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Computer Odds & Ends

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Every now and then all closets need to be cleaned. Every time you go out to the Internet to play or work, sites you visit plant cookies on your computer.

Cookies can be good; they make frequently visited sites load faster, for example. But too much of a good thing can be too much. Sites you only visit once are like clothes that no longer fit. To eliminate the unneeded cookies, clean your Internet cache and history.

In Internet Explorer, go to Tools and click on Internet Options. You will get a prompt that shows a variety of tabs from "General" to "Advanced." At the "General" tab, you can choose "Delete Cookies." Do that and follow through to clean the cookies from your hard drive.

Next, on the same prompt, "Delete Files" will clean your temporary Internet files. If you want to see the files before you delete them, choose "Settings" and then choose "View Files."

Once you look at them you will see why you can

do without the files. Remember to empty the Recycle Bin after you delete the files. For more help on this, visit www.browsermanual.com/exp/lorer2.html.

Should you want to get really serious about eliminating even the hidden files, check out the sites and/or reviews for some of the software designed to clean for you. Some interesting sites: www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,22586,00.asp, and www.xblock.com/help.shtml.

More tech vocabulary

Pop-up ads are old acquaintances these days. They are just in-your-face Web elements that allow you to click on them and go for more information. These are "click-through" ads.

Now, meet the evil cousin: "kick-through" ads. With these ads, all you have to do to go to the site is accidentally move your mouse pointer over the ad.

Info on what?

One of the better collective sites can be found at www.info321.com. Subhead Media and the war

Since the attacks in Iraq are playing out shot-by-

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Preclick Corp.

has released a version of the Preclick Photo Organizer that supports **Iomega® Active Disk™**. The free Preclick software is currently available for download on the Iomega Active Disk website at www.iomega-activedisk.com and the Preclick website.

Preclick's new Active Disk powered version of the Photo Organizer software allows the application to be launched from an Iomega® Zip® disk, Mini Drive or other Active Disk compatible device. Users no longer need to install the Photo Organizer on their computer to use the software. Iomega's Active Disk Technology allows software applications to run everywhere you do. It allows the user to be mobile and organized because Active Disk Powered applications live on, launch and run from an Iomega Zip Disk or other Active Disk compatible device.

When you insert the Zip Disk into your Zip drive, or attach your other Active Disk compatible device, the application launches automatically. When the session is finished, simply end the Active Disk session, or eject the Zip Disk, and all traces of the Active Disk Powered application are removed from your computer leaving no trace behind. Portable, easy, and secure - and it won't clutter your hard drive.

More information is available at www.preclick.com.

Source: Preclick Corp. ☺

The Next Meeting

Place: Arnold R. Burton
Technology Center
1760 Roanoke Boulevard
Salem, Va. 24153
Date: Sat., April 12, 2003
Time: 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Room 105

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Upcoming Presentations:

April 12
To be announced

May 10
To be announced

From The President's Desk

by Tim Johnson
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Spring into a fresh installation! This is the time to clean out closets and get things ready for summer. Have you thought about doing a fresh installation of your operating system to clean things up? This is a drastic step so be sure you understand what you are doing before continuing. Consider also that Windows 2000

and Windows XP require much less cleaning than Windows 95 and Windows 98. If things are running good then performing a fresh install may not be such a good idea. But if Windows has been crashing more than it has been running a fresh installation is one way to get things working better.

Before getting started one important thing to be aware of is that doing a fresh installation will wipe all current information from your hard drive. You must have the data and files you want saved backed up to another drive or to removable media like a CD ROM or ZIP disk. Once the data is safe put the restoration CD in and power up. That CD usually comes with store bought, factory type computers. Booting from the CD should show an option letting you return the computer to its original out of the box state. If there is no restoration CD then you can boot off the Windows CD or from a Windows 98 floppy that loads the CD driver. Format the drive to remove all data and then proceed with the fresh installation. Install all you software and restore you data and hopefully things will be running much better.

I have done several fresh installations lately. It is nice to when the computers are operating faster with more stability. The time spent with computers is much more enjoyable. That's what our hobby is all about! ☺

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Secretary's Report

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The meeting was called to order by Lionel Melancon because Tim was going to be a little late.

OFFICER REPORTS

Margaret Ann Hoag - Secretary - The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Del Kirschner - Membership Chairman - Membership still the same.

Azella Tingler - Treasurer - Balance on hand February 28th. with all bills paid, \$1280.00. Azella announced that Ernie was still looking for a place to hold our Christmas Dinner. Three places were mentioned: Salem Civic Center, The Roanoker and the Holiday Inn at Tanglewood. She also called attention to the article in the newsletter about Tim starting his own business. It's called: Blue Ridge Computer Solutions. Congratulations, Tim!

Tim arrived and continued the meeting.

Lionel Melancon - Public Relations - Reported that he had been talking to a retired Forester Surveyer for a future program.

Bill Scott - Public Relations - He is presenting a short program on Lap Top Computers, today.

Homer Duff - Roanoke County

Schools - Absent.

John Yates - Webmaster - Corrected a web site address he'd given us at the last meeting. The web site should be: info 321.com instead of 123.com.

Kathy Keoughan - Editor - Busy with personal affairs.

Tim Johnson did the newsletter this month.

Ernie Arnett - Vice President - at work.

DOOR PRIZES:

1. Patricia Snowadzky - paper
2. Phyllis Morris - fancy paper
3. Tim Johnson - magnetic holder
4. Sandy Johnson - CD
5. Azella Tingler - CD
6. Jack Morris - CD
7. Jim Kastner - CD
8. Arnetta Austin - CD
9. Bill Scott - floppy disks

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Azella showed computer related items that members brought for anyone to take.

Q. & A.: There followed an extensive question and answer period

PRESENTATIONS:

Bill Scott gave a presentation on Lap Top computers. The old computers were a Tandy model 100 from 1982-83 era. Also a Tandy model 102, a newer version of the model 100. The other old computer was a Toshiba T1000, a 8086 monochrome LCD computer with only a 3.5 inch floppy from about 1985-86.

Tim Johnson shared the process of transiting from non-

employment to using the computer to find jobs and to start a business. He talked about using business cards to advertise a business, told how easy it is to get online and file for your federal employment number (EIN) and how to register for the Virginia sales tax number.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Margaret Ann Hoag
 Secretary ☺

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shot in the media, you might want to see how that goes worldwide. The Poynter Institute's online coverage at www.poynter.org is the place to go.

Don't miss the international front pages. You will find a link about a third the way down the opening page.

E-mail to military:

Operation DearAbby.net helps you sent best wishes to service persons. You can find the site at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>.

You can reach freelance writer Sandra Brown Kelly at sbk@rev.net. ☺



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Resources

Getting Started Guide (printed)
Microsoft Office System Beta 2 Kit 2003 Developer Resource CD
Microsoft Office System Beta 2 Kit 2003 Demo CD
Microsoft Office System Beta 2 Kit 2003 Evaluation CD

Note:

The Office System Beta 2 Kit 2003 requires Windows 2000 Service Pack 3 or later, or Windows XP. You will have an opportunity to request a free* trial copy of Windows XP on the order page.

You may install the Office System Beta 2 Kit 2003 software on up to five unique computers. For each install, you must activate the software through the online Office Activation Wizard (or by telephone).

The Microsoft Office System Beta 2 Kit 2003 is time-limited

software that expires when the user's computer system clock reaches November 30, 2003; at which time the product will operate under reduced functionality mode limiting end-user options and operations. ☺

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