



# The Bytes of Las Vegas

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

**THE GENERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

**WILL START AT 5:00 PM TILL 6:45 PM**

**PLACE IS STILL AT THE WEST CHARLESTON LIBRARY**

**The subject and the Speaker will be announced at the meeting.**

**All this is due to the hours the library is now operating on, the Library is now closing at 7:00 PM.**

**We are still looking for a place to meet, it needs to meet several requirements to make it so it will be good for the club to use.**

**If you know of a good place that is available please contact the President at the meeting or send a email to: [info@lvpcug.org](mailto:info@lvpcug.org).**

**Thank you for your support of the Las Vegas PC Users Group.**

### Next General Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, September 1st, 2010**

**Tentative Time: 5:00-6:45 PM.**

**Tentative Place: West Charleston Library  
6301 W Charleston Blvd (East of Torrey Pines)**

**Please contact [www.lvpcug.org](http://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](mailto:info@lvpcug.org)



Check the website at [www.lvpcug.org](http://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 Finnilla at the General Meeting at the West Charleston Library.

**Officers and Volunteers Contact by sending an email to [info@lvpcug.org](mailto:info@lvpcug.org)**

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**Membership Questions**

If you have any questions about your membership Please send email: [Membership@www.lvpcug.org](mailto:Membership@www.lvpcug.org)

**Website: <http://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@www.lvpcug.org](mailto:editor@www.lvpcug.org)



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**NOTE THE NEW TIME**

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**The Sysinternals Troubleshooting Utilities have been rolled up into a single Suite of tools**

**<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-ca/sysinternals/bb842062.aspx>**

Dear Popular Mechanics Reader,

We have recently learned that a sweepstakes company using the name Town & Country (but which is not affiliated in any way to Town&Country magazine) has been calling subscribers to inform them that they are the winners of an online sweepstakes. The caller may leave a voice message with a call-back phone number and a claim number as winner identification. Those who call back are greeted with “Town&Country” and then asked to provide credit card information in order to claim the prize.

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We apologize for any inconvenience this scam may have caused any of our readers. Please be assured we value each one of you and therefore feel it important to notify you of this situation.

Sincerely, Liberta Abbondante  
Sr. VP, Consumer Marketing

## Good News for a place to recycle you old Computer Equipment

**Goodwill of Southern Nevada and Dell Computers are teaming up with a new program for recycling computer equipment called Reconnect. Residents (large quantities from businesses will not be accepted) can drop off computer items such as monitors, towers, mouse, printers, etc. at any of their 30 Goodwill locations and they will be environmentally recycled and help put South Nevada residents back to work. It is easy, it is free and you will receive a tax deductible receipt just as you do for any donation to Goodwill. Goodwill is not responsible for information that might be left on the computer. You can find your nearest Goodwill location by going to [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org) and entering your zip code on the home page.**

Thanks Judy



## **The Control Panel -- Extremely Useful**

by Sandy Berger

[www.compukiss.com](http://www.compukiss.com)

Just as you can use a car without manipulating anything under the hood, you can also use a computer without changing any settings. However, at a certain point you will want to correct a setting, uninstall a program, change the way your mouse works, or add another user to your computer. All of these functions and many more are found in the Windows Control Panel. Don't worry though; the Control Panel is much easier to navigate than the cables, wires, and mechanisms that you find under the hood of a car....and you can use the tools in the Control Panel without getting your hands dirty.

In geek-speak, the Control Panel is the central location for all of the Windows operating system configuration needs. In everyday terms, it the place where you can work with the many tools that Windows offers to change and customize all of the settings. The Control Panel is part of the Window's operating system's graphical interface. As such, you will find that it consists of easy-to-understand icons that are each labeled as to their function.

The Control Panel has been around since the first version of Windows. Over the years, it has morphed into a very useful set of management tools for your computer. In a car you need to know where the hood release lever is, in Windows, you need to know how to access the Control Panel. Windows Vista and Windows 7, you can access the Control Panel by clicking on the Start button and choosing Control Panel from the right column of choices. In Windows XP, you will click Start, then choose Control Panel from the left column. If you don't see the Control Panel listed, click on Settings from the left column and then click on Control Panel.

The Control Panel is a little different in Windows XP than it is in Vista and Windows 7. So let's talk about XP first. By default, the Windows XP Control Panel appears in what is called "Category View". This means that various functions have been put into Categories. Previous versions of Windows showed a list of icons, one for each function, in Windows XP, this is called the "Classic View". When you open the Control Panel in Windows XP if you see several categories listed you are in "Category View". If you see a window full of individual icons, you are in "Classic View". You can change the view by clicking on the words "Switch to Classic View" or "Switch to Category View" which is on the left side of the screen. Check out these two options and see which one you like. You can switch between them quite easily at any time.

In Windows Vista, you have the same choices, but you may have to click on "Control Panel Home" on the left side of the screen before you can click on "Classic View" or "Category View".

Microsoft made some changes in the Control Panel in Windows 7. They have eliminated the name Classic View. In Windows 7 you will see the words "View by" on the upper right side of the screen. Click on the down arrow next to those words and you will have three views to choose from: Category, Large Icons, or Small Icons. This Icon view is really the same as the Classic View. I prefer to use the Classic or Icon view, but again, you can check out all the views and see which one you like best.

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**Truths For Mature Humans**

- 1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.**
- 2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.**
- 3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.**
- 4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.**
- 5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?**
- 6. Was learning cursive really necessary?**
- 7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.**
- 8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.**
- 9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.**
- 10. Bad decisions make good stories.**
- 11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.**
- 12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.**
- 13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.**
- 14. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this - ever.**
- 15. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voice mail. What did you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?**
- 16. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.**
- 17. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.**
- 18. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.**
- 19. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than Kay.**

**Thanks Robert**

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](mailto:info@lvpcug.org). Needed are a table space some chairs and an electrical outlet to plug in a laptop computer.

**Three Great Alternatives to the iTunes Music Store**

[http://www.geeks.com/techtips/2010/alternatives\\_to\\_itunes\\_music\\_store.asp](http://www.geeks.com/techtips/2010/alternatives_to_itunes_music_store.asp)

Thanks Larry

**Web Photos That Reveal Secrets, Like Where You Live - Yahoo! Finance**

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Web-Photos-That-Reveal-nytimes-2375510549.html?x=0>

Thanks Chuck

**APCUG News**

**July 1**

**APCUG Reports**

**APCUG Reports Q3 is online and available here**

**The URL for the Live Meeting Training for Monday, Sep 13 10pm EDT, 9pm CDT, 8pm MDT, 7pm PDT is here. Before you attend you will need to have downloaded the client from here and checked to be sure it is working here**

**The URL for the Live Meeting Training for Saturday, Sep 18 4pm EDT, 3pm CDT, 2pm MDT, 1pm PDT is here. Before you attend you will need to have downloaded the client from here and checked to be sure it is working here**

**APCUG Reports Q3 is available here. The deadline for the next APCUG Reports is Sept 15 for an issue which will go to press October 1.**

**To find the above information please log in to the APCUG website at [www.apcug.net](http://www.apcug.net)**



**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](http://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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday                 | Wengert Room        | 10 AM to 4 PM  | Linda DiGiovanni<br>395-6676  |
| Windows<br>Developers              | On hold till a meeting room can be found |                     |  | Richard Rosenheim<br>897-1117 |
| Novice(new users)<br>and Internet) | 2 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday                 | Wengert Room        | 1 PM to 3PM  | Chuck Frederick<br>452-9440   |
| Software and<br>Product Review     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday                 | Wengert Room        | 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM                                     | Linda DiGiovanni<br>395-6676  |
| Digital Imaging<br>Techniques      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday                   | Wengert Room        | 12 PM to 2 PM  | Howard Mark<br>262-3662       |
| Linux/Open Source                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday                   | Wengert Room        | 1 PM to 3 PM<br>Need a Sig Leader for a period of time |                               |
| How-To-Workshop                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday                 | Paseo Verde Library | 9:30 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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Las Vegas.

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

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.

If you would like to be a SIG leader for some of the SIG's that are not meeting at this time Please contact Wendy to get the details of the duties of the Leader.

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*"I think computer viruses should count as life. I think it says something about human nature that the only form of life we have created so far is purely destructive. We've created life in our own image."*  
Stephen Hawking

- **Selective Startup In Win7:** Windows bogs down over time, burdened with all of those background programs that load during startup. Some of those you need, but some just take up unnecessary boot seconds and are never used during an average Windows session. To disable unnecessary items, type msconfig in the Start Search field, select msconfig, and go to the System Configuration window's Startup tab. Uncheck anything that isn't useful or necessary. Some entries are pretty cryptic and require Web searching to figure out.
- **Invest In An Outdoor GPS:** If you're going to be taking advantage of the great outdoors this summer, let a GPS (global positioning system) help you out. Special GPS devices are designed for boating, fishing, and golfing, so you can be sure you know where the most fish are or how far your golf ball needs to go to ensure you get a hole in one. Fitness GPSes are perfect to use while you're working out at your local park or making the difficult mountain climb. And if you're training for a triathlon and want to use your GPS on your bike, check out your local CE retailer for a special bike mount.
- **Use Your Special Effects:** If your camera has special effects modes, be sure to go out on a sunny day and snap away. These special effects will change the colors of your photos to black and white or even orange, or they will enhance your photos in other ways. Once you've mastered the art, add a unique touch to your family or vacation photos.

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### Malware Widget Infects Millions of Websites

Website domain name registration business Network Solutions says that domains marked "page under construction" have been dishing up malware. It's suggested that millions of websites have been ...

<http://go.infopackets.com/e20100818-04>

### Fake Antivirus Forces User Uninstall of Legit A/V

Hackers are running a new social engineering scheme that tricks users into uninstalling their legitimate anti-virus program protecting their computer, and using a rogue product instead. Those behind ...

<http://go.infopackets.com/e20100820-05>

### A liquid graphite pencil that looks and works like a pen?

<http://www.zdnet.com/photos/a-look-at-sharpiers-liquid-pencil-photos/458275>





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There are 45 icons in the icon view in Windows 7 and about the same number in previous versions. If you look at the Classic or Icon view, you will see that the icons have labels, like Display, Sound, Power Options, Mouse, Keyboard, User Accounts, Folder Options, and Devices and Printers. You can click on any of these icons to open a window that will allow you to adjust, correct, and/or customize the settings of these areas. Take a look around. Check out Mouse area first. When you click on the mouse icon a windows with options will appear. It will have tabs at the top. You can click on each tab to see even more options. If you have never looked at these before you will be amazed at the number of things that you can do to customize your mouse. You can switch the buttons if you are left-handed. You can speed up and/or slow down the double-click speed. You can change the looks of the pointer. I you are using a mouse with a scroll wheel, you can even change how the wheel behaves.

Try a few things. The only caveat here is to document the changes that you are making so you can change them back if you want to.

Each of the items in the Control Panel allows you to change the settings in your computer. Look through and open up a few of them. There are hundreds of things that you can change and/or customize in the Windows operating system. Some of the Control Panel items are very useful for everyday tasks in Windows. Be sure to take a look.

**Microsoft Bing Now Powers Yahoo Search**

When Microsoft and Yahoo hinted at a possible alliance 13 months ago, few believed the tandem would work. What further put the merger at jeopardy was an unsuccessful attempt by Microsoft to ...  
<http://go.infopackets.com/e20100825-03>

**Experts Warn: iTunes Flaw Puts Windows Users At Risk (20100824)**

Security researchers have found a new way to attack Windows: through Apple's very popular online media player and retailer iTunes. It involves a method of tricking the media player into performing a ...  
<http://go.infopackets.com/e20100825-05>

**Malware Watch: Fake Patch Tuesday emails, fake MSRT tool, spamvertised Bredolab, Android mobile malware**

<http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/malware-watch-fake-patch-tuesday-emails-fake-msrt-tool-spamvertised-bredolab-android-mobile-malware/7146?tag=nl.e539>



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:

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Membership Director  
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Las Vegas, NV 89119-5270

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