



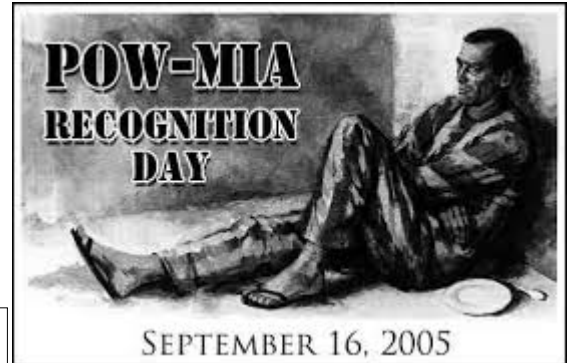
SEPTEMBER 2014 Newsletter

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.

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Glendora Seniors Computer Club General Meeting Minutes August 13, 2014

President Barbara Denny welcomed 24 members, two visitors and one new member, Jim Moran. We had a special visitor, Bill Belcher, former Education Chair, who is here from Texas, and his grandson Max.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara announced that the Board Meeting scheduled for today is postponed until the August 27th Meeting.

Annemarie Hunt announced that the next program will be by Jim Glass : “How to take a better picture with your phone. “

Program:

Today’s program was given by **Barbara Denny**. Barbara’s first topic was “Teamviewer”. She used this program to access her computer at home via another laptop at the meeting

She demonstrated photo editing software called “InPaint”, and another one called “Gimp”. She also showed how to use the Windows program “snipit” to capture pictures.

She also taught how to change the desktop wallpaper and how to make a folder to store the different ones.

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

September 10th

Data Back-up and Data security

September 24th

Set up Windows Live Mail, Refresher on Skype and Snagit

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Then she mentioned “system restore” and there was discussion that your antivirus needs to be turned off to restore.

Jeannine Foote announced that through the smile.amazon.com promotion the After-Stroke-Club has received a little over \$11.00 so far and she encouraged the members to keep using this promotion.

BREAK:

Q & A Ell Fullmer After the break **Bill Belcher** answered questions about where to store your photos all in one place. Bill showed OneDrive (formerly Skydrive) by Microsoft (need a Microsoft account), which offers 15 GB of storage free . He also recommended DropBox or Google +. Make different folders for different people to share with. Also, Dropbox lets you email large files.

Bill showed us how to install the free picture editing software Magix.com.

To be found at www.magix.com.us/free-download/photo-designer/

(Snapheal.com is also good, but for mac only).

Thank you Helga Djordjevic for bringing the cookies today.

Other - The 50/50 Drawing won by **Jeannine Foote**.

Next meeting Wednesday August 27th – Jim Glass Smartphone Photography

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Submitted by:

Annemarie Hunt

Approved By:

President **Barbara Denny**

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GLENDORA SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB
General Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2014

President Barbara Denny welcomed 29 members and 2 guests (Mary Scott).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Board Meeting to follow today. Agenda includes Proposed By-law changes.
- 2) Warning re cell phone virus (ransom ware); DON'T OPEN! READ BEFORE YOU CLICK ON LINKS!

Program:

Today's program **Jim Glass- "Better pictures with your Smartphone."** Covering backup ie Dropbox, manual download from the web, and 10 rules of composition:

- 1) Rule of thumbs
- 2) Leading lines--3D effect
- 3) Viewpoint
- 4) Background
- 5) Depth
- 6) Framing
- 7) Cropping
- 8) Experiment/play with it
- 9) Balance elements
- 10) Symmetry and patterns.

BREAK:

Q & A Ell Fullmer answered questions covering:

- 1) **WordArt** in Microsoft word—go to "Insert"
- 2) **Recovery disks for Windows 8.1** – not easily available.

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Other - The 50/50 Drawing won by Secretary Ruthann Mayrose.

Next meeting Wednesday September 10th Program: “Data Back-up and Data Security”, by Annemarie Hunt. Ernie Gagne will bring cookies. Thanked Ruthann for today’s cookies.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Submitted by:

Secretary Ruthann Mayrose

Approved By: Pending

President **Barbara Denny**

Classes for 2014

All classes are held in the Elm Room at the **La Fetra Center**.

Minimum enrollment required—5 students for each class offering

All class fees are due at time of registration

All classes are taught in English only

September 4 through October 23 – Windows 8.1 for Beginners

Do you want to know about charms, tiles, where the start button is, how to shut down your computer properly? Then this 8 week course is for you.

We will cover the fundamentals for the new computer user. You will learn to become comfortable and enjoy your computer and be able to navigate this new Windows 8.1 operating system.

Limited to 10 students who must each have at home his/her own PC or Laptop running Windows 8.1 and an internet connection

Class room PCs and other learning materials are provided.

Fee of \$45 paid at time of registration, no later than one week prior to 1st class.

When: September 4 through October 23

Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

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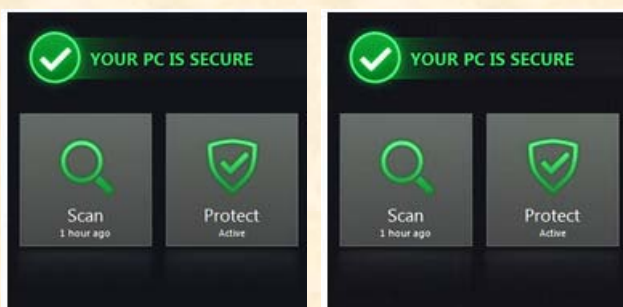
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Protect Your PC with IObit Malware Fighter 2

May 24, 2013

Reviewed by Matt Smith, Writer, MakeUseOf.com

<http://bit.ly/14lhOBk>



Malware remains a potential threat for many PC owners. Here at MakeUseOf, we've been helping to combat that threat by offering several anti-malware apps free of charge through our Rewards Program. And one of those apps, IObit Malware Fighter, has a sequel.

The appropriately named IObit Malware Fighter 2 (I must admit, I'm disappointed it isn't subtitled "The Reckoning") is a major overhaul of the company's anti-malware app. It adds a variety of features that update the software for modern times, including a Metro-style UI, cloud security and full Windows 8 support. Though I was given access to the paid version, the basic anti-virus functionality can be accessed for free. Let's see how IObit's new app stacks up.

Going Modern

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Users who've previously used IObit Malware Fighter will immediately notice the new interface, which is a complete overhaul of the software's aging UI. To keep itself up to date, IObit has opted for a Metro UI interface inspired by Windows 8. This ensures it integrates well with the new Windows interface and also makes the software easier to use on a touchscreen device.

With that said, the developers haven't gone crazy with the new design. Software re-forged with Windows 8 sometimes ends up with an interface that looks comically huge on a desktop, but there's no such problem here. The default window is large enough to make buttons usable with touch, but not so large that it consumes your entire desktop.

Once you move past the main screen you'll find that most portions of the interface look quite slick. The Smart Scan view, for example, has a minimalist look that's at once informative and futuristic.

One-Touch Protection



Obit's interface is not just meant to look more modern. It's also meant to provide protection without confusing users. To this end, the company has implemented a simple "Fix All" button. This is something that has appeared in previous IObit software, and it's a nice feature to carry over.

The Fix All option covers four main areas; scan, protect, update and action center. Protect and Update will generally be correct unless the user purposely turns off automatic updates and protection. Scan runs a quick scan for threats, a feature that can be scheduled to occur at a specific time or happen whenever your PC is idle. And finally there's the action center, which highlights problems (like malware that has been quarantined) that need additional user input.

There's no doubt that the Fix All button does its job. However, I was dismayed to find the Action Center reports "problems" which can only be resolved by Advanced SystemCare and Smart Defrag, two other IObit products. The latter was particularly irksome because my system's primary drive is solid state and thus doesn't benefit from defragmentation. I can understand such advertisements in the free version, but these alerts continued even after I upgraded to Pro.

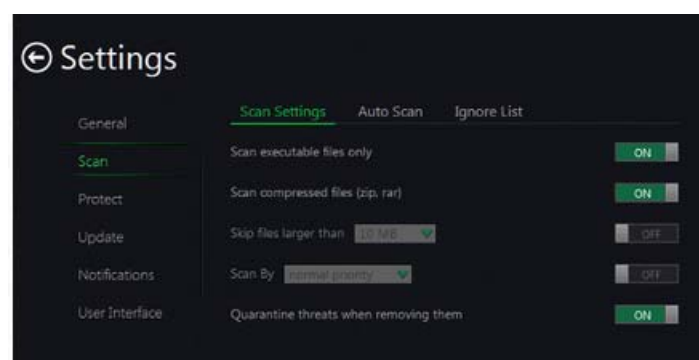
Cloud Security



Perhaps the most significant feature added to IObit Malware Fighter Pro 2 is Cloud Security. For those unfamiliar with the concept, cloud security uses the power of collective analysis to help identify files that are troublesome. If a file behaves suspiciously on one PC, that information is uploaded to IObit's server and can be used to flag similar or identical files on other PCs. Also, users can directly upload a file that they believe suspicious for analysis before uploading it.

IObit is not the only company to offer this feature, but it's far from the last, and I'm glad to see that it's been included. This review was largely written with a pre-release version of the software but, even so, there were already almost 200,000 files analyzed. Most were fine. But a small handful (about 2%, as can be seen in the screenshot above) were not.

Advanced Options



The app's settings menu is split into six sections. The most important is the scan options, as this is where you'll set up how the software handles both the quicker "smart"

scans and through system scans. The software lets users decide if they'd like to skip certain files (like large files or compressed archives) and choose if threats should be automatically quarantined. There's also a scan scheduling feature and an ignore list, which can be helpful if a certain program you know is safe for some reason generates a false positive.

In the protect menu users can make a few minor adjustments to protection levels. There are only two different levels of protection, High and Recommended, as well as one feature (DOG, a heuristic malware detection algorithm). In theory, reducing protection levels and turning off DOG may make IObit less intrusive and solve performance problems on slow systems, but I had no such issues, so I can't comment on if these options would actually resolve them.

Also important are the update and notifications options. Malware Fighter 2 has a slick notifications system that pops up in the lower right, based on several different conditions. Some of these may eventually annoy. For example, you probably don't have to know every time the software auto-updates. So you can turn some notifications off. And speaking of updates, they can be changed so they occur only at a scheduled time or only when the program starts. There is no option to turn updates off, though they can be skipped if a system is on battery power.

Conclusion

This is a solid update that offers improved protection, a better interface and easy one-button protection. Anyone looking for a simple, intuitive anti-malware solution should check it out. You can download Malware Fighter 2 for free, then upgrade to Pro, or grab a Pro version key with your MakeUseOf Rewards points.

The Digital Zone System

By Robert Fisher

Reviewed by Mark Mattson, Editor, Computer Users of Erie, PA

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For those of you who grew up in the black and white film photography days, the phrase 'Zone System' should ring a bell for you. For those of you that have never heard of it until now, this book should be on your reading list, especially if you want to improve your photography skills.

The Zone System was developed by Ansel Adams

In an effort to allow the capture of the widest possible tonal range in images possible. It is a ten step (eleven, actually, counting zero) exposure system, where exposures are separated into zones, with zero being pure black and zone 10 being pure white.

The concept and use of the Zone System is to give photographers a guide to allowing their photos to be properly exposed across the entire tonal range. In the simplest terms, to make use of the Zone System, you expose for the shadows, and develop for the highlights. In other words, you want to make your exposure such that there is sufficient detail in the shadows, but you also will need to develop the image so that the highlights also retain detail, and do not burn out.

This was oftentimes a long involved process in the old wet darkroom days. Adams would make countless prints to arrive at the desired look and feel he wanted, and he set out to make it easier on not only himself, but countless other photographers. The result was the Zone System.

The digital darkroom is a much different place than the old wet one. Computers, software and digital imaging have made the production of outstanding prints even easier than before. One would think that the Zone System would therefore be outdated and not much use any longer.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

In this volume, author Fisher explores the background behind the original Zone System, and goes from there to reveal the logic and details of the Digital Zone System.

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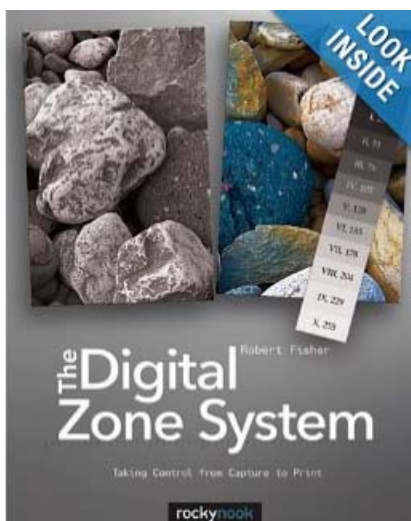
Built upon the original system, the Digital Zone System takes into account the technology of today, and adapts it to the digital world. For example, an entire chapter in the book is devoted to exposure and metering in the Digital Zone System.

One important point to remember: the Zone System was originally designed for black and white photography. But with the widespread use of color, the Zone System would be much harder to implement for color shooting. But these issues are also addressed in the book, allowing you to use the system for all types of imaging. Chapter two is devoted to Color management and setting up Photoshop correctly to allow proper use of the Zone System.

If you want to make the best photos possible, this book should be one you read, no matter how much experience you have. It will get you closer to capturing images that reflect what you see, and spend less time correcting things afterwards. I used the original Zone System in my early days of photography, and this book brings it back in a new and fresh way. I can't wait to fully implement it into my workflow and see what happens!

This book is published by Rocky Nook, and can be ordered from O'Reilly. It has a list price of \$39.95, but as a user group member, you can order it and use the discount code found on page 15 of this newsletter.

The ISBN is 978-1-937538-13-2. O'Reilly's website is at www.oreilly.com.





www.MrModem.com

“Help! My Hard Drive is Full!”

Q. What happens when an external hard drive runs out of space? Does that mean I have to spend money to buy a new one?

A. When you start to run out of space on your external drive, one possibility is to purchase another, larger drive. A better option is to take a look at your saved files and see if you can thin the herd. Try to make a point of periodically reviewing your files and deleting items you don't really and truly need to save.

Old files are a lot like old clothes in a closet: If you haven't worn something in a year or two (or used a file), chances are you aren't going to need it again, so you might want to think about deleting it.

Q. Help! I need some easy steps to restore my iPhone 4S to the operating system I had before I updated it to the current iOS 7. I don't like the new operating system.

A. Unfortunately, you cannot go back to the previous operating system. It's all part of Apple's grand plan to ensure that all users of its devices share the same experience. While every Android device is just a little different -- which creates its own set of challenges -- Apple mandates conformity in their devices, which has its advantages and disadvantages, as well.

iOS 7 is simply a bit different than what you were accustomed to previously, but like anything, the more you use it, the more familiar it will become. Since you can't go back, you might as well enjoy the journey forward.

The next time there is a major iOS update, you might want to hold off and not install it for awhile. Mrs. Modem isn't using iOS 7 because she didn't want to bother with a new operating system, so she never updated it. That's an option we always have with our current devices.

You will find lots of helpful information on the Apple Web site, including the iOS 7 User Guide at <http://tinyurl.com/MrM-iOS7>. There are also many video tutorials on YouTube, so just search for "iOS 7."

Q. I recently purchased a Kindle Fire HDX, but I still have a perfectly good first-generation Kindle Fire that I don't need anymore. How can I give it to somebody and not have it still registered to me or my Amazon account?

A. With most tablets, all you need to do is perform a factory reset and all of your personal information will be erased. Kindles, because they are tied to your Amazon account, require a two-step process to make sure your personal information is erased and to get the tablet ready for the next user.

The first thing to do is deregister your Kindle so that it is no longer tied to your account. This prevents anyone from purchasing items and having them charged to your Amazon account. Eek! To deregister your Kindle using the device itself, tap the Quick Settings icon, then More > Choose My Account. Select the device you want to deregister and tap Deregister.

You can also deregister by going to Amazon.com, selecting Your Account and choosing Manage Your Kindle > Manage Your Devices. You will see all the devices registered to your account. Choose the appropriate one and tap or click Deregister.

Once the Kindle is no longer connected to your Amazon account you can clear all of your personal information and data off the device in one swell foop. To do this, tap the Quick Settings icon > More > Device. Tap Reset to Factory Defaults. The device will restart and all your information will be gone with the wind: Your books, your apps, your music, your video... poof! Gone.

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

Attack of the Cute

What's not to like about cute and cuddly animals? "Hello, little pit bull; that's a good pit bull.

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My, what powerful jaws you have.” To navigate the site, scroll down through the cuteness and click the Next button.

<http://attackofthecute.com>

Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee

Jerry Seinfeld chats with fellow comedians over a cup of coffee. Hilarious! Each video is approximately 15 to 20 minutes in length and as it is with most comedy today, there is occasional profanity and adult-oriented material. Interviewees include Michael Richards, Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks, Alec Baldwin, Ricky Gervais, Larry David, David Letterman, Don Rickles, Chris Rock and others. If you like Seinfeld, don't miss these episodes. Some are truly laugh-outloud funny.

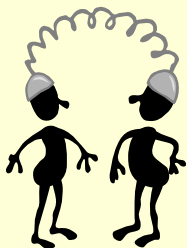
<http://comediansincarsgettingcoffee.com/>

Perspective

This is a thought-provoking visual with narrative. When viewing a photograph of the Earth from such a great distance, the implications may not be immediately clear. Listen as the late astronomer/physicist Carl Sagan explains that we are but a tiny, insignificant speck in the cosmos. Beautifully executed...and humbling.

<http://tinyurl.com/MrM-Perspective>

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

SECOND Thursday of the month:

September **11th**

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

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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 8 ___ Mac ___ Other ___

Question: _____

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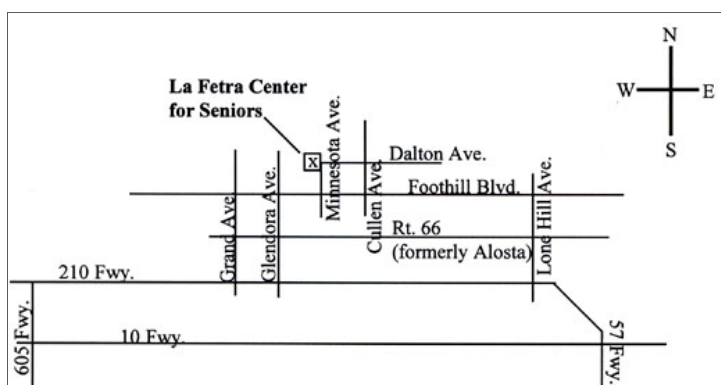
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