



August 2015 Newsletter

Glendora Seniors Computer Club

A Friendly Seniors Group Serving All Computer Skill Levels

General Meetings: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Board Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

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Harvesting the summer crops

Glendora Seniors Computer Club General Meeting Minutes July 8, 2015

President Barbara Denny called the Meeting to order at 1 PM and welcomed 33 members and three guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) President Denny reported we are trying some new things for Publicity including newspaper articles and a bookmark to be available for distribution by members. The articles and the bookmarks will emphasize that we are not just a Computer group, but inclusive of all the new technology—smart phones, tablets, and other electronic devices.
- 2) The 8.1 Class is starting tomorrow and continuing for the next eight weeks.

Program:

President Denny introduced: **Elliott Stern**, Owner of Maestro Computer Services in Culver City, and Elliott was one of the presenters at the Southwest Conference, who went through his PowerPoint presentation on *Perfecting Your Computer Backup- The Art of*

PROGRAMS BY: Program Chair:
Annemarie Hunt
(All programs subject to change)

August 12th,

Windows 10
Preview

August 26th

So you got a new computer. What next?

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Backup. Elliott is also on the APCUG Speakers' Bureau roster. His presentation and video covered: 1) How to back up; 2) What to back up; 3) When to back up; 4) What also to back up; 5) Two types of back up (data/files & mirror-data plus OS etc.). Recommending **4 R's** 1) **R**edundancy—more than one device; 2) **R**emovable media; 3) **R**evision—job log/email contact printout; 4) **R**estore/recovery.

Some recommended “back up” software: EaseUse.com, Novastar.com, Folder-clone.com, and Acronnis.com. **Sign up for the lowest price option at: <https://www.idrive.com/idrive/deals/pd/maestro>**

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Break:

Jim Glass - Computer Tech Guys tomorrow (Thursday 9-Noon)

Next meeting: Wednesday July 22, 2015 Barbara Denny will bring cookies.

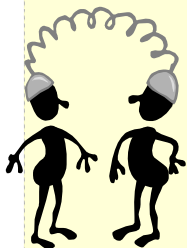
Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Submitted by:

Secretary Ruthann Mayrose

Approved By:

President Barbara Denny



The Computer Guys, , *Ell Fullmer*, and *Jim Glass* will be meeting on

THE SECOND Thursday of the month: , August 13th

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon — Second Floor — La Fetra Center

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**Glendora Seniors Computer Club
General Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2015**

President Barbara Denny called the Meeting to order at 1 PM and welcomed 2 new members and three guests, Bernard and Theresa Marie Parsons and Carol Patterson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Glass announced a few “giveaway” items from the Southwest Conference available at the back.

Program:

Annemarie’s presentation: Introduction to the Internet Surfing--the basics, how computers and the internet work, and 20 Websites you cannot live without as well as Dropbox Abbey Stokes’ Short Tutorial - how to use it and how it works. Presentation sent via email to all members in attendance today.

Break:

Q & A “Show and Tell” by Annemarie & Jim Glass about other electronic devices—smart phones, tablets, Wireless vs. Cell tower, hotspots etc.

Calendar for upcoming meetings:

(See Page 4)

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Aug.12	Social Networking “What the Heck are Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn”? 2nd Half: Youtubing	APCUG-Abbey Stokes- SCRUGS
Aug.26	“So You Got a New Computer, Now What?” 2nd Half: Groupon	Bob Gosticha
Sept. 9 & Oct. 14 (Part Two)	Electronic Communications – Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Text, Social Media, Facebook/Skype – Part One	Bill Belcher via Skype
Sept. 23	Windows 10 – Introduction and Should you get it ?	B. Govatos and T.Joe Tech

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Social Media Basics

by Darry D Eggleston, DarryD.com

I'm a little distraught at the number of my friends who still do not understand social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, & Pinterest) — and I don't blame them. The media leaders have done a poor job of differentiating themselves, so let me see if I can help.

Social media are important to you because they provide the *thought-leadership* today. If it's important, it's on one of those media. And when it's no longer relevant, all reference to it is gone — like it never existed. Think back to that volunteer organization you belonged to in the last century.

is like the newsletter with articles posted and 'letters to the editor' gauging responses. Its games can be loosely equated to the crossword puzzles and quizzes such newsletters featured. (Of course, the games on Facebook are much more complicated than the puzzles ever were.) But be aware that Facebook can be a trap because once you get 'into it', you're hooked. Started in 2004, by May 2012, Facebook had, more than half of them using Facebook on a mobile device. The average user spends 405 minutes per month.

is like the bulletin board where you posted questions, comments, and for sale items. Due to the space limitations, such memos were short. Twitter limits messages to 140 characters (that's *not* words) or less. says it has 500+ million active users as of 2012, generating over 340 million tweets daily & handling over 1.6 billion search queries per day. The average users spends 89 minutes per month.

is like the old home movies. Someone was forever trying to get club members to see his vacation film from the visit to Coosa County, Alabama, or points south.

visit YouTube each month, watching 3 billion hours of video are watched each month. 72 hours of video are uploaded every minute. 70% of its traffic comes from outside the

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US. Also, 500 years of YouTube videos are watched every day on Facebook, & over 700 YouTube videos are shared on Twitter each minute.

is like the scrapbook some clubs put together where members would include things that they wanted to remember about that club or its environment. “Pinterest users can upload, save, sort and manage images, known as pins, and other media content (i.e. videos) through collections known as pinboards. They are generally themed so that pins can easily be organized, categorized and discovered by other users.” In January 2012, 11.7 million unique U.S. visitors — but those are not necessarily users. 82% of its users are females with an average visit lasting 16+ minutes. The average user spends 405 minutes per month.

And there must be money in social media sites because Facebook and Google are buying them at an alarming rate.

Still Google+, the latest challenger to Facebook has got a ways to go. It has only, but it was launched in June 2011 so it's not had time to percolate.

An elderly couple h

President's Corner

Five Things the Tech Industry Won't Tell You

By Greg Skalka, President, Under the Computer Hood User Group, CA

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In a nod to the Wall Street Journal Sunday's imaginative, interesting and informative "10 Things . . . (xxx) Won't Tell You" columns, I offer my half-sized version. The tech industry's annual new product celebration, CES (Consumer Electronic Show), occurred in January. I've never attended, but I enjoy reading about the latest tech items presented each year.

Each year brings a new batch of innovative products that get the favorable buzz. Sometimes items at the show succeed in the marketplace, while others never make it to prime time.

1. 'The latest is not necessarily the greatest.'

The main purpose of a lot of new products is often not to help the customer but to make money for the tech companies. Occasionally this results in products that, despite a big marketing effort, are not well received by consumers. It may be due to a company going in the wrong direction, hastily putting out a shoddy product or attempting to pass off a few changes (some perhaps not really wanted by consumers) as a new product.

Windows 8 is an example of a desire to sell something that the customer really does not want. Microsoft seems to get it right in terms of operating systems in only about every other attempt. They were very successful with Windows 98, but then disappointed with the release of Windows Me (Millennium Edition).

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They captured almost all the market with the popular Windows XP OS, but then followed it up with poorly-received Vista.

After correcting their mistakes in well-received Windows 7, their successor, Windows 8, went in a direction most computer users did not want to go. Since Microsoft has decided that they must skip the number nine, all we can do is hope Windows 10 is an improvement when it is released this year, as our time with Windows 7 is limited (mainstream support ended on Jan. 13; extended support, which includes free security updates, will end in five years).

Unfortunately, Microsoft continues to irritate me with their new versions of Office. It is a very powerful application but most users only scratch the surface of its capabilities. I use it daily for work, but never to its fullest potential. Yet they continue to add additional obscure features and greatly change the familiar user interface to let them somehow justify selling a new version every other year or so. Now they want to sell it by subscription, so users can become just a revenue stream.

And let's not get me started on Microsoft Bob.

2. 'Your old stuff probably still works just fine for what you need.'

Some consumers are enamored with the latest thing and must upgrade whenever possible. It seems to me that these are the customers Apple is often targeting with their new smart phones and tablets. Tech companies would like their customers to think like some car buyers used to (and some maybe still do), and trade up to their latest product every year or two. In most cases, the product the consumer already has meets most if not all of their present real needs. Just as with automobiles, "trading in" for a new smart phone, laptop, camera or office suite too often can cost a lot with little increase in benefits.

A number of PC users hung on to Windows XP a lot longer than Microsoft would have liked. Though the poor reputations of Vista and Windows 8 contributed, a lot

of XP users resisted switching because XP met their needs. Businesses were particularly reluctant to switch. I am presently using three XP computers at my work, a small telecom equipment design firm. I also still have a couple of XP computers at home (I wrote this column on one), though I'm definitely phasing them out because of security concerns.

A lot of technology costs a lot when initially introduced, but drops in price once it is more widely adopted and production volumes increase. Staying off the cutting edge can save money but still provide a good user experience.

3. 'This new stuff may seem great, but it is still a long way from reality.'

Highly innovative new products can capture the imagination, but most successful new products are the result of iterative development. These iterations can require years to finally come up with an implementation that is cost-effective for consumers.

I was excited about Google Glass when I first heard about it a few years ago. I'd hoped by now it would have had greater availability and a lower price, but instead Google has just announced that it is halting production of this model. I am encouraged that Microsoft is working on the HoloLens device, but I expect I'll be waiting a while longer to personally experience this type of device. With luck Google will continue development of Glass as well; I'd hate to see it become the Segway of computing devices.

It also seems to be taking a long time to get autonomous cars into the hands of consumers. The Google Self-Driving Car project has been in existence for a number of years, having logged nearly 700,000 autonomous miles. A new prototype without human controls will begin testing this year. A number of major auto manufacturers are also at work on autonomous cars. Google believes that it will be able to offer a self-driving car to the public between 2017 and 2019. The legal issues may take as long to work out as the technical ones, however. Meanwhile, we may

get there piecemeal as car-makers offer features like self-parking (for parallel parking) and auto braking now

4. ‘New technology may provide benefits, but there are usually unintended consequences.’

Almost every new technology introduced has resulted in job losses somewhere in the economy. The automobile put a huge dent in buggy sales. Streaming video wiped out most of the jobs involved in video disc rental. Computers and robotics greatly reduced factory employment. Digital cameras decimated the photographic film industry and computers and tablets have reduced the need for photo prints.

These technologies have of course created new jobs of different types, but this forces great change on the industries and employees. Email and social media have greatly reduced the number of letters delivered by the Postal Service, so it has had to recast itself as a deliverer of Amazon packages. Unskilled labor is being pushed out as almost all workers, from the burger flipper to the airline pilot, must deal with video displays and electronic controls on the job.

The Internet has revolutionized communications, education, shopping, entertainment and our relationships. Smart phones and social media have greatly changed our culture and our society. We get our news, find our jobs and pick our mates using the Internet. Crime has followed the technology path to our money; it is not in the banks, but in our personal information. Identity theft, phishing, cyber terrorism, texting and laws against texting while driving are all unintended consequences of our new technology.

Our technology may have had a hand in changing our planet’s climate and it may ultimately provide us with a remedy, but some initial tech solutions have provided mixed results. Nuclear power has the promise of carbon-free energy, but radioactive leaks have resulted in disasters. Wind power seems to be a clean renewable source of energy but the large rotating blades may also cause excessive bird kills.

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The new Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System in the Mohave Desert may be scorching thousands of birds each year with its concentrated reflected light.

How will new tech advances change our economy and our society in the future? We can guess that widespread use of autonomous cars might make our highways safer, increase productivity by reclaiming lost commute time and wipe out the taxi industry. What other unanticipated effects will it have on us? Police body cameras and other public video surveillance may reduce misconduct, but how will they affect privacy? Will virtual reality technology wipe out the travel industry? Will increased use of online communications and telepresence devices leave us virtually connected but physically isolated in our homes? Will biotech advances turn us into a long-lived, genetically engineered species? Will our computers and autonomous vehicles achieve artificial intelligence? We can never fully predict the future.

5. 'Playing the Luddite is pointless, as technology is transforming our society as we speak.'

The Luddites were 19th century English workers who rebelled against technology by smashing the new machines that were taking their jobs. They were not successful in stopping progress and it is likely modern opposition to technology would be ineffective on the whole. Cell phone networks are being spread through almost every developing country and satellite-based Internet and Wi-Fi installations are increasing, so soon no one will be able to escape technology's reach. Our culture and our relationships are being changed by our technology. We may not be able to put the genie back in the bottle, even if we wanted to.



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“Do I Need the Facebook App?”

Q. I use Facebook in a browser on my Android phone. I don't understand why, if I can easily use it in a browser, do I need to install the Facebook app?

A. Excellent question! You certainly can continue to use Facebook, as you are doing, and it will continue to work pretty much as it normally does. But some things won't work. Anything that requires Flash, for example, is not supported in an Android browser. If it requires Flash to run, most developers have created an app to make it work.

So do you have to use the Facebook app? No, but keep in mind that not all features will work in a browser version. The app version is specifically designed to work on your device.

Q. I am using Windows 7 and Vista and I would like to know where the Scan Disk and the Defragment options are. Can you help, Mr. M?

A. The location of these features is the same in both Vista and Windows 7: Click Start > Computer, then right-click the drive you want to check and select Properties. Click the Tools tab, then the Check Now button which appears under Error Checking. That will bring up the Check Disk window where you can then select whatever options you want to use.

Q. I use the Yahoo! Address Book. When I click the Contacts tab, I can view all my contacts, but I can't find how to get into my group categories to edit them. The only choices are Add Contact, Add Category and Tools, but nothing about editing. Any suggestions?

A. To edit contact information in your address book, click to select a contact, then click the Edit link to the right of the contact you want to change. Make the necessary changes and click the Save button.

Q. How do you change the default font in Word 2007?

A. Simply open a new Word document. If you are already in Word, click the Microsoft Office Button at the top left of the screen, go to the New Document pane, click New, then Blank Document.

Click Font in the Font group and choose the font style and point size that you want to use as your default. Click Default and a dialog box will open and ask if you want to make the change to all new documents based on the Normal template, so click OK.

Q. I have 254 addresses in my Gmail contacts list. How can I transfer these into six established groups without the painful process of copying each address onto paper and then retyping them into their respective areas? Thank you for your help.

A. Display your Contacts in Gmail, then click to select individual contacts. With the list of Groups displayed, select the Group you want to move the selected contacts into. They will pop right into the selected group.

If you need additional assistance, go into your Gmail Help by clicking the little menu icon to the far right of the Address field, select Help. Search for "Groups" and you will find detailed instructions and group information.

Mr. Modem's DME (Don't Miss 'Em) Sites of the Month

Death To Stock Photos

If you would like to receive free, high-quality photos in your Inbox every month, have I got a site for you! Register and not only will you get images sent directly to your Inbox each month, but you will also receive a free pack of photos for signing up. Visit the Web site to view a healthy sampling of quality images. The sign-up field is prominently displayed, or you can scroll down the page to learn more, view photos and check out the licensing terms.

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Fill Out the Form Below & Bring it to the Meeting

Name: _____

Cptr Operating System: Windows XP ___ Windows Vista ___ Windows 7 ___ Windows 8 ___ Mac ___ Other _____

Question: _____

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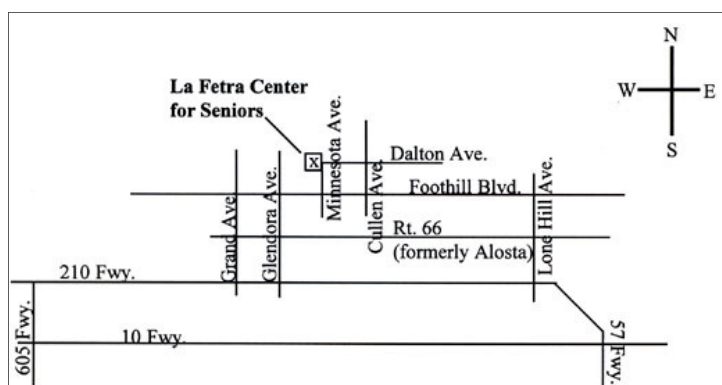
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