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## Our Next Meeting

### The care and feeding of your computer

Do you know how to take care of your computer so that it will last, well, maybe not your lifetime, but its own best possible lifetime?

Computer forensics expert Kirk Stockham plans to tell you how to get every conceivable nanosecond out of your computer at the Thursday, Nov. 29, meeting of the Modesto PC User Group.

“Getting the full bang out of your computer buck means knowing how to care for each and every part of your computer, including the accessories,” according to Stockham, a retired computer forensics investigator for the Modesto Police Department, now in private practice.

He plans to detail how to care for some of the common parts of your computer and some of the most popular accessories with an emphasis on making them last for years.

As usual, the gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Random Access Special Interest Group, where members can get their most pressing computer questions answered. Stockham's presentation will follow refreshments at 7:30 p.m.

The event will take place at Destiny Christian Center on Carver Road just south of Roseburg Avenue. Members and friends should park in front or back of the building and enter on the south side.

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

## Important Meeting Dates

**General Meeting — Nov. 29 — Destiny Christian Center**  
**Photo SIG Meeting — Dec. 4 — Denny's Restaurant**  
**Board Meeting — Dec. 5 — Ridgeway's Restaurant**  
**Beginner's SIG Meeting — Dec. 10 — Denny's Restaurant**



## President's Report . . . . Mike Kumler

Hi to everyone in this Fall month of November. The leaves are turning; the air is crisp in the morning, and we should be getting some rain soon—I hope. I hope this finds everyone well. To start with, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting and pizza feed was not as successful as the board had hoped. Evidently, the membership was not in the mood for it. The attendance was the lowest I can remember in many months. Oh well—those who were there certainly had plenty to eat, and we had a good time.

I recently stumbled upon a new digital photo contest sponsored by National Geographic Magazine. My information is that entries can be made at [www.ngphotocontest.org](http://www.ngphotocontest.org). I have visited that web site, and there is an option called “Photo Contest” on the main menu. I do hope some of our members will enter since we have some **very** talented photographers in the group.

Wishing all a very happy Thanksgiving, and I will see everyone at the next general meeting—which is scheduled for Nov. 29 – a week later than usual due to the holiday.

## From the Editor . . . .

**Bud Bondietti, Editor, MPCUG**

Having been the editor for a number of years I have put together a number of PC Posts. In selection of articles for the Post, I have tried to provide a variety that I feel are of interest and pertinent to you, the reader. Often I am able to retrieve articles from the group that we belong to, the APCUG. Other times, I am able to find non-copyrighted material from the Internet. I receive an article from a local source about once a month, but all in all the Post gets done. Now, I have a favor to ask of you, our membership. Do you have an unusual means of using your computer? Do you use the computer in conjunction with a sewing machine or a wood-working tool? Do you use your computer to find information that is out of the norm? We would like to hear from you. We would like to make the Post an instrument of information about you, our club members. Here's all that you need to do to become a published author, complete with recognition. Submit your article to [edi-tor@mpcug.net](mailto:editor@mpcug.net) in either Microsoft Word format or RTF. It can be any size, and if you wish to add pictures to help explain your article, they will be added also. Got an idea for an article but not really sure how to write it up? Send your suggestions to the editor, and I will try to find something on what you request.

## Treasurer's Report . . . . Barb Cameron

<u>Income</u>	<b>Modesto PC User Group</b>		<u>Expenses</u>	
	<b>Financial Statement</b>			
	<b>October 2007</b>			
Membership	\$ 0.00		Mountain Mike's Pizza	\$ 152.40
Interest on Savings	\$ 0.00		Party Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00
Donations	<u>\$ 0.00</u>		Room Rent (Oct—Dec)	<u>\$ 70.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 257.40</b>
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
	Checking - US Bank, Modesto	\$ 1,971.64		
	Savings, US Bank, Modesto	<u>\$ 332.39</u>		
		\$ 2,304.03		
	<b>Total Club Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,304.03</b>		

# Claude's Bytes . . . .

By Claude Delphia, Editor Emeritus, Modesto PC User Group

**PC versus Mac** — You've seen those noxious commercials. You know the ones I mean, where it shows a smart ass who represents the Mac and an overweight older business nerd who represents the PC!

The Mac, these commercials suggest, is so much easier than a PC. Well, it's just hype to sell Macs.

I had to go over and use an associate's Mac in order to get a file I needed badly. Well, I got hopelessly lost in a screen full of icons and was just accidentally able to get the file copied to a memory stick. But I still don't know what I did to make it work.

In the process I was told that her computer was hopelessly mixed up with different old programs and multiple operating systems. That was clear from the way the computer was behaving. What was also clear is that a Mac isn't any easier to use than a PC. From my point of view it appeared to be harder. The names of things to do have that unique quirky Mac feel which apparently works for some people.

The bottom line is: don't fall for the myth that the Mac is better and easier. It just isn't true.

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## Fake Check Scams on the Internet Explode . . . .

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**WEBSITES:** <http://fakechecks.org>

<http://fakechecks.org/prevention.html>

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You may remember the recent case of a local woman who responded to a "work at home" opportunity where she would accept payments from the customers of a business, deposit the checks, deduct her generous commissions, and then wire the balance elsewhere.

Recently, in my Consortium investigator posted query (redacted): a case involving a from XXX Bank YYY Financial supposed winner of My victim received check, deposited it told her it was the money in her it was not. She of wire "taxes" in the amount of \$4425.00 to a subject XXXXX in Houston, Texas, but the money gram was picked up in XXXXX."



High Tech Crime (HTCC) listserv, an the following in- "Is anyone working fraudulent check on the account of Trust Company, a a drawing scam. this letter and and XXX BANK good so they put account. Turns out course was told to

Recently, (October 3), the Reuters news service ran a story "Spam-scam crackdown nets \$2 billion in fake

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checks". The story goes on to explain, "An international crackdown on Internet financial scams this year has yielded more than \$2.1 billion in seized fake checks and 77 arrests in the Netherlands, Nigeria and Canada, U.S. and other authorities said on Wednesday. The scammers, often West African organized crime groups, use ploys such as "spam" e-mail offering to pay recipients "processing fees" for depositing checks, which later turn out to be phony, and sending the ostensible proceeds to the scammer, authorities said." Demonstrating how prevalent this scam is, the Reuters article goes on to say, "Two-thirds of Americans said they received at least one potential scam and 18 percent said member had fallen conducted for an consumer groups Service. Grant said group about fake 60 percent this age victim loses \$4,000."

In a parallel news News.com "Postal Service De-gerian Scam", in discussing the same seizure writes, "So far this year, an average of more than 800 people a month have filed complaints about such scams. Hoping to stem the losses, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service announced an international crackdown Wednesday in which more than 540,000 fake checks with a face value of \$2.1 billion have been seized." The financial and emotional impact of being a victim can be disabling, "Retired people have lost their nest eggs and young families have been defrauded of their savings for a home."

If 800 people a month report losses to the Postal Inspector, one may wonder how many other victims are too ashamed or embarrassed to report the crime which victimized them.

You may have noticed some TV commercials warning about these scams, another indication of the degree of the threat. The commercials are promoting a consumer education website fakechecks.org, a creation of the National Consum-ers League, and groups such as the American Bankers Association, American Express, Morgan Chase, Visa, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The website is a curt "There is no legitimate anyone would give money order and money in return."

The major types of these methods are foreign business offers, rental schemes, love losses, sudden riches, overpayment, and work at home scams. The common thread in all of these is that in response to an email, phone call, or letter, the victim received certified or cashiers' checks, or money orders, and was directed to deposit them in their personal

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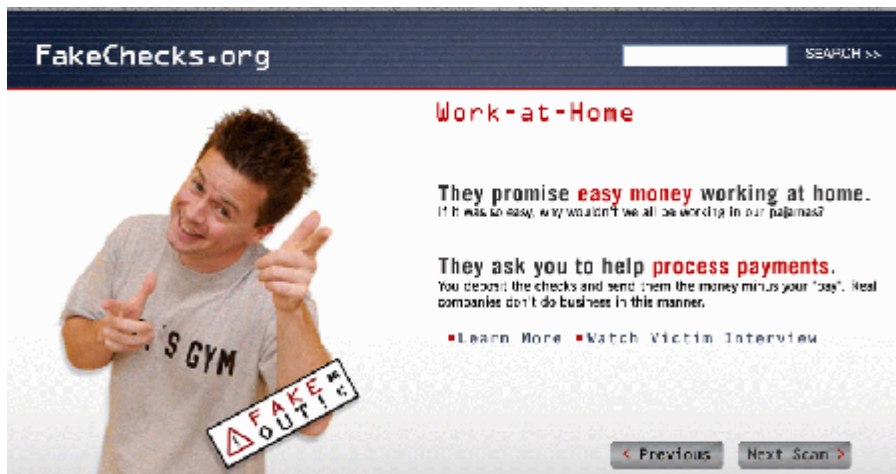
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bank accounts. Immediately after depositing the instruments, the victim was directed to deduct his commission or fee, and then wire the proffered balance (often via Western Union) to the crook. The checks and money orders would bounce as they were typically counterfeit, forged, or otherwise phony, leaving the victim with the financial loss for the amounts wired to the crook. The proceeds of the wired funds are often picked up overseas, and not at the address stated in the original offer.

Many of us have received the ubiquitous Nigerian 419 scam from the relative of some oil minister who was killed in a plane crash, and the widow needs help in investing the money. In the original scam, still circulating by the millions, the victim is to wire money to Nigeria or some “barrister” in London in order to pay the taxes and fees to release the funds, for which the victim is to receive a generous commission. In the scheme, the victim receives an email or letter that the crook claims to which can be used and fees, and in depositing the check proceeds to a third party can withhold a generous commission. Of course, the



In another version, the millions, the victim receives an email, letter, or fax claiming that they have won an international lottery. In the past, the victim had to come up with the taxes and fees on his own, and wire the money to the crook in order to collect the winnings. Now the scheme sends the victim an authentic looking check which is to be used to pay the foreign taxes and fees on the prize winnings. The victim deposits the check, which may also include a small percentage of his winnings, and wires the taxes and fees to a third party. The check bounces, and the victim is out the proceeds, often in the \$3000 to \$4000 range.

I have actually had students who advertised their cars online, and received a call or email from a barrister in London representing a client who wanted to buy the car for the full asking price. They would then overnight a certified check to the seller for more than the selling price of the car, and ask the seller to wire the balance back to London, sometimes after deducting a generous fee or bonus. A bonded courier will be by to pick up the car. Of course there is no courier, and the check is no good, leaving the seller with his car plus a several thousand dollar loss.

Another student recently brought me an email where she could make hundreds of dollars a week by accepting checks and money orders from a seller that needed an American presence, asking her to deduct her 20% commission, and then wiring the proceeds to some distant place. The scam is obvious.

Greed and gullibility can affect all races and religions. The website fakechecks.org may provide a valuable warning to those who might fall victim. If the Postal Service can seize 540,000 fake checks worth \$2.1 billion, one may wonder how many were not seized, and made it to the victims. One can only wonder how much more was lost by the victims, often those who can least afford it.

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# Google Search Bar and Your Telephone Number . . . .

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If you know someone's telephone number, how hard would it be to find that person? Well, with Internet resources, it couldn't be easier. Type any telephone number into the Google search bar and you will quickly be given the name and address that relates to that number. Even a bit scarier is the fact that right next to the name and address is the word "map". Just click on that word and the location in question is marked with a big green arrow on a detailed map. One more click and you can see the building with that address from a satellite view.

I say this is scary because it is. This information may be put to good use by friends and relatives, but in the hands of a stalker or a criminal, it can be highly dangerous. Imagine how easy it would be to find a woman who lives alone in a rural area. Or think about a child who might innocently give out their telephone number and have a pervert be able to find their exact location so easily.

If you think that you are exempt from this because you have an unlisted or unpublished number, think again. Google states, "Our phone and address listings are gathered by a third party provider, which collects telephone directories and other public records available elsewhere on the web." It is the "other public records" that might get your telephone number into these listings. They use everything from public utility records, court records, and property records, to business records. I was able to easily find the names and addresses of several people who have unlisted telephone numbers.

Because of privacy complaints, Google has initiated a way to be removed from this reverse telephone lookup. Just search for your telephone number in google and click on the link with your name. You will be taken to another page with an obvious removal link.

Yet, if you want to remove your name and address from the entire Web, you should be prepared to settle in for a long, tedious task. Removing my telephone number from Google was easy. Unfortunately, I quickly found more than a dozen other places that had my telephone number listed including Yahoo, InfoSpace, Intelius, AnyWho, and addresses.com. Each one of these has a different method for removing your name and number, and often the process is quite convoluted. At Yahoo, there was an obvious "Remove my Listing" link. But the link went to the Yahoo help pages, which were not at all helpful. It took me about 30 minutes of searching to find the correct removal link. (<http://phone.people.yahoo.com/py/psPhoneSupp.py>)

Although most of the major search sites did not have listings for cell phones, I found that I could get the names and addresses for many cell phones numbers at Intelius for just \$14.95. Getting your name and address out of Intelius is even more complicated than removing it from some other websites. To opt out of Intelius they require that you fax them a copy of your driver's license or a notarized form proving your identity.

Even if you take the time to eliminate your name and address from all the directories that you find today, you might appear in some new directory tomorrow. Yet, if you want to guard your privacy, it may be worth the effort to eliminate yourself from as many of the directories as possible. It may also be time to realize that a simple thing like a telephone number can now lead to more personal identification than you ever imagined. Perhaps we need to start guarding our telephone number as carefully as we do our social security number.

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# How To Find Podcasts . . . .

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Download the free 7.3 iTunes program from [www.apple.com/itunes/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/) and install. Now, all you need is an mp3 player, and you're all set to download podcasts and listen to them on the go.

When you first open iTunes, click on the "Podcast Directory" at the bottom next to "Report a Concern." That actually takes you to the Apple Store. In the upper left corner is a magnifying glass and a space to search for a word or phrase. Type in "computer." The Apple logo in the top center area changes to a candy cane-striped bar as it searches. The bar will turn solid and display the results: Name, Time, Artist, Album, Price, Popularity and Genre.

Next to the name is a grayed-out circle with an arrow in it. This leads to more information about the podcast. It includes a description, user reviews, a list of the last 20 podcasts and a list of 5 "Listeners also subscribed to."

Headings are sortable by clicking on them, so if you click on Price, all the free ones appear at the top.

Some of the stuff is pretty explicit, that's why they call it the "wild, wild web." Podcasts are labeled "clean," "explicit," or blank which means the rating hasn't been determined.

I look to see how often and consistently the podcast occurs (some really good ones haven't been updated since 2006), check customer comments, and the "Also subscribed to" list.

If you want to subscribe, simply click on the "subscribe" button. To go back where you were, under the Apple logo on the left is a small button with a left pointing twirly. Click on this to get back.

After downloading podcasts, connect your mp3 player to a USB cable and right click on the file. Select "Send to" and click on the drive letter of the mp3 player to transfer podcasts to it from your computer.

Besides the iTunes Podcast Directory, you can find podcasts of Computer America shows at [www.businesstalkradio.net/weekday\\_host/Archives/cc.shtml](http://www.businesstalkradio.net/weekday_host/Archives/cc.shtml) and National Public Radio at [www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast\\_directory.php](http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_directory.php).

There are even locally-produced user group podcasts. The Los Angeles Computer Society has podcasts of their main meetings at [www.lacspc.org/podcast/Archive.html](http://www.lacspc.org/podcast/Archive.html)

You don't have to have an mp3 player to listen to podcasts, though. If you left-click on the mp3 title, it plays right in your browser. Or, if you right-click on the title, select "Save Link As," and you can save it to a directory on your computer.

Besides playing podcasts in mp3 players and browsers, mp3 files on your hard drive can be burned to a CD. Then, you can play them in your car. Just burn them as a music CD instead of a data CD.

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# Online Consumer Help from Federal Government

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WEBSITES: <http://www.consumer.gov>      <http://www.recalls.gov>      <http://www.usa.gov>  
<http://www.ready.gov>      <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>  
<http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>      <http://www.consumer.gov/military>

President Bush has requested that all federal agencies make it easier for consumers (the general public) to locate and utilize information on federal websites. In some cases a variety of federal agencies have pooled their resources and information, and compiled the data in easy to use websites that represent several agencies in one place. Some of these integrated federal websites are consumer.gov, recalls.gov, and usa.gov.

Consumer.gov is probably the premier federal website for comprehensive consumer information. The tabs across the top of the page lead directly to such consumer topics as food, product safety, health, home & community, money, transportation, children, careers & education, and technology. The perimeter of the page contains icons and links which directly connect to specific government services.

One of the icons links to "OnGuardOnline" which says, "OnGuardOnline.gov provides practical tips from the federal government and the technology industry to help you be on guard against Internet fraud, secure your computer, and protect your personal information." There is another link for "Consumer Sentinel" which contains comprehensive information on fighting and preventing fraud and identity theft.

One link that I have personally used and strongly recommend leads to the "National Do Not Call Registry" (donotcall.gov) where you can enter your home and cell phone numbers, and prohibit most telemarketers from calling. After activation, if a telemarketer does call, there is a link to enter a complaint, which may lead to a substantial fine against the telemarketer.

You have probably seen a TV commercial hawking free credit reports, but the fine print and disclaimer advises that the credit report is only free with a paid subscription to a credit monitoring service. It just so happens that congress has required that all Americans are entitled to a genuinely free credit report once a year, without the strings or necessity of paying for a credit monitoring service. This free service is overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov), and linked to the consumer.gov website, or can be reached directly at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

Many of us have had concerns about our children's safety while online, and consumer.gov has a linked resource for that purpose as well. The FTC has created an online child safety website "Kidz Privacy" which is a childish looking website that will appeal to kids of all ages. On this site are resources for kids, adults, the media, and teachers.

We are all faced with higher prices at the gas pump, and we generally do not like it. There are scammers out there promoting a variety of miracle products to dramatically improve our gas mileage, but there are also several legitimate tasks we can undertake to save gas. Consumer.gov obliges with an icon linked to a FTC website "Saving Money at the Pump". This is a cute, interactive website with several tips that we may find useful and money saving.

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There is a pandemic of identity theft taking place which is costing our society tens of billions of dollars per year, with millions of victims of identity theft annually. Consumer.gov has a link to the central repository of identity theft prevention and information services, which is administered by the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). On this site is a link to report identity theft, steps to follow if a victim, information on preventing theft, and other useful resources.

Many of us are inundated with prescreened credit card offers, and invitations to purchase insurance. For those who want to reduce or end this unsolicited and often unwanted mail, there is a link to “Prescreened Credit Offers”. On this site is information on how these prescreened offers work, and how to stop them. For those who want to stop these prescreened offers, the FTC says, “Call toll-free 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688) or visit [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) for details.” That website and phone number are operated by the three major consumer credit reporting agencies, and they will ask for personal information, but promise that it will be treated confidentially.

Hardly a day goes by where we do not hear on the news about some consumer product or food item being recalled for a safety or health reason. Occasionally we also hear about massive automobile recalls to correct some safety deficiency. There is an icon and link on this site to a centralized database on recalls which is continuously updated. This connects to a site [recalls.gov](http://recalls.gov), which is a joint venture of several government agencies that are involved in consumer recalls. Categories of recalled products include consumer products, motor vehicles, boats, food, medicines, cosmetics, and environmental products. What I find especially useful and informative on this website is the list of “Recent Recalls”. There are six small windows on the recent recalls page that list the latest recalls from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Coast Guard. Personally, I check this site regularly, and sometimes find that I have a recalled product in my house.

Some of the other useful links on the Consumer.gov website are to specialized websites such as [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) and [usa.gov](http://usa.gov). Ready.gov is a website sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that has resources about home and personal safety in a variety of threatening scenarios. Also included on this DHS website is information for businesses continuity, and child safety during disasters. USA.gov is the central clearing house for all federal agencies. It uses a simple menu hierarchy that eases the location of desired information. Topics are comprehensive, and include such helpful items as government benefits and grants, money and taxes, consumer guides, and many other topics. This site can be a good starting point for someone looking for something to do on the internet,

Military personnel and families may find the link to “Military Sentinel” a very useful resource. According to the website, [www.consumer.gov/military](http://www.consumer.gov/military), “Military Sentinel is a project of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense to identify and target consumer protection issues that affect members of the United States Armed Forces and their families.” Included on this website is information on specific identity theft problems faced by military families, financial scams against military personnel, and other military specific information.

Other links on Consumer.gov are to the “Consumer Action Handbook”, [www.consumeraction.gov](http://www.consumeraction.gov), and information that the disabled may find helpful at [www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov).

The website at Consumer.gov is a goldmine of consumer information that is free for the taking. I suggest that everyone should periodically visit this website and review any informational resources that may be of personal interest and benefit.

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# Moving on to Vista – Part 1 . . . .

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I tested a pre-release version of Windows Vista last year. I thought that the eye candy was nice but there really wasn't a lot about the program to make it worth upgrading my PC to use it. Since then I've heard stories about problems with Vista that made me even reluctant to upgrade to it. But, things happen. I "needed" a new laptop to demonstrate programs for the Flight Simulator S.I.G. <wink><wink> Many of you will be buying new computers in the next year or so, so I'll share some of my experiences and impressions with you.

I took the plunge in August 2007 and bought a new HP laptop. And of course it only comes pre-loaded with Windows Vista. (Note - If you buy a new PC, make sure you get at least the Vista Home Premium Version. The Home Basic Version is crippled, you won't like it, and the manufacture may even provide the Premium version as a "free" upgrade.)

I opened the box, plugged in the battery charger, turned the PC on (per the instructions) and the computer worked. HP pre-activates Windows Vista saving you from going through the exercise of activating it. I had to answer a few questions of course; name, password, my preference for my desktop, etc. Nothing too difficult. So now I have Windows Vista and it works.

Connection to my wireless home LAN was important to me; fortunately Vista made that very easy. Just follow the Internet Wizard, a click here, a click there and you are connected. The first thing I used the Internet connection for was to check for Windows Vista updates. There were about 18. I'm not sure what they were all supposed to do, but for now, I decided to trust Microsoft and installed all of them.

The next few days were spent playing with the computer, learning what things did. I sure miss the days when you got a "real" manual with a PC. It took me five days to discover a pressure sensitive strip at the top of the keyboard that lets you increase and decrease speaker volume by sliding your finger over it. Searching the Hewlett Packard web site I located a manual for my computer (in .pdf format) and downloaded it for future reference.

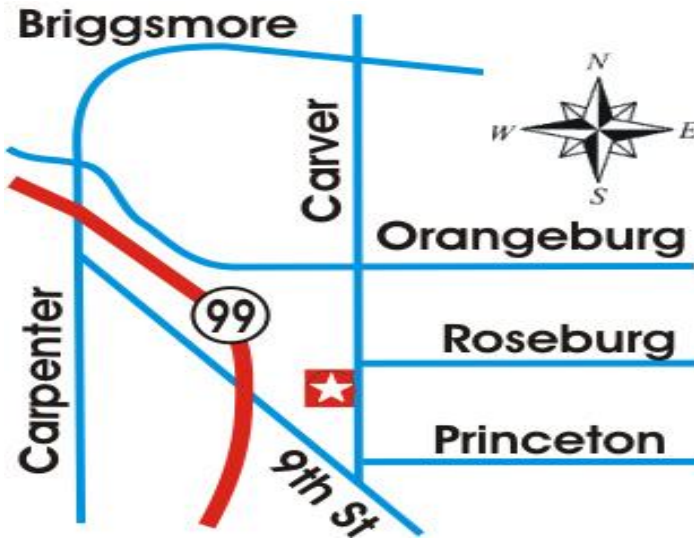
I never have cared for the touch pads that they put on laptop PCs to provide a mouse function but this one works pretty good. Still, I prefer a real mouse. Unfortunately, this laptop doesn't have the standard mouse connector like my old laptop. HP only provides USB connections so none of the mice I have will work on it. A check at the web site of my favorite PC supply store indicated that they were out of stock. As luck would have it, later the same day, I was walking past the writing supplies area in my local Safeway when I spotted a laptop mouse manufactured by Targus. For \$19 and change I bought a cute little two button USB optical mini-mouse (no mouse pad required) with a little thing on the connecting wire that lets me pull out as much or as little wire as I need. Problem solved! (Update – I lost my original mouse after about three weeks. I discovered that Office Max sells a variety of mini-mice made by different manufacturers. I bought another Targus mini-mouse.)

Personal computers are very personal. I spent most of the first week that I owned this computer, customizing it. I added utility and application programs that do what I need to do the way I like to do it. Vista may offer "better" ways to organize and present information. If so I'll probably discover them. In the meantime my desktop looks similar to my old Windows XP computer, littered with desktop icons that are shortcuts to various programs.

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# 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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