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## July 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes

The meeting opened at 7:30. 14 Members were present. It was good to see Roland Lynch once again. He is now a signed-up member.

The first drawing was for \$16.00. Lem was the Lucky winner who split 50/50 with the Treasury; \$8.00 each.

Dee read Minutes from the past meeting and Mary Alice read the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read.

Bill talked about the coming new version of Windows... "Windows 7", and there was discussion about when it might hit the market. There are several Beta versions being tested now. He also talked about getting things ready for the September Auction/Picnic.

Mary Cavallaro was in the hospital. Everyone keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Mary Alice showed the Internet Benefits and we all took a test from the Library Instructional DVD. We got 10 right out of 10! 100%. (This means we are smarter than 5<sup>th</sup> Graders! In number 2 test, we missed 3 questions ☹

The stick around drawing was won by Esther Edie who got a Gold Dollar.

## AUCTION TIME IS NEAR Set for September 27th



Our **ANNUAL AUCTION** will be held along with the **ANNUAL PICNIC** on **September 27th** this year. It will be a tad later than we usually hold it when hopefully the weather will be favorable. **Where?** Same place it's been over the past few years; **Haworth Park, Bellevue, Ne.**  
**Time? 1 P.M.- 5 P.M.**

As you are well aware, our group is smaller than it's been in a long time. To make an auction a fun (and successful) event, we need to attract more people; visitors, new members, family members and even passers-by! ANYONE and EVERYONE is welcome! The larger the crowd, the more successful the event can be. Don't wait 'till the last minute and then wonder, "What can I donate for them to sell at the auction?" **START NOW!** Practically everyone has items around the house they can afford to part with that may be useful for others. You know what I mean... those things you thought (five years ago), "I may need this some day!" Well, if you haven't 'needed' it by now, chances are it might be a good item for the auction. All we ask is that you don't bring JUNK! That's what the City Dump is for, or the weekly Refuse Collection. Dollar Stores have lots of nice items too! Most are aware, but for any newcomer's benefit: We donate everything that's offered for the auction and ALL the proceeds go into our Club Treasury. Computer equipment is not cheap and our auction is the main method we've used over the years to buy all our own club equipment. It's been a great success each year. Let's EACH ONE OF US, do what we can to make this year's event an even greater success, OK?



# From the Office of the President

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## Greetings!

I don't know if you're aware that I work as a paper carrier for one of our newspapers here in Council Bluffs. I just want to share with you an incident that took place while delivering the paper. I went up to one of the homes of a subscriber and in one of the trees next to the customer's home there is a nest of Red Wing Black Birds. They darted out and flew over my head because they thought I was going to get to their nest. That really startled me!

While on our route, I also see Male deer, does, fawns, turkeys and many other interesting animals.

## WINDOWS 7

Most of us work with Windows XP, Windows 2000, and Windows Vista. Now, coming up soon will be Windows 7, which is in the works because it is still in the beta stage\*. I would like to recommend that you wait on this product, (unless you are a qualified 'tester'), because there are usually considerable errors in the beta version.

\*Beta Stage means a product is still being perfected and being tested for errors by specific testers in the public arena, then the errors are (hopefully) corrected before the final product is put out en mass to the public.

President:

WILLIAM LEVI PENNINGTON

## FROM JESSIE'S KITCHEN

### Corn Beef Hash

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can of corn beef
- 1 can tomatoes
- 3 medium potatoes cubed
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 teaspoon of sugar
- 2 slices of fatback
- 1 bay leaf

#### Instructions:

- Fry down onion & fatback till limp then add potatoes and fry, (stirring often till brown )
- Add meat, tomatoes, sugar & bay leaf
- Salt & pepper to taste & serve over grits or rice



Jessie Brant

*Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips.*



**A SMILE A DAY KEEPS THE FROWNS AWAY**



# WINDOWS 7

Welcome to Windows 7 Release Candidate (RC) testing. We're on our way to Windows 7, and if you like trying out pre-release software, now's your chance. You get to see what's coming, and we get to see if our changes and fixes from the Beta testing are working correctly.

How do you test the software? You put it on your PC, and then do what you'd normally do. Your PC will automatically and anonymously send our engineers the information they need to verify the fixes and changes they made based on the Windows 7 Beta tests.

## **Here's what you need to know:**

This is pre-release software, so please read the following to get an idea of the risks and key things you need to know before you try the RC.

Downloads will be available until August 20, 2009. After that, you can still install the RC and you can get a product key if you need one.

Watch the calendar. The RC will expire on June 1, 2010. Starting on March 1, 2010, your PC will begin shutting down every two hours. Windows will notify you two weeks before the bi-hourly shutdowns start. To avoid interruption, you'll need to install a non-expired version of Windows before March 1, 2010. You'll also need to install the programs and data that you want to use.

Protect your PC and data. Be sure to back up your data and please don't test the RC on your primary home or business PC.

Tech details/updates: Before installing the RC, please read the Release Notes and Things to Know for important information about the release.

Keep up with the news. You can keep up with general technical information and news by following the team blog. And, you can get non-technical news, tips, and offers by subscribing to the monthly Exploring Windows newsletter.

Keep your PC updated: Be sure to turn on automatic updates in Windows Update in case we publish updates for the RC.

## **Installation:**

You can install the Windows 7 RC on a PC running Windows Vista without backing up the PC—but we encourage you to make a backup for safe keeping. If you're running Windows XP or the Windows 7 Beta, you'll need to backup your data, then do a clean installation of the RC, then reinstall your applications and restore your data.

If you need to do a backup, please see [How to back up your PC](#) for more details and a suggestion for how to backup a PC running Windows 7 Beta or Windows Vista.

## **To install and use the RC, you'll need to know how to:**

Troubleshoot problems. You're pretty much flying solo, so you'll need to handle your own tech support, and rely on other RC testers for their know-how

Burn an ISO file to make an installation DVD

Install Windows

Backup and restore your PC

Set up a network

Create and use a system recovery disk

To learn more about the Windows 7 RC, see [Frequently asked questions](#).

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## Here's what you need to have:

Internet access (to download Windows 7 RC and get updates)

A PC with these system requirements:

1 GHz or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor

1 GB RAM (32-bit) / 2 GB RAM (64-bit)

16 GB available disk space (32-bit) / 20 GB (64-bit)

DirectX 9 graphics processor with WDDM 1.0 or higher driver

Please note these specifications could change. And, some product features of Windows 7, such as the ability to watch and record live TV or navigation through the use of "touch," may require advanced or additional hardware.

## Get the download

The 32- and 64-bit versions of Windows 7 RC are available in five languages: English, German, Japanese, French, and Spanish. Just choose the version that fits the system you'll be using, pick your language, and click go to register for and download the RC.

Downloading the Windows 7 RC could take a few hours. The exact time will depend on your internet provider, bandwidth, and traffic. The good news is that once you start the download, you won't have to answer any more questions – you can walk away while it finishes. If it gets interrupted, it'll restart where it left off. Your choices are:

Download 32-bit version

Download 64-bit version

IT pro? Go here to get your download and the resources you need.

32-bit, 64-bit? Once relatively rare, today's more powerful PCs often use 64-bit versions of Windows. If you're not sure what to download, just match the version you're currently running. Here's how to check.

## Get a Product Key

Just need a Product Key? It's easy to get. If you've already downloaded the RC or have an installation disc, start the download process above by selecting your version and language. You'll be asked to enter your Windows Live ID, and to answer a few registration questions. Then you'll see the product key you can use to activate the RC, and you won't need to go through the download process again.

Information about Windows 7 is preliminary and subject to change. Some product features of Windows 7, such as the ability to watch and record live TV or navigation through the use of "touch," may require advanced or additional hardware. The features and functionality you find in the pre-release product may not appear in the final version of Windows 7. If we change the software before it's released, we'll change this information accordingly. We're not making express or implied warranties with this information.

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