's a pain, so I have been opening OE manually after the computer is fully booted.

Startup Delayer solves that problem. I now have Outlook Express starting automatically again, but with a 20-second delay from all the other programs. That gives Zone Alarm enough time to get going before OE opens. When OE goes out to get my messages ZA is ready to scan them. No more warnings; no need to close and reopen OE. Pretty neat!

The next good thing that happened at the meeting was that I got to meet guest Patrick "Munch" Mundscha. He participated in the Members Forum part of the meeting and provided some insightful answers to members' problems. During the coffee break I asked him if he knew of any shareware or freeware that would allow me to create a PowerPoint presentation without me having to spring for the full-blown PowerPoint program from Microsoft. He immediately suggested that I download the Windows version of OpenOffice, which includes a module called Impress that creates presentations that are compatible with Microsoft's PowerPoint. Problem

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solved, again for free. I haven't downloaded OpenOffice yet, but John Spizzirri assures me that "Munch" is correct and that I won't have any trouble creating my presentation, or displaying it later using Microsoft PowerPoint software.

I had an income tax question about deducting meals as an expense in my pilot examination business. CAEUG member and resident tax expert Joan Thompson was at the meeting. She explained the meal deduction rules to me and later sent more information in the mail. I didn't get the answer I wanted to hear, but at least I now know and understand the rules.

At the end of the meeting there was a raffle to give away some items that had been donated by members. I brought along a computer game to put in the raffle. I also bought 5 tickets at \$1.00 each to help out the group. CAEUG allows members to put their raffle tickets in a container for the specific item they would like to win. I put mine in a cup for a TV tuner card. I had always wanted one to play with, but not badly enough to go out and buy it. I won the item, so now I have something else to experiment with when I get some spare time.

I just can't understand why a whole lot more people don't belong to computer users groups. The amount of qualified help and support that is available for free is unbelievable. Yet I often meet people who just put up with all sorts of computer problems. I try to help them as best I can. I have even met a few who have gone out and bought a new machine because they didn't know how to solve a problem with the perfectly good one they already owned. They didn't ask me first, and they didn't want to pay the exorbitant rates some computer repair people charge. In the users group environment problems get fixed for free, or maybe it costs a few bucks for parts. With the economy floundering perhaps the value of user group membership will become better known.

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February CD of the Month 2009

AdAware - Update to malware protector
AmazonPriceWatch - Check for price points on Amazon
ARI - February Newsletter
CDOMLists - List of all programs on CDs of the month
Comodo - Free firewall
CrucialScanner - Analyzes your computer memory information and suggests an upgrade
DarwinAndWallace - Writing of Darwin and Wallace
DriveZ - Lists of files contained in a directory
EnhanceMyVistaFree - Set of powerful tools, settings and tweaks
F-Secure - Downadup worm removal tool
FairUse - DVD ripper
FileReplicator - Pick a version of a file, finding and replacing all the copies on your system
Foxmarks - Keep your IE bookmarks in sync across multiple PCs
HP-USB-Tool - USB Disk Storage Format setup to boot a PC
IsoBuster - Rescue lost files from a bad or trashed CD or DVD disc
Keyfinder - Finds the product keys for installed programs
Lincoln - Writings of Abe Lincoln
NetTools - Network analysis tools
NFOpad - Combined nfo viewer and text editor
NoteZ - Virtual post-it notes for Windows
OldTimeRadio - Old radio programs
Restoration - Recovers any recently deleted files
Safari - The fastest, easiest-to-use web browser in the world per Apple
TweakUIPowerToySetup - MS tweaks for XP
USBDeview - Identifies a USB devices on your system
Vista4Experts - Customize many Vista features
VistaRecoveryDisc - A Vista installation disc minus the install files - allows recovery
VistaTweaker - Tweaks for Vista
Wireshark - New name of the Ethereal network protocol analyzer

LampPost 103
by John Spizzirri
February 22, 2009



My adventures with Vista this past month have served to justify my skepticism in its utility to a power computer user (me). I used my Vista machine last month in a mission critical situation, the Google Earth (<http://earth.google.com/>) presentation at our last meeting. I was concerned that things might not go as I had planned them. Fortunately, Vista performed as I expected (no errors). In the days following the presentation I started to experience an error on startup. Vista told me that there was no driver for the built in audio function of the mother board. Each time this happened a reboot was required by Vista. As the boot sequence usually takes three minutes, starting the computer suddenly took six minutes and my intervention to do the restart. I usually do not sit and wait for a PC to boot up. I use that time to do other things in preparation for computer use. On the second boot it would sometimes find the driver and other times not find it. I checked the Internet and found that this problem is common enough on Hewlett-Packard (HP <http://www.hp.com/>) DV7-XXXX laptops that many troubleshooting sites have reference to it. Their recommended action is to download the driver from the HP web site and reinstall it, a tedious process that requires a number of reboots. I am reluctant to reinstall something that is already installed, so I delayed doing the reinstall for a number of days. During that time I did the usual anti-virus and anti-spyware updates and checks which found no virus, trojan, worm, or spyware (outside of tracking cookies). Some of those days the computer would boot normally while on other days it would not find the audio driver. I continued to delay because of the normal boot ups. For what ever reason, the days of not finding the audio driver stopped happening (knock wood).

After the audio driver escapade, I decided to add Linux to this laptop. After reading many articles about dual booting Vista and Linux, I found that normal hard drive partitioning programs no longer work on Vista - thanks Microsoft (MS <http://www.microsoft.com>). Vista has a new version of New Technology File System (NTFS <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NTFS>) that makes all previous partitioning software obsolete. Before attempting to partition the hard drive, backup any data you want to keep. Note that you must have a sizable portion of the drive free (unused) in order to resize and still have room on the remainder to run Vista. Run Defrag on the drive. To run Defrag click Start, click Computer, right click on the drive, click Properties, click Disk Cleanup, click OK, click on the Tools tab, click Defragment Now button, click on All files on this computer, wait until the Defrag finishes. The wait may be minutes up to hours depending on how often you defrag your machine and how much free space you have on the drive. At the very least I do it once a month. If I use a machine intensively for a few days, I will defrag before switching to a different machine.

Here are the steps to repartition the hard drive;

Click on the Start menu

right click on Computer and

click on Manage a User Account Control dialog may appear here; just click Continue

in the left pane, open up the Storage category and click on Disk Management

graphically listed in the lower center window are the partitions for your disks

right click on the partition you'd like to modify

(If you have an HP or Compaq machine, there is a Recovery partition. DO NOT select that partition to modify. Some other computer brands have recovery partitions as well.)

click on Shrink Volume to shrink the selected partition

the dialog presented has the total size before shrink, the available shrink space, the amount you want to shrink (entered by you), and the total size after the shrink

(Note Vista will not let you shrink a partition to a size that is too small for it to operate. If the shrink

dialog indicates 0 MB available shrink space, it means that there is not enough space on the drive to shrink.)

I shrunk my primary partition by 50 GB so I would have ample room for OpenSuse Linux (http://en.opensuse.org/Welcome_to_openSUSE.org). I put the OpenSuse 11.1 DVD in the DVD player and rebooted the machine. The computer booted from the DVD starting the OpenSuse installer. I used the default selections until it got to the drive to use for installation. I examined that closely to make sure that OpenSuse would not overwrite the Vista partition. OpenSuse found the blank area of the drive and wanted to use that area for installation. I approved and the installation commenced. At the end of the installation, the PC was rebooted after the DVD was removed from the drive. The GRUB

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_GRUB and <http://www.gnu.org/software/grub/>) boot loader appeared on the screen with OpenSuse as its default. It almost immediately attempted to load OpenSuse. Usually, there is a 10 to 30 second count down before any OS is loaded. The load did not happen. The PC went into a black screen of death

(BISOD http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Screen_of_Death). I waited a few minutes then restarted the machine. It did not start GRUB but tried to load Vista. It too ended in a BISOD. On alternate reboots, I would get the Windows bad shutdown screen which offers the choice of Safe Mode, last known good configuration and normal start. I tried them all - none worked. I put the Linux DVD in the player in hopes that OpenSuse would be able to start with the boot from DVD - no luck. This left me with one choice. I had to use the Windows recovery disk (see the rant below). I inserted the DVD in the drive and rebooted. It warned me that it would reformat the hard drive and I would lose all my data. I have had to do that on another machine. Data loss is generally not a problem for me in that I back up regularly. The main problem with a reformat is reinstalling all the software and restoring all the settings so the machine runs the way I want it to. That can take the better part of a day and something that I try to avoid. I told the program that I did not want it to restore the drive. It gave instructions to press F11 on boot up after the DVD was removed from the drive. When I rebooted and pressed F11. Nothing happened. I tried the reboot again pressing the escape. On this HP the escape key enters the BIOS (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BIOS>). I was then able to press F11. I got the restore partition. It restored whatever was missing to the C drive and since then Vista has booted normally. Success after only four hours wasted. I really wish that Microsoft

(MS <http://www.microsoft.com>) would not be so paranoid. Each iteration of Windows has something in it that makes it less complementary to other operating systems (Linux, Novell, BeOS, etc.). It makes one think that they really do want a monopoly.

The Windows recovery disk rant. This disk is not supplied with the machine. It has to be created by the user soon after the machine is first started. I tried that. It did not work. There were conflicting instructions between the help files and the HP Internet web site. One thing was sure, the Recovery disk creation program only allows you to create one set of disks. The program tells you at the outset that it needs approximately 2 blank DVD+R disks or approximately 11 blank CDs. It tells you that the Disk Creation software program burns and verifies each disk to ensure proper functionality. It tells you that the creation process takes about 30 minutes per DVD. The entire recovery set does not need to be created in one session. It tells you that when a disk is ejected and a disk verification error message displays, the disk burn on that disk is bad. It tells you that if that happens you should insert another disk to complete the disk creation process. If the error occurs again, use a different brand of writable disk. All the things that the program tells you are lies. In my opinion, once a bad burn error message appears, you should abandon the program and send HP the \$15 for a recovery disk. It takes about a week to come in the mail. I wasted about 10 hours trying the create recovery disks when I first got the machine. I still get messages from the HP health check that the recovery disks have not yet been created (yet another annoyance).

Chris Null reported in Yahoo Tech that the Downandup/Conficker worm has infected millions of PCs (<http://tech.yahoo.com/blogs/null/116396>). The worm tricks you in to running a

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virus. If you put your flash drives in PCs other than your own and that PC is infected, the infection is passed to the flash drive automatically. When the flash drive is plugged into a different machine and autoplay is turned on (default), autoplay asks if you want to "Open folders to view files" under Install or run program **AND** under General options. The Open folders choice should only be on the menu once under the General options category. This is just one of the reasons I turn off the autoplay 'feature'. There is a screen shot at the web site above. This web site has the screen shots for XP; <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA09-020A.html> . F-secure has a removal tool at (<http://www.f-secure.com/weblog/archives/00001588.html>). It is 4.5 MB in size and is on the CD of the Month. Null comments that MS is off to another banner year of security flaws.

Anthony Gregory supplied the reason for postponement of the digital TV deadline to June 12 besides the inability of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>) to supply the TV converter box coupons. NTIA ran out of money. That would be the allocated 1.5 billion dollars. Wilmington, North Carolina (<http://www.wilmington.net/>) was the test case for the conversion. They were forced to convert last September (2008). After their conversion, the FCC got 1,800 phone calls for assistance. There are 82,000 residents in Wilmington. There are far fewer antenna TV receivers than residents. If the deadline was not extended, the calls to the FCC would exceed well over one million in just a few days. The FCC is not equipped to handle that volume of calls. The article at <http://independent.org/newsroom/article.asp?id=2437> also points out the unintended consequences of the conversion. The cost of digital conversion boxes went from \$19 to \$40 because the coupons were issued for \$40. There was no incentive to sell the boxes cheaper. I think that the deadline may be moved again with the cutoff being phased in by region to avoid the telephone burden on the FCC.

Be prepared Daylight Savings Time (DST) begins on March 8th at 2 AM. The history of DST is at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time . A map showing which countries of the world use DST, no longer use DST, and never used DST is at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:DaylightSaving-World-Subdivisions.png> .

In Windows XP (and other versions) applications sometimes use Dynamic-link library files (dll http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic-link_library). When the application is terminated the dll(s) associated with it should also be terminated. When this does not happen, memory is tied up, the system becomes sluggish, and the OS becomes unstable. To avoid this there is a registry hack that cures the problem. **WARNING:** backup your registry file before you change the registry. I only know this works in XP so if you try it in 2K or Vista, you're on your own (YOYO). Here are the steps to change the registry; click Start, click Run, type regedit and press enter. Find HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer. Select Explorer in the left side. Click Edit, click New, click DWORD. Type the Name exactly (caps and lower case but no period) AlwaysUnloadDll. Select AlwaysUnloadDll. Change the value to 1. Exit regedit. Reboot the machine.

Another Windows XP tip when you get warning messages about missing files. System File Checker (sfc.exe) checks all the system files for presence and accuracy. Some programs overwrite system files which can cause problems for XP and other applications. If the file is not available on the hard drive, the program will ask for the installation CD, so have it ready. Click Start, Click Run, type `sfc /scannow` (that is a space between sfc and /) then press enter. Learn about the program here; <http://www.updatexp.com/scannow-sfc.html> .

Perhaps you have seen our Congressmen and Legislators on television saying that Illinois, Rod Blagojevich and Roland Burris are a 'national disgrace'. In actuality, they (us) are an international disgrace. BBC World News broadcasts television to the English speaking world. They not only broadcast but print; <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/7773972.stm> . News in other countries show our dirty laundry; <http://www.turkishweekly.net/other-news/178142/gov-quinn-burris-should-resign-usa-today.html> <http://www.apakistannews.com/burris-admits-to-raising-funds-for-bлагоjevich-106066> , and <http://www.koodal.com/news/shownews.asp?id=36372&title=illinois-governor-bлагоjevich-impeached-news-in-tamil>

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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

Hardware problems,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??

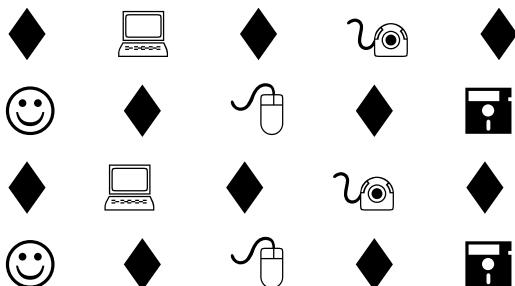
SIG meets before regular meeting from **9:05 to 9:45**

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. A

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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*** ! ** ! ** Notice Date information ** ! ** ! ***

The next **REGULAR** meeting will be held at the **Glenside Public Library**
25 East Fullerton in Glendale Heights, Illinois
starting 9:45am on

Saturday February 28, 2009

CONFIRMED Future Meeting dates for 2009 at Glenside Public Library:
Room (A+B) for the following Saturdays :: February 28 :: March 28
We have a confirmed date for the 2009 PICNIC at 7 Gables Park
Saturday June 13, 2009

Meeting Location and Special Accommodations

The Glenside Public Library address is at 25 E Fullerton Avenue, Glendale Heights, Illinois. The Library location is 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.

Hope to see you there!