



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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What? Phone Virus? YES!

Many people are unaware that smart phones and other handheld devices are highly vulnerable to information theft and online security threats. In fact, they require the same security precautions of a laptop connected to a wireless business network. This article discusses why it's vital that you take some proactive security measures.

Use a PIN or password

You should ensure that a home screen. This makes access your private data if



PIN is required to access your it less likely that anyone will access your phone is lost or stolen.

Keep it up to date

Both Apple and Google make regular operating systems, which include patches for newly-ties. You should make sure you are running the latest version.

updates to their smart phone op-discovered security vulnerabili-

Be careful with apps

Unless you are an information security expert, you should only download apps from the official app stores. Even then, rogue malware can slip through vetting, so have a look at the reviews by other users first.

Turn off Wi-Fi and Bluetooth

If you aren't using them, you should turn off wireless communications features. Hackers can use them to gain remote access to your smartphone. When you do use Wi-Fi, try to ensure you are on an encrypted network requiring a password.

Backup your data

If your smartphone is compromised, sometimes the only way to be sure the virus is gone is to completely wipe its memory. You should make regular backups to preserve your contact, message, photos

WHY?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Minutes of September 20th Meeting

Submitted by



V.P. Lynn Fehr

President Wm. Pennington was back at the helm following his recent surgery and called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. with 13 members present. Vice President, Lynn Fehr read the minutes of the last meeting since Dee was not present. Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr read the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read, except for one correction in the amount won at the drawing. Should have read \$5.00 instead of \$4.50.

New Member

We welcomed new member, David Ladd back into the fold. Good to have you back David.

Drawing:

The initial drawing was won by Kevin Holloway, who split \$13.00 with our treasury - \$6.50 each.

Not Present

Members who were not in attendance were: Jessie Brant, Tammy Cooper, Dean and Pat Cumpston, Dee Hindman, Allan Love and Larry Pulls who is still in Risen Son Christian Village. Larry appreciates visitors. Also our 'out of town' members, the Warden's who remain active 'long distance' by Internet.

Discussion

Several topics were covered before the demo. Fred Veleba suggested as an October Demo that Lynn Fehr bring and demo his slide scanner. Also discussed, some new equipment purchased by members, several software programs that were suggested, and also some computer problems that Roland Lynch is troubled with. Since David has been a 'techie' since he was two years old, we got considerable input from him on several topics. Good to have someone 'in the know' back among us 😊 Also discussed was the possibility of holding the "Christmas Event" in January because of Bill's need for more surgery in December...to be further discussed at the October meeting.

Demo

After a 10 minute break, "History of Council Bluffs" documentary was offered by Joe. He and his wife made the presentation in 1975. It was originally scheduled to be shown at the August meeting, but we had technical difficulties, that have since been remedied by Lynn and Mary Alice. Thanks Folks!

Final Drawing

"Stick-Around Drawing" was won by Jerry Bell who went home with a shiny, Gold Dollar. Meeting adjourned about 9 P.M.

A chuckle for those over 50!

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter.

That was before one of my grand kids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship. When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-saksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do toot a lot."

As a senior citizen I really don't need any more gadgets. The TV and garage door remotes are about all I can handle.



Wm. Pennington

From the Office of the President



September is when the weather changes to fall. What happened for me this month. I bought a new camera. I also bought a new computer - HP Pavilion G series with windows 7.

I also upgraded my other computer with windows 7 from Vista. I am really enjoying how much windows 7 is over vista and it sure is more stable.

I sure would like to see others who have not made up their mind on Windows 7 check it out besides listening to people who have the system. You might see the benefits of Windows 7.

I hope to see you all at the October 18th meeting .

Your President:

William Pennington

