



# High tech PI takes on digital photography

At this month’s meeting, the Modesto PC User Group will present the High Tech PI from [www.hitechpi.net](http://www.hitechpi.net).

Computer forensics private investigator Kirk Stockham will demonstrate the latest trends and uses of digital photography and offer simple digitizing tips for camcorders.

Just how easy is it to put your videos on a CD? With over 29 years of full-time law enforcement and computer forensics investigations experience, Stockham will show you how law enforcement, private investigators and, of course, how criminals are using digital photography.

Investigator Stockham is a retired Modesto Police high tech investigator. Now he’s got a new career

off and running as a licensed and certified computer forensics “private eye.” You will see what kind of cases a computer forensics PI handles with the use of digital photography.

One of the most famous TV private detectives, Magnum, lived in Hawaii and drove expensive cars. The high tech PI the Modesto PC User Group is presenting on Thursday, April 22, lives in Modesto and drives fast computers. Anyone know the other famous TV PI who lived in an old trailer at the beach?

This month’s meeting will offer a lot of fun and information. The Random Access Question and Answer SIG will meet at 6:30 p.m. with the general meeting starting at 7:30.

For meeting location see inside back page  
**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday,**  
**April 22,**  
**Random Access SIG**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

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### **Next board meeting**

Come have dinner with the board at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3rd, at Ridgeway’s Restaurant, Modesto.

**Be sure and check our web site at least once a week: [www.mpcug.net](http://www.mpcug.net)**

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## **Join The Modesto PC User Group**

**Web site: [www.mpcug.net](http://www.mpcug.net)**

To join MPCUG (or just get more information about us go to our Web site and fill out the new member form or mail your check to: MPCUG, P.O. Box 5122, Modesto, CA 95352-5122. Membership is just \$24 a year and includes 12 issues of the PC Post along with participation in all meetings and events. You will also receive e-mail advising you of extra events or news.

## **The PC Post and Editorial Policy**

The PC Post is published 12 times per year and is available to all group members as a membership benefit. Annual group membership dues are \$24.

For information write:

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Opinions expressed in the PC Post do not necessarily reflect the opinions or views of the members as a group or the Board of Directors.

The PC Post encourages group members to submit articles for publication. We would like to have articles which deal with the writer's experience with computer hardware and software.

An article may deal with any computer-related subject provided it contains no libelous or offensive material. We can't use information copied from other publications without written permission except for quotes.

Articles should be submitted in MS Word text. Do not spend time formatting your article such as indents or centering. Please use only one space between sentences. and do not use bold, italicize or otherwise format the submission as we can't guarantee results in translation to Publisher. Proof read

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Letters to the editor are encouraged. All articles and letters to the editor should be submitted to the editor via email as an attached file. Call him at 492-0391 before submission. Please include your name, day and evening phone numbers, and email address for contact.

The MPCUG exchanges some articles with other user groups around the country via the Association of PC User Groups (APCUG). If for any reason you object to having your article distributed to APCUG member organizations for re-printing, please notify the editor at the time you submit the article. Your wish will in no way affect publication of your article in the Post.

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# President's Corner

By Sid Losher

The club thanks our own Bud Bondiotti for last month's presentation on SmartComputing magazine. We all can benefit from helpful ideas on how to improve our computing techniques. Enrollment forms still will be available at the registration table. Thanks again, Bud, for the fine program.

Be sure to contact Jim Goodman, [jgoodman99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jgoodman99@sbcglobal.net); Terry Fix,

[tfiz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfiz@sbcglobal.net); or Linda Kerwood, [tydebolsmom@fire2wire.com](mailto:tydebolsmom@fire2wire.com) if you have any ideas for nominating club officers for 2004-05. All positions are open except treasurer.

The website [www.mpcug.net](http://www.mpcug.net) is looking very good. Check it out. The latest PC Post can be seen and printed. (I did not know Barbie's measurements; see No.13, Page 4).

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## Nominating Committee

By Jim Goodman

The committee consists of Jim Goodman Chairman, Linda Kerwood and Terry Fix.

All board members are up for election except Treasurer Barb Cameron

If you would like to serve on the board, please contact any board member or one of the Election Committee members. To contact the Election Committee chairman send email to [webmaster@mpcug.net](mailto:webmaster@mpcug.net).

If you look at the names of the board members and appointed positions, you will see that some of

the members served in different positions year after year.

We need you.

If you would like to serve on the board about the only requirement is that you attend the board meeting once a month.

Final report is due at the May general meeting and will be published in the PC Post.

Elections will be held at the June meeting.

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## Membership Chairman

By Hank Mudge

The membership chairman will be contacting all members when their dues are due. This is needed due to our going to an electronic version of the PC Post. Please have patience as we change the way we contact you and keep you informed. I hope to welcome new members by name and renewals by name in this space starting next month. If the board approves, I will even list our guests' names. I will bring it up at next month's board meeting

Next is a note from the member at large

I am still looking for people to commit to setting up and cleaning up at our monthly meetings. Please contact me at 209-529-1936 or at the next general meeting

**Consider the needs of the club. Run for an office and do your part in giving back to the club that gives to you. Contact any member of the nominating committee for details.**

**Elections are being held in June.**

**Be sure to check our website at [www.mpcug.net](http://www.mpcug.net) for the latest information Concerning the Modesto PC User Group.**

# Claude's Bytes - Genealogy Trap and Virus Software Issues

By Claude Delphia, editor emeritus

**Warning, beware** — I recently ordered the upgrade to Family Tree Maker version 11. I got some email about a subscription to the Genealogy.com library feature but didn't pay much attention to it, in retrospect thinking that I had gotten a period free.

Then I got a call from Genealogy.com to renew that subscription. The one-month subscription was up and they wanted \$9 per month to renew it.

I saw my blood pressure flash before my eyes at that point.

First of all, I would never have entered into a subscription contract for \$9 a month. No way, especially for something that I don't use. This subscription entitles you to use their library of names, etc.

Then things got worse. The guy calling from Genealogy.com said that he couldn't stop the subscription, only renew it. He then informed me that if I didn't call another number and stop the subscription, the payment would automatically come out of my credit card.

At that point I had to work hard to keep the stress down.

So reluctantly I called the 800 number to get the subscription stopped. The woman I talked to assured me that I must have signed up for this \$9 per month charge. It just couldn't happen any other way. I assured her I did not. She agreed to cancel the charge and give me a refund, but the whole thing stinks.

It's like the old AOL try-out trick of getting your credit card number and then charging you for months before you can get it canceled.

In any case, after getting the subscription canceled, and before going further with this article, in all fairness, I decided to check out the Family Tree Maker online ordering process to see if I could tell whether I might have checked a box for the Library subscription feature. In doing so, I found that there is no indication of a subscription being charged. In fact the only subscriptions mentioned are package offers, ie, so many months for x dollars. These all require a separate order process and \$9 per month is not mentioned anywhere.

The order very clearly says: Family Tree Maker

(program only). However on the next page of the order process, there is some small print at the bottom as follows:

Memberships and subscriptions renew automatically until you cancel.

Use of online data products signifies acceptance of our license agreement.

This certainly doesn't tell you they are going to start a subscription which is going to come out of your credit card, but in retrospect maybe I, and others, should see it as a warning that something else, not obvious, is about to happen.

Unfortunately, you can't order Family Tree Maker except through Genealogy.com. So beware. Jump on this subscription thing quickly and get it quashed unless you really want it. If you do, then you should be paying one of their special rates that are a lot less than \$9 a month. For me, I'd have to be doing genealogy research everyday to warrant a \$9 a month subscription.

Just for clarification, although I ordered this online, the software was mailed to me on a CD. Perhaps I should have used the 800 number so that I could have ordered by talking to a person. Maybe, just maybe, I would have been asked a pointed question about the Library subscription.

**McAfee versus Norton** — For a long time, there has been a "which is better" virus software contest between McAfee and Norton/Symantec. I've been a paid user of Norton for years and have never had it fail me. If McAfee does something better, I don't know what it is.

However a recent personal experience now gives me an answer. My church here in Ceres got a virus on the pastor's computer. It didn't have any anti virus software installed. After so many viruses going out from the infected computer, our website host called a halt to our emails going out with viruses. Until that point we didn't know what was going on.

After installing McAfee on the infected computer, both the secretary and I made an effort to get rid of the virus files found by McAfee. It offered to delete or quarantine the files, but it wouldn't work on the Windows Me machine. The files just kept coming back. During this effort, I checked and couldn't find

an answer on McAfee's website. So I went to Norton's and there was the routine for eliminating the virus on an ME computer. As it happens, the secretary separately also went to Norton in search of the answer. You must follow a special procedure for Win Me and XP computers.

My question is: what is the good of owning McAfee if you have to go to Norton for the answer as to how to get rid of a particular virus? Maybe the secretary and I just didn't find the answer on McAfee, but if so, it shouldn't have been that hard. Norton makes it pretty clear that removal software or instructions are available.

For now, I think I know which software is best. Of course none of them is any good if you don't use them. We learned that lesson on the pastor's computer.

### **Warning, rant ahead...**

**Why?** — After 22 years of computer experience, and working full time with computers during almost half that time, why do I find Microsoft making some important things so hard? I know, I know, this is a question that is asked a 1,000 times a day, or maybe it's a minute. The problem is we never get any answers and with each new version of Windows, these questions remain or get more complicated.

I've finally converted over to XP. One of the first things I wanted to do, was to check out its built-in firewall as I'm connected to the Internet 24/7 via my cable modem. At first I just looked at random for where this firewall might be found on my computer. That appeared fruitless. Finally I did a search on the Internet under XP firewall and went to a site where Microsoft said they would help me setup this firewall.

So I started to follow the instructions. After several attempts, I discovered that their explanation of how to find the OFF and ON for THEIR firewall, didn't match what I was seeing on my screen. I'm using XP Professional, and since it is up-to-date, I think I have a reasonable expectation that XP hasn't been changed so that the instructions shouldn't look totally different. And yet that's exactly the case. The instructions look nothing like what appears on my computer when I go to where they directed me.

I finally had to do some guesswork and found the instructions and setup the firewall. Of course as I

suspected, XP was installed with this feature turned off. That means that until I turned it on, XP was allowing my computer to be open to the Internet while my computer was on. The answer to how to set this XP firewall is at the end of this piece.

I clicked on an icon for my Internet connection before I set this firewall, and sure enough, information was both coming in and going out even though I was not in any Internet programs. My email was not on either. I can only guess that some creep out on the Internet was using my computer to send and receive some nefarious information.

We've dealt with this issue hundreds of times at MPCUG meetings and in this newsletter and yet I know there are some of you who are still leaving your computers wide open for all kinds of illegal and immoral activities. And you know who you are. You are also contributing to the spread of viruses. As viruses get worse everyday, at some point more and more Internet Service Providers will turn customers' access off in order to stop their systems from being used to spread viruses.

I've asked this before: Would you leave the front door of your house open so that pornographers could use your dining room table to prepare their mail to be sent from your house? No? Well then, why would you do the same thing with your computer? Would you allow pedophiles to use your phone to make arrangements to meet some innocent unsuspecting child? No? But you won't protect your computer from being used the same way? There are plenty of people in MPCUG to help you. Someone is there at every general meeting to help you with this kind of protection. But you, and only you, must take the first step. And only you are ultimately responsible for protecting your computer. For MPCUG members, ignorance is no excuse.

That Microsoft doesn't make the solution to this Internet connection problem easier, is not an excuse either. There are solutions and they are available to you.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/networking/icf.asp>

[ZoneAlarm at ZoneLabs.com has a free firewall version.](#) So what's your excuse?

**Win XP Fire wall solution** — As mentioned above, Windows XP has this "feature" that shows Internet traffic going in and out of your computer



when you click the Local Area Connection icon. It's a little disturbing since you don't really know whether your firewall is working. Some real tech heads don't know what this "traffic" is about.

I finally discovered the solution for this problem. Click on the Connection icon and then click Properties. You will then see a list of settings. Just highlight the Internet Protocol (TCP-IP) and then click on Advanced. You will see a box to check to setup XP's "firewall" to On. Then click the OK button.

**MPCUG website problem** — Members of MPCUG who use BigValley for their Internet Service Provider (ISP) have been having a problem in accessing MPCUG's website — [www.mpcug.net](http://www.mpcug.net) — since MPCUG switched to Fire2Wire to host our website. Jim Lawson, one of the owners of BigValley, is looking into the problem and will be implementing a solution. According to Jim, it's one of those leftover things that happens. Those using BigValley as their ISP haven't been able to get to the latest MPCUG web page and have only been shown a last fall view of the website. This has prevented them from being able to view the latest PC Post which is now available in Adobe Reader (PDF) on our website.

The change to getting the Post via the website has allowed the Post to be produced for a lot less money, has saved postage and allows for color. You can always choose to print it out and may choose to print it in black ink to save your color cartridge. Most printers allow this option.

**Not that advanced** — While many of us might want to think that the future in computing is already here, the truth is, it isn't. Computer's are still stubborn beasts that require more thought and tinkering than we hope they will in the future.

**Apple Versus PC — A Rant** — I was recently asked why I didn't start out with an Apple/Mac. The answer was relatively easy and is still true, for the most part, today. Actually the only Apple when I first bought my PC was the Apple II. I didn't see it as a serious business computer and time and the IBM-PC proved it wasn't. Radio Shack had a better business computer in those days than Apple. IBM, now there was a business computer name. It sold me and many others that it was a serious business tool.

In any case, there wasn't yet a Mac when the first PC was introduced in the fall of 1981.

So there are basically three reasons why I never moved over to the Mac environment: the first was cost. Even today, the average Mac is more expensive than a comparable PC.

The second reason was software. The PC started out with business software and it has continued to lead in that direction.

The third reason, and this is a bit tricky: is the snobbishness and elitism of the Apple crowd and Apple Corp. Apple users still walk around with their noses in the air. That attitude, and it was and still is, ATTITUDE, turned me and perhaps many others off.

However that attitude, has also lead Apple Corp to make decisions about the design of their computers which are uniquely theirs. Take a look at their new gorgeous LCD monitors. They are wonderful but they are not like any other monitors in overall appearance. And therein lies a problem. Their newest LCD's have only one way they can stand or sit on your desk. I suppose they can be hung on a wall, but then what do you do with the front legs which are part of the whole front. Believe me, they aren't removable unless you take a saw to the plastic legs, something you're not likely to do with a monitor listed at over a \$1,000.

So again, as it has done for decades, Apple sets itself apart by designing computers which don't quite fit how a lot of us use them. This has been especially true of their CPU cases. Most of them are so different, they don't even fit in an average computer desk.

Apple also seems to have an IN on some TV series. Whenever you see a laptop, there's the shiny logo on the back. I think it lights up or something. You can also spot their monitors since they look like no other. Now there's a reason to be different.

Ah well, some things never change. Macs fill a niche market, and for that market, mainly graphics, they are superior, but you can never gain other markets with that specialty. I don't expect to see this change in my lifetime.

End of Rant No. 230,301,004

# WHAT IS APCUG?

By Charlotte Semple, President / Editor, Los Angeles Computer Society, California

The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) is an international, platform-independent, volunteer-run nonprofit body devoted to helping user groups offer better services to their members. APCUG is an organization dedicated to helping member computer user groups succeed. It helps to foster communications by operating as an informal network between user group organizations and also with companies that provide computer-related and Internet-related goods and services. APCUG also assists member groups in the fulfillment of their educational missions and activities by sharing with officers of member user groups the knowledge of what it takes for user groups to better serve their members. APCUG operates as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

## Is APCUG a user group?

Absolutely not. APCUG membership consists of user groups, not individual members. While APCUG facilitates information to the user groups and provides information about possible services, it is up to the individual user groups to offer the services to their memberships.

Is membership in APCUG limited to user groups of any particular operating system or platform?

No. APCUG membership is open to all microcomputer user groups. Some of the members of APCUG are computer societies that serve many different platforms.

## How did APCUG get started?

The genesis of APCUG came from a series of meetings by representatives from various user groups around the country. Whenever user group officers and directors met, there were continual discussions about the need to improve communication between the groups and to share information such as newsletters, strategies, ideas, etc. As a first step, the presidents from three user groups Boston Computer Society, Capital PC User Group, and Houston Area League of PC Users - organized the First Annual User Group Summit meeting at the 1986 Fall Comdex. As a result of the feedback from that first Summit meeting and subsequent meetings among user group representatives, the leaders of 15 user groups met in Seattle in October 1987, and proposed the formation of an association for the purpose of fostering communication among and between user groups. That proposal was presented before 130 representatives from 50 user groups at the Second Annual User Group Summit Meeting in November 1987, and was unanimously approved.

## What is the organizational structure of APCUG?

The primary governing body of APCUG is a 9-person Board of Directors. Each Director is elected for a three-year term, with one-third of the Board elected each year. The Board of Directors is responsible for the implementa-

tion of APCUG activities and daily management of the organization. A 15-person Board of User Group Advisors, each of whom is elected for a two-year, staggered term (one-half of the Advisory Board is elected each year), is the ombudsman for their assigned groups and is responsible for proposing new activities or directions for APCUG and for advising the Board of Directors on user group concerns. All of the members of the Board of User Group Advisors are active participants in APCUG-member user groups. In addition, each Member User Group designates a person to act as a representative to APCUG. The APCUG user group representatives are responsible for keeping their group's officers and members up-to-date with information sent to them by APCUG, as well as keeping their group's information in the APCUG database current. They also receive the yearly ballot.

## What kinds of things does APCUG do?

APCUG has established and maintains a National Registry of PC User Groups and provides this information to participating groups, publications, and vendors. By making this information available, more groups will be able to take advantage of services provided by manufacturers, publishers, and publications. APCUG encourages hardware manufacturers and software publishers to establish formal user group support programs and provides them listings of APCUG member user groups to facilitate the implementation of such programs.

APCUG provides a number of Internet services, including web pages with information about APCUG, mailing lists for User Group officers to communicate with their peers, Web Space for User Groups, and a number of other services, all accessible through <http://www.apcug.org>.

APCUG also plans and coordinates user group activities at major computer shows and expositions. These activities include a series of professional development seminars for user group officers; computer product showcase and exposition; the APCUG Summit Meeting held during the Fall conference; computer industry sponsored technology briefings; and sponsored breakfasts, lunches and receptions.

APCUG serves as a clearinghouse for user group resources and vendor programs. In this way, each user group will not have to re-invent the wheel when it comes to creating something like a new member brochure or novice user diskette. Similarly, APCUG has developed a vendor database that summarizes the various programs and identifies the contact person within each company. User groups can then contact the vendors directly to en-

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roll their groups into the programs.

### **Does APCUG take stands on issues or lobby?**

No. It is more appropriate for individual user groups and not an umbrella organization to take positions on issues. As an information clearinghouse, the APCUG can, however, facilitate the exchange of communication on issues and help put user groups in contact with one another. Since the policy in most user groups is that only the Board of Directors can establish policy, it would be inappropriate and harmful for the APCUG to take positions on behalf of its member organizations. If it is to be successful, it is essential that APCUG not interfere or encroach upon the inherent responsibilities of its user group members.

### **How does APCUG pay for its directors, officers, staff, and offices?**

Like many user groups, APCUG is a non-profit organization that depends primarily on volunteer effort. APCUG does not maintain its own physical offices but instead contracts for services on an as needed basis. APCUG employs an administrative assistant who handles updating the database, sends renewal invoices to groups, etc. All director and officer positions are unpaid volunteers. Thus far, many people have stepped forward from individual user groups and volunteered their services to APCUG. This spirit is expected to continue.

### **How much does it cost to join APCUG?**

Each APCUG member user group is assessed an annual membership fee of \$50 to help defray administrative and operational expenses.

### **Is my group a member of APCUG?**

Yes. Most APCUG member groups display the APCUG logo on their web page and in their newsletter.

### **APCUG Member Services**

To help new User Groups to form, APCUG offers a collection of information, including sample Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. APCUG puts on one or two national events each year. The many Round Table Programs offered are set up to help leaders in running their user groups. There are also Regional Conferences held during the year where user groups can also meet to exchange ideas, share the highs and lows of running a user group, meet vendors, etc. on a more local level.

APCUG provides web space and other web services for user groups that have trouble finding a local ISP to host their web page. The WebBoard offers a ListServe for groups to contact their members, chat accessibility for on-line meetings, and conferences for a group's guru to answer technical questions.

APCUG publishes APCUG Reports four times a year, and copies are mailed to selected officers of all APCUG member user groups. It contains many articles to help

officers do their jobs better. These reports are also published on the Net.

Newsletter editors can often use more content for their newsletters. The APCUG Editorial Committee emails four to six articles each month to all editors in APCUG member user groups. These articles can then be published in the group's newsletter. Articles are usually written by user group members from around the world.

The monthly NOOZ newsletter from your group's advisor contains information about APCUG and the group's region.

Tips & Tricks for running your User Group are special articles written to provide assistance to a member user group on some aspect of running a User Group. Frequently they will be based on material presented at a Round Table session at an APCUG or regional conference.

APCUG maintains a Presentation-in-a-Box list that contains information about vendor-provided material that user group members can use themselves to make a presentation at their meeting.

Occasionally, member groups receive information about discounts being offered to their members. Many vendors have special programs set-up for user group members that offer continuous discounts.

APCUG maintains a user group locator on its website which anyone can use to find another user group to arrange joint projects, arrange a vendor tour for several groups, and enable officers to find other user group officers in their area to interact with to discuss topics of interest to the groups.

The APCUG logo is available for use by APCUG member groups. Different sizes of transparent GIF files (color) for the web, and BMP and TIF files (gray scale) for print use are included, as well as AI, EPS, and PSD formats for those who need different sizes or formats than those provided.

Help is just an e-mail away – groups can contact their regional advisor or a member of the Board of Directors. All officers are willing and available to assist APCUG-member groups.

Compiled from information gleaned from the APCUG Website, <http://www.apcug.org>.

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using this article as long as it is kept in context with proper credit given the author. The Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member, brings this article to you.





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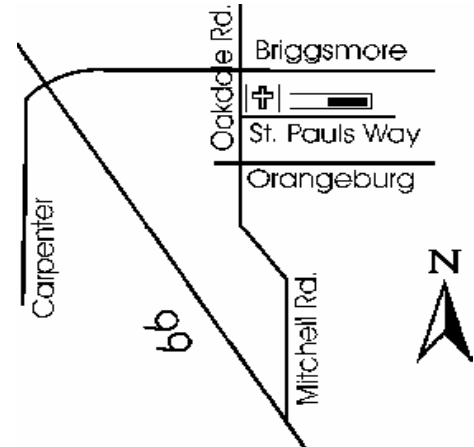
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## The Club's Meeting Place

Our General Meetings and the Random Access Special Interest Group is held in the gym behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto (between Briggsmore and Orangeburg, north of Century Center). The church faces Oakdale Road and the gym faces St. Paul's Way.



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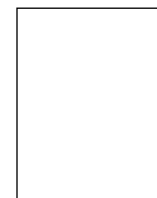
SIG meetings are held at the discretion of the leader and participants. Sometimes the date, location and time have to be changed or a meeting cancelled. Give the leader a call before the meeting if it is your first time. Call Bud Bondietti if you know of changes — phone 667-1980 or email sig@mpcug.net.

| SIG Name                | Leaders             | Phone#         | Date / Time / Note                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Beginners' SIG ..       | Bud Bondietti ..... | 667-1980 ..... | 6:30 p.m., 2nd Monday, Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave.     |
| Random Access Q&A ..... |                     |                | 6:30 p.m. before general meeting                     |
| Board Meeting ...       | Sid Loshner .....   | 545-0853 ..... | 6:30 p.m., 1st Tues. after gen. mtg. Call for place. |
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