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Glendora Seniors Computer Club

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AND to address new technology issues*

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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GLENDORA SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB General Meeting Minutes July 13, 2016

Vice-President Connie Lang called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM welcomed members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) President Annemarie Hunt is on Vacation
- 2) A Board Meeting follows today's meeting.
- 3) Tomorrow, July 14, 9-11:30 AM is Computer Guys.
- 4) Nominations for Officers is due by the end of this month (July 31th).
- 5) There was a large update for Windows 10 yesterday (7-12) Ck your computer for the updates.
- 6) There is an AOL ad popping up; it's just advertising. Do not download—Delete.
- 7) July 29th is the deadline for "Free" Windows 10 – Get it now. Do an "Image" backup (Acronis) before you install; making it possible to restore Windows 7 with the Image Backup.

Program:

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**PROGRAMS BY: Program Chair:
Barbara Denny**
(All programs subject to change)

August 10 th

Security for Windows 10
Jim Glass

August 24th

Email *Etiquette*
Elliot Stern

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Ell Fullmer presented a program featuring “Microsoft Virtual Academy” Power Tools for Windows 10 – Free online training for Developers, Pros and Students. Google Microsoft Academy—a Microsoft Outlook account is needed to access the programs.

Break:

Q & A issues addressed included:

- 1) HP Laptop shutdown question – check “power management.”
- 2) Display (colors, wallpaper etc.) – Control Panel
- 3) Losing signal on phone – download Wi-Fi Analyzer to check signals
- 4) Photoshop issues with Windows 10 – check for correct drivers.
- 5) Uninstalling Windows 7 – use “Revo Uninstaller.”
- 6) Internet popups – how can they be eliminated?
- 7) Office in Windows 10 – erased all cookies.

Next meetings: July 27th – President Annemarie will present tips and tricks about moving digital photos from different media to your computer and beyond.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Secretary Ruthann Mayrose

Approved By:

Vice-President Connie Lang

GLENDORA SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

General Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2016

President Annemarie Hunt called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM welcoming 25 members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Reminder - Windows 10 Free Download offer expires July 29th.
- 2) The Computer Class, starting next week (Thursday Aug. 4th), is full.
- 3) Ignore AOL email; it is advertising.
- 4) Vice-president Connie Lang has a complete slate of nominations for 2017 Officers except for treasurer.

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- 5) La Fetra Staff members are only persons authorized to use special equipment in an emergency evacuation situation.
- 6) Program updates include: August 10th – Security for Windows 10, Jim Glass, August 4th – Email Etiquette video – Elliot Stern, APCUG Speakers Bureau, September 14th – Backing Up (phones, Acronis etc.), Connie Lang.
- 7) Thanks for today’s Cookies – Madeline Quintana and Annemarie.

Program:

Annemarie’s program on digital photos Tips and tricks and how to get them on your computer from different media, and what to do with them after you have transferred them included a demonstration of

- 1) Travel pack-cables etc.
- 2) Wolverine slide scanner
- 3) Brothers portable scanner
- 4) Photo programs i.e. Picasa and Inpaint.
- 5) Using a Smartphone to copy “old photos”

Jim Glass shared a tip from a recent SCRUGGS meeting about closing accounts – leave Master Password in your trust.

Break:

Q & A issues addressed included:

- 1) Disabling Quick Access Tool Bar
- 2) Acronis True Image backup – UGR7.Com Gene Barlow
- 3) Windows 10 color resolution (8 bit vs. 32 bit)
- 4) New laptop preference (Lenovo touch screen or Dell)

Next meetings: August 10th Security for Windows 10 – Jim Glass

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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President Annemarie Hunt

APCUG SUBMITTED Articles
Furnished by Judy Taylour, Santa Clarita Computer Club

Tom's Tech-Notes

Backing Up Using Windows File History

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January 2016 issue, Gigabyte Gazette

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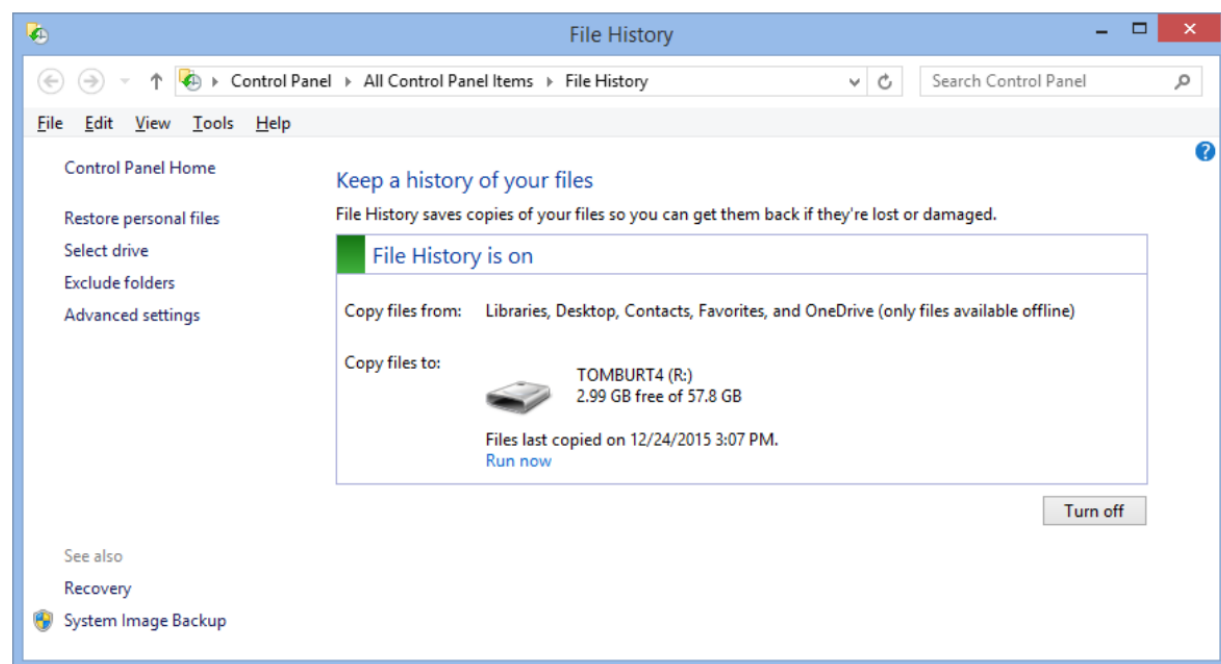
It can't be stressed enough that computer users need to back up their PC's data files regularly. Without backups, the inevitable failure of a PC's disk drive means that all that data becomes lost permanently. A backup regimen usually includes some kind of full clone or image process that makes a complete backup of everything on the hard drive. However, full backups are time-consuming and so are not convenient to perform every day or even every week. Also, in a full backup, probably 95% of the data being backed up has not changed since the last backup.

To complement the full backup process, it would be nice to have a facility that automatically backs up just those files that have changed within a designated set of folders. Enter Windows File History. File History appeared in Windows 8 and has been improved in Windows 10. Its ancestry goes back to Windows XP's little known or used Volume Shadow Copy feature. File History makes regular backup copies of files in a designated set of folders to a designated backup drive. Commonly, the backup drive is an external hard drive, a USB flash drive or a folder on another PC on your network. Generally, you will want to leave this backup drive plugged in continually.

File History has to be turned on and a backup location has to be designated. To get started, go to the File History Settings via the Control Panel. The screen be-

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low is from Windows 8.1, but the screen from Windows 10 is similar. Plug in the desired external hard drive or flash drive, or create a Mapped drive to a network share on another PC. In my case, I am using a 64GB USB 3 flash drive as the backup drive.



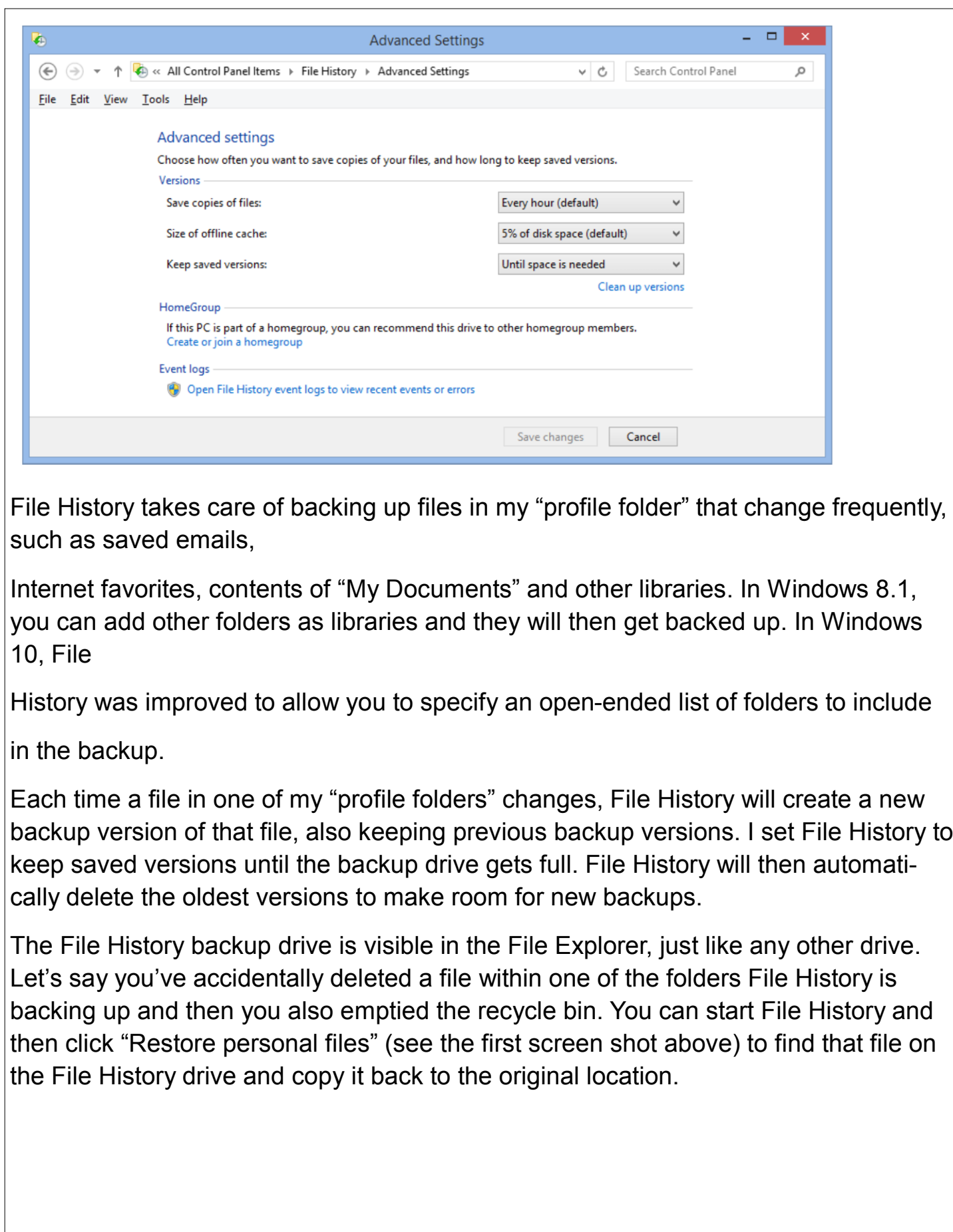
Click the "Turn On" button and specify the drive letter of your backup drive. Then click the "Advanced Settings" button and review the detailed settings for how often the backup runs, the size of the offline cache (space on the regular PC hard drive used to save copies if the backup drive is not plugged in) and conditions on how long to keep backup versions of files.

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A guy sees a beautiful woman at the other end of the bar. He walks up to her and says, "

"Where have you been all my life?"

Well," she says, "for the first half of it, I wasn't even born."



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You might want to restore an earlier version of a file if the live version of the file gets damaged in some way (maybe you accidentally deleted a large paragraph in a Word document and saved it before you noticed).

This has been just a quick overview of File History. So far, I've been very happy with File History as an ongoing complement to my full system image backups. Once it's set up, it just quietly works in the background and I can be confident that ALL my data files are backed up to within the last hour.

President's Corner

Five Things the Tech Industry Won't Tell You

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

February 2015 issue, Drive Light

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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.'

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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 only about every other attempt. They were very successful with Windows 98, but then disappointed with the release of Windows Me (Millennium Edition). 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

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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

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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, sexting (sic) 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. 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.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR TECH GUYS, *ELL FULLMER* and *JIM GLASS*

Fill Out the Form Below & Bring it to the Meeting

Name: _____

Cptr Operating System: Windows XP ___ Windows Vista ___ Windows 7 ___ Windows 10 ___ Mac ___ Other ___

Question: _____

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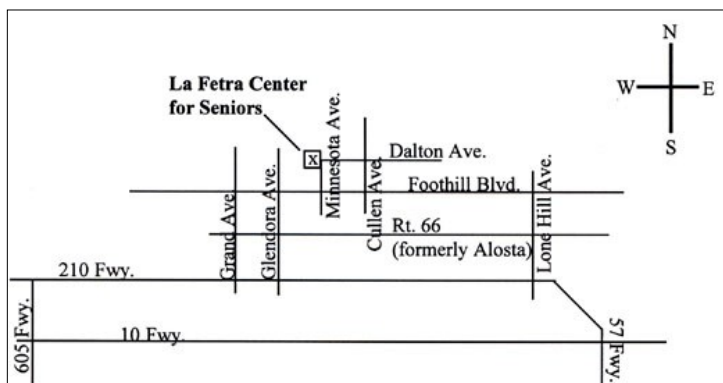
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