



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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**Don't
Let
This
Happen
To
You!**



**Several
Easy
Steps
Can
Prevent
It!**

Safety Tips When Using Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi hotspots can now be found all over, at cafes, convention centers, airports, hotels and other public places. Hotspots may be perfect for browsing when you're away from home, but you should be very wary about using it for personal stuff. They are open networks and because they do not use any encryption, they are vulnerable to snooping. So we need to follow some simple tips to prevent our personal information being hacked.

Use a firewall

If your computer uses Windows Vista or Windows XP and you've installed Service Pack 2, you have a built-in firewall that's turned on by default.

Don't type in credit card numbers or passwords

If you want to be safe, avoid typing any sensitive information, such as your credit card number or any other financial information, while you use a public wireless network.

Turn off your wireless network when you're not using it

If you're not surfing the Internet or sending email, but still using your computer in an area where there is a public wireless network, disable your wireless connection. If you're using an internal Wi-Fi card, right-click the connection and click disable.

Use only legitimate hotspots

Some scammers set up bogus hotspots in public locations. When you try to connect, they will require you to type in personal information before you can log in. Ask the café personnel for the name of the hotspot before you try to link up.

Hide your files

When you use public Wi-Fi, network encryption is often out of your control. Check the privacy statement on the network's website to learn about the type of encryption they use. (If they don't have a privacy statement, you'd be better off not using the network.)



Dee Hindman,
Club Secretary

MINUTES

Of the August 16th Meeting



The meeting was opened at 7 P.M. sharp, by Vice President, Lynn Fehr in Bill's absence, who is still recovering from surgery.

First Drawing

The initial drawing was won by Joe Cavallaro 3rd, who split \$9.00 with our treasury... \$4.50 each.

Lynn read the minutes of the July meeting followed by Mary Alice reading the Treasury Report. Both were accepted as read.

Members not in attendance

Jessie Brant, Tammy Cooper, Dean & Pat Cumpston, Kevin Holloway, Alan Love and Larry Puls. Joe & Fred visited Larry at Risen Son care center and said he was in good spirits and able to speak, if only in a low whisper but progressing nicely. It was good to see Jerry Bell in attendance... we missed you the past couple of meetings Jerry.

Picnic & Auction

Final discussion took place concerning the summer picnic and auction which was to be held at the Manawa Fish and Game location on Sunday, the 28th of August from 1-5 p.m.

Demo

The Demo was a bust! The speaker system developed a problem and after repeated attempts to repair the speaker wire the problem persisted, so because of that reason plus the very low attendance, it was decided we would postpone showing the "History of Council Bluffs" slide show, until the September 20th meeting. Lynn and Mary Alice were to take care of the speaker problem

Nostalgia Time

In the absence of a demo, the few members in attendance enjoyed some 'nostalgic' discussion about who remembered what, but at the moment, I can't remember what we talked about☺

Stick-Around Drawing

The Stick-Around Drawing was won by Dee Hindman, and the meeting closed at 8:10 P.M.

Submitted by Dee Hindman, Secretary.

Demo for September Meeting “History of Council Bluffs”

We are going to try again to show the history slide-show this month. We didn't have such great luck at the August meeting, since the speaker system developed a problem. Hopefully we've solved it and are ready to try once again.

In 1975 there were no computers to make the job easier like there are today - that would come later, but since I've been involved with photography since my teen-age years, (YES, I can remember back that far!:o)... I always wanted to create a history project like this, and my wife was such a great help, taking an equal interest in the city's history.

We both learned a lot about our city during the five month plus period it took to complete the project. Donna, (reluctantly) agreed to narrate it while I handled the machinery.

I worked at the Nonpareil at the time so the only time available to devote to the project was nights and weekends.

To create the black & white slides, we had to do the film processing ourselves. You needed to end-up with a 'positive' image on the film, rather than the usual 'negative' you've seen when you got your photos back from processing. (Remember those days?)

Finding and verifying the many facts and figures also took up much of the time, not to mention locating the various photos, which was yet another huge challenge. Well, I could go on and on but I won't.

Well, maybe I will... No, I better not:o)

Hope to see you at the meeting, Sept. 20th.

Try to make it!

..... Joe

Advice from Larry; the farmer next door

Everyone concentrates on the problems we're having in Our Country lately: Illegal immigration, hurricane recovery, alligators attacking people in Florida Not me -- I concentrate on solutions for the problems -- it's a win-win situation.

* Dig a moat the length of the Mexican border.

* Send the dirt to New Orleans to raise the level of the levees.

* Put the Florida alligators in the moat along the Mexican border.

Any other problems you would like for me to solve today? Think about this:

COWS:

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the mad cow epidemic our government could track a single cow, born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she slept in the state of Washington? And, they tracked her calves to their stalls. But they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give each of them a cow.

THE CONSTITUTION:

They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq ...why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it has worked for over 200 years, and we're not using it anymore.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS:

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments posted in a courthouse is this -- you cannot post 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' and 'Thou Shall Not Lie' in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians, it creates a hostile work environment.

Do we need another 'Idiot Sign'?

Early this year, some Boeing employees on the airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they noticed a Coast Guard helicopter coming toward them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon that activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing. Here's your sign, guys. Don't get it wet; the paint might run.

KA-BOOM!

Barbara Walters did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands. She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to, and are happy to, maintain the old custom. Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes and said, "Land mines."



LET'S TRY FOR 100% ATTENDANCE AT THE SEPTEMBER 20TH MEETING!

Picnic / Auction of August 28, 2011, at Lake Manawa

Photography by Tammy Cooper



The 2011 Picnic and Auction went off without a hitch. We all had plenty of delicious food to eat and quite a few items to offer at the auction, following the meal. We utilized our space at the Manawa Fish and Game area, both in the enclosed area where we had dinner and the open (outside) area where we held the auction. Many thanks to all who pitched-in to make this yet another successful gathering for our group. Thanks to Mary Alice & Lynn, members of Manawa Fish and Game Club, for obtaining the area for us. (No captions describing photos, since we're one big 'happy family', and know one another).

