

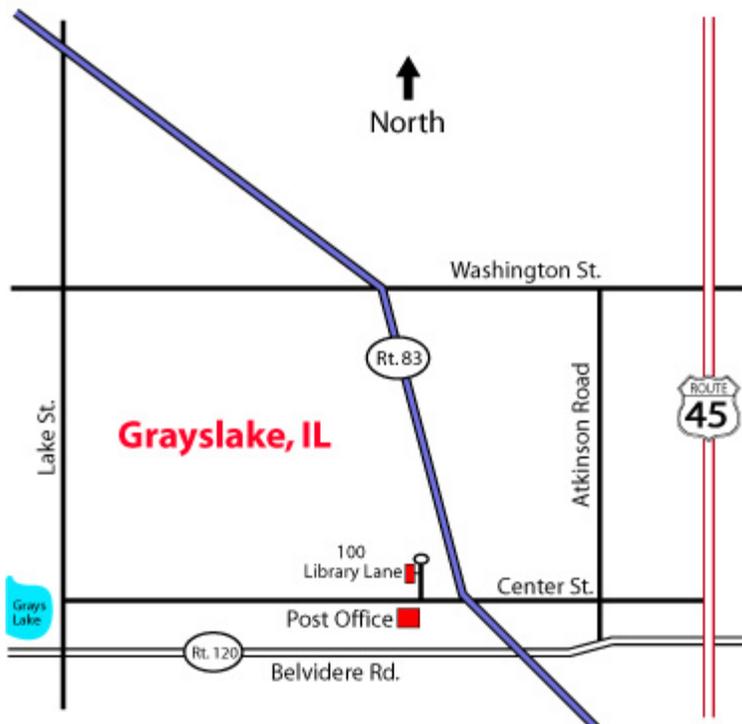
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L.C.A.C.E. meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Grant Township Meeting Hall, 411 S. Washington Ave., Ingleside, (Fox Lake) Illinois. The meeting location opens at 11:30 a.m., and the formal meeting begins at noon. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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In Remembrance

Stephanie Grauzas
"Mrs. G"

It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of a wonderful lady and a long time club member.

Mrs. G passed away January 17, 2002.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to her husband and family. Her smile will be missed.

How To Get the Most out of Your Digital Camera

Part-4

By Pegasus Staff Writer

There are many special features hidden in the menus of your digicam, but until you try them, you will not know the full potential of your digicam. If all your pictures start looking alike then it's time to make them tell a story and not look like a mug shot.

LEARN TO USE YOUR DIGICAM'S SPECIAL FEATURES

Chances are your camera has many special features such as Macro mode, Burst mode, White Balance, Self-Timer and more. These are all well worth whatever additional cost they add to a basic digicam. Many digicams offering 2-megapixel (2MP) resolution and higher provide most, if not all, of these features.

Macro mode is a fixed-focal-length setting that takes the guesswork out of photographing very small objects when taken up close. A flower petal, a piece of jewelry, a Cheerio, a penny, or a pea are examples of macro-suitable photography. Lighting is critical when using Macro mode, as is motion, or the lack thereof. It's important to hold the digicam firmly to ensure jitter-free photography. It's also best to shoot a relatively still subject for good Macro.

Burst mode is used to take a rapid-fire succession of photos of moving objects, ideal for capturing the nuances of body movements and facial expressions in rapidly changing subject matter. Usually, the more expensive the camera, the faster the burst rate.

White balance, on digicams that offer a manual adjustment, establishes the tonal temperature of how the digicam sees the color white. It is a parameter that also affects color accuracy of the remaining gamut of colors, if adjustable, use it to compensate for the yellowing effect of fluorescent lighting or to tone down the harshness of overly bright natural or ambient lighting.

Another common and useful feature is the Self-Timer, usually providing a ten-second delay before shutter release. This feature's most frequent use is to allow you to be part of the picture. As with most aspects of digital photography, we learn by doing, so experiment with all of these features liberally.

Make Your Own Professional Looking Pictures

Every picture tells a story, as is widely believed, and with a little experience, you can learn how to create photographs that are quite suitable for framing.

Think of your digicam's viewfinder as a picture frame. Consider what you see within the viewfinder's *live* area as the elements that you want to include in your *painting*. A common misconception is that the object of your photo, for example, one person's face, should always be the exact center of the photo composition. In fact, it's far more interesting to place your subject slightly off-center if there are a variety of other elements within the viewfinder's range. It's also okay to cut off objects such as trees, scenery or other inanimate objects at the edges of your image.

Don't feel honor-bound to get an entire object that's on the periphery of an image, if it means de-emphasizing the main subject of your photo. Try to promote a balance of color and imagery while adding contrast and detail. When photographing children and pets, shoot at their eye level for better perspective. Find interesting detail in normally mundane objects, such as focusing in on a colorful pattern of rust on a piece of metal, instead of shooting just the piece of metal, or a single brick rather than the entire wall. Certain objects, like buildings, cars, airplanes, trees, etc., can look far more imposing when shot from nearly ground level, so bend

Support your Club – Vote for
your new Offices at the
April 13th meeting.

Members Update

NEW MEMBERS

William & Diane Brumbach – from Fox Lake, IL. The Brumbachs use their computer for financial management, but mostly enjoy keeping in touch with friends and family via email.

Robin Seidenberg of Grayslake, IL loves the portability of a laptop since she enjoys traveling. Robin could be referred to as a techno-geek, because she loves to stay on the cutting edge of new products. In addition, if there's a discount to be found, Robin will find it, especially at CompUSA. Robin shares the uses of her computer with Angus (her cat), although Angus has a fetish for removing the keys from her keyboard. Robins her favorite programs are MS Publisher, 101 Dalmatians, and Dells website.

Marshia Hobson is Administrative Assistance from North Chicago, IL. Marshia has joined LCACE to network with others users and to learn and share computer related information. She enjoys using her computer for desktop publishing, word-processing and graphic design. Marshia has also been helpful in representing the clubs at the monthly Computer Country Expo.

Henry Henriksen is a FedEx driver from Gurnee, IL, and was recruited by our President Linda Busch. Henry joined LCACE to learn more about home networking, and digital photography.

Eddy Werner is in sale and service and hails from Milwaukee, WI. Eddy decided to join LCACE after reading a complimentary copy of our newsletter, and conversing with Corky and J.J. Eddy uses his computer for almost everything including programming, education, music, word-processing, and entertainment.

RENEWALS

Donna Kalinoski is retired and hails from North Chicago, IL and joined LCACE in 1998. Donna says she enjoys the company of the members and learning how to better utilize her computer. Donna enjoys using her computer to keep in touch with family and friends via email.

Terri Hanlon is an Instructional Trainer from Gurnee, IL and has been a member since 1998; Terri has served on the Board of Directors as Public Relations Chairperson, and Secretary. Terri enjoys using her computer to help her research her family genealogy and scanning on old photos as well as keeping in touch with family and friends.

Jim Rutledge is from Waukegan, IL, and is a technical instructor at the Great Lakes Naval Base. Jim joined us in 1999 and is one of our computer gurus. Jim's expertise is networking, and led a group of club members in the networking the Waukegan Development Center last year.

Walter Sheets is a School Consultant from Ingleside, IL, and joined LCACE in 1996. Walter wishes to learn more about computer through the group, and to share his organizational and operation experience. He enjoys using his computer for graphic design, word-processing, finances and entertainment.

Creating a Sig in Outlook Express

To learn how to add sigs on a pc using Outlook Express

Now this is just my own personal way, of creating my "WebTV style sig", in outlook express. There is actually a place in outlook, for you to create signa-

tures, but I always had trouble with it, and to me, this way is MUCH easier!

While in OE, (outlook express), click on the "tools" option.

Then click on "options"

Then "compose".

Go down to "stationary", and place a check mark beside "mail", then choose "select".

Continue on next page

Wait for the box to open up, and you should see the pre-programmed stationary, that came with OE.

Highlight one of these, by left clicking on it.

a generated preview will show up in the small box to the right.

Look towards the bottom, for the word "edit". Click on it, and your editor will open up. If an editor does not open, then you should be given the option to choose what you want to edit it with. just choose notepad.

After your editor opens up, you will see the html coding for that particular stationary.

Erase the codes that are there.

This is where your going to write your own html, to create whatever sig you want, just like it was a WebTV sig box!

After you have created your sig, be sure and "save as", and name it whatever you want...it will be placed back in with the other stationary, for you to choose from..

You can take each of the stationery's in OE, and create a sig in place of it, and have many different sigs to choose from this way...

After you have saved your codes, you should now be back at the box that says "select stationary".

highlight the sig you just did, and choose "OK".

You should find yourself back to the "composite" tab, in "options".

Click "apply", then "OK".

Your sig is ready!

Anytime you want to switch sigs, just follow this path:

Tools - options - compose - Stationary - check beside mail - choose "select" - select your sig - choose "OK" - click "apply" and then "OK"...

You can easily switch back and forth from a variety of sigs this way!

Netiquette (E-mail Etiquette)

Plain Text vs. HTML. Newer email client packages, including Microsoft Outlook and Netscape Communicator, have the capability to send and receive email in HTML form. That is to say, as a web page. Messages can contain all elements of a web page, including graphics, forms, interactive content, etc. This is great, right? Well, yes and no. The fact is, if you send a message in HTML format, and the recipient is unable to view HTML mail with their program, you're message will look something like this:

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<HEAD>
<TITLE>HTML Mail! WooWoo!</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
<H1>Patrick-<BR>
<BR>
<HR ALIGN=CENTER SIZE="3" WIDTH="95%"></
H1>Look at this! It's a <FONT COLOR="#FF
0000">message</FONT> in <FONT
COLOR="#008080">HTML</FONT>! Pretty neat, eh?
It c
an have images, <I><U>styled text</U></I>, and much,
much more. I hope you like
it!<BR>
<HR ALIGN=CENTER SIZE="3"
WIDTH="95%"><BR>
See ya,<BR>
<H2><I><U><BR>
Jeff</U></I></H2>
</BODY>
</HTML>
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Annoying, yes? The key is to know your recipient is able to receive HTML mail before sending it. If you're not sure, do everyone a favor and set your mail program to send mail as plain text

Nominations for Club Officers

Corky Bell

Donna Bell

Linda Busch

Terri Hanlon

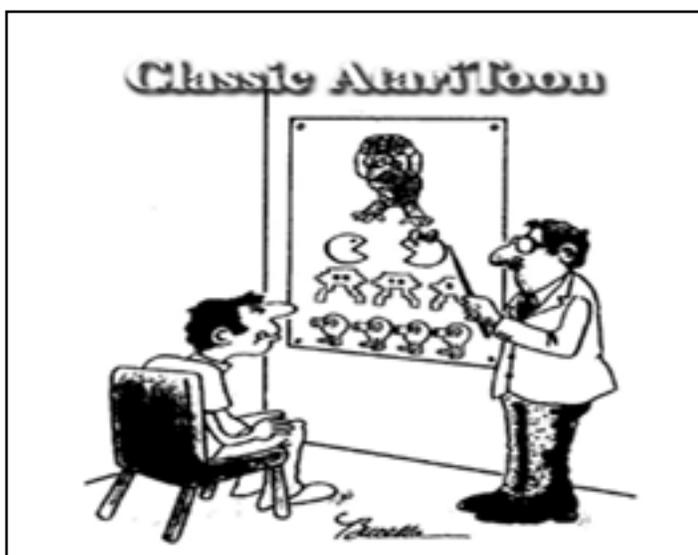
Henry Henricksen

Donna Kalinoski

Lester Larkin

Mike McEnergy

Jim Rutledge



Profile of the Month



My name is: Diane & William Brumbach
 My Job is: Retired
 Family: Diane (wife)
 My Hometown is: Fox Lake
 For entertainment, I like: Auto Racing
 A book or movie I would recommend: Horse Whispers
 My Favorite meal would be: A good steak (but it's a no-no)
 My prized possession: n/a
 Someone I admire: A.J Foyt – Jeff Gorton, Tony Stewart
 I wish I could stop: n/a
 I want people to remember me as: n/a
 I use my computer for: e-mail and finances
 My favorite computer program: Quicken
 My favorite phrase or expression is: Don't have one.



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Bits & Bytes

Compiled by L.C.A.C.E. Staff Writers

Napster's Music for Sale

Napster is beta testing a new version of its subscription-based online music sharing service. There are 20,000 members participating in the beta test. The new service will cost \$5 to \$10 a month for 50 music downloads a month, and the final product is expected to be ready in the first half of this year.

This Printer Takes Paper and Compact Discs

EZ/CDPrint is the first affordable, high resolution color inkjet printer that not only prints on paper but also on compact disc surface. EZCDPrint prints directly on your CD-R / DVD-R without labels. You just feed a CD through the 2,880-by 720-dpi printer and get clear and crisp print quality for half the price than silk screened CDs is only one of the cool features that EZCDPrint has to offer. Have a software product or demo CD handing to customers?, Do you need customized labels for volumes of CDs containing data/software/pictures backups ? If so, then EZCD Print is ideal for you. Create a professional looking CD in just minutes! Price: \$400. www.ezcdprint.com

A Phone That Knows Where You Are

"Starting today, new mobile phones will know where you are. And when you call for help, they'll be able to share that information with authorities looking for you. Korea's Samsung, in conjunction with Sprint PCS are debuting a phone, the SPH-300, that will use the global positioning system (GPS) network of satellites to pinpoint your precise location. The phone is intended to meet a federal mandate known as Enhanced 911 (E911) that is being phased in through the end of next year--ultimately requiring all new phones to be able to transmit its location when a caller dials 911. There are a handful of ways that mobile phone service providers and phone manufacturers can accomplish this, and using GPS is just one method."

News: XP Gets USB 2.0

If you recently bought a PC with USB 2.0 ports or added devices or cards that support the speedier version of the now ubiquitous universal bus, we have some good news for you. Microsoft has finally released a native Windows XP USB 2.0 driver. One word of caution, if you do not have a USB device installed, you won't be able to find the link on Microsoft's update



Personal Password Manager

Compiled by Pegasus Staff Writers

One of the best defenses against your passwords being broken is to create strong ones. This means using a combination of different characters, including mixed cases, numerals, and even punctuation. And, of course, you should change passwords frequently. But who can keep track of such a complicated system of secret codes? Enter the Mandylion Labs ebp^{lite} Personal Password Manager (\$69.95 list). This password security device can store account and password information for up to 20 log-on's and, at 2.5- by 1.5- by 0.4-inches (HWD), fits easily on your keychain. The ebp^{lite} can also auto-generate random-combination passwords for added protection. Effectively using the ebp^{lite} requires that you take some time to read the manual and practice operating the device. The ebp^{lite} has only five buttons and a complex menu system. The most difficult task is setting accounts, so an administrator should probably be in charge of the initial setup in a large company. The complicated setup and menu design, however, makes the device more secure should you lose it. To activate the fob, you press the left, right, up, and down keys in a pattern you've previously set, which is basically a master password. And after a short period of inactivity, the fob will shut itself off. If you want to be really serious about security, you can take advantage of the self-destruct option which lets you program the device to erase its memory after a specified number of failed attempts to enter the master password pattern.

As slick as it is, not everyone needs a device like the ebp^{lite}. There's definitely a learning curve, especially if you need to set the device up yourself. But if secure passwords are important to you, the ebp^{lite} will make managing them easier.

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J.J.

<http://www.picturetrail/lcace>

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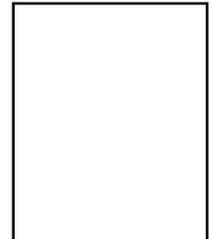
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