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# M.A.P.C.C.



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

Godfather's Pizza – 30th & Broadway – Co. Bluffs

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Our Motto: "Pass It On"

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## BACKUP – BACKUP – BACKUP!

**Kay here** with a look at smart hard drive care to preserve your PC and its data files. If you've ever had the misfortune of experiencing a hard drive crash, you know it's a sickening feeling that grows deep within the pit of your stomach. If you're like me, one of the first things that springs to mind is the last time you did a backup. Did you safely stow away your holiday photos from last season to your flash drive? Did you get to backup all your important financial documents? All your e-mail tucked away in Thunderbird, did you get a chance to pull that from your hard drive before it went bye-bye?

The nagging, incessant questions can rattle around in your brain the moment you hear your hard drive's read/write head slam into its platters, and if you weren't prudent enough to perform consistent backups of all your precious, irreplaceable data, you could be kicking yourself for a long time. So, unless you're a glutton for punishment, it's wise to take precautions to avoid unnecessary disasters.

### Confucius Says:

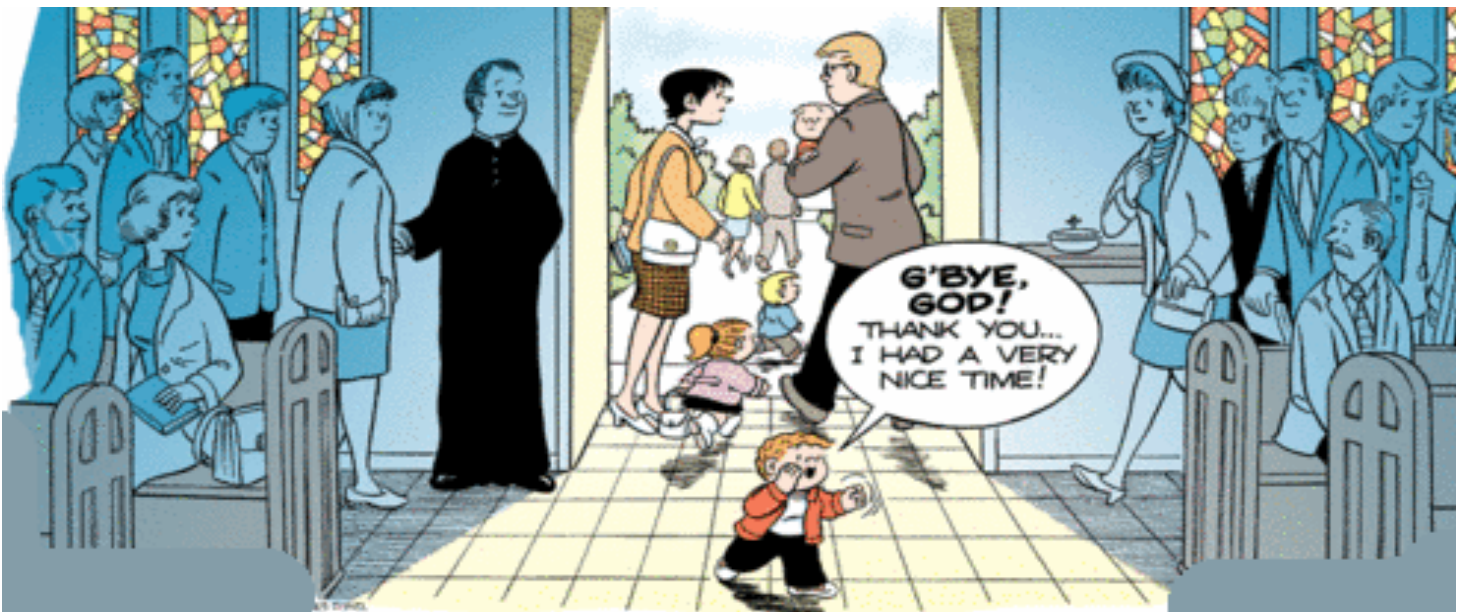
Man who run in front of car get 'tired'.  
Man who run behind car get 'exhausted'!

Man with only one chopstick go hungry.  
Man who eat many prunes get good run for money.

### More Confucius Wisdom:

Man who does not determine who is right... WAR determines who is left!

Man who drive like hell is bound to get there.  
Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement!





Dee Hindman, Secretary

# MINUTES



## Of the April 19th Meeting

President Wm. Pennington opened the meeting at 7 P.M. (or thereabouts) with 13 members in attendance. Minutes were read by Lynn Fehr, for Dee, since Dee's voice was not quite 'in tune'. Then Mary Alice Fehr followed with the reading of the Treasury Report. Both were accepted as read, without changes or comment.

Dee won the initial drawing and split \$13.00 with our treasury, \$6.50 each. See, it pays to volunteer to be an officer in our club!

Members not in attendance at this meeting were: Jerry Bell, Jessie Brant, Tammy Cooper, Esther Edie, Art Foley, and Larry Puls. Larry was still in Jennie Edmunson Hospital. Joe and Fred visited him today and reported his condition to us, as related by Larry's wife, Bernice. Larry is slightly improved, but still on life support. Keep the prayers going. We all signed a get-well card to send to Larry.

Bill reminded the members of the coming Summer Picnic/Auction to be held at the New Horizon Church on **Saturday, June 4th. Mark your calendar.**

Mary Alice and Lynn Fehr offered the demo, showing us the features in a very nice, FREE, (Shareware), photo manipulating program called "Photoscape". Nice job guys, thanks!

Roland Lynch plans to bring his troubled computer to the meeting on May 17th to see what might be done to improve things.

Annual Nomination Night went quick at this meeting. After the club nominated Joe Cavallaro 3rd for the president's job, (as he walked through the door with his hands full of pizza). He was gracious about it and flattered, but declined the offer, saying he didn't think he was quite experienced enough yet to assume the job. Joe's father then made the same motion we voted on last year: "That the same slate of officers remain in office for yet another one year sentence!" This was voted on and of course approved unanimously.

Joe Sr. won a shiny Gold Dollar for the 'Stick-Around' drawing.  
Meeting adjourned about 8:35 P.M. Hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Easter!

Minutes submitted by Dee Hindman, Secretary.

# Desktop/Laptop Power Settings

Windows gives you rudimentary control over your desktop or laptop's power settings; its power options properties dialog leaves much to be desired, as it doesn't give you the level of power calibration tweaks one would expect from a dedicated 3rd party power management utility. But, for being a stock utility, it's better than having nothing at all. Right-clicking anywhere on your desktop and selecting Properties will pop up the Display Properties dialog box; from here, navigate to the Screen Saver tab and push the Power button at the bottom to display the Power Options Properties window.

Four tabs labeled Power Schemes, Advanced, Hibernate and UPS allow you to control your computer's power consumption. The first tab, Power Schemes, allows you to make a scheme appropriate for your PC; for example, your home PC will probably have a different power scheme than your work PC. When you're away from your computer or it's idle, it makes logical sense to tell it to consume less electricity, which in turn can lower your power bill if this method is used enough. Telling Windows to automatically power down your monitor after 20 minutes of inactivity and turning off your hard disks when idle can accomplish this. If you've a laptop, setting these power saving tasks can cut down on your lappy's battery drainage time.

## Edison Saves on Power

The default Power Options Properties utility that comes out-of-the-box with Windows is fine for most users' needs, but if you desire more control over your power settings and want more information pertaining to the amount of power you're actually saving, you'll need to enlist the services of a 3rd party utility. Such a power saving utility is aptly named Edison <<http://www.verdiem.com/edison.aspx>>

When installed, you'll quickly notice that Edison replaces the default Power Options you're probably used to. The GUI is colorful and easy on the eyes and, being very intuitive from the get-go, a snap to use.

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**SUMMER PICNIC — SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH.  
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## From the President's Office

Club President, Wm. Pennington

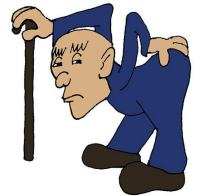
My wife Cheryl tells me that it is time for me to write my article. It is not long before our picnic. We need to see what we want to bring. We will talk about it at the next meeting. Once again we need to see what kind of demo's you would like to see at the meetings.

I have finally found a good library program, so that I can keep track of my library and also the Church Library. The name of the program is "Book DB2 Track your book collection."

This program is free software that lets you give a location name, book name, loans and returns, loaned items, overdue, language, font, check for update, and the book DB web page, help, about and Manual, plus many other options like: File, import books, import library, think XLS, Import copies, Import borrowers, Export Books, Export Copies, export books as HTML, Print, Print HTML, ViewBooks, Authors, Publishers, Categories, Borrowers, Utilities, Isbn Lookup, Backup data, data Base stats, and finally, Delete Duplicate Books.

## How to know when you're growing old

### A contribution from Cheryl, Bill's 'better-half'



Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the morning after and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You finally reach the top of the ladder and find it's leaning against the wrong wall.

Your mind makes contracts you body can't keep.

You look forward to a dull evening.

Your favorite part of the news paper is "20 years ago today."

You sit in the rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle and you belt won't.

You regret all those mistakes you made resisting temptation.

You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist and 96 around the golf course.

Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you see a pretty girl.

The little old gray haired lady you help across the street is your wife.

You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.

You get your exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who exercised.

You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.

Copied by Cheryl Pennington. **\*She can't remember where she got it from.**

*\*Editor's note: Cheryl, is that also one of the symptoms?..... Joe )*