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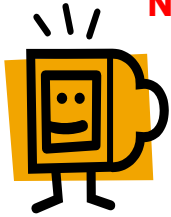
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NEWS FROM THE EDITORS:



**Bob Linaberry and
Stephanie Varis**

On behalf of the EPCC, we would like to thank our recent guest speaker Jim McKittrick. His presentations were on How To Deal With docx and Free Flash Drive Programs. The presentations were very insightful and resulted in a lot of interaction from members present at the meeting. Thanks again Jim for your excellent and informative presentations!

To find Jim's presentations, please look up on the Past Presentations Page. When you click on these items since they are PowerPoint presentations, you must click on the top of the PowerPoint screen for Slideshow (top center) and Start from beginning, (top left).

Remember when you are finished watching the slideshow, press exit on the top right of the screen; this returns you to the EPCC site.

We will be closing this upcoming December with another Open House!

The EPCC Dues for 2012 will be due in September for \$20.00 to cover the rent of the room – our main expense, as well as the cost of our EPCC website.❖



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**EPCC Meetings are on Mondays,
6:30-9:00 in the Struble Room**

**Board Meetings are on Wed.,
6:30-9:00 in the Board Room**

**Monday, October 3
EPCC Presentation**

**“Get Ready for the Holidays
with Best Buy”**

Best Buy's for the upcoming holidays by "Best Buy", Downingtown.

What to buy the grandkids, the kids, your spouse and just for yourself.

Best Buy's technical and sales personal will be at EPCC to present the BEST BUYS for this year in electronics.

Available are Tablets, pads, Readers, computers, printers and cameras, as well as lots of makes and models.

Wednesday, November 9 Board Meeting

Monday, December 5

Open House Presentation and Holiday Gathering!❖

During this meeting we are planning to have presentations on Windows 7, Genealogy, Video Chat, Digital Imaging and Answers To Your Questions.



FEATURES:

When Digital Disaster Strikes, Smile!...because you will be OK.

By Gregory West, Member of Sarnia Computer Users' Group (scug.ca) and Port Huron, MI Computer Group (bwcomp.org)

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Have you ever deleted photos from a camera or computer by mistake?

A friend of mine called me recently after going through a "catastrophe," as he called his situation. It happened about midway over the Atlantic Ocean, thirty-seven thousand feet up. He was sitting in his seat with not much to do so he decided to check the photos on his digital camera. All these photos were from this trip to Portugal, a trip that involved hiking in the wilderness and visiting old buildings. You can only imagine some of his prized photos.

I think you know where I am going with this...Yes, while looking at the photos, clicking from one to the next, he inadvertently deleted not just a couple of photos, every photo from his trip was gone in one simple click. After checking and double checking he knew it was fruitless to look further; the photos vanished.

When he got home he called and told me about this situation.

"That's no problem," I tried to reassure him. I explained that there is a software recovery program that people use in such cases with much success. The voice at the other end of the line was silent. I knew he didn't think this process was possible. After he recovered every single photo from his vacation he couldn't thank me enough.

However, my tale doesn't end there. I had a similar problem where a new SD (photo storage card in camera) failed to produce 250 pictures and some video clips. After taking a deep breath I remembered the advice I had doled out and quickly downloaded a copy of Recuva, a recovery program that is free and works. Within no

time I had all my pictures and video clips stored on my computer, thanks to Recuva.

The moral of this story is when you delete photos, music from an MP3 player, or data from your computer, remember that it is possible to recover the data. Don't say it will never happen because you are careful. I am sure it has happened to the best of us.

To avoid a similar "catastrophe" you need to have a recovery software program installed on your computer. One of the best recovery programs around is called: Recuva. As an added bonus this program is free and it comes "highly" recommended.

You can read the reviews here:
<http://cnet.co/filehelp>

How does it work? Recuva scans your drives for the files you need and "recovers them in a flash" (www.piriform.com). Even if the files are partially damaged "Recuva will show you a list of files it has found on the drive, and give you an estimate of the likelihood of success of recovering them." You can't ask for much more.

Let's not forget when we delete those important emails. Yes you can recover them too. Recuva says that "The email program doesn't delete the email or emails to the Windows Recycle Bin, but rather empties its own internal trash or Recycle Bin."

I use word processing software every day. And yes I have lost documents that I have spent hours working on and never got them back. That is until I discovered Recuva. They assure us that their software

"can intelligently rebuild Word documents from their temporary files."

We all can agree for the most part that weddings, graduations, and other such special events are best remembered with lots of photos. Music downloaded to your MP3 player is a treasure chest to cherish. While those word documents on the hard drive on your computer are from hours of work, you dare not lose them anymore.

To find out more and to get your free copy of Recuva, go to this website: www.piriform.com/download

Here's a comment Greg received on his blog. Recuva is an excellent program, like most of the software from Piriform. However, there is a caveat. Once you realize that you may have inadvertently deleted data, whether it is on your computer, thumb drive, or flash card, it is imperative NOT to use the device! Recovery IS possible, but if your operating system writes over what has been deleted, you may not be able to "recuva" what's been deleted.

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Tracking the latest information on anything

By John Weigle, Editor, Channel Islands PCUG, CA
August 2011 issue, The Outer Edge

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If you want to keep track of the latest news and Web postings on specific subjects, give Google Alerts a try.

I've been using the feature for some time to track three subjects I'm interested in: UFOs, Annette Funicello and Sally Field. I've been interested in UFOs since the early 1950s, a fan of Annette since the Mickey Mouse Club Days and a fan of Field since her first TV appearance as Gidget. So now you know three of my not-very-secret "secrets."

Google explains its alerts this way at <http://www.google.com/alerts>:
"Google Alerts are email updates of the latest relevant Google results (web, news, etc.) based on your choice of query or topic."

"Enter the topic you wish to monitor, then click preview to see the type of results you'll receive. Some handy uses of Google Alerts include:

- monitoring a developing news story
- keeping current on a competitor or industry
- getting the latest on a celebrity or event
- keeping tabs on your favorite sports teams."

When you create an alert you'll be asked to choose the topic for it, the type of information you want (everything, news, blogs, videos, discussions); how often you want alerts (as-it-happens, once a day, once a week); volume (only the best results, all results); and your email address so

you can get the alerts. The fault choices are everything, once a day and only the best results. Consider starting with the defaults and then tweaking them if the results you get aren't what you expected.

You might also have to tweak your selected topic. My search for Annette is "Annette Funicello" (in the quotes). That limits results to items with her full name. On the other hand, my Sally Field search is just that (no quotes around the name), so I get everything with Sally and Field, which results in a few unexpected results. My UFO search results in news about unidentified flying objects, my intent, and the musical group UFO.

I haven't set up searches for computer-related items because I get several electronic newsletters that keep me informed about most of the technical subjects I'm interested in, but it's easy to establish queries for any subject you're interested in. For instance, you could use "Linux, Ubuntu," Microsoft, "Steve Jobs," "Bill Gates."

Or you could try your own name or the name of your business if you wanted to know what people are saying about you or your business.

And if you're a sports fan, you might want to track everything said about your favorite team(s). You'd need to set

up a separate alert for each team name.

The site lets you set up an alert and then shows sample results for it. Just for kicks, I tried my first and last name (in quotes) and got references to my Facebook page, an obituary for a John Weigle of Augusta, Ga. (I still get spam about real estate deals in Augusta), and the Weigle Music Ministries, which I had never heard of.

A search for CIPCUG showed only the CIPCUG Web site.

Not surprisingly, a search for "Los Angeles Dodgers" resulted in more hits than any of my other test searches. Topics that get lots of news coverage, such as the Dodgers, are obviously going to have more results than people or topics that are seldom in the news.

All the results have live links to whatever the alert finds.

The alerts tool isn't for everyone, but it's useful if you have any interests you want to track regularly.❖

Are You an Excel Guru?

<http://excel.tips.net/>

Microsoft Excel is a powerful program, and you can make it even more powerful by learning the Excel tips, Excel tricks, and Excel tutorials that help make you an Excel guru. You've come to the right place to get all the information you need.

The ExcelTips website is the place to find easy-to-use, succinct answers to your questions about Microsoft Excel. The site contains thousands of articles and Excel tips, categorized across scores of topic areas.

In particular, this site is most helpful for users of the menu-based Excel interface. That means that the vast majority of Excel tips on this site are for users of Excel 97, Excel 2000, Excel 2002, and Excel 2003. If you are using a newer version of Excel, you'll want to check out our sister site, which focuses on the ribbon-based Excel interface introduced in Excel 2007. You can find it at <http://excelribbon.tips.net>.

In addition, we publish a free weekly newsletter called (appropriately enough) ExcelTips. You can sign up for the newsletter by using the simple sign-up form at the right side of this page or any page on the ExcelTips website.

Computer Filing

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Summary: At first glance, computer filing can be a little difficult to comprehend or even to switch to if you are only used to paper filing. However, there isn't all that much difference between the two if you use some forethought and planning.

To read the full article, please follow the link: [Tips.Net](#) > [Organizing Home](#) > [Filing](#) > Computer Filing

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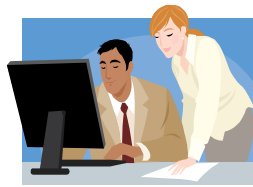
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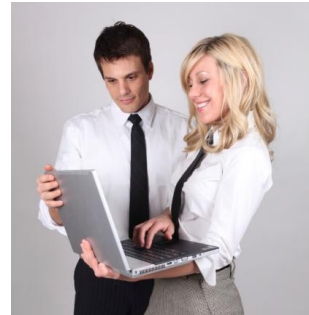
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