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The Interface
January, 2010

President's Message
January, 2010

Happy 2010!! It's a new year and a new decade and, according to various pundits, a new beginning. I'll buy the first two but it took me too long to get where I am to want to begin again so I wish they'd stop with the fresh start nonsense but since they do it every year I guess that's too much to ask. 2010 is a very high number and doesn't actually look like a year.

We had a very nice Christmas on the gulf coast, in Orange Beach AL, but it was nice to get back to the comforts of home and the Ozark trees even though I must admit that the quality and variety of restaurants is better there. Being married to a 'California Girl' means being drug to one coast or another once in a while so she can get her ocean fix but if you're going to have an addiction that's not a bad one to have.

The January meeting program will be presented by Karen Wendling who is Russ Papen's daughter and a professional computer security specialist. She will talk about how hackers penetrate computer systems and other basic security issues. If any of you were considering becoming a hacker this might be a good way to get a feel for what you'll need to know. The meeting is on the third Wednesday (1/20 this month) at 2 in the meeting room at the Comfort Inn. Don't forget to wear your badge for the drawing and make use of the help desk which will open around 1.

The Library Saturday class program will start again on 1/9 so be sure to check out the schedule on the club website. I said this last month but I'm going to say it again because I haven't gotten much response from you. The library has cut back on their 2010 Saturday programs because of the upcoming move to the new library so we'll have 5 more classes than we had in the same time period this year and I need help in deciding on class topics. Please let me know if there's a topic you'd like to see included.

Until next month, good computing.

Jerry Marr

Review
Glary Utilities
Review by Jerry Marr
January 2010

There are many free utility programs floating around the net and I've tried a lot of them but this suite (www.glaryutilities.com) is my favorite because it has every utility I normally need and they've combined them in a simple user interface that is very easy to navigate. Their current version, 2.17.0.776, supports all versions of Windows from 2000 to Windows 7 so if you've gotten past ME you're ready for it.

As is normal for this sort of product there is a free and a fee version. Both versions have the same utilities but the fee version has some very handy 'Auto Care' options so for only \$39.95 it's worth considering the Pro version. If you install the free version be careful when you get to the Install Ask Toolbar page. As is normal in free software it will install it if you don't unselect the boxes and the chances are you don't need it.

There are 19 functions broken into 5 categories and I'm not going to talk about all of them, just the ones I use regularly, so if you want more information about the others check out their website.

- Registry Cleaner and Registry Defrag are two excellent programs that will keep your Registry in good shape which is necessary for decent performance.
- File Shredder is an excellent way to make sure files are permanently erased. This is especially handy to make sure personal information is not recoverable.
- File Undelete is an easy way to recover deleted files as long as they haven't been overwritten or ran through the File Shredder.
- Duplicate Files Finder is a super way to locate duplicate files. It's really easy to accumulate duplicate files by doing things such as copying pictures from one folder to another and this utility will tell you if the file is a true duplicate instead of simply a file with the same name.
- Disk Analysis shows the disk space used by specific folders and file types. It lists total used and percentages which can be very informative. For example I have a lot of mp3 files but this report tells me it's only 13.47% of my used disk space which is less than I thought it would be so I can download more music.
- Startup Manager is a handy way to see and control what's loaded at startup.
- Process Manager lets you look at what processes are running and give you the opportunity to see some detail as to the function of these processes.

Bottom line here is that I can't think of any reason you shouldn't download the free version, run the utilities for a while and then upgrade to the Pro version if you decide you want the automated features. The utilities included perform valuable services and they do it well and you can't ask for much more from software.

Computer Tips
Windows XP & Vista

You can open up more than one instance of Internet Explorer. If you are searching for something and want to look for something different you can open up another tab, by going to file then new tab. That allows you to do a new search.

At the top you will be able to see all the new tabs that you have opened and click on each tab.

Marie

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Monthly meeting program schedule

This Month: Computer Security by Karen Wendling.

February: Another look at Windows 7

Twin Lakes Computer User Group
General Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2009

The meeting began at 2:00pm with 39 members in attendance and 1 guest - Priscilla Farrell.

Treasurer reported balance of \$4061.81 with a reminder that January is membership renewal time.

There will be no SIG's until format is ironed out.

Guest speaker for January meeting will be Karen Wendling on Computer Security and February will be on WINDOWS 7.

This month's speaker was former club president, Mary Carlson. Her presentation on the Kindle Reader was well researched and informative.

This month's drawing for a flash drive was won by Jack Bellew.

Respectfully submitted by
Ruth Kelley, TLCUG Secretary

Members Photo Gallery

Click on the camera



Special Interest Groups

The Office 2007 SIG and the Digital Camera SIG meetings have been temporarily canceled. Once the new library is complete and we have access to their new meeting rooms we will consider starting one or both back up again if we can organize them into true SIGs rather than ongoing classes.

A special interest group should be a group with a shared interest that gathers to discuss that interest but our meetings have become a class where the moderator is expected to be an instructor rather than a participant. It might very well be that computer topics simply don't lend themselves to a SIG environment and that will be something we will consider before attempting one again.

Sunshine Lady

So, you ask, what is a Sunshine Lady, anyway, and what does she do?

She sends cards of congratulation, sympathy, and get well as required for members of the Twin Lakes Computer Users Group. But --- she can't do that unless she knows who needs a card for what, and that's where you members come in. Please let me know if you know of anyone of our members or their families who could use a card for any special occasion, and a card from the group will be immediately dispatched. Right now, she doesn't do birthday cards or anniversaries unless it's something memorable like a 50th or better. Maybe birthdays at 90 or above. We are not an uncaring group and want to be sure all our members know it - so please let me know if there is a need for a card of remembrance for any occasion.

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Virus protection for your computer

You are strongly encouraged to have an antivirus program on your machine, and to download the periodic updates from the internet. (If you do not update regularly you won't be protected from the most recent viruses.) Need help? Your mentor or other club member will assist you.

PLEASE---It's your computer---keep it safe

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