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*All meetings are free and open to the public in the Struble Room of the
Exton Public Library at 6:30 P.M.*



May 4 Meeting Follow Up New Computer User Class #1 Izzi Bourrie: Leader Managing Expectations

Set up Wizard
Recovery Discs
Set up users
Firewall / Anti-Virus

Install Printer
Connect to Internet
Windows Updates
Install / Set up e-mail

Your Favorite Website

*Follow Up on Favorite Websites from the EPCC members * Well we know who our fair weather friends are. They stayed home and missed the "My favorite website" topic on May 4. All is not lost. Here were some of the more well received sites.

www.allmyfaves.com brings up a page of the most well known logos of popular websites and tools. It's like a giant bookmark without the hassle. You just click on your favorite and go.

www.k7.com brings up a site where you can register for a free phone number where someone can send you a fax or leave a voice message. In either case it is instantly forwarded to your email address. It's good if you need to receive the occasional fax or want to leave a number with a salesperson. The two minor drawbacks are that the number is not local and you should call it yourself once or twice a month to keep it active if it does not get a lot of calls from those you give it to. www.snopes.com is a rumor killer site. If you get a lot of those emails from friends and acquaintances which announce some incredible tall tale or tell you the government is going to tax emails, you can check it out at

www.snopes.com to see if it is fact or fiction.

www.zillow.com will tell you how much a house is worth in almost any neighborhood. You can check your own or your neighbors value or maybe that beach house you are eying.

www.howstuffworks.com is great for finding out how stuff works. Great if a Arrow Keyskid asks you how butter is made or any such random inquiry.

www.hulu.com is a great site for watching tv shows and some movies free right on your PC. www.kimkomando.com is a great site for getting answers to computer questions and keeping up with computer issues.

www.whitepages.com When you want to find a phone number, have the number but cannot remember the name white pages gives you the answer.

Finally we have these two offbeat items from the group:
www.homestarrunner.com which is very strange but oddly funny and www.free-energy-info.co.uk a compendium of real and crackpot cheap or free energy devices. See if you can tell the difference

June 1 Meeting New Computer User Class #2 Izzi Bourrie: Leader Interacting with the computer

Define Pointer & Cursor
Entering information-placing the cursor
Use of Backspace, Del, Arrow Keys
Selecting / highlighting information
Exiting – x out
Starting the computer
Shutting down the computer

Meeting "Online Buying"

Guides: Lola and Jack Stretch, Jack McKittrick

"There's more than E-bay" : Some people are avid online shoppers, others are occasional. Some buy things like equipment, supplies, collectibles, then there are others who buy more intangibles like trips, hotel rooms, and the like. Wherever you find yourself come hear the concise and informative Lola Stretch share her experiences in wide and varied internet bazaar. Jim McKittrick will also point out some methods to online buying and how to approach it in full "caveat emptor" mode

Welcome to New Members

2009

**Joanne Jenkins
Paul Tabatschkow**

Note of interest:

Total members to date:	44
Over 15consecutive years	26
2003	1
2004	3
2005	3
2006	2
2007	4
2008	2

June 22 Meeting New Computer User Class #3

Izzi Bourrie: Leader

The Mouse Buttons

Right Button – Display a menu

Left Button – Select an action

Click & Drag; Select

Web Access

Set-up Home Page

Entering web address

Setting Favorites

The Open Office Chronicles

Leader: Jim McKittrick

For several years now, there has been a free, very workable, and very compatible alternative to the ubiquitous Microsoft Office Suite.

Rather than spend a hundred or two or three hundred dollars to buy MS Office, you can download in a few minutes the OpenOffice 3 program and have a word processor, a spreadsheet program, a presentation program, and a data base that all work with and similar to, the program bundle in MS Office. About the only thing missing, besides the high price, is the MS Outlook program.

Jim McKittrick and Sal Sano will be presenting a three part program over June 22, July 21, and July 27 on this very good software.

June 22 for the Intro to OpenOffice 3, bring your laptops or thumb drives and we will do download instructions and you can download it right then and there.

July 21 will be on the word processing program which they call WRITE and the Powerpoint type program they call IMPRESS.

July 27, Sal Sano will wrap up the basics on using the Excel like spreadsheet program which is known as CALC.

This is a case of if it's too good to be true, it really is true- so come on out.

Need Computer Help ?. Then ask for help

from your club members by

Visiting the EPCC Help Desk & Discussion Group

At <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/gr>

July 21 Meeting New Computer User Class #4

Izzi Bourrie: Leader

E-Mail – Set up Icon On Desktop

Web Bases- Comcast or Verizon Mail

Local Application – Outlook Express, Windows Mail; Intelimail

Using Comcast Mail to Demo

Opening – Reading Mail

Deleting Mail

Reply to Mail

Address Book

New Mail

Documents – Letters etc

Install OpenOffice. Org

Writing a Paper

Review Cursor Concepts

Justifying – Center of Title

Enter same as CR; Tabs; arrows, highlighting

August 3 Meeting New Computer User Class #5

Izzi Bourrie: Leader

Games – Solitaire, etc

Set up Icon on Desktop

Other Uses

Photos

Music

Radio

Organizing Collections

Also on August 3rd

WEBINAIR

The subject: “Backing up Your Hard Drive”

Using Acronis True Image Home 2009

The program will be presented over the internet direct to our meeting. Gene Barlow will be the presenter in his studio in Utah with the help of two local EPCC members. The Webinar will provide an active view of his presentation allowing the audience to see and hear his slide presentation and see his software products demonstrated live. The audience will be able to ask questions and receive live answers at the meeting. Descriptive material will be available

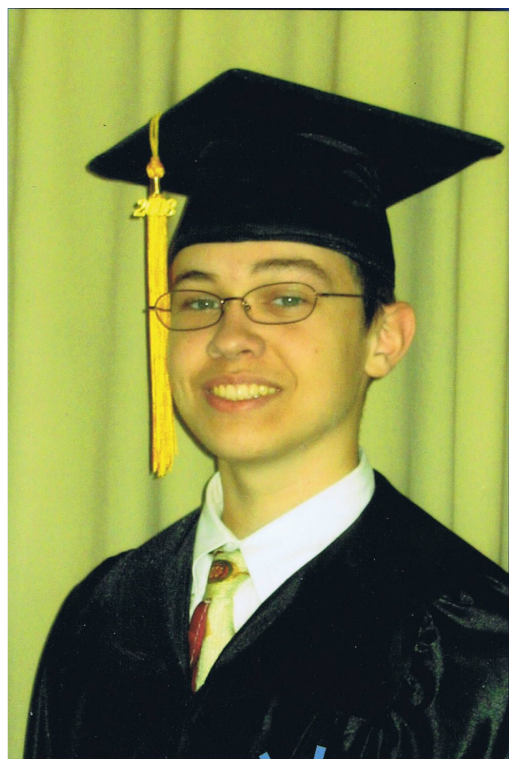
ZOUNDS !@#&*#- EPCC takes part in a new technical concept. Should be fun to attend.

Starting later in August and September the board is reviewing topics such as:

Portable Apps with George Bourrie conducting Finance programs for home use like Quicken & Money

Bringing back the always popular Digital Imaging Communications: Skype, Vantage Windows 7 update with a Microsoft Representative in September

The Who's Who of EPCC



Michael Shephard

The youngest EPCC member graduating from high school early last December (probably as a computer scientist) and is now looking forward to college. An example of what this young man can do took place at our Linux meeting when the original presenter had problems getting to the meeting. He stepped in even though he had not brought his own computer. He borrowed Jack Stretch's, made the necessary corrections, then showed the audience how to install the Linux operating system, he answered all the questions thrown at him with deft, leaving us spell bound. He helps all of the members with any computer problems they may have at any time. All this and he does not even have his driver's license yet. We are the lucky recipients of his talents..

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Membership includes email notices, privilege to post on EPCC's Yahoo Groups, privilege to participate in special prize give away raffles at various meetings and affords additional benefits of special offers through the national APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Computer Groups).

New Member: \$25.00 _____ Renewal: \$20.00 _____ Date _____

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