

Andy Marken and his Silicon Stylings



This month, we get the wit and wisdom of Andy Marken on computer industry affairs.

The “computer” industry is no longer just about computers, but encompasses a wide range of personal devices. Is it time that we stop saying “PC” and start saying “PD”? Andy will bring us his special insight into

these trends.

Andy works with major vendors on marketing and public relations and closely follows industry trends. He is a loyal user group supporter and

makes many appearances at APCUG and other user group organizations.

If you have been with PCC for awhile, you have seen Andy’s presentations to us in the past and know that you will be informed and entertained.



Come to the Main Meeting. As always, there will be good food, good fun and good friends all around. See you there!

Clubhouse Continues To Contribute

The Clubhouse may be homeless, but it still brings its spirit to PC Community. Last month, the Clubhouse was forced to move. In a show of stamina, Clubhouse VP Sid Jordan and clubhouse regulars Tony Cozzette, Don Feist, Bruce Hevelin, Charles Landmesser, Bob McGeary, Del Parton, Ted Rosario, A.C.

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out years of accumulation and took it to the recycle center for cash. Their efforts added \$800 to PCC’s finances.

PCC owes a debt of gratitude to the clubhouse regulars for their herculean effort and for the continuing contribution they make to PCC. They represent our best and deserve our gratitude.

Raffle!

This month, by popular request, we are pleased to offer another external hard drive, the Seagate 1TB USB 2.0 ST310005EXA101-RK. Seagate external desktop drives provide extra storage for your ever-growing collection of files. Instantly add space for more files, consolidate all of your files to a single location, or free-up space on your computer’s internal drive for improved performance. Setup is straight forward, simply plug in the included power supply and USB cable and you are ready to go. And, it’s YOURS for the price of a raffle ticket!



Tickets are **\$5** each, available where you sign in. Need not be present to win.

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Clubhouse Information

Please check page 3 for information regarding the Clubhouse. Communication with the Clubhouse should be directed to PC Community, P.O. Box 55513, Hayward, CA 94545-0512.

PC Community is a computer users group for people who wish to expand their knowledge and experience of personal computers and software. This is accomplished through monthly general meetings of the full membership where major industry vendors present information, and through smaller focus groups (Special Interest Groups, or SIGs) where members meet to share common computer interests. The group's monthly Main Meeting takes place at Calvary Baptist Church, 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward, at 7:30 P.M. on the first Friday of each month.

PC Community is dedicated to community service, providing enabling technology to people with special needs, working in the community to obtain computer equipment, and working with other computer groups to help people extend their lives through computer technology.

PC Community has a Web site at <http://www.pcc.org>.

Membership dues are \$35.00 per year. \$20.00 for educational and seniors(65 and over), and \$45.00 for family per year. Call 510-213-8421 for more information, or write to PC Community at the address on this page.



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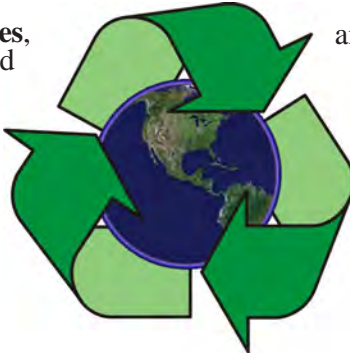


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any of these items off at a Main Meeting or an EC Meeting. Do your part for PCC and your community! Keep the environment clean by taking a few extra moments to recycle these items with PCC.

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Directions to the PCC Main Meeting

From All Directions: take 880 to the Tennyson Road exit in Hayward. Take the exit toward the hills. Proceed northeast on Tennyson Rd. about 0.7 mile to the 5th stoplight. This will be Ruus Road.

Turn right on Ruus Road and proceed southeast for about 0.4 mile. Look for Calvary Baptist Church on your left.

Turn left into the driveway into the parking lot. Parking is available anywhere from the driveway to the back of the lot.

Look for the PCC signs.



PCC Clubhouse Seeking House!

PCC's Clubhouse is temporarily without a -- house. With extraordinary effort, Clubhouse VP **Sid Jordan** and clubhouse regulars **Tony Cozzette, Don Feist, Bruce Hevelin, Charles Landsmerer, Bob McGeary, Del Parton, Ted Rosaro, AC Robinson, and Michael Wong** cleared out years of accumulation and took it to the recycle center for cash. Their efforts added \$800 to PCC's finances.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the Clubhouse is temporarily homeless. We are working on a temporary

location from which the refurbishing activities can continue, but we are still seeking a larger facility from which the Clubhouse's full set of activities can continue. We are setting up a contact phone number where you can call and find out about Clubhouse progress.

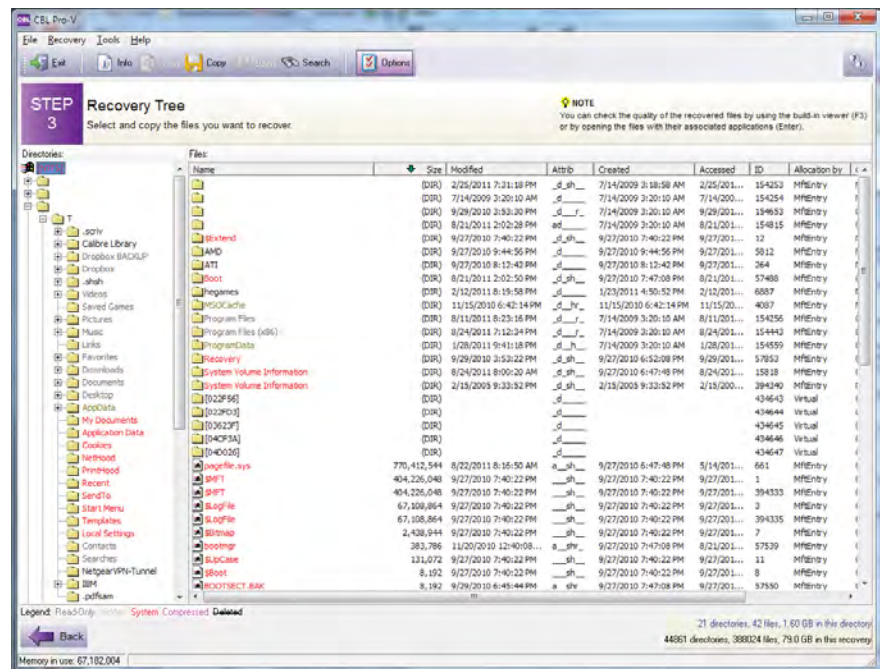
If you know of a facility that can house our Clubhouse, (think of the old Clubhouse for size) contact anyone on the Executive Committee and let them know. Contact information for the E.C. is on page 2 of this Newsletter, or go to www.pcc.org and click on Contact Us.

Retrieve Accidentally Deleted Files

There are two general categories of PC users: Those who have accidentally deleted files, and those who will. The first thing to do when this happens is panic, because panic is inevitable. The next step is to download a data recovery program and brag to everyone in the office about how you averted a crisis and saved the day.

Here's the secret: Windows uses an index to find files stored on the hard drive. When you delete a file in Windows, the index entry is erased, but the file itself stays on the drive until it is overwritten by another file. That is why it is absolutely critical that you avoid all hard drive activity after accidentally deleting a file, because if new information is written to the hard drive it could overwrite the data you want to get back.

If a data recovery tool is not already installed on your computer, use a different machine to download it. This avoids the irony of having a data recovery tool destroy the very files you're trying to recover. When you install the tool, whenever possible, use a different drive than the one on which the data you wish to recover is stored. Some data recovery tools are designed to run from a USB drive without requiring installation on your PC, and these are ideal if you've deleted files and don't already have a recovery tool installed. Finally, when restoring files, save them to a different drive



CBL PRO-V

whenever possible or they may overwrite themselves.

We looked at four data recovery tools this month, but before diving into the software reviews, it's important to note that no consumer-level tool can retrieve files from a drive that is physically damaged. You'll need to call in the pros for that, as it requires special hardware and may not work no matter what is tried. We also should note that we created a folder full of different files that were deleted and emptied from the Recycle Bin before

testing each program. The software we tested varied in the number of files it recovered, but they all retrieved our test files just fine.

CBL PRO-V

CBL (www.cbldatarecovery.com) has been in business for nearly 20 years. Before using this software, be aware that you may need to run it in administrator mode for it to detect your drives. To do this in Windows 7, right-click the CBL PRO-V icon and click Run As Administrator. Launching the software

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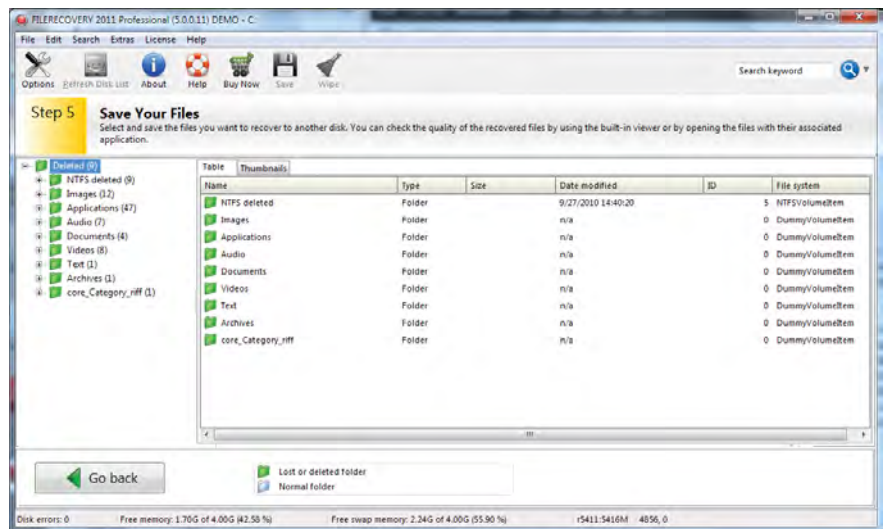
Only use a data recovery product that has deep scan technology. This recovers all deleted files that haven't been overwritten, even if they no longer have their names attached. Just be aware that running a deep scan on a drive with a lot of storage capacity may take hours depending on how fast the drive and your computer are.

presents you with several options depending on what you want to recover. If you aren't sure, select the default settings. If you've formatted a drive and want to get files back, select the Systematic File System Damage option. If you've installed a new operating system on a hard drive and want to get files back, select Sustained File System Damage. Finally, if you've simply emptied the Recycle Bin, select I Want To Recover Deleted Files.

A warning box appears letting you know that you need administrator rights to run the software and also that UAC (User Account Control) must be switched off. Instructions for doing that are included in the message. The software then steps you through the recovery process, beginning with selecting a drive. The Select Drive screen also lets you perform a partial scan, which searches only one area of the hard drive to speed thing up but is only recommended for experts because it's difficult to know what part of the drive held your deleted file. There also is a Change Options button that lets you dig into some advanced settings, but leave those alone unless someone from CBL is walking you through an advanced recovery.

Scanning may take a long time, but the results are extremely thorough. Results appear in a Windows Explorer-like tree view, and although you can't switch the entire interface to a thumbnail view, you can see previews of files you want to recover by clicking the file and pressing F3 (alternately, you can right-click the file and click View).

CBL PRO-V did an outstanding job of finding and recovering deleted files on all the drives we tested it on,



Filerecovery 2011 Professional

and it is a great choice for experts who don't need a lot of hand-holding or a slick interface.

Filerecovery 2011 Professional

Filerecovery 2011 Professional (www.lc-tech.com) has a streamlined interface and makes data recovery fairly straightforward and convenient. Be aware that you may need administrator privileges to start it. To do this right-click the Filerecovery shortcut and click Run As Administrator.

The interface is basic and begins with selecting a drive. After that, a Choose Recovery Scenario window appears. This lets you choose among Deleted File Recovery, Formatted Media Recovery (for times when you want to retrieve deleted files from a newly formatted drive), and Wipe Data (a secure deletion program that overwrites files so they can never be found again).

Selecting Deleted File Recovery takes you to a screen where you can double-check that all the options you previously selected are correct, and then you click Continue to perform the scan. This takes some time because it is thorough, and when it is complete, a comprehensive Windows Explorer-type tree of found files is available. You can click through them to find what you want, search, or use the Search menu to enable Fuzzy Search, which will find matches for exactly what you type, along with words related to what you type. Experts can also click Options in the Extras menu to select an Advanced mode that is more full-featured (but harder to use) than is the default mode.

When exploring the file tree, the software defaults to a Table view that lists all files, but you can select the Thumbnails tab to see thumbnail images of whatever you're searching

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Good data recovery software often finds thousands of deleted files, so having plenty of options to sift through them is also good. The ability to sort files by the last time they were accessed can save a lot of time, because often, you're searching for things deleted recently. Sorting files by size is also handy, as many deleted files are tiny things leftover from Web browsing. Being able to drop those to the bottom of the list is convenient.

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for. This is obviously useful for images but is also handy for PDF (Portable Document Format) files as you can glance at the front page instead of scrolling through hundreds of similar file names.

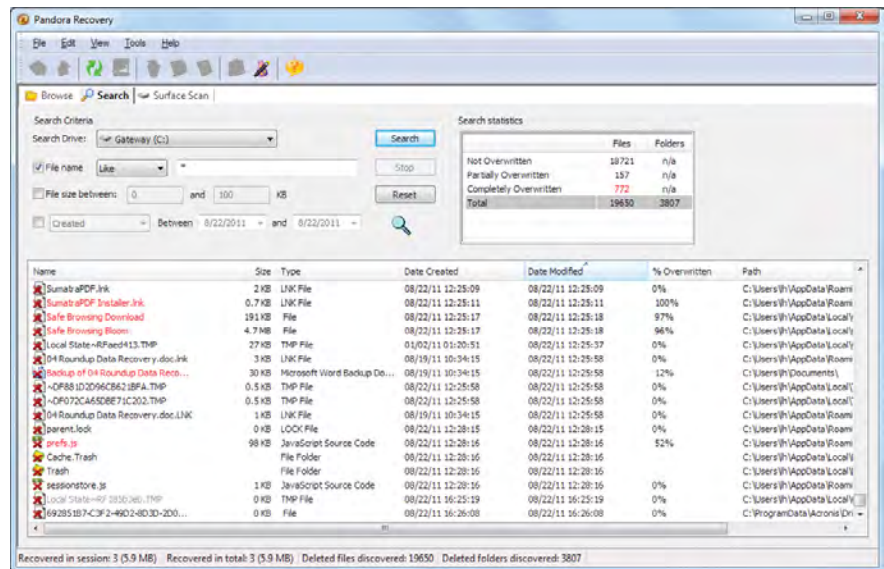
As with other commercial options, we recommend you try a free program first, but Filerecovery 2011 is a thorough and relatively simple option if you need more power than free options provide.

Pandora Recovery

Pandora Recovery (www.pandorarecovery.com) is available free. During the installation, the software offers to install some separate software. Watch the checkboxes on each installation step closely and remove checks from the things you don't want to.

Overall, Pandora Recovery is a decent data recovery program. It defaults to a Pandora Recovery Wizard that walks you through the restore process, letting you check the Recycle Bin before proceeding to the data recovery step. You can search single drives or multiple drives and then choose among three recovery methods. The first lets you browse a list of found folders and files. The second lets you search for particular files by name, size, creation date, or time they were accessed. Finally, there is a deep Surface Scan mode that scours the entire drive for supported files, including photos, archived files, Microsoft Office files, music, and PDF files.

The standard search mode is the most useful place to start. It finds files that still have their original names attached, and results can be sorted by name, size, type, date created, date modified, percent overwritten, and the file path where they



Pandora Recovery

were located. The percent overwritten value is particularly convenient because it lets you know right away if a file you need to get back has been damaged. No thumbnails are shown by default, but you can right-click a found file and click Quick View to see a preview.

The thorough scan option is the most configurable and returns the most results but doesn't display the original names of the files it finds (this is a limitation caused by Windows when a file is deleted and not a limitation of the software). Although thumbnail images are not displayed in the list of found files, you can click individual files to display a thumbnail (if available) in the left pane. We noticed that we could retrieve images even if they were partially damaged by overwriting, but partially overwritten PDF files did not open.

As long as you pay close attention during installation so software you don't want is not installed, Pandora Recovery is a fast and easy solution for recovering files.

Recuva

We've been fans of Piriform's (www.piriform.com) CCleaner free drive cleaning utility for years, and while we weren't expecting much from a free data recovery tool, Recuva is excellent. It installs quickly and cleanly, and you can use it on a USB drive in portable mode so you don't have to download it or install it to the drive from which you're recovering data. It also comes with a secure delete tool so that if you find something private that you meant to delete, you can remove it in a way that not even a data recovery tool will find it.

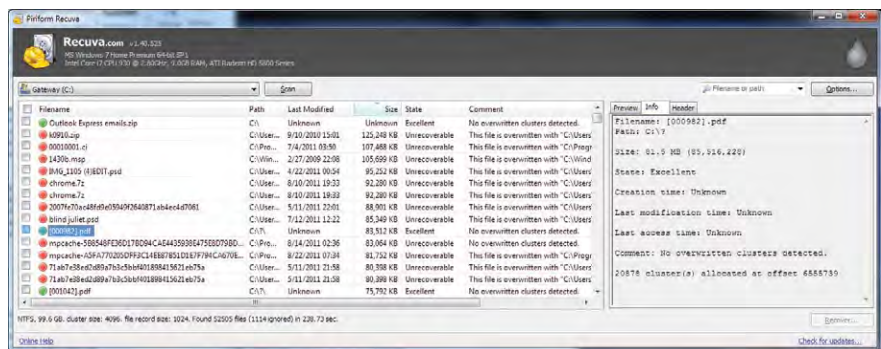
The easiest way to use Recuva is via the wizard, which walks you through

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Now that you know how easy it is to recover files you thought were gone forever, there may be files you don't want anyone to find. Some data recovery tools come with a secure delete tool that overwrites recovered files of your choosing with random data, destroying them completely. Look for options that overwrite the data more than once for extra security, but know that doing so can take a lot of time.

the recovery process step-by-step. You can select a particular type of file to search for or search for everything and then click Next and tell the software where you want it to search. If you don't know where to look, select I'm Not Sure, which scans everything, but using one of the other options to narrow it down cuts down dramatically on scanning time. The next page of the wizard has an Enable Deep Scan checkbox that should be checked if you want the program to work as thoroughly as possible. In many cases, files you've just deleted accidentally can be recovered without selecting this option, but we recommend checking it and putting up with the increased amount of time Deep Scan requires.

Once the scan results are available you can sort by size, path, the date files were last modified, or their potential for recovery. There is also a Switch To Advanced Mode button that opens a useful panel that lets you preview files before restoring them, view basic info about them, or look at the file header, which



Recuva

is sometimes useful for advanced troubleshooting.

Entering Advanced Mode grants access to an Options button that opens an Options pane when clicked. In the General tab, you can use View Mode to switch among the default list view, a Windows Explorer-type tree view, or a thumbnail view that is terrific for retrieving lost images. You can also switch to a different secure overwriting mode here if you want to securely delete files. The

Actions pane lets you select Deep Scan as a permanent setting and includes a handy Scan For Non-Deleted Files option if you're recovering data from a hard drive that is damaged or was reformatted.

Overall, Recuva is an easy-to-use program and comes with enough power and options that it should be the first choice for recovering files without spending any money. If it doesn't work, consider one of the commercial options reviewed in this article. ■

DATA RECOVERY SOFTWARE AT A GLANCE

Product Name	Price	Company	Contact Info	URL	OS Compatibility	Notable Features
CBL Pro-V	\$119.99	CBL Data Recovery Technologies	(800) 551-3917	www.cbldatarecovery.com	Windows 95/ 98/ME/NT/ 2000/XP/2003/Vista/7	CBL Pro-V is a powerful data recovery tool; scans take longer than is typical but are extremely thorough.
Filerecovery 2011 Professional	\$99.95 for one-year license	LC Technology	(866) 603-2195	www.lc-tech.com	Windows 2000/2003/ XP/Vista/7	This software has a straight-forward interface and lets you easily switch to a thumbnail view, which is perfect for recovering images or PDF files.
Pandora Recovery	Free	Pandora Corp.	Online form	www.pandorarecovery.com	Windows XP/2000/ 2003/Vista/7	Quick and deep scan options give you flexibility when you search for deleted files.
Recuva	Free	Piriform	Online form	www.piriform.com	Windows XP/2000/Vista/7	Recuva is easy to use, has a terrific interface and provides thorough searches..

Door Prizes

Congratulations to all the members who won door prizes at the Main Meeting!

General Drawing:

Blick tee shirt..... John Cordeniz
 Bick tee shirt..... Jan Fagerholm
 Edutopia tee shirt Bob Kiessling
 Edutopia water bottle..... Chris Marston
 FM auto-scan radio Michael Wong
 Microsoft Bob, unopened; Magazine..... Verne Perry
 Microsoft water bottle..... George Kornbluth
 Netbook bag..... Bayle Emlein
 Pepcom bag..... Sally Holt
 Southwest Computer Conference cap Chuck Horner
 Visual Basic 2005 – Microsoft..... Andrew Tews

Raffle Prize:

Bluetooth Visor Car Kit..... Joy Somerville

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Dues Expiring This Month!

The following members dues expire this month:

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Tommie Dees	Bradly Wong
Robert C. Kiessling	C. L. Wong
Robert Rofen	M. Wong
Ted Rosario	

Special Interest Group Meetings



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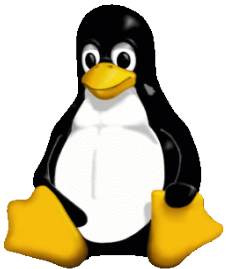


Bud Gallagher - (510) 269-3623
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Room for more
SIGs here-
start one!



Jan Fagerholm - (510) 213-8421
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Last Saturday of the Month: 2pm



The Penguin Partition Linux for Human Beings

by Jan Fagerholm, PCC Penguista

Fall is fell. The leaves are leaving the trees. The penguins are looking forward to icebergs. And lots of Linux news fell out of the trees as well.

First out is that Ubuntu 11.10 final is scheduled to be released on October 13th. I've been running the new-new beta 2 release for about a week (as I write this) and unlike previous releases at this stage, it obviously has a way to go.

Ubuntu (and everybody else) is dealing with a new kernel (3.0.2) a new GNOME (3.1.2) and their own new Unity interface on top of it all. This is virtually all of the underpinnings of the Linux desktop all at once. Instabilities in applications are still frequent, and I think they are going to be a busy bunch of penguistas to get all this smoothed out by mid-October.

Of course, this will affect all of the distros who piggyback on Ubuntu, but it's Ubuntu that's doing the heavy lifting, so others should follow in short order.

Speaking of Android (note the smooth segue), the news is explosive. (For you non-penguistas, Android is based on Linux, the principle difference being that Android is

compiled on ARM compatible processors that are found in smart phones and other mobile devices.)

Neilsen, the ratings people, have Android phone sales surpassing iPhone as of August, 27% for Android against the iPhone's 23%. A look at the total smartphone market share is revealing, with Android devices increasing exponentially, and iPhone and Blackberry shares declining, with Blackberry being hit the hardest. Perhaps more telling is the poll that shows that present owners of iPhone and Blackberry devices are looking at Android devices for their next phone more than any other.

Back to my local computers, I was pleasantly surprised to find the Sugar desktop (the desktop on the One Laptop Per Child XO computer) available for download from the Ubuntu Software Center for installation in Ubuntu. This satisfies a desire of mine; the ability to connect to a projector when installed on a laptop. (The XO machine has no connector for a projector.) While the Ubuntu adaptation is not yet up to the full capabilities of the original, it makes it easy to do simple demonstrations of the Sugar desktop.

More brain candy than a techie can possibly wrap one's self around. Life is full.





PCC Main and Executive Meeting Highlights

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Main Meeting Highlights

September 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Chuck Horner. He encouraged everyone to buy a ticket for the raffle prize, a wireless hands-free bluetooth that attaches to your car visor for your phone. Harold Smith at the ticket table has 3" x 5" cards to write questions for discussion/answers at the end of the Meeting.

There were no new members present at the meeting.

We have been asked to leave the Clubhouse site at Hayward Adult School and do not have a new facility. Anyone knowing of a space, about 900 square feet, that the Clubhouse can use to restart operations, is asked to contact the Clubhouse crew or a member of the Executive Committee.

SIG Announcements:

The Windows 7 SIG will meet at Bud Gallagher's at 1:00 p.m. on the 10th. The plan is to focus on Windows trouble-shooting projects. Bud has ordered a series of videos, which may arrive in time for this month's group.

Jan Fagerholm runs the Spectacular Linux SIG, which takes place on the last Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. That will be the 24th of September. A beta of Ubuntu 11.10 is scheduled to come out in the middle of September and may be a topic. Other topics are likely to arise and requests will be taken.

The Hardware SIG takes place the night after the main meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Smiths'. It is really a fixit SIG for both hardware and software, since most hardware problems turn out to be software problems. If you have a computer problem, bring it in and it will likely get fixed. More importantly, you'll learn about fixing it yourself. And please bring all the documentation you can find. If you don't have any immediate problems, come and enjoy learning how to fix someone else's.

Chuck noted that we need somebody to help coordinate presentations. David Graham volunteered.

Now all we need is someone to help us with public relations,

getting information about PCC out to the community.

Presentations:

Member Bayle Emlein presented ergonomics, with a focus on issues that concern computer users.

After the break, member David Graham talked about wireless safety and securing one's bluetooth phone and password. He then moved on to discuss eBook readers. The three biggest sellers now are Barnes and Noble Nook, Amazon Kindle, and Kobo.

People tend to buy the bottom of the line, which doesn't necessarily have the power for good reading. There are 3 major formats: AZ (Amazon), Mobi, and ePub. Amazon has only 650,000 titles. The others have over a million. eBooks can be read on multiple platforms--tablets, phones, etc.

The main reason that batteries in eReaders last so long is that power is used only during page turns. But the page-turn buttons tend to wear out quickly. Before buying an eReader, check to be sure that its store has the authors you want to read. Also, check the connectivity and download strategy.

LED screens have some advantages over e-Ink but also some disadvantages such as overheating, poor visibility in bright light, and power demands. Tablets are multifunction devices and can download from any store.

Beware of free eBooks. They often contain malware. Project Gutenberg is one safe source of free books, which are added as they go out of copyright and are scanned.

A member submitted a question about a flickering laptop screen that fades. Several people suggested hardware possible problems.

Thanks to George Kornbluth for taking care of refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

The next meeting will take place at the same location on October 7, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Bayle Emlein, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

September 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 pm by Executive Vice-President Sally Holt.

Members present: Bayle Emlein, Jan Fagerholm, Diane George, David Graham, Sally Holt, Sid Jordan, Tom Smith.
Absent: Chuck Horner, Elsie Smith.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Jan is still working on the new membership form. It is in progress after a system crash.
- Chuck is working on a sign-in sheet for the main meeting. David would like to include a survey of peoples' interests and desires for program topics.
- Chuck is working on the brochure.
- Jan and Diane are investigating LiveMeeting as a possible resource for Main Meetings. Diane suggested investigating Google+ and other similar resources that are being developed.
- Mack Hossack has a projector to donate. Jan will follow up.

President's Report - Chuck Horner: We need to add David Graham and Sally Holt to the Web site and Newsletter information as VP Programs. The Vice President of Marketing should be listed as "Open".

Executive Vice President – Sally Holt: No report.

Treasurer - Tom Smith: As of September 17, 2011, 2011: Tom brought a signature page affidavit to cash out the CD account and put the proceeds in checking.

Year to date net loss is \$1,652.22.

Checking Account	\$ 391.25
CD	\$3,377.00
Total	\$3,768.25

David is exploring expanding the Mobile SIG.

Secretary - Bayle Emlein: Nothing special to report.

VP Clubhouse - Sid Jordan: The Clubhouse was asked to leave Hayward Adult School. They cleaned out and cleaned up. They recycled to the tune of \$800.00 to add to the PCC treasury.

All 10 of the Clubhouse Crew meet weekly. Sid's wife volunteered their two-car garage. He will discuss the offer with the Crew. They will need to develop a delivery strategy for picking up completed computers. The space has electricity and DSL line, access to a restroom. Jan has an 8-port switch to donate to the project.

Tom asked the group to consider insurance. He brought up the PO Box, which is almost unused except for the phone bill and a few renewals and computer requests. GoogleVoice

was suggested as an alternate for Clubhouse phone contact.

Web site and Newsletter information need to be updated.

The Contract is up for renewal. Bayle will sign and submit.

The new CoA process requires both the old Windows sticker as well as the new sticker. It was moved and seconded that we renew the Agreement and that the CoA process be revived.

Sid noted that the Clubhouse doesn't have any monitors in storage.

The Clubhouse is looking for a permanent facility for refurbishing and helping members repair their computers. Diane suggested contacting local newspapers to publish the Clubhouse story and solicit a space. Sid will work with the Clubhouse Crew in contacting the press.

VP Marketing – Position open:

VP Membership - Jan Fagerholm: Member count as of September 17, 2011.

Type	Number	Percent
Regular	32	47.06
Senior	30	44.12
Associate	6	8.82
Totals	68	100.00

VP Newsletter - Elsie Smith: Submission deadlines:

September 24, Saturday midnight, October Newsletter

October 22, Saturday midnight, November Newsletter

VP Programs - David Graham: October: Andy Marken, November: Genealogy

VP Special Projects - Bayle Emlein: No report.

Webmaster - Diane George: Diane has added presentations to the Web site. David could have access to the Mobile SIG site; he will talk with Dan Dolgin about the process.

Calendar: See the Web site for the latest updates and changes in SIG meetings.

Fund Raiser: Seagate 1Tb EHD.

New Business: Nothing coming up.

Jan proposed buying an HDMI to VGA cable, at a cost of about \$30. David will get a quote. He is also willing to donate a cable for a Mac. It was moved and seconded to allow Jan a budget of \$50 to shop for a cable.

David described possible activities and presentations for future meetings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward. Note that this will be the 4th Saturday to avoid conflict with other PCC activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bayle Emlein, Secretary

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October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check the calendar at www.pcc.org for up-to-date information!			See Page 9 for SIG Meeting information.			1
2	3	4	5	6	7 7:30 pm Main Meeting	8 1 pm-Windows 7 SIG 8 pm-Hardware SIG
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	7:30 pm- Mobile Computing SIG	18 Genealogy SIG is Cancelled	19	20	21	22 2 pm-Exec. Committee Mtg.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 2 pm-Linux SIG
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The **November 2011 Main Meeting** will be at 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward CA, on **November 4, 2011** at 7:30 P.M.