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Next Meeting:

Meet Craigslist – an effective free classified ad connection

Have you met Craigslist – just two years old in Modesto but with connections around the world?

Ads in Craigslist, on some things, at least, can outdo an expensive ad in the Modesto Bee, when it comes to housing and jobs, among a raft of other ads that get results.

A panel of MPCUG leaders who've been using Craigslist will discuss how you too can use it at the next meeting of the group on Thursday, June 28. They will include former president Bud Bondietti, executive board member Hank Mudge and webmaster Jim Goodman.

The free ad service funded by charges in major cities like San Francisco and New York is used by more than 20 million each month, publishing 17 million classified ads. The ad service is run by Craig Newmark from his San Francisco headquarters. It arrived on the local scene in Modesto in April of 2005.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Random Access Special Interest Group, where members can get their most pressing computer questions answered. After refreshments at 7:30 p.m., election of new officers will be held, and then the panel will present the program.

The meeting, as usual, will take place at Destiny Christian Center on Carver Road just south of Roseburg Avenue. Members and friends should park on the south side of the building.

**For directions to
Destiny Christian
Center
see page 11**

Important Meeting Dates

General Meeting — June 28 — Destiny Christian Center
Photo SIG Meeting — July 2 — Denny's Restaurant
Board Meeting — July 3 — Ridgeway's Restaurant
Beginner's SIG Meeting — July 9 — Denny's Restaurant



President's Report Mike Kumler

Hello Everyone,

I don't have much to say this month. Just a reminder about the election that will be held at the next general meeting. Everyone should plan to join us that night.

As an extension of last month's subject, I had the opportunity to try my hand at a new procedure on a computer running Vista. My mother-in-law got a new Toshiba lap top and I set about to copy some DVDs using that machine. I will say that the look of the operating system is great! The graphics are wonderful. As far as copying the DVDs is concerned, I am not sure whether it was software provided by Toshiba or if it was that included in Vista (that's what it appeared), but the procedure was simple, easy to "learn while doing," and it worked exceptionally well. Enough said!

October will mark our 25th year anniversary. Watch for announcement of a special celebration to be planned for that month's meeting. That's all for now.

Membership Report Hank Mudge

New Member - Welcome to the Club:

Richard & Katherine Pyle

Members Returning — Welcome Back:

Roy & Dorothy Schmidt Keith Schock

Members renewing - Thank you for your support:

Stan Loeb 6/08 Richard Lutz 6/08

Members dues expiring as of March 1:

George Ditman Jerry Jackman

Members dues expiring in April:

Skip Pringle

Members dues expiring in May:

Tony Parisi Bea Hagens Jerry Pack

Members dues expiring in June:

Terence Fix Gene Richards Allan Romander Robert & Barbara Meyer

Members dues expiring in July:

Nick & Lorna Crooker Paul Martelli Richard Hitchcock

Members dues expiring in Aug:

Dan Hunt Joyce Frost

Wanted—Magazines....

Do you have magazines that you've read and want to get rid of? Bring them to the next meeting and give them to Bud and he will donate them to Emanuel Medical Center Out Patient Surgery for patients and their families to read while waiting for their surgeries. Bud's wife Cynthia thanks you for your help.....

Treasurer's Report Barb Cameron

<u>Income</u>		Modesto PC User Group		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership	\$ 96.00	Financial Statement			
Interest on Savings	\$ 0.00	May 2007			
Donations	\$ 0.00			Total Expenses	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 96.00				

Current Assets	
Checking - US Bank, Modesto	\$ 1,992.04
Savings, US Bank, Modesto	\$ 332.39
	\$ 2,324.43
Total Club Assets	\$ 2,324.43

Nominating Committee

The election for new officers is being held at this month's general meeting. A slate of officers has been submitted to the board for approval, and they are:

President - One Year	Mike Kumler
Vice President/Program Director - One Year	Elizabeth Leedom
Secretary - Two Years	Terry Fix
Treasurer - Two Years	Barb Cameron

The committee would like to see is at least two names for every position up for election. To do this we need your help. NOMINATE, NOMINATE or even VOLUNTEER to run yourself. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the general meeting; however, anyone nominated must be available at the meeting in order to accept the nomination.

If you are interested in running or nominating someone, contact one of the members of the committee for more information if needed:

Hank Mudge - 529-1936 (chair); Bud Bondietti - 667-1980; or Ray Nichols - 634-4373

From the Editor

By Bud Bondietti, editor, MPCUG

It's that time of the year again, the weather changes from the coolness of winter to the warmer temperatures of spring and summer. With this time of year also comes an important event for the MPCUG, and that is election of officers for the oncoming year. We as a club have been fortunate to have always had concerned members step up and lead the club to its present position. As a board of officers that is elected by the group, we try to conduct ourselves in a manner that is in the best interest of the club and its members. Now this is where you as a member come in. The board needs some guidance by you the member in regard to where the club needs to go as we face our 25th anniversary of the club's founding. We need both direction and manpower to continue. We would like to see other club members step up to lead the club. Currently, all of our current officers who are in office have decided to run again for their current offices. We would like for others to run for office in order to bring new ideas to the board. If you feel that you could fit into this position, I hope you will either nominate yourself or have someone nominate you during the election this month.

In addition to manpower, we also need ideas for presentations to the club. We understand that in order to continue as a club we need to present programs that are of interest to our members. If you have an idea for a program please let Elizabeth Leedom or Bud Bondietti know of your idea. Together we can continue to grow and prosper.

Claude's Bytes

By Claude Delphia, Editor Emeritus, Modesto PC User Group

Simple things — I'm often asked how I know how to solve certain computer problems. I recently told someone that I just start clicking things. It made me realize that a lot of people don't realize simple things like hitting the Esc key can get you out of a problem.

There are many actions that require you to use the Esc key in order to get out of the mode you are in. For example, if you are in Highlight mode, where the cursor paints the text yellow, you can use Esc to end that. This is especially true of Adobe Reader.

You should also remember that Ctrl+Alt+Del puts you in a menu where you can shut down running programs that have frozen up. This feature is much more useful in Windows XP.

More simple things — To get the most out of your computer, you need to be a little more adventurous. Being timid will result in less computer usage. One of the things Bud Bondiotti tells all of us frequently is this: if you are having problems with your computer, turn it off, wait a few minutes and turn it back on. Again with XP, and newer computers, you can push the On-Off button and your system is less likely to have a fit than it did in the olden days where the next time you started the computer, you had major problems.

If your computer starts acting sluggish, close all programs and restart the computer. New computers offer a restart feature. I prefer to use the full Off and then manually use the turn-on button, again allowing a few minutes between actions to make sure all buffers are cleared.

Don't know what "buffers" are? Don't sweat it. I think I know what they are, but basically all you need to know is that they store information temporarily. The information is kept there by the power to your computer. By turning the power off completely, you have cleared all buffers without a doubt.

This is actually true of many electronic gadgets which have some memory. I would guess that all TV's now have some form of memory.

Restarting also forces the electronic gadget to reset itself when it restarts. This can be critical if the memory has been corrupted.

Adobe PDFs — I've been using a PDF creator more and more and I know others who are barely computer literate who are also using it regularly. PDFs are all over the Internet from the biggest and scariest part of our government — the IRS — to local small town council meetings for agendas and reports. PDFs are everywhere and being used by growing numbers of people.

What's the big advantage? It creates file from whatever you are viewing which almost all people can open and view even when they don't have your software. It is just absolutely great for sending reports that you want to look just right.

The PC Post has been in PDF format for quite some time now. It does take a bit of time to download on slow Internet access, but if you have high speed cable or DSL, the file will download almost instantly. In any case, ordinary documents that you might attach and send to a friend will go really fast. Many programs have PDF creator as an option when they are installed.

For the latest information about the MPCUG — Check our website at

WWW.MPCUG.NET

Going 100 percent Digital with Genealogy – or Any Records

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In April 2007, I offered a presentation with the same title as above our the Lake-Sumter Computer Society's Genealogy Special Interest Group. For a handout see: <http://www.lscs.us/presentations/070412%20Thiel%20Going%20100%25%20Digital%20Handout.pdf>

In my presentation -- which was based on an excellent article with a similar title by Dick Eastman in his outstanding Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter Plus Edition -- I extensively described the Xerox DocuMate 152 scanner that costs about \$500 with bundled software. This, of course, was the one Mr. Eastman had obtained and on which he based his fine article.

Well, for me at least and for many the roughly \$500 for the DocuMate 152 was a little bit on the pricey side and also it is more of a work group scanner with office document scanning as its primary design criteria.

One of the alternative scanners I found in my research for the presentation and also mentioned in my presentation was the Xerox DocuMate 510, flatbed scanner with an Automatic Document Feeder (ADF) rated at 10 pages per minute.

About a month ago I decided to obtain the DocuMate 510!

PC World has a very nice review of the Xerox 510 at the following web site; <http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,114941-page,1/article.html> -- two paragraphs were extracted in the text below.

“If you need to turn a stack of paper documents into editable electronic text, using a scanner with optical character recognition software and an automatic document feeder attachment--like Xerox's new \$350 DocuMate 510--is a speedy alternative to typing.”

“While the DocuMate 510 is a flatbed model--and therefore takes up more desk space than slimmer sheet-fed scanners--its removable lid allows you to scan pages from books or other bound volumes, including oversize originals. For any business or workgroup that needs an affordable document scanner, the DocuMate 510 is a solid choice.”

I was able to find the 510 on the internet from a low of \$298 to a high of \$359. I paid \$312 from Buy.com; however, I found that the local Office Depot (Mount Dora, FL) has the DocuMate 510 for \$299, complete with bundled software.

And of special note, through June 30, 2007, Xerox is offering a \$50 mail in rebate.

So far I am totally pleased with my DocuMate 510!

Scanner assembly went effortlessly with the aid of a very well illustrated assembly schematic manual. Installation requires that the software be installed before connecting the 510 to your computer via the USB port.

The 510 came with ScanSoft PaperPort 9.0 which controls the scanner, TextBridge Pro 9.0 for Optical Charac-

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ter Recognition, and ArcSoft Photo Impressions editing software all on one CD-ROM. It also came with a 58-page installation and scanning manual done quite nicely in slick paper, and a 12-month warranty.

After the software was installed, the scanner components were connected to power and then I connected it to the computer with the USB cable. When I attempted to scan a document, however, I received an error message. By entering the error code into Google I was quickly able to determine that I had failed to adequately unlock the shipping lock slider switch.

After sliding the switch, the scanner worked perfectly. The sheet feeder works very well and even handles quite thin papers although hearing those go through the feeder may give one cause to worry a bit.

The ADF handles variable length paper from about 6 inches to up to 14-inch legal length papers -- all in the same stack in the ADF. And the fact that the scanner's cover may be easily removed to copy from books is also a plus for genealogists and for general home applications.

Mr. Eastman, and others, speaks at length on what these scanners and their software, collectively known as a Document Management System, will mean -- reducing the number of filing cabinets, safer storage and more rapid and complete retrieval.

All of these are, of course, quite true, but you should be aware that to convert all of your existing file cabinet's contents to digital information is not something you will be able to achieve quickly! Scanning all of your existing documents, whether your genealogy documentation or your credit card, banking or utility records, will take an appreciable amount of time and effort regardless of the scanner you employ.

At present I am scanning my bank statements, utility bills, medical Medicare and supplemental insurance statements, medical reports and lab analyses, credit cards and the like.

I have not yet begun to scan my Genealogy documents, but intend to -- this will be a daunting task; not the scanning but the organizing and assembling of the documents that I have to get them ready for scanning.

When you convert records to a document management system as I am doing with the 510, you need to decide what conversion scenario you will follow: scan all the documents that exist in your files or scan from the day you begin scanning forward.

I have decided to convert most of my documents starting from today forward (except of course for genealogy records). This is simply because it is easier to do this than to "empty the file cabinet first."

Unlike the DocuMate 152, which is a duplex scanner meaning that both the front and rear of a page are scanned simultaneously with the same pass of the paper through the scanner, the 510 is a simplex meaning that only one side is scanned at a time.

However, the PaperPort Deluxe 9 scanning software packaged with the scanner handles this situation very well. Simply load the stack of papers and scan the front side of all pages. PaperPort will then ask "scan the other side?" and if you wish to you simply turn the stack over and scan the reverse side. The software handles the pagination automatically.

The 510 is very simple to use; one of the more difficult aspects of using it is to remember to load the paper with the face up!

The PaperPort 9.0 software, originally offered by ScanSoft and now by Nuance, works very effectively. One item I would like improved is the default file name, which is "Day of week, Month, Day and Year.pdf." Other

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options are available but it appears that all use the current date in one form or another.

So far I have not extensively used the OCR capability as that is a slower scanning process.

Another very useful feature of the PaperPort software is that it is a printer and may be used to print any document directly to a pdf, including documents from the web.

Managing the scanned documents effectively can also be challenging. I created a file folder structure similar to my physical filing cabinet and that seems to work very well so far.

I scan a document or set of documents and then merely drag these and drop them in the appropriate folder. I then rename the file to usually “YYMMDD Plus a Few Descriptive Words” in front of the default file name.pdf. A medical record, for example, would contain the year, month and day of the medical service, the physician’s name and procedure, followed by the default scan date. I find that using YYMMDD format for my records allows me to sort or otherwise keep a logical file and folder order sequence by date; to use the standard MMDDYY format will not sort logically.

If you are going to scan older records then you should spend some time in document preparation before beginning scanning. Ensuring that documents are in proper order, staples removed, corners straightened, etc., will speed up the scanning process.

And you must verify your copy before discarding the paper document! I am discarding most of the documents I have scanned so far.

All of my scanning to date has been black and white and at 300 dots per inch resolution, which in most cases has been adequate. This will result in a pdf file of perhaps 35KB per page.

If you decide to convert your paper files to 100% digital records, then you simply must practice excellent and very frequent backup procedures. Otherwise you will lose everything! I make a copy on an external drive after every session.

Info, Info Everywhere, and Not a Thought to Think

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Many people think that the internet is the greatest thing since sliced whatchamacallit or the worst abomination that’s ever been inflicted upon the human race. As usual the truth lies somewhere in-between. There is no doubt that the internet is a great source of seemingly limitless information, and the information found there tends to fall into three general categories:

Information which is totally useless. Did you know that the average cloud weighs 300,000 pounds? Neither did I, but that’s the sort of thing you are most likely to get on the internet unless you are careful.

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information which is useful, but not at the moment. I invariably discover a great tax deduction I didn't know about on April 16th. It's too late for this year, and I will probably either forget about it next year or misfile the thing where I can't find it.

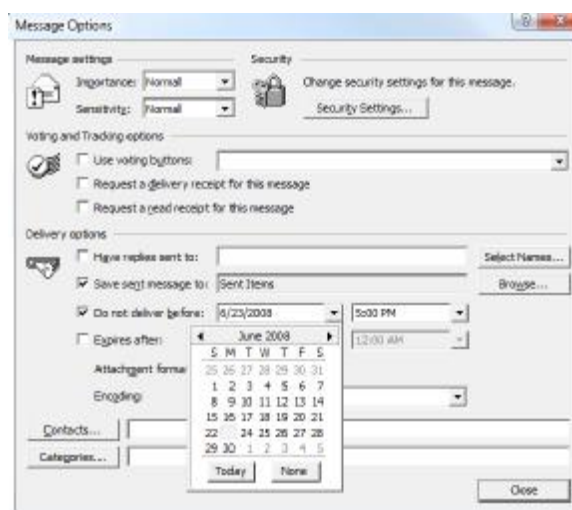
Information which is useful now. This is extraordinarily rare, comparable to finding eyebrows on eggs, but we all get lucky occasionally.

The data you find in the first category is not only safe to ignore, it's essential to your sanity to ignore it. The third category usually takes care of itself. Simply use it for whatever purpose you have in mind and you're done. The second category is the one that requires a good degree of sound management to avoid wasting time, and that is the problem.

World wide productivity could double overnight if the internet would only send us the information we need at the right time. We spend too much time refining our Google searches, investigating blogs, experimenting with RSS feeds or mucking around our own data bases. One piece of missing information has the potential to make the best presentation look like the product of a misinformed dolt.

Is having the information you need when you need it nothing more than a World Wide Web fantasy? Perhaps not. Did you know that you can set a reminder email for future delivery in Outlook? Here's how to do it:

- Open Outlook (obviously).
- Select the email to forward.
- Click on the **Forward** button.
- Click on the **Options...** button.
- Put a check in the **Do not deliver before** box.
- Select the date of delivery.
- Click **Close**.



Don't set a delivery date to a point where you are unlikely to have your present computer unless you are in a corporate network where the systems administrator can make the proper adjustments. Even then, be realistic.

Send yourself notes about meetings shortly before you need them. Include information not only about the subject of the meeting, but about the people attending with you. Your colleagues will think you're a certified genius.

All kinds of things can be done with Outlook and its future delivery capabilities. The usual subjects such as birthdays, anniversaries, and recurring meetings suggest themselves. Investors can send themselves reminders that an option they own is about to expire or to watch for that important dividend payment. Almost any kind of regular to-do item lends itself to this task. Get that tax form in the mail by April 15th. Do you really need a reminder for that?

What do you do if you don't have Outlook? Neither Yahoo, Hotmail nor Outlook Express offers this feature, but there is a web site that can help. Go to www.futureme.org and create your email for future delivery. This site is well suited for information you won't need for months if not years. Of course, delivery depends on the web site still being in existence when you need it, and it doesn't handle attachments. If you can live with those limitations, go for it.

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People talk a lot about traffic congestion, but unlike the weather, you can do something about it. If you commute regularly to work take a peek at www.traffic.com. The site will send you real-time traffic maps, road condition alerts and jam alerts. This site is great for road warriors or anyone who drives over regular routes.

Do you suffer from springtime allergies? Then take a trip to www.weather.com to have pollen, weather, and other alerts delivered directly to your desktop. Not everything has to be delivered by email.

Cutting down on information overload is the best reason for using these tools. Avoiding data until you need it will free you from the drudgery of sifting through piles of irrelevant information to find the one item you need, and best of all, you won't worry about being unprepared when an unexpected deadline suddenly looms up before you.

Use information efficiently and you will become respected, admired, and the opposite sex will seek you out. When people inevitably accuse you of having a perfect memory, tell them you have a photogenic mind.

Thoughts on Upgrading PC Hardware and Software

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I can think of three valid reasons for upgrading a PC: (1) to try something new, (2) to improve performance, and (3) to solve a problem. Trying something new means you are treating your PC as a hobby. In this case you don't really need to upgrade, but you want to. Just bear in mind that there are risks, which means that you may get more adventure than you planned on. Improving performance is difficult to justify, unless your system is very old. Almost any system will do just fine surfing the net, word processing, balancing your checkbook, etc. Upgrading your hardware will often provide no discernable speed-up, because the speed is really limited by your typing speed or Internet connection. Upgrading your software may actually slow things down, because newer software has more features and requires more computer resources. This leaves problem solving. Your hard disk may be full; your motherboard may have only old, slow version 1 USB ports; or your bank may require a recent version of Quicken for on-line banking.

You shouldn't upgrade to Windows Vista unless you replace the PC, and even then you may have problems. A friend of mine bought a new Dell PC with Vista and found his old printer wouldn't work and he could no longer access the Internet. Operating system designers can't possibly test every combination of hardware and software. As a result, they concentrate on new components, since most operating system sales are for new computers, and there may be problems with older peripherals and software.

You should back up all your files before you make any system change, no matter how trivial. And any time you open your system case, you should use a grounding strap to avoid damaging components with static electricity. This is especially important during the approaching winter months, when the humidity in your house is low.

Let's look at the easy upgrades first. Adding RAM is usually not difficult; just plug it in and look at your CMOS screen to be sure the PC has recognized it. (Of course you must use the correct chips. Check your PC manual.) You can usually add new peripherals, such a CD-ROM, DVD, or a second hard disk drive without

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problems, although if you have already filled all of the available ATA slots, you will have to add a second disk controller. Take your system to a reliable shop if you have doubts about your abilities. Replacing a hard disk is somewhat more difficult, because you must transfer all your software to the new unit, which requires disk copying software. You can't just copy your files with Windows Explorer.

More adventuresome is installing a new motherboard. Be aware that upgrading your motherboard may not result in a noticeable performance improvement unless you also upgrade your hard disk and/or your video controller. If your current motherboard is very old, you must also upgrade its case and power supply. Changing the video controller or monitor is also not too hard. Most monitors are plug-and-play so Windows should automatically recognize your new monitor.

When you buy new peripherals, be sure you get any drivers they need. Many PC manufacturers don't include a complete Windows, but strip off all the drivers except for the equipment they sell you. If necessary, download any missing drivers from the Internet before you change your hardware.

An alternative to an upgrade is a complete new system, and the vendor will insure that all the software and hardware plays well together. This leaves your old system intact so you can transfer your files without risk of losing anything.

Regardless of your approach, you must also choose where and what to buy. *Where* is a choice between mail order and a local dealer. *What* is a choice between name brand and commodity hardware.

The choice between mail order and local dealer depends on how much experience and time you have. The low profit margins in PC hardware mean that both component manufacturers and system assemblers spend little time on testing. Dead-on-arrival hardware and infant mortalities are common. When this happens you are entirely dependent on the company that sold it to you. If you purchase from a mail-order firm, you must either trouble-shoot any problems yourself or ship the entire system back to the seller, while a good local dealer can often make repairs in a few hours. You are trading off convenience for cost, because using mail order can often save you a few dollars.

Name brand hardware costs more than its commodity equivalent. The difference is between Sound Blaster and "Sound Blaster equivalent". I favor name brands. You can be sure that every vendor of software that uses sound has tested its products with Sound Blaster cards, but it is impossible for a small manufacturer to test its sound card with every program.

The less you pay for a system, the more likely it is to contain commodity parts. System manufacturers and assemblers usually purchase components on an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) basis, and most parts sold at computer shows are OEM. The cost of these is less because the dealer relieves the manufacturer from all customer support. This means that the component manufacturer often won't even talk to the end purchaser. Your only warranty is from the seller, and you must select him or her with care.

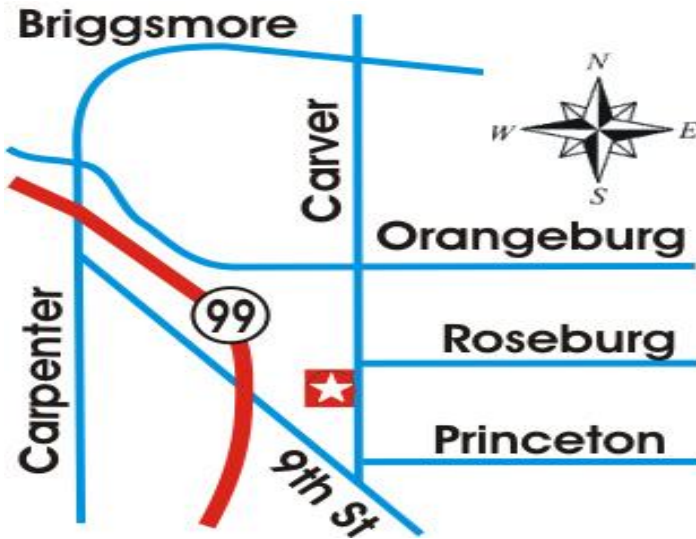
Finally, schedule any upgrade when you have some time. Plan on taking a weekend for simple jobs and more for complex ones. I've found that I need a couple of weeks (not full time of course) to get my PC fully functional after reinstalling an operating system for example.

SIG Meeting Dates

- Digital Photo SIG** - Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave, Modesto First Tuesday of the month
- Beginners' SIG** - Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave, Modesto Second Monday of the month
- Random Access Q & A** - Destiny Christian Center, Modesto Fourth Thursday of the month
prior to general meeting

The Club's Meeting Place

Our general meeting and the Random Access Special Interest Group are held at the Destiny Christian Center, 1161 Carver Road on the west side of Carver across from Sam's Food City. Parking is available both in front of and behind the Center. No parking along side of the Center, please.



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