

## GENEALOGY

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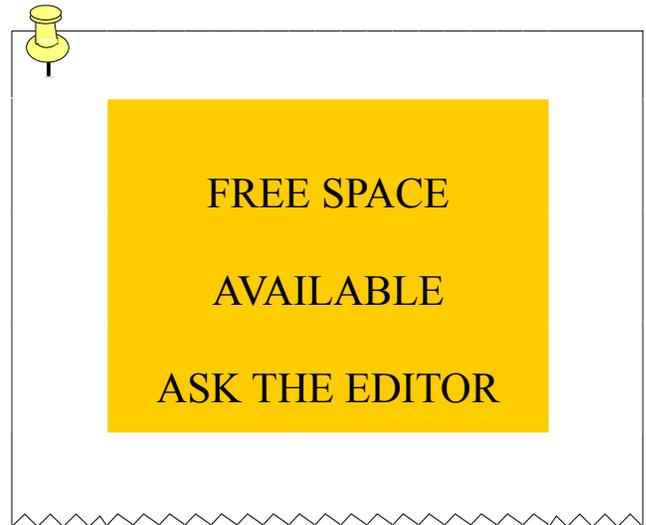
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## Maxims of the Internet Age

1. Home is where you hang your @.
2. The E-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.
3. A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click
4. You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.
5. Great groups from little icons grow.
6. Speak softly and carry a cellular phone.
7. / is the root of all directories.
8. Don't put all your hypes in one home page.
9. The modem is the message.
10. Too many clicks spoil the browse.
11. The geek shall inherit the earth.
12. A chat has nine lives.
13. Don't byte off more than you can view.
14. Fax is stranger than fiction.
15. What boots up must come down.
16. Windows will never cease.
17. Virtual reality is its own reward.
18. Modulation in all things.
19. A user and his leisure time are soon parted.
20. There's no place like http://www.home.com

21. Know what to expect before you connect.
22. Oh, what a tangled website we weave when first we practice.
23. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks.





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Meeting Minutes  
December 1, 2007

# PARTY!

No business (unless it was monkey business) meeting was conducted.

Except for the very nasty weather, a good time was had by all.

See you next year!

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda E. Busch*

Linda E. Busch  
Secretary





And...

## The WINNERS Are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (laptop) - Robin Siedenberg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (camera) - Kathy Clark
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (printer) - Terri Hanlon
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize (membership) - Jean Anderson

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

to all our winners.

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**Tech To Watch**  
**The Next USB**

The plucky USB has made its way into almost all aspects of our digital lives. The ubiquitous interface can transmit power and data to and from a multitude of devices, making it the sliced bread of the PC industry.

According to recent figures from In-Stat, 6.2 billion USB devices have shipped since 2001, with 2.1 billion of those shipping in 2006 alone. The latest revision of the standard, USB 3.0, is on the horizon, and this is one technology you're going to want to keep your eye on.

In September 2007, Intel announced the formation of the USB 3.0 Promoter Group, which hopes to develop a new standard that is 10 times faster than the current USB 2.0 raw data rate of 480Mbps. HP, Microsoft, NEC, NXP Semicon-  
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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Thank you to my committee! You all did an excellent job for the Holiday Party. I think it was a rousing success.

Thank you, too, to all the attendees at the Holiday Party! It was not the best day for a drive anywhere, yet you showed up. Thank you. Thank you! Thank you!

Of course, the weather did NOT cooperate. As the last person to leave the building and the grounds, I can attest to the fact that the roads were in horrible shape. My steering wheel has permanent indentations from my fingers where I was holding on to it for dear life.

And to bring this story to the proper conclusion, I even made it up my driveway, which is a hill. Took me five or six times, but I did it. I am so proud of me.

I haven't yet heard any horror stories from any of you. Hope that all went well on the drive home.

Thank you all again.

Happy New Year!

Linda

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## DVRs

### What You Need To Know

Many of us enjoy watching our favorite TV shows, but events and commitments don't always allow us to see those shows at their scheduled times. One way to get around these conflicts is to record your favorite shows and watch them when it's convenient to do so. In the "old" days, this meant setting the VCR to record the correct channel at a specific time and making sure to set the VCR to record mode before leaving home. Today, however, recording your favorite shows is much more convenient, requiring a few simple steps using a DVR (digital video recorder). When shopping for a DVR, there are several points to consider.

One of the first decisions you'll need to make regarding a DVR is whether you want to buy or lease a device. There are benefits and drawbacks to each route, so compare prices/overall costs and consider which method will work best for your needs. Your cable or satellite TV provider may offer a DVR add-on feature for as little as \$5 per month. Of course, this can add up over time, especially since some users may need to upgrade their cable service in order to be eligible for the add-on feature. Installation fees may apply, as well. If you'd rather not pay a monthly fee, buy your own DVR. Numerous models exist with varying prices.



The number (and length) of TV shows you can record relates directly to storage capacity. / Many DVRs use an integrated hard drive to store recorded video, such as the 160GB Toshiba RD-XS35 (\$399.99; [www.toshiba.com](http://www.toshiba.com)). Other DVRs record directly to DVD. While many manufacturers boast long recording times at low quality, the times will be drastically reduced if you use a high-quality or HD mode to record. The 160GB Toshiba RD-SX35 XS35

can record 140 hours of video using the 2.2Mbps (megabits per second) LP mode and even more with lower bit rates. Check individual DVRs' specifications to find one that will work for you.

Some DVRs have a built-in DVD recorder in addition to a hard drive, which lets you transfer recorded material to DVD. This can be helpful if you run out of storage space on your DVR, or if you want to create your own personal collection of favorite shows.

An EPG (electronic program guide) is one feature that many users find helpful when using a DVR. With an EPG, you can easily view shows in a table listing and select them for recording. Gone are the days of trying to set a show to record by selecting specific start and end times along with the correct channel; with a DVR, you simply select "60 Minutes" or another favorite show and select the record option. EPGs will vary from one DVR to another. Look for a simple interface and get feedback from friends who have used different EPGs. Also, be aware that some EPGs may require a special service fee or setup process.



TiVo DVRs, such as the TiVo Series2 DT DVR (\$99.99, plus service contract; [www.tivo.com](http://www.tivo.com)) are well

known for their ability to record a whole season's worth of shows with one command. TiVo is also known for automatically recording shows that it thinks you will enjoy. Other DVRs offer similar features.

Parents will appreciate a DVR with parental controls. Parental controls can block unapproved content (live or recorded) from your children's eyes. Some parental controls may block the content and/or channel altogether; other controls may simply require a pass code before displaying flagged content.

Consider a DVR's tuning capabilities. Some DVRs have a dual tuner, which lets you record two shows at once. This is especially useful for families who don't agree on the same shows and always seem to have timing conflicts. A dual tuner also lets you watch one channel while another channel is recording.

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Many networks are moving towards HD (high definition) video broadcasts. If many of the shows you record are broadcast in HD, it may be worth getting an HD-

compatible DVR so you can take advantage of the crisp, vibrant picture in HD. One such DVR is the DIRECTV Plus HD DVR HR20 (about \$200 plus \$9.99 per month; [www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)).

Additional features are available. The ability to schedule recordings online, watch video from a remote location, or connect to your home's wireless network are some features you may find useful.

### ■ Enjoy TV, On Your Time

Features vary widely from one DVR to the next, but with a little research, you can find a DVR that suits your needs. Soon, you'll be enjoying the conveniences of watching TV on your schedule, rather than hoping you make it home from a PTA meeting in time to catch your favorite show.

by Jennifer Johnson

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ductors, and Texas Instruments have thrown their collective technological expertise behind the fledgling standard to enable applications not previously possible with current USB, such as HD media streaming, and file transfers of up to and beyond 25GB. Other applications currently using USB 2.0, such as external hard drives, flash cards, high-capacity thumb drives, and camcorders, have the potential to greatly benefit from the higher bandwidth capabilities of USB 3.0. According to Jeff Ravencraft, chairman of the USB 3.0 Promoter Group, downloading a 27GB HD movie today with USB 2.0 takes about 15 minutes. That same transfer with USB 3.0 will take about 70 seconds.

Although details are scant, the USB 3.0 Promoter Group is designing USB 3.0 to be backward-compatible with older USB ports, but, as you might expect, speeds will default to the slowest protocol in the chain. Like USB 1.1 and 2.0 devices, USB 3.0

Devices will be Plug and Play. The new standard will emphasize low power consumption, reliability, and superior efficiency compared to current-gen devices. The current cable and interface used to connect USB 2.0 devices is composed of copper, but to achieve the sky-high data rate of 4.8Gbps, USB 3.0 will require an optical cable. To retain the standard's backward compatibility, USB 3.0 chipsets will still support data over copper (at USB 2.0 speeds). The current length limit for USB 2.0 cabling is about 5 meters, but there's no word yet on whether that length will be possible at USB 3.0's current proposed speeds.

As we went to press, USB 3.0 was still in the prototype stages, but the USB 3.0 Promoter Group expects to deliver the final draft of the standard in the first half of this year. Following approval, logo compliance testing and marketing will likely be handed off to the USB Implementer's Forum, the nonprofit organization that supports all things USB. By the end of 2008, we could see USB 3.0 chipsets appearing in PCs and notebooks, but most experts anticipate USB 3.0 products to start appearing en masse in 2009 and 2010.

by Andrew Leibman

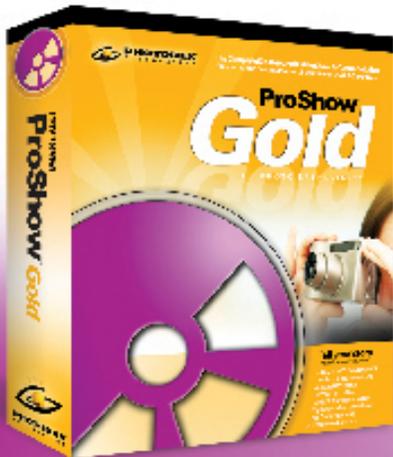
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**This month:**

**Genealogy**

  
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