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Alphabetize Favorites in IE

Kim Komando published a useful tip in her newsletter of 4/10/2006. It works in Windows 98 as well as XP.

When you add a Favorite to your list in Internet Explorer, it is placed at the bottom of the list. It doesn't take long to create a mess. You can easily alphabetize that messy list in Internet Explorer 5 and 6.

First, open Internet Explorer. Click Favorites in the main menu (the line near the upper-left of your screen that begins with File, Edit, and View). Do not use the Favorites button in the middle of your Standard Buttons toolbar.

Right-click any Favorite in the list and select "Sort by Name" on the menu that pops up. IE will alphabetize the list with folders at the top.

This doesn't sort the Favorites inside folders. To do these, open Favorites as above and point to a folder until it shows its contents. Right-click anything in the folder's list and select "Sort by Name." You'll have to do this for each folder.

Use this same trick to alphabetize your Start > All Programs list to clean up another messy list.

If you haven't tried any of the Komando newsletters, you can subscribe to any or all of her four free newsletters at www.komando.com.

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Satellite Photos and Maps

by Bob Johnson

An April 5 article in the Wall Street Journal described several free map websites that offered satellite views, road maps, trip planning, and even real estate values. I tried them using my own address in the Cave Spring area.

local.live.com Satellite views of Roanoke were in color but switched to mono when zooming in. Zoom-in wasn't available for the last two (closest) steps. The pictures weren't very clear. The local pictures weren't recent; the site of the new Hidden Valley High School was shown as woods and fields.

maps.ask.com Satellite views were in color. Zoom-in was wasn't available for the last two (closest) steps. Pictures were more recent; HVHS was shown constructed.

Maps.google.com I couldn't zoom in close enough to see neighborhoods, or even the city. Other non-Virginia addresses that I tried allowed much closer zoom-ins. At a San Francisco address that Google suggested trying, the detail was amazing – individual fronds on palm trees were visible and individual people could be seen.

Maps.yahoo.com No satellite photos, just road maps and travel planning.

Next meeting: June 10

Topic: Show & Tell
Pictures from the
Roanoke Times Tour

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Secretary's Report

ROANOKE VALLEY PERSONAL COMPUTER CLUB MINUTES

The May Meeting of the Roanoke Valley Personal Computer Club met at the Roanoke Times Building, downtown, at 9:15 AM. Ernie Arnett, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Since we were to have a tour of the Roanoke Times facility, he dispensed with the Officer's Reports. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Johnson reported that he had renewed our RVPCC Web Name with Icon.

DOOR PRIZES: There were none.

A "QUESTION AND ANSWER" period followed.

PROGRAM: Following the Question and Answer period we had a tour of the Roanoke Times Building. Highlights were the Editorial Room, the huge Heidelberg Press, the Paper Storage Area, the Photography Room, the Ink Room, the Shipping Room, and the Sports Room. It was fascinating to see

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all the different areas that are required to put our daily newspaper together. Next months program will be a "Show and Tell" about the pictures all of us took.

Ernie Arnett said that he will look into the possibility of getting a Microsoft program for the fall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Margaret Ann Hoag, Secretary

Broadband Connections

An article in the May 29 Business Week On-Line claimed that 42% of the adult population, or 82 million people, have broadband internet, up from 30% a year ago. The article said that the increase is due to falling DSL prices.

Add-ins for MS Office

Microsoft offers 250 add-ins to customize Office to your needs. It isn't easy to find an add-in for a specific need, so a search engine is included. And the price is right – free. Go to www.microsoft.com/downloads.

We Meet the 2nd Saturday of the Month

Next Meeting
Sat., June 10

Place: Arnold R. Burton
Technology Center, Room
105, 1760 Roanoke
Boulevard, Salem, Va. 24153
Time: 9:15 a.m. - noon

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Google Quiz by George Lezan

1. Relatively large earth drawings were found on the ground in a South America country several years ago.

What is the country, the location and also the name of the archeologist that studied these markings?

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2 - A brave pilot made the first solo flight from the US to Europe,

Who was the flyer, the date, and how long did the flight take?

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When you find the answers, using Google, send them to the editor:

editor@rvpcc.org

The names of the first and second members with correct answers will be announced at the next meeting. We might even arrange to have a prize for

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