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April Meeting

By Glenda Conradi



Joe Blase asks a question at the April meeting

The program for April gave everyone a chance to ask questions and give helpful advice on computer problems they had solved. There were problems that included a hard drive and fan that would run when

no programs were loaded; a computer booting only when it wanted to; password problems, listening to the news on the Internet, Outlook Problems & more. Members also talked about programs they like.

May Program

By Glenda Conradi

Bob Franklin is going to cover a subject that is of interest to all of us. I think we all use the Internet, and send and receive email, so we may pick up some really good tips from Bob that may help us in this area. Bob has been working on a program for us that will include not only some of the basics, that are always good to review, but also some “beyond basics” information, including how to check your email on your

Internet Providers server from anywhere. You are going to have a chance to ask all those questions you have, not only on email related topics, but also computer problems you may have.

We also have another treat! Jim Wertz will be sharing with us some of the incredible pictures he has been taking on his travels since retirement.

Come and bring a friend.

MEETINGS

Thursday May 11, 2006

Thursday June 8, 2006

Podnuh’s Bar-B-Q

1146 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy
 Shreveport, Louisiana

Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month
 7 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Ark-La-Tex Computer Sheaux

~Sheaux Dates~

~2006 Dates~

February 11, 2006

May 13, 2006

August 12, 2006

November 11, 2006



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ShreveNet, Inc. for generously providing an email account and internet access for C-BWUG and for providing web space for our club.

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~A QUICK TIP~**Change File Association**

One way to change the file association of a file, to open it in a specific program, is to do the following:

Open Windows Explorer & locate the file you want to open in a specific program. Right click on the file to open a drop down box that offers different options.

Click on "Open With" and in the flyout box select "Choose Program" to

open an "Open With" box that lists the programs on your computer.

Select the program you want this file to open with, and if you want all files with this extension to always open in this program check the box that says: "Always use the selected program to open this kind of file." Click OK.

President's Page**Caddo-Bossier Windows Users Group April Meeting**

The meeting this month was an all question and answer session with a lot of good questions and suggestions on how and what to do when computing. Carolyn Franklin informed us that one of the Quiznos sandwich shop has WiFi available. Glenda announced that the next Computersheaux is May 13, 2006, which is the second Saturday of May. Julius Windham started off the session with a question as to why his hard drive light is always on and never seems to stop flashing. It was suggested he look at all the programs that are running in the background and eliminate the ones that he does not use. Bob Salts questioned why he has been bombarded with spam advertising. It was suggested that he setup some rules for his Outlook program to use to filter out some of the spam he is receiving. There was some discussion about the use of CClean and it was suggested that care be taken when using the program and that if you do not know what the program suggests that you delete, that you leave it and do not delete something that is unknown. Joe Bujnowski ask how to eliminate a Guest log on for Windows XP, and several suggestion was made as to how to do it, from using Safe Mode and using the Control Panel User Icon. Bill Greene asked about changing the text size in Outlook and we demonstrated how to do it. Glenda had a problem downloading mail using Netscape 7.2 mail and told us what was done to try to correct the problem and then ended up switching to the Thunderbird mail program and now everything is working fine. There was a discussion on the use of Belarc and SIW and the consensus was that SIW was the program that most people preferred. Wayne Ebert told us about an article he downloaded from the Internet about the life of a flash drive. There were numerous opinions on this subject most of which were that the article was not correct in saying the life of the drives were short.

I encourage everyone to surf to the CBWUG web page and check out the newsletters past and present. There are a lot of good tips and informative articles.

Bernie Conradi, President Caddo-Bossier Windows Users Group.

Now You Know The Time Left

by Wayne Ebert

TimeLeft is a clock, reminder, tray clock, countdown, web-countdown, stopwatch, timer, sticker, auction watch and time synchronization utility.

TimeLeft has tons of features and options, at the same time it is user-friendly and very easy to use. The main feature of TimeLeft is a powerful customizable reminder, which can alarm you at a specific moment of time or run periodically (minutely, hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or annually). It can also remind you before a specified event or keep on reminding after it. Reminder can show a message, play music or open a link/document, execute an application or shutdown your PC. Numerous other options are also available: multi-rules, time bounds etc. One more TimeLeft feature is a countdown, which lives on your desktop and shows the amount of time left to (or passed after) the specified event. Countdown may be easily used in a businesslike way, to remind you of forthcoming events (meetings etc.) or job to be done. But even if you are not a business type of person, you can still use TimeLeft to just add some extra excitement to your life watching how the time left to some eagerly awaited event (be it a cruise or your friend's visit) is getting less and less. There are two editions of TimeLeft: TimeLeft Free and TimeLeft Deluxe for download from [http://](http://www.nestersoft.com/timeleft/index.shtml)

www.nestersoft.com/timeleft/index.shtml. TimeLeft floating windows, otherwise known as screenshots, live on your desktop. Floating windows are fully customizable: you can change skin/font, layout, choose a pattern of changing digits and size. Right-click on TimeLeft tray icon to bring up the menu to access Reminders, Countdowns, Clocks, Stopwatches, Timers or Stickers. If you purchase TimeLeft Deluxe, \$19.95 for a single copy with the decrease of cost per copy as number of copies increases, you have Lifetime support, free upgrades to all new versions and unlimited capabilities of screenshots.

GETTING STARTED WITH XP

Change Your Keyboard Speed

To customize some of your keyboard settings. Go to Start, Control Panel and click on Keyboard. The Keyboard Properties message box will come up on your screen. Select the Speed tab.

In the Character Repeat section, under Repeat delay you can choose how long, or short, you would like to hold down a key before a character (a letter, etc.) repeats itself.

Under Repeat rate you can check on the repeat rate of your keyboard and change it by moving the arrow slider to the Fast side or Slow side.

In the Cursor blink rate section you can change the cursor blink rate when it's standing still. You can have it blink at a fast rate, a medium rate or even not blink at all.

When you've made all your changes, just hit OK and they will take effect.

Door Prizes Winners for April 2006 Meeting



Bob Salts and Wayne Ebert

The April door prizes were won by members Bob Salts, a ream of paper and Wayne Ebert, a Microsoft T-Shirt. All Caddo-Bossier Windows User Group club members in attendance are eligible to win door prizes at the monthly meetings.

Internet Explorer 7 Beta 2

By David M. Huckabee

After hearing complaints about Internet security matters and other complaints, Microsoft has done a total redesign of its Internet browser. This is not an easy task. There are a lot of things that have to be thought out and either included or not included in the final product and this product has to be written in multiple languages to be used worldwide.

The new version was announced in February, 2005. In this announcement at the RSA Security Conference, Bill Gates stated that Microsoft was committed to deliver a new version of Internet Explorer for Windows XP customers. This will be the browser that is included in the upcoming release of Windows Vista.

Internet Explorer 7 is the new browser. There have been numerous tests, Alpha releases, and builds that have been used by Microsoft "insiders", Microsoft has released what is called Beta 2 that can be tried by those customers that want to see what the new product will be like.

Beta 2 is for Windows XP running Service Pack-2, Windows Server SP-1, and Windows XP 64-bit Edition. They even offer telephone support. The final IE7 will be available in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Beta 2 is NOT the final version, so don't use this as your only browser. This warning is the standard warning for Beta products. Place this on a non-production computer that you can re-install from a backup configuration. There are "bugs" as in all Beta programs. Some may be just mistakes in spelling or grammar or things that can really give you trouble.

The first thing you will notice will be the new streamlined interface. It may take you a while to find the things you want to use. The Favorites are available by clicking the gold star and the Organize Favorites by clicking the gold plus sign.

Tabbed browsing has been available in a few other browsers and is now available in Internet Explorer 7.

Tabbed browsing allows you to open multiple web pages at a time. You may also see thumbnail representations of the different web pages by clicking the little window next to the tabs. You can even organize multiple tabs into a single tab group and save it as a favorite.

Internet Explorer 7 automatically shrinks text for improved printing, so all webpage content fits on your final printed page. Print options also include adjustable margins, customizable page layouts, removable headers and footers, and changeable print space.

RSS is an acronym for Really Simple Syndication. With IE7, rather than clicking on a news website to get the latest news, you can subscribe to that site and have the latest news and information delivered to you automatically.

If you have a favorite search engine, IE7 will allow you to use the toolbar search box to access your favorite search provider.

Changes that have been made to Internet Explorer 7 architecture and improved security features help protect you against malicious software and help to keep your personal data safe from fraudulent websites and online phishing scams. When you install IE7, you have the option to use these features or not. To test if your browser is vulnerable to phishing or address bar spoofing (you click on a hot link and it takes you somewhere else), go to: http://secunia.com/Internet_Explorer_Address_Bar_Spoofing_Vulnerability_Test/.

Follow the instructions. Internet Explorer 6 DOES NOT PASS the test, Internet Explorer 7 with the security features turned on PASSES.

If you wish to try IE7, go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/default.mspx> and take a look at the new Internet Explorer. You may even want to download and install to try it out. Remember, this is still BETA, so heed the warnings.

~Web Sites~

Computer Tips

<http://computer.lifetips.com/>

(A collection short computer and Internet tips.)

Keep new computer spyware-free

<http://blogs.zdnet.com/Spyware/index.php?p=733>

(ZDNET offers Top 10 tips to keep your new computer spyware-free as posted by one of the members of its Blog site.)

Steve Sabludowsky's BayouBuzz

<http://bayoubuzz.com/>

(Get the latest Louisiana news on top stories, politics, state, business, technology, culture, even national. You can sign up for the newsletter.)

Kim Komando

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Tiny URL

<http://tinyurl.com/>

(TinyURL was created as a free service to make posting long URLs easier. By entering a long URL, this site will automatically create a tiny URL for you)

How to Use Windows XP

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/default.mspx>

(your one-stop shop for learning how to use the features and technologies that come with Windows XP.)

Great Books Online

<http://www.bartleby.com/>

(Unlimited access to books and information on the Web, free of charge)



DID YOU KNOW?

You can quickly highlight a document or page of text by clicking on the text and then hold the Ctrl and A keys down. To select an entire page of text and graphics click on the page and go to the Edit menu and choose Select All.