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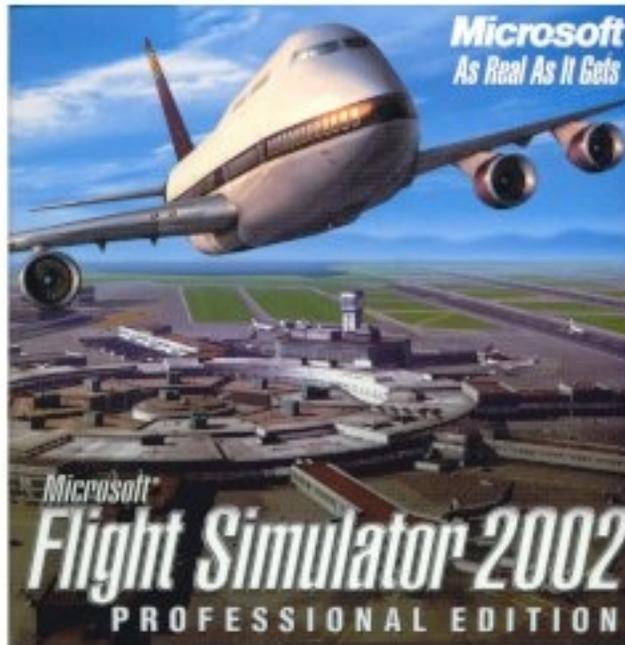
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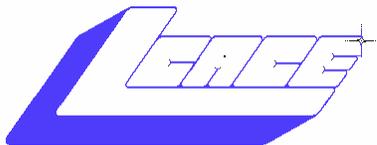


Have you ever just wanted to learn how to fly?



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Low Cost Internet Service Provider



If you are thinking about changing ISPs (Internet Service Providers), you may want to look at Access4Less.net. It costs \$5.95/mo., with a possible one time setup fee of \$8. I found this ISP at freedomlist.com. I have been using it for about a week, and it seems

to work ok. They have a Waukegan access number, which I am using because they don't have a Libertyville number. SBC Ameritech says it is in my 'Band A' (toll free calling area) so I shouldn't get any expensive surprises when my next phone bill comes in. You can get a list of 'Band A' phone numbers for your area code and exchange at <http://www.ameritech.com>. Then look for the link "Find Your Local Calling Area".

Freedomlist.com lists many ISPs, both free and low cost. They have tables that sort by any column. They also have reviews by real users. I should add this to their collection of reviews. It should surprise no one that AOL and MSN will not be found on freedomlist.com.

Access4Less has no banners or proprietary programs to load, as does AOL, NetZero, Juno, and Prodigy, and it does not have those annoying pop-up ads. That is not to say that you won't see pop-up ads from other sources. Manual setup is easy, but for those who have some flavor of the Windows OS, they provide a setup program for you. When I tried their setup program on my Win95 system, I had to re-create my password and run Norton utilities to fix some new boot up problems. I should have set it up manually. It would have been safer. The Linux side of my system had a minor problem getting it going, but only because I was in too big a hurry.

I wish I had known about freedomlist.com when Corecomm/Megslnet prices nearly doubled. But now that I know, I want to share.

My incoming email address will still be LesLarkin@NetZero.net as long as I can maintain my FREE NetZero ISP account. My outgoing email address will always be at my current ISP, whoever that is this week/month/year.

Access4Less has 3 limitations worth noting:

1. You can't send email with more than 10 addressees at a time.
2. If you are not active on-line for 10 minutes, you get disconnected.
3. If you are connected for more than 5 hours, you get disconnected, regardless of your on-line activity.

You must wait 1 or 2 minutes to reconnect after a disconnect.

As of the completion of this article, I have been using Access4Less for about 3 weeks. I recommend this ISP for anyone who is looking for a generic ISP and who doesn't want to spend a lot of money. If Access4Less has an access number in your 'Band A' calling area, and you can put up with the above 3 limitations, you will probably be happy with their service.

Happy surfing
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Editors notes

Hello everyone, here it is February and it's already time to start thinking of nominations for the April elections. Think about putting your name in to become one of the elected officers. All members are eligible.

I thought I would share some of the web sites that I use and like this month. To start off with is Travel-worm.com. If you are looking for the best prices for air travel and hotel rates, this is a site I highly recommend. It's easy to use and I have found the best deals there.

Another site I recommend is Cnet's <http://>

www.Catchup.com It's like the old Oil change but much easier to use. You will have to download a small program but again it is very easy to use. Best way to keep your programs up to date.

Do you have a program or a piece of computer equipment that you would like to demonstrate to the group? Please contact me and we will make arrangements.

Don't feel comfortable demonstrating things? How about writing a review for the News Journal? It doesn't have to be long just informative.

This month's demonstration will be "Microsoft's Flight Simulator 2002 Professional of which I have the pleasure of giving. Please join in the fun. (Let see how much of a hard time I can give Lester again).

Well that's all for this month

Mike

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As for quality, Adobe Acrobat presentations are often no match for a well-designed HTML document. The fonts, even with Adobe's own PDF files, come across jagged in many cases and are not nearly as easy to read. However, for massive presentations and complex tables, charts, graphs, and the like, PDF files often offer superior readability and manageability as opposed to web

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How To Get the Most out of Your Digital Camera

Part-3

By Pegasus Staff Writers

This month I want to encourage you to go out and use your digicam under various situations. Don't be afraid to waste shots, and use your flash. The tips will help you, the digicam owner; engage in best practices for everyday use. And they will result in a long and blissful relationship between you and your digicam.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO EXPERIMENT AND WASTE SHOTS

Once you're familiar with the instruction manual, start shutterbugging. Unfettered by the cost of film and developing, take pictures of every description and in every manner. Exercise all of your digicam's options, even if you're not yet comfortable in their proper use. Discover how each setting, -lighting condition, range, and special effect produces different results.

At first, you'll especially want to develop a good feel for your digicam's focusing mechanism and the speed at which it auto-focuses, captures and stores images—the capture cycle as it's called. Learning how your digicam cycles will help immensely when taking candid shots and action photos, in particular. Experiment with flash settings, especially Red-Eye Reduction and Flash Fill. One of the greatest benefits of digital photography is the ability to take relatively unlimited amounts of photos without regard for the cost of film and developing. The ability to view images as they are taken, and to delete unwanted images as they are taken, and to delete unwanted images, should encourage a "trial-and-error" mentality that will significantly shorten the learning curve.

PLAY WITH LIGHTING

Play around with lighting. Take pictures outdoors at different times of the day, in bright skies and in overcast conditions. What you will probably discover is that images taken in late afternoon, toward dusk, will reveal rich colors and more shadow and detail. You'll also find that the best images are taken in natural light, where that light is angled to one side of the image, rather than directly behind or in front of it. A photo subject should never be directly in front of a natural light source like the sun, unless you are deliberately going for a silhouette effect. Neither is it wise to shoot with the sun at your back. Sunlight cast directly on a subject will produce brightly lit, yet washed out and featureless, images lacking in shadow, depth and detail. Indoors, fluorescent

lighting will perhaps be your worst enemy. It will cast a yellow pall over most images, unless you've taken pains to adjust White Balance on your digicam. Indoors, flash becomes a double-edged sword, and the value of a Red-Eye Reduction feature will become especially important. When using Red-Eye Reduction in portrait photography, remind photo subjects to wait for the flash burst before moving. The delay between shutter release and flash burst will confuse some subjects into moving prematurely, ruining an otherwise good shot.

Again, that exclusive ability to *waste* shots that digital photography offers enables you to take photos at various flash settings indoors to preview the results. You may also find that in many indoor settings, there may be enough ambient light to eliminate the need for the flash altogether.

Experiment, and be open to the idea that flash is not always necessary.

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May 11th	----To be announced
June 8th	----- PC Clinic
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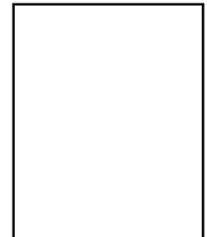
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