



Photo by Sandra Kelly
Trees at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center during holidays

Microsoft tips include help for digital photos, 'phishing'

Stay in touch with Microsoft; it's worth it.

If you run Microsoft products, as most members of the club do, it is worth your while to get the Microsoft Inside Update. A recent mailing contained a wealth of resources, including some valuable ones for older

versions of software and operating systems.

Following is a sample of Inside info:

Watch out for 'Spoof' websites

The holiday season saw a rise in "spoofing," in which a malicious

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Computer Q's, tips

Q: Does anyone know of a place in Roanoke that will still repair computer monitors? I have a 21-inch Gateway Vivitron 1100 monitor that gets nothing, but a blank screen on startup. I've seen refurbished monitors for sale on eBay so someone must repair them. Any suggestions?

-- Ron Gordon

A: Try Atomic Television, 3202 Williamson Road Northwest, Roanoke, VA 24012, 540-362-1234. They repair monitors from places that sell them. They also take walk-ins. They did a great job with my 15" Viewsonic.

--Tim Johnson

Get info about your computer

Member John Yeatts directs us to www.pcuid.com, PC Wizard 2004, for a wealth of information about computer terms, hardware, performance and you name it.

This site is especially useful for the less technical who want to wow their high-tech friends.

Got a tip or question? Send it to Editor@rvpcc.org.

This is a good opportunity for club members to share knowledge and/or get answers—and make the newsletter better.

1st of a Series: Meet member and officer Tim Johnson



Timothy Charles Johnson
Nicknames: Tim, Timbo, TJ

Next Meeting

(Meets 2nd Saturday of Month)

Date: Sat., Jan. 10, 2003

Place: Arnold R. Burton
 Technology Center, Room 105
 1760 Roanoke Boulevard
 Salem, Va. 24153

Time: 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Program: Jill Brooks, City of
 Roanoke

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 Department of Technology

Computers currently own:
 Gigabyte mobo 2gig AMD, 512 RAM is my main PC. Intel mobo 766MHz, 256 RAM and a Asus PIII 450, 512RAM. Also, an older test machine - PIII 300 - and an even older IBM 486 DX66. Plus an assortment of spare and old parts. Many needing to be disposed of.

Main use of computers:
 Email first. Creating PowerPoint presentations, Word Docs, Spreadsheets, Quicken and online banking. TurboTax this time of year. QuickVerse bible study software.

Other technology you enjoy:
 Was into C Band satellite but not anymore. Use cell phones to keep up with family. Digital cameras. Listen to Music Choice on digital cable.

E-mail service provider and why chose:
 Cox. For the speed. Backup account is ATT GlobalNet business ISP.

How long in computer club?
 10 Years - this year.

Something about you that club members don't know
 Enjoy tropical fish. Ended the year leading the toy disc shooting pistol in the break room at work with 180 points!

If you could have any technology, what would you buy?
 Really BIG LCD or Plasma TV with all the bells and whistles and the fastest PC out.

More members are to be featured in February.

The President's Desk by Tim Johnson for Lionel Melancon president@rvpcc.org

Welcome to the 2004! The beginning of a new year is always fun. It gives us a chance to look ahead for new and exciting things to happen. I would like to mention a few things coming up this year.

We are starting off our year great with the City of Roanoke paying us a visit. Jill Brooks will be sharing what is happening around town.

You don't want to miss this one! Take a peak at the City's

awarding winning web site <http://www.roanokegov.com>. Roanoke is the only municipality to rank first in the Digital Cities Survey three years straight! How exciting!

Get ready for Taxes! Bring them to the February meeting to learn how easy Del Kirschner's TaxCheck program can check your return for math errors. Better you find them than Uncle Sam!

I am excited about the New

Year and look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings. This is a great time of year to share with friends and family.

This month I am helping out a bit by writing this article for Lionel since he has been spending most of his days away visiting family during the holidays. This is a wonderful time of year to share with friends and family. I hope you had a great time!

Secretary's Report

By Margaret Hoag
secretary@rvpcc.org



December 13, 2003

Tim Johnson called the meeting to order.

Opening Remarks: the Christmas Party was a big success. The weather cooperated and many prizes were given out. Tim gave a special "Thank You" to Carolyn Zoll for knitting a pair of slippers for each woman present.

Thanks, also, to Microsoft for the many prizes sent to us.

Thanks to local shops like cXe, PC Land, and a great big thanks go to Azella for shopping sales all year to pick out great prizes for our party. Microsoft prizes won at the October meeting were to be mailed by December 20.

Tim told about being hired by A-R-C (Alternative Resources Corporation) arcnw.com to change a chip in Kinko's kiosk at Towers to recognize the new \$20 bills. It is used to take cash and deposit that on a rechargeable gift card used around the store to make copies. The pay was \$16.75 an hour with a minimum of three hours pay. Tim started at 8 a.m. and was finished at 8:15 a.m.

Officer Update:

Secretary - Margaret Ann Hoag - The Newsletter hadn't arrived so we will vote on the minutes next month.

Membership Chairman - Del Kirschner - We have one new member today - Guy Plymale.

Treasurer - Azella Tingler - All bills are paid including bills for the Christmas Party.

Public Relations - Lionel Melancon - We have programs for the next two months.

Public Relations - Bill Scott - Offered to do a program on Lego Mind

Storm 11 - Maybe in March.

Roanoke County Schools - Homer Duff - Fall programs are finishing up and Winter classes will begin the 2nd or 3rd. week in January.

Webmaster - John Yeatts - announced that he is stepping down and Tim Johnson will be the new webmaster.

Editor - Sandra Brown Kelly - was absent.

Vice President - Ernie Arnett - The Christmas Party was a success. Ernie is going to send out a survey to the membership for suggestions for next year. He also stated that he knows of a company that can recover data from a crashed hard drive. If needed, contact him.

New Business:

Officers were elected for 2004.

They are:

President - Lionel Melancon

Vice-President - Ernie Arnett

Secretary - Margaret Ann Hoag

Treasurer - Azella Tingler

Public Relations - Bill Scott

Public Relations - Sandra Brown Kelly (and Editor)

Membership - Del Kirschner

Webmaster - Tim Johnson

Roanoke County Schools Representative - Homer Duff

Program: For our program, we viewed two Microsoft tapes.

The first was on "Microsoft Office 2003," which was released on Oct. 21. Among the software demonstrated were: Tablet P.C's., which allow writing on the screen; a Read Function that enlarges print; Task panes, which do document recovery; Business Online Research; Power-Point; Business Outlook Express, Spam Filtering; Search Folder; Internet Folder; Calendars. Information Writes Management; Contacts; Microsoft Publisher; and One Note.

The other tape was on Microsoft's new software called Digital Image Suite, which allows you to interface a digital camera with your computer faster and easier.

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Microsoft tips

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Website tricks you into taking some type of unsafe action. Here you will learn about “**Phishing Attacks.**” A common phishing method is to send an e-mail that looks like it came from a trusted source but that contains a link to a malicious site. The malicious site is designed to look like the legitimate site in an effort to trick you into revealing personal information or downloading a virus.

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Get in shape for the new year

Use templates to help track your fitness goals, count calories, and more.
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369783>

Plan ahead for taxes

Get your finances in order for the new year with this year-end tax plan template.
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Spice up your documents with clip art

Flip it, crop it, wrap it. Learn how to edit a clip-art image to add just the right character to your communications.

<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369786>

Create a gallery of photos on your website

Easily share pictures with family and friends online, using Microsoft Office FrontPage 2003 or FrontPage 2002. See different layout options and then learn how to add photos, edit photos and layout, and add captions.

<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369790>

Help for Previous Versions

Windows 98: Monitor the use of your computer on the network

<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369791>

Office 2000: Go directly to the folder you use the most
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369794>

Word 2000, Word 97: Change the date format
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369795>

Outlook 2000: Synchronize only the folders you need
<http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=369796>

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