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All meetings are free and open to the public == Bring a friend



Help Help Help

Yes, your computer club needs your help. The group is in need of a member who would like to help out by being the groups **Newsletter Editor**. Contact any of the directors for more information. It does not take a lot of time and can be fun, why not give it a try!! The Exton PC Council could not exist without your help and support. ❖

September 9 Board meeting

The Future is now Series

Emerging technology is like a freight train – you can't stop it. The decision is to either step aside or get on board. We hope to be able to afford you enough information in the next two meetings to help you decide if you board the train now or wait for the next one. Don't miss these two great sessions. ❖

< - - Next Meeting - - >

Monday September 14th The Future is now Part 1 with Charlie Eisenfelder

Analysis of Netbooks – Capabilities, limitations, varieties and costs of these 7 x 10 inch two pound portable devices that can accomplish 90+% of the tasks of laptops. Many of the models can accommodate Windows 7 with 1.6 MHz processor, 160G hard drive and 2G of memory. Not quite pocket size, but reduces the burden for travelers for business and pleasure. Two local companies will be on board to answer practical questions. ❖

Feedback Needed

by Charlie Eisenfelder

I Need Help – to refine the September presentations, please respond to these questions by email to caeilop@aol.com

For the **September 14th meeting on Netbooks**, please tell me email if –

- You have a Netbook? – What kind
- Aside from no CD, what limitations have you experienced?
- What are the three greatest attributes of your Netbook?

Microsoft says that Windows 7 will be available October 22 – the free download is no longer available.

The greater the response, the more personal the presentation and more the info will be relevant the discussion. We are here to serve you.

< - - Future Meetings - - >

Monday September 28th The Future is now Part 2 with Charlie Eisenfelder

Windows 7 – It is a tidal wave, it is coming. All new computers will use this operating system. The main inconveniences of Vista will be diminished; it will have less hardware demands than Vista and the compatibility with commonly used software will highlight the presentation. Once again two local companies who converted their business to Windows 7 will be on hand to answer upgrade questions. ❖

September 14th and 28th Guest Presenters Background

Rusty Tucci and **Adam Weinstein** are the guest speakers for these meetings addressing Netbooks and

Windows 7. Both of these young men bring a refreshing approach to the world of computers.

- Rusty, who has spoken to us on several other occasions, is completing his degree in Psychology at West Chester University, has worked in electronics sales and electronic technology for 13 years. In 2008 he started a computer specialization company. He has created computer systems from \$400 to \$5500. Recently he has expanded into data recovery using highly effective technology.
- Adam, a graduate of West Chester University, has been a lead technician with Computer Doctor of West Chester. He has spearheaded the conversion of Computer Doctor to the Windows 7 operating system. He said that Windows 7 RTM (Release To Manufacturing) is proving to be an incredible computing experience. He is looking forward to sharing his experiences with our Exton PC group. ❖

Monday October 5th **Using Your PC to Watch TV Shows** with Izzi & George Bourrie



Have you ever missed out on a TV Show or not had access to a TV? Well, your computer can help with that. You can watch shows on your computer over the Internet. We will tell you how to do this and will tell you what web sites to use to find current shows as well as old ones. Do you miss the old Twilight Zone shows? You can watch them and many others on your computer. We will show you how. Also, we will demonstrate a program that will allow you to watch many channels on your computer. ❖

October 14 **Board meeting**

Tuesday October 20th **The Video Experience** with Charlie Eisenfelder

Preserving memories with a Camcorder is a modern link that closes the generation gap. It is now simple and quite affordable. At this session we will illustrate the simplicity using Movie Maker incorporated in both XP and Vista, and as an added attraction, the use of DVD Maker now available in Vista and Windows 7. Questions and experiences with other movie programs will be welcomed. Other people's experiences will raise the value of the meeting to a new level. Your help is needed.

My personal experience in this venue has been to convert film to digital, produce promo videos and travel logs. I am far from an expert, but I am an enthusiast eager to learn. I have had the privilege to lecture on a cruise and at 55+ communities.

In preparation for this meeting, we will have a brief introduction at the September 28th meeting of the Digital Camcorders being offered with tape, hard disks, and CD's. A little will be spoken about HD camcorders. Contributing at both meetings will be helpful to all. ❖

November 11 **Board meeting**

December **Open House**

Watch this newsletter for more information ❖

Notes from a Member by Charlie Eisenfelder

Zillow.com



www.Zillow.com is an investigative real estate tool, is simple to use, informative, and valuable when we have bought and sold. The site provides aerial maps, a detailed description of the property, prices of properties on the market, prices of sold units and an estimate of the value of neighboring properties. Like all sources – believe but verify. ❖

MEMBERSHIP 2009

Thank you to those who have renewed and **Welcome** to new members who have recently joined. ❖

Have You Heard

Microsoft Photo Story 3 by Charlie Eisenfelder

Photo Story 3 is a free program that has all the essentials for the average person to communicate an event in graphic form.

This program can simply –

- Organize photos
- Crop
- Adjust color and brightness
- Add pan and zoom
- Add transitions
- Adjust the slide show for email
- Prepare for DVD preparation.

When time is short, this program fills the bill to make you look like a pro.

It is available by searching for “Photo Story 3 download”. ❖

Need Computer Help?

Visit our Help Desk and Discussion Group at
<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/epcc/>

Presentation meetings - Struble Room
Board meetings - Board Room
All meetings start at 6:30 pm

Contribute a Newsletter Article

All members are encouraged to submit articles or other items of interest for possible Newsletter publication.

Deadline for articles to appear in the next issue is the 1st Monday of the month. All articles gladly accepted at anytime for future publication.

When sending as an attachment in E-mail please save your text file in text (*.txt), or MS Word Format (*.doc) and pictures in Jpeg Format.

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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 Groups).

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

Notice of downloadable ExtonPC.Org News will be emailed monthly – Add \$5.00 to above fees to receive copy by postal mail and mark here. _____ (To cover cost of postage and mailing)

Last Name: _____ First Name _____

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