

The Bytes of Las Vegas

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SIGS (Special Interest Groups)

When you plan to attend a SIG meeting and have specific questions or problems you would like someone to work on or answer, please email us at info@lvcug.org. This will help assure that we will try to have someone there with the expertise. The email Subject Line: SIG Help

The meeting formats for the Helping Hands & How-to SIGs are usually one-on-one help as compared to the Novice SIG which is group attendance with questions and answers from the audience during and after the presentations.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

SIGs (Special Meeting Groups)

Saturday, November 2, 10am to 4pm
Helping Hands and How-to SIGs
Location: Las Vegas JC Park - Clubhouse,
5805 W. Harmon Ave, Las Vegas 89103.
Parking available on both sides of clubhouse.
Nearest major intersection: Flamingo/Jones.

Saturday, November 9, 1pm to 4pm
Novice SIG and
Software & Product Review SIG
Location: ITT Technical Institute, 3825 W.
Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas 89032
(between Decatur & Simmons).

Magic Jack Plus

I brought a Magic Jack Plus to replace my home phone. I have used the orginal Magic Jack (the one that plugs into the computer) which works great. The Magic Jack Plus plugs into your wireless router and the electrical outlet. I use it with a cordless with 5 extensions and a answering machine.

I paid \$41.93 for the Magic Jack Plus(I got a special ½ price deal because I owned the original one). I paid \$111.79 for the 5 year Platinum Preferred Plan.

I also ported on home phone number for \$19.99, plus \$10.00 for every year when porting your home number. Its is very easy to set up and install.

•I paid a total of \$223.77 for 5 years for Home Phone Service. My home phone from Clearwireless cost me \$27.00 per month. Which would cost me \$1,620.00 for 5 years. **I saved \$1,386.23. Just thought you would like to hear about my Magic Jack Plus and my great savings.**

•**I LOVE MY MAGIC JACK PLUS!**





Save Time and Money with Alternatives to Printing

From Ask Bob Rankin.com

Category: Printing

How often do you use your home printer? If it's more than just occasionally, I've got some tips to simplify your life and save you money. Aside from wasting paper, killing trees unnecessarily, and spending more than \$300 a gallon on printer ink, you're also creating a stack of pages that you'll have to do something with. Here are some ways to minimize those hard copies, as well as the associated filing, and tedious searching tasks...

Put Down that Cartridge and Back Away Slowly From the Printer

Printing is a habit, and it can be a costly one. We print documents, emails, bills, receipts, photos and other types of files. All of these things come to us in digital form, so the trick is to realize that converting them to paper just makes it harder to manage and find them later.

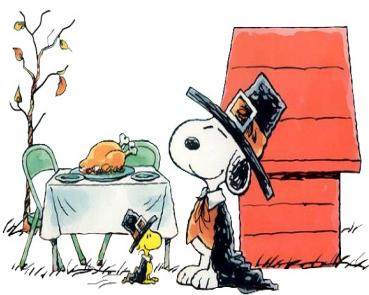
Many things are printed for record-keeping purposes. But the best record-keeper available may be your email server. Instead of printing a Word document or PDF, email a copy to yourself, and Gmail (or whatever email service you use) will keep it safe forever. You can also find it again with simple search, or tag it with keywords so that you can easily find all documents that relate to a given topic. If you use webmail, you have the added benefit that your important documents are stored online, and won't be lost if your hard drive fails.

Bills, receipts, monthly statements, correspondence, jokes and pictures of cute puppies will flow into your inbox. Let them stay there! Printing these things is old-school thinking, and ultimately makes it harder to find the information at a later date.

Alternatives to Printing:

When you generate a document, rather than mailing it, ask the recipient if it would be okay to "print" it to a PDF file and email it, instead of sending it to a paper-guzzling printer. Most people will actually prefer this, because it eliminates the delay of mailing. Microsoft Word supports this trick; choose Save As and then look for the PDF or XPS option on the options menu. "XPS" is a Microsoft format built into Windows. It's inferior to PDF but there in case you need it. Any application that can print can instead save to a PDF file, using one of several free or trialware PDF printer utilities. I have used CutePDF Writer and several others. Of course, Adobe Acrobat will convert almost any file format to PDF.

Instead of printing something in order to fax it, try a free Internet fax service. All of them accept either email attachments or uploads of Word, JPG, and other popular file formats and then fax them for you. Of course, you can't control whether the recipient prints that incoming fax or not, but there are also fax-to-email services that funnel your incoming faxes to your email inbox. See Free Inbound Faxing for details on that.



How Much Ink Is Left in That Dead Cartridge?

http://www.pcworld.com/article/152953/print_ink_costs.html?%23tk.out_mod?=obnetwork

Things that were at the how to workshop SIG:

- 1. A Laptop with Windows 8 that would not install Windows updates.**
- 2. Wipe a hard drive and install a new operating system.**
- 3. Programs to test for viruses run from a live CD/DVD.**
- 4. Microsoft Safety Scanner -**
<http://www.microsoft.com/security/scanner/en-us/default.aspx>
- 5. 3 finger salute.**
- 6. Set up Windows Live Mail.**
- 7. How to connect a laptop to a internet modem.**

Item that were discussed at the Novice SIG

- 1. How to get back a shortcut to a bank that went missing.**
- 2. Be aware of the pitfalls of clicking on adds that appear on web pages you are reading.**
- 3. Types of printers, types of inks, and where the print heads are in different printers.**
- 4. Items members are to read about and discuss at the next meeting.**

- a. Beginner Geek Everything You Need to Know About Disabling Startup Programs on Windows**
- b. Customizing your task-bar**
- c. Deleting Your Personal Information from the Internet**
- d. How to clean your browser like a pro**
- e. Printer ink cartridge prices: A rip-off or what ?**



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