

Toledo PC User's Group

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

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

No Formal Program Scheduled.

Bring all your Computer Problems,
Woes and Sorrows for Instant Solution
by the Group's Whizzir Clique!

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Notice:

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TPCUG Newsletters may
be viewed at our website:-
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Meetings held on the
1st Monday of each Month
at the
UAW Local 14 Hall,
5411 Jackman & Northover
(Between Laskey & Alexis Rds)
Toledo, Ohio
Visitors Are Always Welcome!

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Statement of Intent: The Toledo PC Users Group is a not-for-profit corporation, formed to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information regarding the use and enjoyment of personal computers.

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.

Moving? Notify the Membership Chairman to redirect your newsletters.

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Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of each month. All members are encouraged to contribute articles and reviews for this newsletter. Submissions may be made by email to the editor.

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 1/2 page - \$20 . “
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The Presidents Message,

Rod Scher, editor of Smart Computing relates the present in the computer and electronic world with events that happened in the 1890's. In 1896 Guglielmo Marconi demonstrated wireless telegraphy to a group of skeptical folks at the English telegraph office. From Marconi's invention to today's PC-related wireless connectivity (in the form of smartphones, PDA's Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and the rest) is only a short hop, and things started. . . well hopping, right away. Only two years after Marconi amazed the English telegraph office, a wireless telegraphic connection between England and France was established. And three years after that, Marconi successfully transmitted a signal across the Atlantic Ocean. Eight years later, Marconi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for physics.

Then came radio, television, and on and on. The ball that Marconi started rolling hasn't stopped yet.

For those reading this as well as computer magazines and specially this SMART COMPUTING are obviously interested in bytes and gigabytes, floppy and hard drives, CPU's, PSU's RAM, ROM, URL's and a host of other arcane abbreviations and acronyms. You've pretty much got that stuff down. Your a whiz with Word, expert at Excel, competent at Quicken,

adept at Adobe. No one has to tell you to "back up your data", defrag your hard drive, keep the cat off your keyboard. In short, you're capable. proficient users of computer technology, even the novices among you know more than you think you know.

Here's the theory: You are starting to get too comfortable with computers. That would never do, so Powers That Be got together one night and someone among them came up with a brilliant idea: So they decided to throw a whole bunch of wireless technology at them! New terms, abbreviations, acronyms, technologies to try to master. It will drive them crazy!

And so they did, and now there's all kinds of stuff to learn. It may be frustrating, but there are also advantages to be gained by having learned it. There will be many sources that will explain in plain English how the new wireless technologies work and how you can use them to your advantage.

We trust that The Toledo PCUsers Group can play a part in helping it's members and friends up another technological hill.

Throw that leaf rake down and be on board for the next meeting,

November 7th at 7:30 p.m.

REMEMBER: Members are expected. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Floyd L. Miller, Your Prez

Minutes for the October, 2005 Meeting - By Rick Snyder (standing in for Secretary Sandor Halasz)

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM on 10-3-05 at the UAW Hall by Floyd Miller, President.

Nick Schultz, Automotive Technology Instructor at Owens Community College, gave a very informative presentation with Q&A session on computers in today's automobiles.

Because of the absence of the club secretary and lacking a current newsletter, no prior meeting minutes were available to be read. Rick Snyder volunteered to record minutes for the current meeting.

Steve Tryc's treasurers report of a current balance of \$1,440.42 was accepted as presented.

Twelve members were present from the current membership of 23 according to Roy Ballogg, membership secretary. Two of four currently due renewals have been received.

Lester Miller, program chairman, reported that the presentation for next month was currently undecided. Several suggestions were offered by club members and will be considered by Lester.

SIG meetings were noted as follows. The Investment group meets on the first Saturday of even numbered months from 2 to 4 PM at the Heatherdowns Library. The internet SIG meets on the 3rd Monday at 7 PM at Jim Bell's place in Whitehouse around the corner from Chickaroo's.

The unaffiliated LINUX group (talug.org) meets on the 3rd Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Stautzenberger College.

The December meeting was briefly discussed with further details and arrangements to be decided at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Ending 9/12/05	\$1440.42
Income	
2 renewals,	
L. Miller, N. Sherman	\$50.00
Expense	- 0 -
Balance Ending 10/15/05	\$1490.42

Submitted by Steve Tryc,

Expiring Memberships

November: Lawrence Russell

James Hicker

SteveTryc

December: Alvin Zohn



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Email Avoid Spam With Disposable Email Addresses

Nearly every content site on the Web requires “free” registration these days, which usually means you need to supply a working email address. All too often, that email address begins to attract spam as companies sell mailing lists to each other or crackers help themselves to poorly guarded customer information. You can’t protect an inbox completely, but you can reduce your chances of facing a spamfest by being a little selective in handing out your email address. Many users keep an alternate email account on hand for throwaway registrations and other situations where privacy protection looks a little murky. A free account at a Web-based email service such as Yahoo! Mail or Hotmail does the trick by protecting your “real” email address from unnecessary exposure. However, logging in and navigating through full-blown email sites can be a tiresome way to pick up a new password or confirm a registration; a more efficient method is using a fully disposable email address.

■ **Use & Toss** We’ve grown fond of a couple of sites that offer disposable email and provide lightning-fast access to alternative inboxes: Mailinator and PookMail.com. Both are free; check them out at www.mailinator.com and www.pookmail.com, respectively.



Creating a new

disposable email address at Mailinator requires no setup. Just head to the site, type in a user ID, and access your email. Mailinator and PookMail.com offer limited but potentially useful services that provide a truly temporary email account. There is no registration or signup required for either site, and you create a new inbox just by sending email to it. To access that inbox, head to the site, type in the username, and click one button (depending on the site). In other words, you can dream up a disposable email address on the fly, whenever necessary. For example, suppose you come across a Web site that requires an email address as part of its registration, but you can’t remember the temporary email account you created months ago at Yahoo! Mail. Well, with Mailinator and PookMail.com, you can make up a new account on the spot, such as fake-email, tempmail, or whatever—just make sure your email address ends with @mailinator.com or @pookmail.com or another domain name these sites designate. (For example, instead of @mailinator.com, Mailinator says it has alternates available, such as @sogetthis.com.) Next, head to the Mailinator or PookMail.com site and type in the name you created as your user ID. (No password is needed.) A temporary inbox will appear on-screen, hopefully containing the email you were expecting. (If the email isn’t there yet, it probably will be in a couple of minutes.) Problem solved. You can use the disposable account again, whenever you want, or make up a new account. **Privacy Not Included** You also might notice other email sitting in your temporary inbox. That’s because the address you chose doesn’t belong to you or anyone else. Therefore, if you pick a name that others will likely choose, such as Steve@mailinator.com, you can expect to wade through a lot of other junk email to find the message you were expecting. In fact, because Mailinator keeps only the most recent 10 messages for any one inbox (and only for a few hours, in any case), your email might disappear before you have a chance to check the common email address you decided to use.

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PookMail.com works a bit differently, deleting all messages older than 24 hours. To prevent a situation in which your message disappears or to avoid wading through a huge inbox of spam, choose a name that's simple yet unlikely to be repeated by other users—perhaps “steve” plus your area code (or some other number you can easily remember). An odd address probably won't be accessed by other people, but there's no guarantee of privacy because neither Mailinator nor PookMail.com require passwords. This lack of security makes these sites easy and fast, but it also means that the messages in your account are basically public. In other words, this isn't the type of email account you should use if your incoming messages contain maps to buried treasure or the secret ingredient of your patented BBQ sauce. That shouldn't matter for the types of email that typically pass through disposable accounts, but it's something to keep in mind.

Alternatives Both Mailinator and PookMail.com offer another way to access your messages that requires even less work than typing a user ID. At inboxes on either site, you can pick up an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed and subscribe to it with your favorite feed aggregator. If you reuse the same disposable address and regularly check blogs using RSS, this method requires practically no effort once you set it up. The downside to reusing a temporary address is that it eventually will attract spam, which is exactly what you were trying to avoid in the first place. A truly disposable email address is the best bet, and it's incredibly easy to use thanks to sites such as Mailinator and PookMail.com. *by Alan Phelps*

SSG Advanced Class

11/15/2005, 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM
Sanger Library, 3030 West Central Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio 43606

Cost: \$15

In this class, we will present a short refresher of the Basics of the Stock Selection Guide, and then help you learn more about making “Judgments” - finding and assessing the many bits of information that factor into your opinion of any stock you are studying. Beginners will gain the knowledge and confidence to make good and reasoned stock picking decisions, while experienced investors will get the chance to refresh and expand on their judgment techniques. After all, you can never know too much about a company in which you want to invest your hard-earned dollars!

Your registration should be postmarked by November 8, 2005.

Prerequisite: It is strongly recommended that you have a good understanding of the Stock Selection Guide.

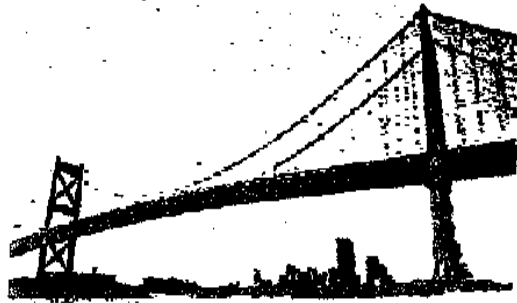
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