



The Bytes of Las Vegas

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The Presidents Message:

It's hard to believe that another year is over. Many exciting things happened in the consumer electronics industry. Probably the most notable was the introduction of Windows 7. I just read an article from a writer of DVICE, which is from Syfy, saying that some of the consumer electronics he wrote about a few months ago are not obsolete. Does it seem that way to you too? There are so many advances that it's hard to keep track of what's happening.

If you are into photography, Howard Mark, is a good resource. He keeps track of what's going on with cameras and software. If you have any questions, please attend his SIG on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you need help with your computer, we have Helping Hands on the 1st Saturday of the month and How-To Workshop on the 4th Saturday. Maybe you want to research your family, Genealogy which meets on the 2nd Saturday can help you get started. Interested in learning Linux, check out the Linux/Open Source SIG on the 3rd Sunday.

Please be sure to check out our website for the latest news. We also have a forum. If you are interested in using it, please contact info@lvpcug.org. Someone will get in touch with you regarding sign-in information.

Hope 2010 will be a good year for you and Happy Computing.

Wendy Jaroslowski
President
702-339-3812

**Next Meeting January 6, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.
At West Charleston Library located at 6301 W.
Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas NV
Please contact www.lvpcug.org for the latest info**

Announcements

The Special Interest Groups (SIG) will be meeting at their regular times. Be sure to check the calendar on the website. We are looking for a new place for our General meetings and SIGs. If you have any suggestions, please email us at info@LVPCUG.org

Check the website at www.LVPCUG.org for the calendar dates and times.

Would you like to share a computer talent you have or would be interested in learning about a certain topic. We would appreciate your ideas!

RECYCLING BRINGS REWARDS

The LVPCUG is receiving rebates for recycling ink cartridges and cell phones. The Recycling Committee urges members to set aside those used ink cartridges and cell phones and bring them to the general meeting. You might also spread the word to family members and friends to save them for you too. There is no cost to the club, only your time in gathering the material and the committee members' time to package it.

If you have any questions, please see Charles Finnila at the General Meeting on Dec 2 at the West Charleston Library.

Officers and Volunteers Contact by sending an email to info@lvpcug.org

Board of Directors

- Wendy Jaroslowski.....President
- Harold Rozinski.....Vice President
- Joyce Shore.....Treasurer
- Robert Lynch.....Secretary
- Judy Ruf.....Exective Director
- Larry Burgher.....Technical Director & Webmaster

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- Howard Mark..... Down the Road Editor
- Leland Beel..... Bytes of Las Vegas Editor & Little Bytes Editor
- Charles Finnila.....Recycling Chairman

Membership Questions

If you have any questions about your membership
Please send email: Membership@lvpcug.org

Website: www.lvpcug.org

Membership

Dues are \$30 per year. Dues are collected Annually from your membership date. If you would like to join, a membership form is located at the end of the newsletter. Please complete and forward to our mailing address.

Mailing Address

Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.
1350 E. Flamingo Rd. #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Newsletter

The Bytes of Las Vegas is published on a monthly basis. A PDF version is available to members online at the website. Information in this newsletter was obtained from sources considered to be reliable. Accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. **Deadline for article submission:** 15 th of each month to editor@lvpcug.org



The topic for the General Meeting on January 6, 2010 will be presented by PCLaptops of Henderson.

The speaker is to be Richard Damon. The topics of discussions will include: Virus removal, avoidance, and removal. Windows 7 functions and features, XP mode, Jump lists, Snap screen, Enhanced search capabilities, Solid State HD, i7 Processor, DDR3 Memory. At the end will be Q and A.

The door prize winners for the December meeting includes the following 6 people. Jerry Stoken - Lapworks Futura Laptop Desk and Desktop Stand.

Charles Frederick - Targus Notebook Ultralite Lapdesk.

Raymond Wagner - Targus Notebook Ultralite Lapdesk.

Neil Braun - Snuggie Blanket.

Sam Giordano - Art Dio Dual-Fan Laptop Cooling Fan.

David Boykin - Windows 7 Step-by-Step Book.

Attend the meeting and you too may be a prize winner.

If you don't know how to open a certain file type, go to www.openwith.org. There you can search by the extension (.doc, .mp4, .zip, etc) or by the type of file. and the site will tell you what programs will open the file. It also will suggest free software that you can download if you don't have a program that will open the file. Thanks Joyce

This is a news story about the "paper battery" technology being developed that may revolutionize batteries in the future. It says they provide more power and are lighter weight than today's batteries, and could be used in hybrid automobiles, laptops and other electronics.

<http://abcnews.go.com/technology/wirestory?id=9271630>

Thanks Larry

Facebook Blamed for Surge in Divorces, Study Says

Facebook, one of the world's largest social networking sites, is reportedly being blamed for an increasing number of divorces. 1 in 5 Divorce Petitions Cite Facebook According to The UK Telegraph, ...

<http://go.infopackets.com/e20091230-05>

Thanks Larry.



[Here's a cute animation Happy New Year.....Bubble Bath with a twist.....](#)

Bubble Bath - animated Flash ecard by Jacquie Lawson

<http://www.jacquelawson.com/viewcard.asp?code=QJ35127968>

Thanks to Joyce Shore

Here's an interesting tidbit.

Take a two-minute shift running a baggage scanner.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34623505/ns/us_news-security/
thanks Wendy

See how your internet firewall security suites rates

This website conducted a comprehensive test on all the most known softwares that we all use. See how your program is rated by this site. This does not mean that everything is good or bad this is only one company's test results. You have to read all and determine how the testing was done to see if you agree with their results.

<http://www.matousec.com/projects/proactive-security-challenge/results.php>

Try it out and you find out how the testing is done and see how you rate by their standards.

PRINT A LIST OF DIRECTORY CONTENTS

Find the directory path by right clicking on the folder and selecting properties.
Make a note of it.

Example: C:\Users\Name\Documents. Now do the following:

1. Start the command prompt from Run--cmd. Type cd and the directory path of the folder you want to list.
2. Type dir > print.txt
3. Press Enter and exit from the DOS window.
4. Open the folder you wanted a content list for and you should see a print.txt file. This is a simple Notepad file that can be copied or printed easily.

This will work in XP but If you have V or Windows 7 you may need to change some of the commands to get to work properly.

From MakeUseOf ezine

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

TO FORWARD EMAIL THAT CONTAINS OTHER EMAIL ADDRESSES

PROCEDURE: FOR OUTLOOK EXPRESS (Other emails should work similar)

This style will send the message to the original party and then blind carboncopy all others.

High light the message that you want to send to some one else.

Click on the Forward Button.

That copies the original message to the new message box.

High light the old addresses and then press the delete key.

High light and delete any other part of the message you would like to get rid of.

Type in or get a new address from the address book in the TO line if only sending to a single Email Address, If you want to send this email to others click on the button labeled TO and Pull down the dialog box, then fill in the TO line with your email address, then go to the BCC line and fill in all the other addresses that you want the message to go to.

This is a Common Courtesy that you should follow if you do not have the permission of the email owner to send their address to other people.

TO SEND EMAIL TO MORE THAN ONE PERSON

PROCEDURE: FOR OUTLOOK EXPRESS (Other emails should work similar)

This style will send the message to all the party's via blind carbon copy.

In the new message box, click on the button labeled TO and fill in your email address in The TO box then go to the BCC box and fill-in all the other email addresses that you want the message to go to.

This is a Common Courtesy that you should follow if you do not have the permission of the email owner to send their address to other people.

We are Looking for a space to conduct an information demo about LVPCUG
If you know of any place that is available to conduct an information demo about the club Please contact Judy Ruf or send email to info@lvpcug.org. Needed are a table space some chairs and an electrical outlet to plug in a laptop computer.

- **5GHz Frequency:** Most wireless networks use the 2.4GHz frequency, which other gadgets also use. Too many competing devices can cause signal interference in the form of slowdowns and dropouts. If your router supports it, use the 5GHz frequency instead - it's less crowded.

- **Choose 802.11n:** Wi-Fi, whose technical label is 802.11, uses four possible standards: a, b, g, and n. The latest standard is 802.11n, which provides the best combination of transmission speed, range, security, and flexibility. If you have a choice, go with 802.11n.

- **Stop Pop-ups:** If you've ever tried to close persistent pop-up ads, you know it can be a futile effort. Instead of clicking the red X located in the upper-right corner of most windows, press ALT and F4 on your keyboard to close a selected pop-up ad. Alternatively, you can use the Windows Task Manager to close pop-up ads, but be careful not to close critical Windows processes or legitimate applications that are currently in use. If you're receiving constant pop-up ads, you may have a security breach. Run anti-malware software if you think your PC may be infected.

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ITEMS TO SHARE

If you have any web sites or other items you would like to share with the LVPVUG members, send them to the Editor@LVPCUG.org and I will try to include them in a future issue of the Bytes.

Thank you, Editor

APCUG EVENTS

Phoenix Regional and APCUG Annual meeting will be February 21-23, 2010 with the keynote speaker who will be Jay Ferron, who is an acknowledged expert on security, mobility devices and operating systems.

For more information check out the APCUG website.



If you are a member of LVPCUG that means you are a member of APCUG and you have a great opportunity to use the resources that they provide. Such as the calendar that members may log in and view a meeting of a different club or SIG and see what they are doing. Please go to www.apcug.org and create a users account in the APCUG SharePoint Site so that you can enjoy some of the benefits of membership in the LVPCUG and its shared portals.



SIG CALENDAR

SIG Name	Meeting Date	Place	Time of meeting	SIG Leader
HelpingHands	1 st Saturday	Wengert Room	10 AM to 4 PM	Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Windows Developers	2 nd Thursday	Sahara West Library	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Richard Rosenheim 897-1117
Genealogy Starting up again	2 nd Saturday January 2010	Family History Center	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM	Sam Giordano 452-4037
Office Applications	DISCONTINUED AT THIS TIME, NEED A SIG LEADER, ANY VOLUNTEERES			
Software and Product Review	2 nd Saturday	Wengert Room	3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Digital Imaging Techniques	2 nd Sunday	Wengert Room	12 PM to 2 PM	Howard Mark 262-3662
Linux/Open Source Applications	3 rd Sunday	Wengert Room	1 PM to 3 PM	Don Sabatine 451-6805
Novice(new users) and Internet)	3 rd Sunday	Wengert Room	4 PM to 6 PM	Chuck Frederick 452-9440
How-To-Workshop	4 th Saturday	Paseo Verde Library	9:15 AM to 2:30 PM	Dennis Kemper

Places are:

Wengert Room is located in the Back of the NV Energy building just west of Jones on W. Sahara

Family History Center is located at 509 S. 9th Street in Las Vegas.

Paseo Verde Library is located in Henderson at 280 S. Green Valley Parkway.

Sahara West Library is located just west of Fort Apache on Sahara Av West.

All meetings are subject to cancellation by the SIG Leader or the Property Owner. The Calendar Page of the LVPCUG website is keep as current as possible.

"The world makes up for all its follies and injustices by being damnably sentimental."

Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-1895), English biologist

Bylaws of the Las Vegas PC Users Group

Revised October 4, 2000

I. The Las Vegas PC Users Group is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation organized to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. To provide a forum in the greater Las Vegas community for the exchange of ideas and information on personal computers.
- B. To provide assistance in solving hardware and software problems encountered during the use of these computers.
- C. To provide access to software in the public domain.
- D. To further the common good by fostering the development of computer related skills.
- E. To encourage the formation, development and support of special interest groups (SIGs) and chapters within the parent organization.
- F. To provide a medium for communication with other users groups.
- G. To help facilitate the development of a formal problem solving liaison with computer product manufacturers.

These objectives can best be realized by encouraging an active membership, publishing a widely-disseminated newsletter, maintaining a public-domain and shareware software library, maintaining an active Bulletin Board System, and regular general meetings that appeal to a wide spectrum of those persons who own, use, or are interested in personal computers.

II. The Las Vegas PC Users Group shall be structured as follows:

A. The elected officers will also function as the Board of Trustees of the corporation and their duties shall be:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The president is the chief executive officer of the corporation; the president prepares agendas, presides over the membership and Board of Directors meetings, and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
2. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Presides over meetings in the absence of the President; performs administrative duties as assigned by the President.
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Presides over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President; performs administrative duties as assigned by the President.
4. **TREASURER:** Administers the corporate accounts, books, and financial records and is responsible for all the transactions related thereto; makes the financial records available for an independent annual audit.
5. **SECRETARY:** Administers the corporate records, including the proceedings of all meetings, which will be published in the newsletter.

B. The elected officers of the corporation shall be members in good standing and shall be elected for a one year term, commencing May first, by a plurality of the voting members in attendance at the March general meeting or by a mail-in ballot to be received at the LVPCUG mailing address at least one week prior to the meeting. An election committee of at least three members will be selected from among the membership at the November general meeting. The election committee will solicit and accept nominations for elected office from among the general membership and will provide the nominations to the Newsletter chair in time for a ballot to be published in the February newsletter. Mail-in ballots must be sealed in an unmarked inner envelope. The mailing envelope which must include return name, address and membership number will be opened by a board member and the inner envelope given to the nominating committee to be opened and the ballot counted with the ballots submitted at the March general meeting.

C. The elected officers shall appoint a minimum of five additional members as are necessary to accomplish the objectives of the corporation. The elected officers and the appointed members shall together comprise the Board of Directors of the corporation.

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The elected officers and the appointed members shall together comprise the Board of Directors of the corporation. The appointed members shall serve a term coincident with the terms of the elected officers, and may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the board. All board members must be members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall manage the general business of the corporation, and shall control its current affairs.

D. Fifty percent of the Board of Directors, including three elected officers, constitutes a quorum of the Board of Directors; a quorum is required to conduct the business of the corporation. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be by simple majority vote of members present and are binding on the elected officers.

E. In the event of a dispute concerning the Administration of the corporation, the presiding officer may invoke the procedures contained in Roberts Rules of Order.

F. Vacancies in offices other than the Presidency shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board. In the event of a vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President shall become the President. Should the Vice President be unwilling or unable to assume the Presidency, the Executive Director shall become the President. Should the Executive Director be unwilling or unable to assume the Presidency, the Executive Board shall elect an Acting President, who shall serve as President for the remaining term. Three consecutive unexcused absences by a member of the Board of Directors, or four in a six-month period, may be cause for dismissal.

III. Membership in the Las Vegas PC Users Group shall be open to anyone regardless of race, creed, sex, marital status, sexual orientation or national origin.

IV. A member in good standing shall be defined as one whose dues are current. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote; one vote per paid membership.

V. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing, in writing, to the Board of Directors. Such proposed amendments should be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors concurs, such proposed amendment shall be published in the next regular edition of the Las Vegas PC Users Group newsletter; it may then be adopted by a simple majority of the voting membership present at the next general meeting, following the publication of the newsletter containing the proposed amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the current Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas PC Users Group Inc, have adopted these revised bylaws on this 4th day of October 2000.

VOLUNTEERES NEEDED FOR ELECTION COMMITTEE

3 members have volunteered to work on the on the committee to help get ready for the election results at the March 2010 meeting. For info contact info@lvpcug.org or any of the board members.

If you would like to run for election for any of the elected office positions please attend the meeting in January or send in the information to info@lvpcug.org, duties are listed on page 8 of the newsletter.

**This space is left blank for your handy hints.
Please send to editor@lvpcug.org
Thanks!**



Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.

Membership Application

New Members or Renewal with Information Changes

To join the Las Vegas PC User Group, please complete the information below. The form can be mailed with a check or brought to the General Meeting. Dues are \$30 per year per family. More information about the Club can be obtained from www.LVPCUG.org

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

(Please Print)

Name(1): _____ Name(2): _____

Email (1) _____ Email (2) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

It is LVPCUG policy to keep your information confidential.

Supplemental Information (optional, but helpful):

How did you hear about the LVPCUG? _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Send check for \$30 to:

Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.
Membership Director
1350 E. Flamingo Rd #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119-5270

Club Use only: Memb, No. _____ Rec'd _____

Amount _____ Method _____

