



M.A.P.C.C.



Metro Area Personal Computer Club
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month – 7 P.M. (except December)

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Summer Picnic & Auction Plans Changed

After considerable discussion at the May meeting it was decided we may have 'jumped the gun' when making plans about when and where to hold our summer event, originally planned for June. In the past we've tried to plan the picnic/auction event toward the latter part of summer, hoping to avoid the hottest part of the season. Instead we will be attempting to obtain the Lake Manawa Fish & Game area around the end of August, if available. This should give ALL our members more time to plan ahead, hopefully making the event more enjoyable. We ALL need to be gathering those items you have around the house that you think will be in demand at our auction. You know those things I'm talking about... the stuff you decided to 'set aside' for when you may need them... but never have:o) An auction needs two very important ingredients: (1) People willing to bid, and (2) Nice items for them to bid on.

Let's not bring junk. There is plenty of that available at the local junk yard. Items should be in good working order and need NOT be computer related. Bring ANYTHING you feel that will be of interest. In the past, we've sold motorboat motors, lawn mowers, toilet seats, much computer equipment, software, games, ceramics, etc. etc.

More details about the event will be announced at the next meetings. PLEASE do your best to attend and make it a 100% attendance meeting. We nearly did it at the May meeting, and even added a family to our membership. Make the 'Love' family welcome... Alan, his wife Sandra and their son, Mathew. Hope to see you at the JUNE 21st meeting.

What Everyone Should Know :o)

(A bit of M & M History)



What were M&M's candies original colors? M&M's came in five colors: red, yellow, brown, green, and violet when the candies were first introduced in 1941. They were originally sold in cardboard tubes, but switched to the brown bag in 1948.

Most of the colors for Mega M&M's were also changed to less-bright colors — teal (replacing green), beige (orange), maroon (red), gold (yellow), blue-gray (blue), ... During summer of 2008, My M&M's launched 'Faces,' which allows consumers to print the faces of loved ones on M&M's chocolate candies (Now aren't you happy to learn this important information?)

I'm Not Old...Just Mature

by E.C. Stangland

(Submitted by Cheryle J. Pennington)

Today at the drug store, the clerk was a gent
From my purchase, this chap...took off ten percent.
I asked for the cause of a lesser amount?
And he answered, "Because of the Seniors Discount."

I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries
And there, once again, got quite a surprise
The clerk poured some coffee which he handed to me
He said, "For you seniors, the coffee is free."

Understand-- I'm not old-- I'm merely mature
But some things are changing, temporarily I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day
And people speak softer...can't hear what they say.

My teeth are my own...(I have the receipt)
And my glasses identify people I meet
Oh, I've slowed down a bit...not a lot, I am sure
You see, I'm not old...I'm only mature.

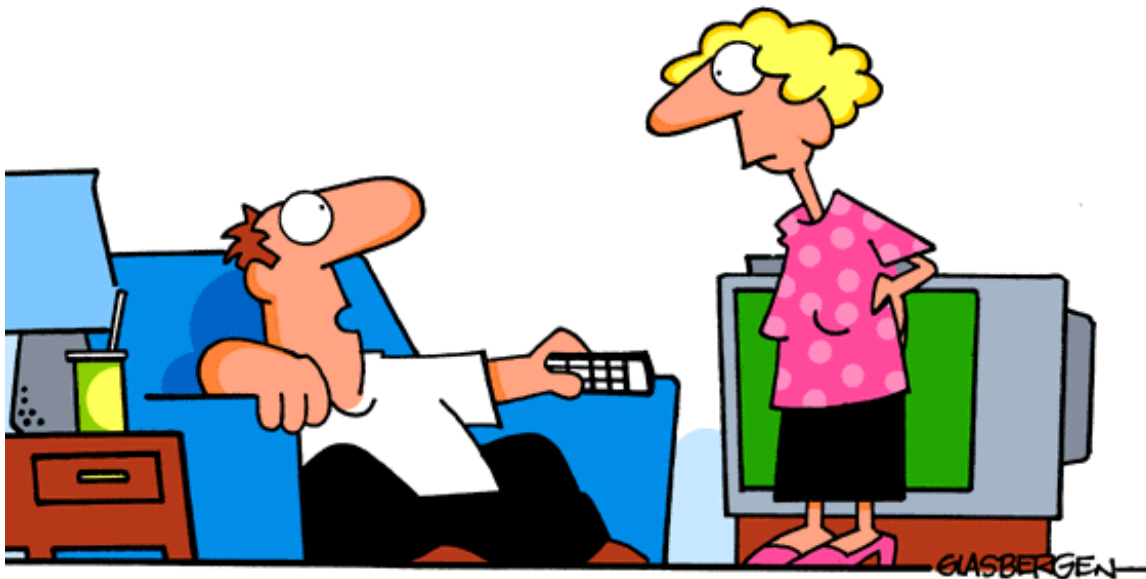
The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun
You should see all the damage that chlorine has done
Washing my hair has turned it all white
But don't call it gray... saying "Blond" is just right.

My car is all paid for...not a nickel is owed
Yet, a kid yells, "Old Duffer... get off the road!"
My car has no scratches...not even a dent
Still I get all that guff from a punk who's 'hell-bent'

My friends all get older...much faster than me
They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see
I've got "character lines", not wrinkles...for sure
But don't call me old...just call me mature.

The steps in the houses they're building today
Are so high that they take...your breath all away
And the streets are much steeper than ten years ago
That should explain why my walking is slow.

But, I'm keeping up on what's hip and what's new
And I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo
I'm still in the running... in this I'm secure
I'm not really old...I'm only mature.



**"My doctor told me to start my exercise program
very gradually. Today I drove past a store
that sells sweat pants."**



From the Office of the President

Wm. Pennington, Pres.

Here is an Article I found from www.computerhope.com

My computer is running slow what steps can I do to fix it?

Cause

This issue can be caused by any of the below possibilities.

1. Not enough hard disk space.
2. Left over programs and bad files.
3. Data Corruption.
4. Missing Windows updates / Outdated drivers.
5. Computer is overheating.
6. Corrupt OS.
7. Bad Hardware.

Solution

Below are steps for Microsoft Windows users that should help speed up the computer or determine why the computer is running slow.

Reboot

If your computer has not been reboot recently make sure to reboot it before following any of the below steps.

Not enough hard disk drive space

Verify that there is at least 200-500MB of free hard disk drive space. This available space allows the computer to have room for the swap file to increase in size as well as room for temporary files.

Determining available hard drive space.

Regaining computer hard disk drive space.

Hard drive corrupted or fragmented

Run ScanDisk or something equivalent to verify there is nothing physically wrong with the computer hard disk drive.

Run Defrag to help ensure that data is arranged in the best possible order.

Background programs

Remove or disable any TSRs and startup programs that automatically start each time the computer boots.

To see what programs are running in the background and how much memory and CPU they are using open Task Manager. If you are running Windows 7 run Resmon to get a better understanding of how your computer is being used.

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If you've got an anti-virus scanner on the computer, spyware protection program, or other security utility make sure it's not scanning your computer in the background. Often when these programs begin to scan the computer it can decrease the overall performance of your computer.

Scan for malware

Today, spyware and other malware is a big cause of many computer problems including a slow computer. Even if an anti-virus scanner is installed on the computer we recommend running a malware scan on the computer. Use the free version of Malwarebytes to scan your computer for malware.

Hardware conflicts

Verify that the Device Manager has no conflicts. If any exist resolve these issues as they could be the cause of your problem.

Update Windows

Make sure you have all the latest Windows updates installed in the computer.

If you are on the Internet when your computer is slow also make sure all browser plugins are up-to-date.

Update your drivers

Make sure you've got the latest drivers for your computer. Especially the latest video drivers. Having out-of-date drivers can cause an assortment of issues.

Computer or processor is overheating

Make sure your computer and processor is not overheating, excessive heat can cause a significant decrease in computer performance some processors will even lower the speed of the processor automatically to help compensate for the heat related issues.

What temperature should my processor be running at?

Dust, dirt, and hair can also constrict a proper air flow on your computer, which can also cause a computer to overheat. Make sure your computer case is clean and fans are not obstructed.

Memory upgrade

If you've had your computer for more than one year it's likely you're computer is not meeting the memory requirements for today. Today, we suggest at a minimum the computer have 1GB of memory.

.....William Pennington, President



Minutes of past Meeting



Submitted by Secretary, Dee Hindman

May 17th Meeting

Meeting Opened – With New Members

The meeting opened at 7 P.M. with 15 members in attendance. We welcomed new members, the Alan Love family. Alan's wife Sandra and son, Mathew. Alan was an MAPCC member many years ago. We're happy to have you folks in our group.

Reading Minutes and Treasury Report

Dee read the Minutes of the past meeting followed by Mary Alice reading the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read.

Absent Members

Members not attending the May meeting were Tammy Cooper, Esther Edie, Roland Lynch and Fred Veleba

Winner of First Drawing

Dean Cumpston was the lucky winner of the first drawing. Dean split \$19.00 with our treasury, \$9.50 each.

Change of plans

We discussed changing date and location of our annual picnic/auction. It was decided to attempt renting the area at Lake Manawa by the Fish & Game Club around the end of August or the first week of September. We also decided to purchase fried chicken from one of the local stores again for the event. Bill suggested also having a 'Taco Bar' that he will mastermind. Mary Alice and Lynn will report their findings at the June 21st meeting. Each of us needs to be accumulating items we'll be offering at the Action Auction. Let's not wait 'till the last minute and come up empty handed. We always enjoy an active auction so if each of us does a little, we'll enjoy a lot!

Progress on member, Larry Puls

It was announced by the Fehr's that Larry Puls is slowly improving, but has a long way to go. Keep the prayers going folks, and drop him a cheery card! Hospitals are not the happiest places to spend time.

Demo

Bill Pennington offered the Demo, showing the data base program, "Collector". Bill uses this database program to organize and store the many books he's responsible for at his church. No demo was discussed for the June meeting.

"Double Header?"

Had the Cumpston's remained 'till meeting closing, it would have been a 'double header' for them. Dean won the first drawing, and Pat's name was drawn for the 'Stick Around' drawing. Because she was not present, the next 'Stick Around' drawing will be for TWO gold dollars.

Interesting Facts to Broaden Your Knowledge

(Submitted by our new member, Larry Bell)

1. Look at your zipper. See the initials YKK? It stands for Yoshida Kogo Kabsuhibibaisha, the world's largest zipper manufacturer.
2. 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sale of Happy Meals.
3. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 dictionary were misspelled.
4. On the average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.
5. Chocolate kills dogs! Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system. A few ounces is enough to kill a small size dog.
6. Catsup was sold in the 1830's as a medicine.
7. Leonardo DA Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
8. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during WW2 were made of wood.
9. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
10. Leonardo DA Vinci invented scissors. Also it took him ten years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.
11. Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to slow the film down so you could see his moves. That's the opposite of the norm.
12. The original name for the Butterfly was "Flutterby"!
13. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand.
14. Mosquito repellents don't repel... they hide you. The spray blocks the mosquitoes senses so they don't know you're there.
15. Dentists recommend that a toothbrush be kept at least six feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.
16. The first product to have a bar-code was Wrigley's gum.
17. Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than the entire Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.
18. Marilyn Monroe had six toes on one foot.
19. Adolph Hitler's mother seriously considered having an abortion, but was talked out of it by her doctor.
20. The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola and Budweiser, in that order.
21. To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, prick your fingers into its eyeballs. It will let you go instantly.
22. The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
23. The "pound" (#) key on your keyboard is called an 'octothorp'.
24. The only domestic animal not mentioned in the bible is the CAT.
25. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
26. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
27. Dreamt is the only word in the English language that ends in 'mt'.