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Meetings

L.C.A.C.E. meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Grayslake Area Public Library 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting location opens at 12:00 a.m., the formal meeting begins at 12:30p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Learning Paint Shop Pro can be a daunting, frustrating task. But Designs by Joy can help. First, Paint Shop Pro is an excellent program for those who can't afford Photoshop and the possibilities are endless. The key is **TAKE BABY STEPS.** Learn the basics then move on. Once you get a good foundation under you, learning layers, tubes, plugins etc There will be no stopping you!

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Tips

Windows ME: Automate System Tasks

WinMe includes a utility that lets you run system maintenance tasks at regular scheduled intervals, so you don't have to think about running them. Click Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Maintenance Wizard and the Maintenance Wizard opens. You can choose the Express version, which includes Disk Defragmenter, ScanDisk, and Disk Cleanup; or you can select Custom and choose the programs you want to run. For this example, choose Express and click Next to continue. Select the time period during which you'd like the Maintenance tasks to run. If you want to run the tasks at a time not listed here, you need to click Back and select the Custom option. Click Next to view the programs you wish to run regularly. If you chose Express, the three Express programs are listed. Click Finish to initiate the schedule.

Windows XP: Get Protected

The first thing you should do after you install WinXP is make sure your antivirus software is working. If you installed WinXP as an upgrade over a previous version of Windows, any existing antivirus software you were using may continue to work normally. If you installed WinXP as a new installation, even if

you kept old application data on your hard drive, you will definitely need to reinstall the antivirus software (as well as most of your other applications). In some cases, you may find your existing software is not compatible with WinXP. If this is the case, you will have to upgrade your antivirus software and install the newer version as soon as possible. If you don't currently use antivirus software, we recommend you seriously consider doing so, particularly if you download a lot of data from the Internet.

Digital Images

Save often, and always work with a high-quality copy. With image editing, the best results come from trial and error. To avoid destroying your original as you experiment, use Save As from the File menu to save a copy you can safely work on. Also make sure you save the copy as a TIFF and continue to save as a TIFF while you do your editing. Unlike the JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) format, which uses lossy compression that throws pixels away, the TIFF format retains the full quality of the image. You can always reduce the quality later, but there's no way to regain quality you've allowed JPEG to throw away.

Video Editing

If you have a DV (digital video) camcorder with analog inputs and a PC with a IEEE 1394 connection, you can use the camcorder as an analog capture device for your PC. Connect the analog video source, such as a VCR, to the camcorder using composite audio-video cables. Connect the DV camcorder to the PC using the IEEE 1394 cable. Press the Play button on the VCR and start your video capture software. The DV camcorder will convert the analog video signal into a digital signal and send the digital signal to your PC.

Palm OS & Palm Desktop

When you delete a note, task, or other item from a Palm organizer, it's gone for good. Well, almost. When you delete an item, your Palm asks if you want to archive a copy to your PC. If you choose to do so, the item will be placed in an archive on the desktop PC when you synchronize. To retrieve the item, open the Palm Desktop on your PC and select

the appropriate application (Date Book, Address, To Do, or Memos). Select Open Archive from the File pull-down menu. Select the appropriate archive to view the information.

USB Ports

Some computers' motherboards can handle more USB (Universal Serial Bus) ports than the PC came with, without filling a PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) slot with a USB adapter card. You can buy two extra ports with cables for about \$12. Connect them carefully according to the motherboard manufacturer's directions and then enable them in your computer's setup after a reboot and/or by moving jumpers on the motherboard. Some new USB ports come mounted on an expansion port plate, which may still block an expansion slot from other uses. You can unscrew the ports from the plate, though, if your computer case has USB-sized holes elsewhere.

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“Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas”

3D Album



“The End of Boring Albums” Do you have your important photos stuffed in boxes or lost motionless on your PC? Have you wanted to organize your stacks of photos for years, but it seemed too tedious? Don’t bore your family or friends with monotonous paper photo albums or

slides. Preserve your memories in style. Create gifts that will last a lifetime!

With 3D-Album it takes only a few short steps, very little PC knowledge and a little imagination to show off your favorite photos with “Pizzazz”!

Organize your photos, with simple drag and drop features. Put them into the order that you want.. Convenient thumbnail previews will make it easy to sort your collections

There are many editing tools to help you add a personal touch to your photos. 3D-Album gives you a number of settings that you can change, including the animation speed and photo size. It’s just as easy to change the background color; material, texture, and even animated 3D headline texts. You can spin the images, dissolve, curl, glide, flip, float, explode, and keep it “alive” with motion.

This program gives you dozens of different 3D styles, frames, borders, & special effects. You get 23 different styles on the 3D-Album software itself.

You can also get free, additional designs in an expanding collection available for individual download at www.3D-album.com.

Use your photos to create animated 3D Photo Shows with Music, Text and Voiceover’s. Combine your photos with your voice or favorite music to create an exciting TV-quality presentation. Add a personal touch with narration, sound clips or music. Even use your favorite MP3, WMA, WAVE, or MIDI files with your presentations.

Copy your albums onto CDs, upload to web pages, or send as email attachments. The best part is that family and friends can enjoy the show without installing any special software on their PCs. You can

even turn your photo shows into custom screensavers.

There is no limit to the number of photos you can add to your 3D photo show. Even if your presentations contain thousands of photos the animation performance won’t be changed or slowed down.

Available as an add-on is “Visviva Animation Capture”. This program allows you to make VCD’s from your 3D-Album Presentations. It captures the image, animation, sound and the background music of your presentation and lets you convert it into various video formats. Make movie files in one of the following formats: MPEG, AVI, WMV, or “RealMedia” movie. “Visviva Animation Capture” uses a simple interface with plenty of on screen help files to guide you. This means that you can make your own personalized photo and movie disks to play on your home DVD players.

With 3D-Album you can enjoy creating cherished gifts for your family and friends. You can have hours of fun while organizing and preserving your memories for a lifetime.

3-D Album makes a great gift for all ages, the young as well as the “young at heart”.

Don’t just stuff away your precious photos in boxes or drawers. Share and enjoy them for many years to come using 3-D Album.

Minimum system requirements

PC with 200 MHz or higher clock speed.

Windows 98, 2000, ME, XP, or NT 4.0.

64 MB RAM with Windows 98, NT 4.0; 128 MB recommended.

128 MB RAM with Windows 2000, XP; 256 MB recommended.

3D video card with 16MB RAM or higher, supporting OpenGL.

800 x 600 screen resolution or higher.

16, 24, or 32 bit color depth.

Sound card.

CD ROM or DVD Drive

3D-Album \$39.95 (Suggested Retail) is available at select retailers or online at <http://www.3D-album.com>

Visviva Animation Capture add-on \$19.95 direct from <http://www.3Dalbum.com>

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This is an excerpt of a letter J.J. received from Smart Computing. This is a very good Magazine and I recommend it. M.j.

Thank you for registering the Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts with the Smart Computing & CPU User Group Program! I have completed the registration process for you and your group is now signed up and ready to start earning free memberships. Here are your group's unique code numbers for both Smart Computing and CPU:

Smart Computing: 12010
CPU: 588

Your members and friends of your group can sign up for memberships to either publication using these code numbers, and the Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts will receive 1 credit for each paid order. For every 5 paid memberships we receive from your group, we will give your group a free membership! (Note: Our totals are calculated at the end of each quarter.) Your members and friends have three different options for ordering memberships to Smart Computing and/or CPU. They can:

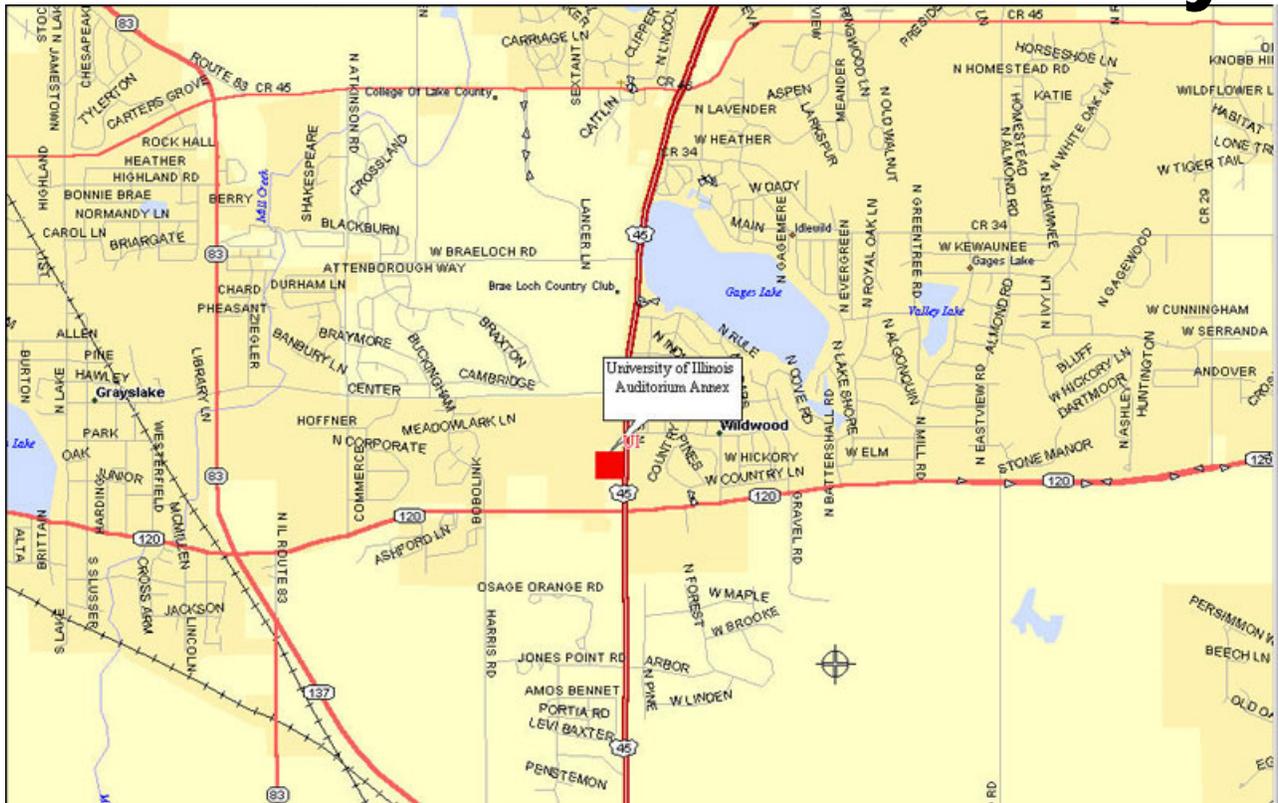
- 1) Place orders on the user group Web site (<https://www.sandhills.com/secure/smartcomputing/membership.asp>)
- 2) Mail or fax the attached form which has been personalized for your group.
- 3) Call customer service at 800-733-3809 and give the representative your group's code numbers.

Thank you again for taking the time to register your group with the Smart Computing & CPU User Group Program. Be sure to tell your members to check out the site as your group is now listed with a live link to your homepage! If you have any questions regarding the User Group Program, or the publication, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Happy computing!

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Directions to Christmas Party



The **University of Illinois Auditorium Annex** is next to the Farm Bureau building on US Hwy 45, 1/4 mile north of Rte 120 (Belvidere Rd), Grayslake, Illinois.

From The North:

- (A) Hwy 12 or 83, exit to 134 East to Route 120, follow to Fairgrounds.
- (B) Hwy 45 to 120 West, follow to Fairgrounds.
- (C) I-94 South to 21 South to Route 120 West, follow to Fairgrounds.
- (D) 41 South to Route 120 West, follow to Fairgrounds.

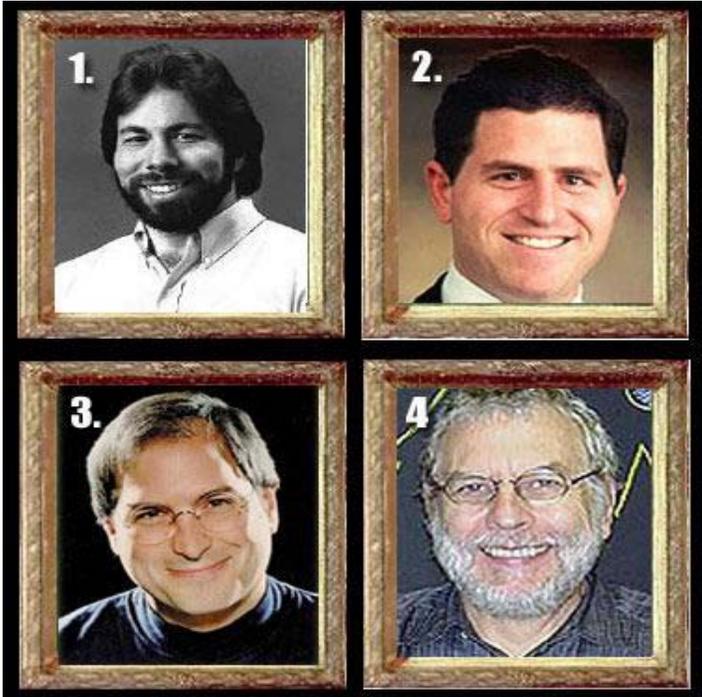
From The South:

- (A) I-94 to Route 120 West, follow to Fairgrounds.
- (B) Hwy 12 to Route 120 East, follow to Fairgrounds.
- (C) Hwy 83 to 45 North, follow to Fairgrounds.

If you get lost or can't find your way call (847) 571-7258 or (847)372-8186

Quiz of the Month

Who are they?



Win Two FREE Movie Tickets

Can you name these people who made significant contributions to the computer industry.

1. Born August 11, 1950, San Jose, Calif. As a teen-ager, he built a pre-CPU computer he dubbed the "Cream Soda Computer." He designed a kit computer, and designed a computer which became known as the "Volkswagen of Computers."
2. Born February 23, 1965, Houston, Texas. He developed concept of selling personal computers via mail-order, to customer specifications. Found his computer company in 1994, one of the world's largest manufacturers of personal computers.
3. He was born February 24, 1955, Los Altos, Calif. He designed the popular arcade game "Breakout". With boyhood friends, he founded a computer company in 1996, and authorized development of the Lisa, the first commercially available computer with a modern "desktop" look and mouse. He also founded NeXT Computing Inc. in 1986, and purchased computer animation studio Pixar from George Lucas.
4. Born February 5, 1943, Clearfield, Utah. He designed and built Computer Space in 1970, the first video arcade game (released in 1971 by Nutting). He released PONG in 1972, the first commercially successful video arcade game. He hired two boyhood friends to assemble arcade games at his company. Later he founded Chuck E Cheese Pizza Time Theater.

Be **THE FIRST** club member to submit the correct answer to **J.J.** for all four individuals and you will be awarded 2-Free movie tickets. The first to submit their answer at the Christmas Party will win.

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December 7, 2002

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100 Rte. 45 Grayslake, Il.

12:00—When ever?

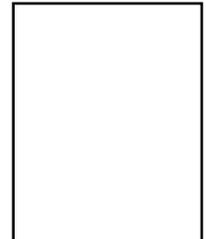
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