

Toledo PC User's Group

A Forum for Personal Computer Users **December 2005**

The Next MEETING of the
Toledo PC Users Group
will be held on
Monday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas Party!!



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Meetings held on the
1st Monday of each Month
at the
UAW Local 14 Hall,
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Visitors Are Always Welcome!

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Affiliations: TPCUG is a member of APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Groups) which provided the APCUG Logo.

Meetings: Meetings are generally held the first Monday of each month, at the UAW Local 14 Hall, 5411 Jackman Rd., Toledo OH. In the event of emergency, members may be reached during meetings at a pay phone in the hall, 419 473-9571

Visitors are always welcome at monthly meetings! Executive Board Meetings will generally be held after the regular meeting.

Membership: Dues are \$25. per year. To obtain an application, call any officer or member.

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The Presidents Message,

If we could rumble through the hall ways of our memories we would discover some kind of a “learning curve”. Admittedly there may be a number of gaps in that curve and if we really worked at the task some of those gaps could be filled.

There was that stick like toy with eight varied colored wheels that could go forward and backwards and could be rolled over four times and still have a set of wheels on which to roll. There was the wheel driven vacuum cleaner that inflated the bag and made a good noise. Those early home pencils that somebody bigger than you sharpened with a pocket knife, that were never as nice as the school sharpener sharpened pencils. The hammer and saw that was such a challenge to saw straight and on the line and to always hit the right nail - not your own.

This could go on for volumes for there are many hallways of memory along that “memory curve”. Since this is a computer group newsletter it behooves us to shift the “learning curve” to computers where “We have come a long way, baby”. Some with snow on the roof and yet a few glowing coals of a smoldering fire in the belly can piece together a lot of points on your computer learning curve. Those pre-DOS days that were followed by all the versions of DOS and the error code, wrong version of DOS, so that program or document would not work. Then came the graphical interface and we all said,

‘What a relief it is. And believe it or not we have come to these post-DOS days with error messages – “this is not a DOS program”, etc. And to think that this all came from the weaver’s loom where the strings or yarn were up or down or a series of ups and downs to make a pattern. So some bright chap created a series of 0’s and One’s and grouped them in a series of combi- nations of 8 and then 16 and now 32 to do so many things that the mind of one person will not be able to comprehend in a life time. Then join that all with telephony and wireless communication and it has expanded the learning curve still beyond our comprehension. Add the ipods and all sorts of hand held devices and you can be plugged in 24/7 to music and information and the eye in the sky that knows where you are at any given moment (providing you have a gps device).

I’ve said all this (some of which may have come from a defective hard drive) to say, ‘Boy do you need a group like the Toledo PC Users Group to help you with your continuing Learning Curve!’

See you at the next meeting first Monday of December. Somebody said we are going to have a party!.

Your Prez. Floyd Miller

Merry Christmas!

Minutes of the TPCUG November 2005 Meeting

The meeting was held at the main branch for a talk by reference librarian Julianne Claydon, of the Patent&Trademark Depository Library at the county public library, about research useful when applying for a patent.

At 20:30 the meeting was called to order by Floyd Miller, president.

The minutes of September and October were accepted.

The treasurer s report was accepted, subject to audit.

Larry Russell' s, James Hilker' s, Steve Tryc' s, and Al Zohn' s dues are due or overdue.

For the December meeting the holiday party is planned, with food and software-hardware swap but no speaker. Lester Miller agreed to bring soft drink and ice, Curtises cider and bread, Steve Tryc a party tray, and Hank Geiger chips.

The Internet SIG meets on the third Monday, November 27th, at Jim Bell' s place in Whitehouse. The agenda is fluid; bring problems, ideas.

There is reference to the investment SIG in the newsletter.

The TALUG meeting (Linux group) is on the third Saturday at Stautzenberger College.

There was no old, no new bizness.

The new meeting calendar, for 2006, will be requested of Roy Ballogg.

Sandor Halasz, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance Ending 10/15/05 \$1,490.42

Income

2 renewals,

Russell, Tryc \$50.00

Expense - 0 -

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Submitted by Steve Tryc,

Expiring Memberships

December: Don Barosci

Alvin Zohn

January: Jim Bell

Roland Shepard

Computer Investing Group

12/03/2005, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Heatherdowns Library, 3265 Glanzman Road, Toledo, Ohio 43614

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it would be too difficult? Ever wondered how the treasurer puts it all together to produce all those financial reports? Learn the basics of club accounting and how to use the new BI Club Accounting software to make the job easy. No registration, no fees; just come to learn.

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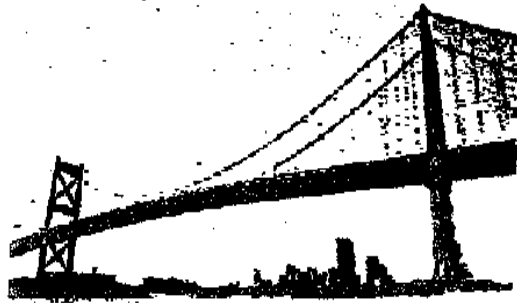
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