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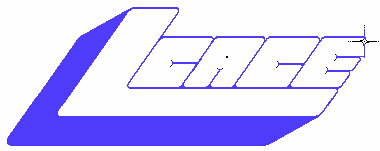
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Membership

LCACE membership is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. Applications for membership may be obtained at the monthly meeting, by request on the club hotline, and are now available on our web site at <http://www.lcace.org>.

Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on Saturdays at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at noon and the formal meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

Newsletter Submissions

Club members are welcome to submit classified ads, reviews, tips and other articles for publication, to our newsletter editor in Microsoft Word format (.doc). **Publication deadline is the 20th of the month for all ads and articles.** Please do not use tabs or special formatting.

Newsletter Advertising

Ad rates per issue: Full page - \$25, Half page - \$15, Quarter page - \$10, Business Card - \$5. Discounts are available on advance purchase of multiple issues. Please send camera-ready copy and payment to the club address by the 15th of the month preceding publication. For more information on ad pricing, please call our Hotline. Ads are **FREE** to all paid members.

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Phil's Ramblings

It used to be that you could find a wide selection of computer-centric magazines on the rack at your local bookstore. While there are still quite a few, their numbers are shrinking as publishers give up on print subscriptions. These publishers may have offered an online version of their magazine in the past, as a supplement to the print version. Now – presumably because of cost pressures – they are offering only an online version.

Two magazines that I used to receive through print subscriptions (“PC World” and “PC Magazine”) are among those which have made this transition. Now, I have online subscriptions to both through Zinio, an online mAgazine subscription provider. They are among literally hundreds of online subscriptions offered by Zinio in a variety of genres. The good news is that I can now read these magazines on virtually any desktop, laptop, tablet or phone by logging onto Zinio with my account user name and password.

If you have fond memories of either and wish to subscribe I encourage you to go to www.zinio.com and do so. The normal one-year subscription rate for each is approximately \$20; however, they do run specials from time to time so it is worth getting on the Zinio email list. (As of this writing (February 4th) Zinio is offering a two-year subscription to PC Magazine for the price of one.)

But there is a cheaper option for LCACE members who happen to live in the Cook or Grayslake Library Districts. Both libraries offer a range of Zinio magazines for free download to library members through their eLibrary offerings. In the case of Cook, they offer both PC World and PC Magazine, as well as iPhone Life, Macworld and Apple Magazine. Grayslake offers Apple Magazine, Macworld and PC Magazine. Unfortunately, as far as I can tell, Waukegan Library District does not offer Zinio magazines to its members.

Speaking of computer-centric publications, there are a lot of changes coming to the Windows Secrets newsletter. Those who are current subscribers will have already received the news through the January 12th & 14th issues; here is some information for those who may be considering a subscription or who are not familiar with this publication.

This newsletter began in 2004 with the merger of two existing Windows-oriented newsletters, the oldest of which, “Woody’s Windows Watch” had been founded in 1998 by Woody Leonhard. (Woody is currently listed as Editor Emeritus of Windows Secrets.) The new Windows Secrets newsletter started out with about 140,000 subscribers.


In 2006, Fred Langa merged his “LangaList” newsletter into Windows Secrets, upping the circulation to about 290,000. Fred remains as the Senior Editor of Windows Secrets today. In 2008, the “Support Alert Newsletter” joined the fold, bringing the total subscription list to over 400,000.

Today, Windows Secrets is part of the Penton Technology Group, which includes a sister publication, “SuperSite for Windows”. The current Editor-in-Chief is Trace Capen, who has an extensive background with PC World, InfoWorld and Corporate Computing magazines.

In the past Windows Secrets newsletter offered an abridged free version and a full paid version by email every two weeks. The suggested cost for the annual paid subscription was \$12. Now, apparently because of cost pressures, they have moved to a paid subscription only. This revised newsletter will now appear in subscribers’ email twice a week – on Tuesday and Thursdays. Readers will have to click over to their website to get

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making many improve-
ments and update.**

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L.C.A.C.E. Club Historian

History Report, 11/14/15 and 1/9/16 Meetings
By Les Larkin
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Our November meeting was conducted by Phil Bock.



Our door prize winner was ME! And what a prize! An Amazon \$25 gift card, which I spent already, on computer parts at Amazon. Of course, I used the link on our website when buying the goodies. Thanks to whoever thought of the idea of an Amazon gift card as a door prize.

Steve Russell won the 50/50 raffle, the club and William each receiving \$23.00. Congratulations to all winners!

Thanks to Linda Busch (coffee), DeBorah Sirilla (cupcakes) and Liz Barnett (cookies) who provided refreshments.

This month's program was "Digital Photography" by Phil Bock. Thanks for your excellent slides and narration, Phil.

I hope all enjoyed the annual LCACE party in December.

Our January meeting was also conducted by Phil Bock. In keeping with tradition, we en-

Membership

January 9, 2016

J.J. Johnson
Membership Chairperson

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THANKS FOR JOINING

Gary Guarnstrom

THANKS FOR RENEWING

None

THANKS FOR VISITING

Phillip Copp



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*If you face squarely into
the sunlight and gaze
squarely toward the future,
you will find that both your
shadow and your failures
have fallen behind you.*

-VITALI NEGRI

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the full content. The new subscription cost is tiered at \$25, \$39 and \$59, with variations yet to be made clear, but apparently including various free eBooks.

For current and potential subscribers who do not want to pay the new subscription rates for the Windows Secrets newsletter, they are offering a free, "WinInfoDaily" email newsletter published by SuperSite for Windows. You can visit their website at <http://winsupersite.com> to sign up for that free newsletter.

Our February LCACE meeting will feature information-sharing and discussion about smartphones – how we choose them, how we use them, which carrier(s) we use, what apps we use and so on. If we can cover this entire topic in one meeting, great; if not, we have scheduled a second meeting on this topic for May.

See you on Saturday, February 13th!

L.C.A.C.E. Club Historian Cont.

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joyed one of our Show/Tell - Ask Gurus meetings. That's when we learn a little about each other, and our new discoveries and toys. And, sparked by the departure one of our long term members, Ken Savage, we talked about people being able to attend via a Skype connection.

As one of the LCACE Help Desk people, I mentioned my intent to make free house calls for ailing computers, especially desktops. Much of what I do can be done remotely, if the patient (computer) isn't too sick to use the internet. Any questions? Email me at LesLarkin@AIM.com.

Thanks to Linda Busch (coffee), Liz Barnett

(cookies), and Phil Bock who provided refreshments.

Dick Eisenmann was the door prize winner of a selfie stick. Our 50/50 raffle winner was DeBorah Sirilla, she and the club each receiving \$10.

Two more great meetings, and I hope to see you at our February 13 meeting.

Video Grabbe Full Media Recorder

Easy way to save your treasures to video format

By Jasmine D'Katz

Recently, I've come across a VHS tape of my son in a 1982 performance of Sneaky Finch at Waukegan East High School and I wanted to digitize it and send it to him. In my research, I can across a few different solutions until Digit Now Media Record panned out to be the device that fit my needs.

DitgitNow Media Recorder is a easy way to record or convert video and audio from almost any source (VHS or camcorder) and play it back on almost any device. I was able to digitize my old VHS

tapes to a memory card with the press of one button! The integrated display allows you to see in real time what is being transferred. There is no need for a computer because you file is save to a memory card which can then be transfer to you PC to save to a CD or DVD. Files are saved in a AVI format which I was able to import into my video editing program and create an archival DVD, upload your old videos to YouTube or even put your video on your smartphone or tablet!

Just connect the video source with a RCA cable. The video is stored on a microSD card, During the transfer you can Press a button and take a SnapShot of the screen. Every-



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thing can be displayed instantly on your TV by connecting the Video Grabber via AV or HDMI. The recorder has a built-in battery for up to 4-hour of record time.

The Video Grabber comes with AV Cable, USB cable 4GB MicroSD Card and a 4.5V power adapter. The Media Recorder can be found online for about \$100.



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