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Computer Users Club

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The TVCUC March General Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 6th at 7 PM on the fifth floor of the Yacht Club. Registration as usual will be on the Mezzanine level - 4th floor.

Remember to bring your empty ink cartridges and deposit them in the TAP collection box.

This month's program will be **Fastest Computer in the World!** - Early History of Oak Ridge National Laboratory & Current Status, presented by Bob Whitten of ORNL. Bob spoke with us last year and was a very informative and interesting speaker. Don't miss it!

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13th, at 3 PM at the Rec. Center. All interested members are invited and welcome to attend. **Visitors are welcome.**

Quick Links

Your Web site has a new look!

Check it out at www.tvcuc.org and see how it has changed!

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR DE GROOTE

by Howard Jones

THE SECOND TVCUC SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS INTRODUCED AT THE JUNE 9TH, 2002 BOARD MEETING WITH VICTOR ELECTED AS A DIRECTOR AT LARGE. AS WEBMASTER FROM THE CLUB'S FIRST YEAR, HE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE WEBSITE FORMAT AT THAT MEETING THAT WERE APPROVED AND SERVED UP TO THE RECENT WEBSITE CHANGES.

AT THE FEBRUARY 10TH, 2003 BOARD MEETING, THE ELECTED CLUB VICE PRESIDENT RESIGNED, VICTOR WAS NOMINATED TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIC WAS ELECTED AS OUR VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE CLUB'S THIRD YEAR AND HE CONTINUED AS WEBMASTER WELL INTO 2009. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE ENABLED HIM TO TEACH US AS THE WORLD OF COMPUTERS EVOLVED. HE WAS ALWAYS AHEAD OF THE "POWER CURVE" WHEN OPERATING SYSTEMS AND APPLICATION SOFTWARE CHANGED AND HELPED US LEARN THROUGH HIS PRESENTATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS AND BY HIS "ONE ON ONE" QUESTION ANSWERING AFTER MEETINGS.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE PRESENTATIONS WAS AT OUR MARCH 4TH, 2003 CLUB MEETING WHEN VIC ARRANGED THE COMPONENTS OF A COMPUTER ON A TABLE AND I USED A VIDEO CAMERA TO DISPLAY ON THE "BIG SCREEN" WHAT HE WAS DOING AS HE EXPLAINED "HOW TO BUILD A COMPUTER".

I SHARE WITH YOU MY GRATITUDE FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY VICTOR. HIS KNOWLEDGE AND HIS INIMITABLE PRESENTATION STYLE HAS HELPED US ALL BECOME BETTER AND MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE "COMPUTER USERS", THE ESSENCE OF WHAT THE CLUB WAS FOUNDED TO BE. HIS IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY'S COMPUTER USERS EXTENDS BEYOND THE CLUB AS HE SERVED TELLICO VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY MOST PROFESSIONALLY IN MANY WAYS, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY DATABASE AND THE CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WEBSITES FOR SEVERAL VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS. VICTOR WAS CLEARLY THE PRIMARY "GO-TO GUY" WHEN WE NEEDED HELP WITH OUR COMPUTERS IN TELLICO VILLAGE - I WILL MISS YOU MY GOOD FRIEND. HOWARD.

Membership by Jim Autry

We have had **10 new memberships** since last month! Be sure to look for each of them at our meeting and elsewhere in the village and welcome them to our club. They are:

Jim Blaker
Kay Casey
Wes & Barbara Clarke
Joan Fuden
Homer Kyler
Hugh Moore
Thomas Pekich
Diane Rhea
Dennis Russell
Bill Webb

MAILING OF CHECKS AND DUES

FRIENDLY NOTE!!! Club dues (\$15) for 2010 must be paid by MARCH 31st! If you have not paid by that date we must remove your name from our rolls and you will no longer receive the newsletter other important club communications or use of First Level

Support.

Instructions on how to pay dues are given below.

Please mail checks **FOR ANNUAL DUES AND CLASS FEES** to a **NEW ADDRESS** which is located in the More Than Mail office in the village. That address is:

Tellico Village Computer Users Club
298 Village Square Drive, Suite #128
Loudon, TN 37774.

SIG's (Special Interest Groups)

For Mac computer users there is a new SIG, the Mac Users Group. Any TVCUC member who uses a Mac computer, or would like to know more about using a MAC, is welcome to become a member of the SIG and attend meetings. The meetings for 2010 are: fourth Mondays of January through May, then September, and October at 3:00 PM at the Chota Rec Center.

Jan Miller is the contact for the SIG, and she can be reached at 458-0658 or TVjeMiller@aol.com for additional information.

One way for new SIGs to be created is for persons who attend the TVCUC classes or the one-on-one help sessions and want to continue the learning experience to request organization of a SIG. Actually, any member of the TVCUC who wants to consider having a SIG can express that interest to a class instructor or to any member of the TVCUC board.

You do not have to be the expert to lead a SIG or to propose the creation of a SIG. Just having an interest in the subject matter and talking with any board member will begin the process.

Gmail Contacts -- Sorting Order by Dick Schmeling

Like most people, I prefer to have my E-mail Contacts / Address List ordered alphabetically by Last Names first, then by First Names. Unfortunately, Contacts imported into a new Gmail account from other E-mail client / provider sources is not always displayed that way, and cannot currently be resorted alphabetically by Last Name first, then by First Name within Gmail on-line, even if they were ordered that way in the source E-mail client / provider list. I have discovered that many long-time Gmail users have complained about this to Google, but Google

has not provided the means to "correct" this. In any case, I have successfully used the following method to get the job done anyway.

1. After importing E-mail addresses and corresponding names into G-mail from other E-mail clients / providers, select "All Contacts" then click "Export" to export them into any folder of your choice in your own computer as a "Contacts.CSV" file.
2. Browse to the exported "Contacts.CSV" file in your computer. Double click the "Contact.CSV" file to open MS-Excel (- or other spreadsheet program), which will display the file.
3. Reverse the column titles for "Last Name" and "First Name" ONLY. (Do not change titles or data in any other cells.) Re-save the revised file in the "Contact.CSV" format.
4. In G-mail, select "My Contacts", then select "All". Click the "Delete" button and confirm deletion. (All prior contacts sorted by First Name first will be gone.)
5. In G-mail, click on "Import". Browse to the revised "Contact.CSV" file saved in your computer in step 3, and click the "Import" button.

That's it! Imported contacts in G-mail will then be sorted alphabetically by Last Name, then by First Name order. When inserting new contacts names into Gmail on-line in the future, type the last name first, followed by one space, then type the first name.

Note: If Contact lists exported from other E-mail client / provider sources originally contained Group / Category information (Family, Friends, Co-Workers, etc.), the Group information will not likely be imported into Gmail. Groups must be recreated within Gmail and then assigned to selected contacts individually, not collectively.

"Rogue" and "Fake" Antispyware Programs **by Howard Jones**

There continue to be many forms of "rogue" or "fake" antispyware programs attacking computers. I am being called 3-5 times a week to remove them. Many can be removed using the anti malware utility "Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware" but in some cases computer restoration may be required. Never allow rogue antispyware programs to "scan" your computer as they will all "list found spyware" and ask you to pay to have it removed. Their only purpose is to take money from you and in the process they generally limit your use of Web browsing or try to take you to other Websites that will also try to get your money. It's hard to explain how these get to your desktop when you have a reputable Internet security program such as Norton or the Charter F-Secure. A good popup blocker such as the Google Toolbar's will help. Since there's no way "after the fact" to see where a computer user was when malware attacks, so far I do not have a good answer to the question in all cases. There are certain types of Websites that are more likely to provide malware access to your computer.

Also, there has been a recent series of phone call "phishing" expeditions. Remember - never give personal information to someone who calls you. No bank, credit union or credit card company will ever call you to solicit an update of your personal account data where a SS number, account number, PIN or password is required. If your caller ID provides a phone number, call the company they are telling you they are (never dial the number on the caller ID) and talk to the account representative or a manager, as providing the phone number that called may help officials track down the culprit. The easiest thing to do is just "hang up" should such a call come in.

ORNL Visit **by Bob Kutschera**

A ORNL September tour has a scheduled date of September 14th. If you are interested in attending, please send me an email at bkkutch@yahoo.com with your full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship. There are approximately twenty openings available.

Free Stuff, Cartoons & Photographs
by Frank Fritchman

OK! What is your question? Really! Here is a great site that may have your answer. It instantly calculates so many things; math, science, chemistry, physics, financial data, weather, nutrition, health, history, people, etc.

Be sure to watch the introductory video to see some of the cool information it is capable of showing you. Go to [Introduction](#)

Then go to the site at: [Wolframalpha](#)

If you are considering the purchase of Microsoft Office 2007, you will want to know that Microsoft has announced the soon to be released (May of 2010) Office 2010. Therefore if you want to purchase Office 2007 now, be sure your purchase included a free upgrade to Office 2010. Here are two sites provided by Vince Alline which may be helpful.

[MS Office 2007/2010a](#)

[MS Office 2007/2010b](#)

Some of us have found that we can use our computer to catch up on our reading. Here is a web site which offers free downloading of books.

[Netbook](#)

Here is a great picture taken March 13th and sent by Bob and Lois Redlinger. It was taken just off the 16th green at Toqua golf course in Tellico Village on Saturday, March 13, 2010. A double rainbow is a site to behold and says something about living here. Thanks for sharing it!



SPRING

I think Spring has finally arrived and I am so happy about that. If you are a "Tellico Street Walker" as I am, then I want to remind you of a few things.

1. Be sure to take a trash bag and a pick-up device with you. We cannot stop the littering of our streets and roads but we sure can pick it up and help maintain the beauty of our village.
2. When you walk on our roads, take a tip from an old Boy Scout and always walk on the **LEFT** side of the streets and roads, **facing** the traffic. Why? When walking facing traffic you are more than a car width removed from vehicles approaching you from your back. You can also see vehicles as they approach you and can move out of the way **IF THEY DON'T** see you. When you walk on the **RIGHT** side your back is toward vehicles approaching on that side and you cannot see if they see you or how they are driving.
3. Enjoy the blessing of being able to be out!

Time to get ready for Spring and that may include us getting out and walking our Tellico steets and roads or getting out our gardening tools. Don't forget to also get your camera out and ready. Get us some Spring pictures!

See you at the general meeting!



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