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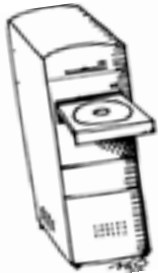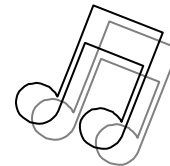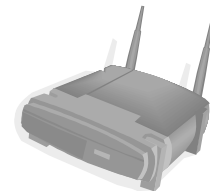
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Wednesday, November 1, 2006
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Articles may be sent electronically to editor@lvpcug.org. Text may be in ASCII, Rich Text Format, MS Word, MS Publisher, or WordPerfect. Graphics may be sent separately provided they are referenced for proper placement. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions, and cannot guarantee publication.

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Earth Probe
by Berry F. Phillips, Member of the Computer Club of Oklahoma City and a regular writer for the CCOKC website and the eMonitor
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http://www.ccokc.org

"The sound of rolling thunder and the fingers of lightening lit up the blood red sky which formed a strange tapestry for the dark, ominous, and towering black mountain in the foreground. Saucer like craft with flashing lights were flying into the summit of the black mountain and disappearing.

At the summit of the mountain was a large cave and inside a top secret landing strip. The various humanoid passengers departing from the saucer crafts were being greeted by metallic security robots with scanners checking their credentials, and then escorting them to teleporters that whisked them down into an auditorium deep inside the black mountain.

" It is time to call our meeting to order. Welcome members of the Inter Galactical Federation to the revealing of the findings of our Earth Probe that has completed its mission. You may recall that we elected not to contact the Earthlings previously because they had not evolved into a higher level of consciousness necessary for membership into the Federation. They continued to remain on the lower war level. While they were making considerable technological advances, their consciousness was not advancing at the same rate. Many of us speculated their civilization would be destroyed by nuclear war. Here is information being projected on our info screens overhead on the Earth Probe findings."

There is no life left on Earth! There was no evidence of a nuclear war! There was evidence of obsolete computers and monitors all over earth! Our data bank suggests that as Earth computer sales continued to grow so did the obsolesce level of computers creating mountains and valleys all over the planet of obsolete computers and monitors.

E-Toxins and E-Waste were escalating to alarming proportions. Several organizations warned of the pending disaster. "Printed Circuit Boards contain heavy metals such as Antimony, Silver, Chromium, Zinc, Lead, Tin and Copper. According to some estimates there is hardly any other product for the sum of the environmental impacts of raw material, extraction, industrial, refining and production, use and disposal is so extensive as for printed circuit boards." CARE conference.

"in short, the product developers of electronic products are introducing chemicals on a scale which is totally incompatible with the scant knowledge of their environmental or biological characteristics." Mans Loonroth, Swedish Secretary of State.

Projections indicate that by 2006 well over 315 million computers will be obsolete in the United States alone. The following E-Toxins were released on Earth: "Cadmium compounds are classified as toxic with possible risk of irreversible effects on human health. Cadmium shows a danger of cumulative effects in the environment due to its acute and chronic toxicity. Mercury when inorganic spreads out in water, it is transformed into bottom sediments and accumulates in living organisms and concentrates through the food chain particularly via fish and can cause chronic damage to the brain. Plastics used in electronic manufacturing is polyvinyl chloride (PVC)

General Meeting Notes: September 2006

Wednesday, September 6, 2006 • West Charleston Library Auditorium

Dennis Kemper took the stage **George Yocum opened the meeting with a discussion on Vista Windows Explorer. He showed multiple ways of accessing files by shortcuts, detail listing, how to locate files even by just typing 1 or 2 letters and letting Vista search for them. Next he touched upon how Microsoft will rate your computer, taking into view your setup of hardware. The use of various wallpaper was shown and the methods for installing it. Showing how to make better use of the Control Panel, George also showed how using a program called Tweak VI can allow additional customization of Windows Vista.**

In answering a member's question on the viability of dual booting, it was determined that Vista and XP Windows should be in a dual boot environment until you become confident that all of your software will work. Also, there is the distinct possibility that capability problems with Vista will arise in the use of printers and scanners.

George then tackled Google and showed various ways personalizing Google to help give you an improvement in the way it displays the web sites both in quantity and quality of results. The subject of saving money on air travel was presented with the use of the web site www.kayak.com. This showed multiple information trends in finding out what flights would better suit someone's purpose, time and finances. It allowed for intensive comparison of different airline, hotels, rental cars, etc. Another all encompassing site was www.farecast.com. and www.farechase.yahoo.com. Both had tons of ideas for vacations and comparisons of various airlines costs and services. He showed various methods such as using graphs that show a lot of information as to cheapest times, days and destinations.

George's final topic was in the use of the Kelly Blue Book (www.kbb.com) to help you save money when selling or purchasing another vehicle either new or used. He showed how a person could find out invoice pricing of new cars, the value of used cars, and all the options that would raise and lower these prices. Included were discussions about CarMax and Edmunds.com. All in all, it made for a very informative session. The level of questions was quite high, and as usual George answered everything to all satisfaction.

Following this, drawings were held and door prizes were awarded as follows.
Digital Converter – Don Finley
Laptop Legs – Phil Barr
Studio Plus Software – Robert Bello
Keyboard with Organizer – Dan Spitz
Uniden Telephone – Paul Miller
Computer Privacy Annoyances Book – John Mueller

Member Door Prize Winners

General Meeting • September

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LVPCUG General Meetings
6:15 pm, 1st Wednesday of each month, February–December West Charleston Library Auditorium
Always free and open to the public!

President's Column

By Dennis Kemper, President LVPCUG

Greetings from the Head office...we are finally through with summer and starting to move towards fall, my favorite time of the year, cooler weather, holidays and lots of food. As we move towards the holidays it is time to think about friends, family and loved ones (Yes this also includes Fido) so take a moment and think about them.

We also like to talk gadgets ,toys, or other things as we get closer to the Christmas holidays, I would like to devote a General meeting discussing this very topic, I hope to get this finalized at the next BOD meeting. Another topic on my mind is the "newsletter" that we publish…did you know that this is compiled by volunteers every month? Sometimes it is difficult with everyone's work schedule to get one completed, we are desperately seeking help in this area, so we can publish a printer and web version on time every month, so if you have some spare time please contact our newsletter editor Sharon Fry and let here know that you would be willing to help, see you next month!

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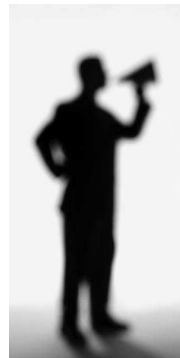
about

The BYTES of LAS VEGAS

In our ongoing efforts to better serve the **Las Vegas PC Users Group** membership and our community in a responsible manner, we will now be publishing our monthly newsletter, ***"The Bytes of Las Vegas"***, in PDF format on our web site only.

Members will continue to be reminded of our General Meetings and of the online publication with our mailed postcards and via e-mail.

The LVPCUG membership will benefit from redirection of resources toward program-related activities. Additionally, the reduction of paper waste from unused printed copies will be more environmentally sensible.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Dennis Kemper at president@lvpcug.org.

There are literally hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of "zombie computers" out there. Is your computer one of them?

Creating zombies out of computers used by you and me has become a major tool used by computer hackers, unscrupulous marketers, and other malicious evil-doers. A computer becomes a zombie when it performs tasks as instructed by someone other than the computer owner. The instructions given to the zombie usually involve distributing information to other computers, which the zombie computer does without notifying its owner. In every spare moment, a zombie computer sends out data, most of which is spam that tries to get someone to purchase something.

Watch for "Zombie Computer" Warning Signs
The computer seems sluggish.

The computer seems to be accessing the hard drive constantly.

The mouse or keyboard becomes unresponsive.

Excessive "bounce" notifications from people you never knowingly tried to e-mail.
These warning signs may also be symptoms of other computer problems, but if you see any of them you should investigate. For more information on zombie computers and spam, check out the Federal Trade Commission's Operation Spam Zombies website at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/spam/zombie/index.htm.

Protect Your Computer from becoming a Zombie
Install a good antivirus program and make sure you update it regularly.

Install a good two-way firewall. It will notify you when information is being sent from your computer. Unfortunately the WindowsXP firewall is not adequate for this purpose—it is "one way" only.

Update your operating system and other software regularly.

Use an anti-spyware program to eliminate spyware on your system.

Check your antivirus and firewall software occasionally to make sure they are running properly—often one of the first instructions given to a zombie computer is to disable the antivirus and firewall software.

Don't open unknown/unexpected e-mail attachments!

Use caution when downloading software—buy from reputable companies, and be sure to read every screen as you download and install any software.

NOVICE CORNER
So, you've decided to download a program from the Internet. Are you sure that you really need it? OK, if you can't live without it, are all of your security programs active and updated? If so, click on "download" and cross your fingers.

An Internet download usually comes with a "prompt" from your browser—you'll be asked whether to "Run" (or "Open") or to "Save" the file. What should you do? Here's the difference:
    If you select "Run", the download file will go to your "Temporary Internet Files" folder. Then it will run or open automatically.

    If you select "Save", you have to choose where the file will be stored on your hard drive (creating a "Downloads" folder on your C-drive might be a good idea at this point). The file will sit in this file until you decide to open it yourself.

So "Run" is convenient, but "Save" gives you more control and it's generally safer. Once the file is saved, you can run a virus scan on it and examine the file. On the other hand, you shouldn't be downloading something of which you are unsure. Downloads from companies you know—for instance, Microsoft, Adobe or Apple—are always OK.

Even if you do choose "Run", you may still have the option to do some checking. Internet Explorer often lets you view digital signatures from the download prompt. After you click "Run", a digital certificate message will pop up. You can click on the name listed under "Publisher" for more information. Under "Digital Signature Information", it should say, "This digital signature is OK". Otherwise, the file is high risk.

Another option you might see is a checkbox labeled something like "Always ask before opening this type of file". Other browsers might use different phrasing such as "Always perform this action with this type of file". The phrasing can be tricky—the two examples mentioned here have opposite effects. So be careful with options that include "always", "never" or "automatically". Select the setting that will alert you with every download. Good luck!

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using this article as long as it is kept in context with proper credit given the author. The Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member, brings this article to you.

Thanks to **www.ViaWest.net** for the Las Vegas PC Users Group web site. See us at **www.lvpcug.org**

calendar

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Meetings

Note: Times and locations are subject to change. If you are planning to attend a particular SIG (Special Interest Group) meeting, it is best to **e-mail or call ahead to confirm** that the meeting will take place as listed here. When possible, schedule changes are also posted at **www.lvpcug.org** on the front page.

In addition, if you are interested in a SIG not listed here or if you would like to start a SIG, please contact **SIG Coordinator, Wendy Jaroslawski**, phone **702-339-3812** or e-mail her at **sig-coordinator@lvpcug.org**.

The SIGs are one of your benefits of membership!

General Meeting

First Wednesday .... 6:15 PM
West Charleston Library, Auditorium
6301 W. Charleston (west of Jones)
Information Line (702)263-5910
or www.lvpcug.org

This monthly general meeting covers topics of interest to all members and guests. The typical meeting includes a beginners/Q&A session of approximately forty-five minutes. This is followed by an update of relevant activities, including SIGs. Each meeting has a feature presentation, usually by a major computer related vendor. See page 3 for information on the next General Meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting
(president@lvpcug.org for confirmation)
Fourth Wednesday................. 6:30 PM
Clark County Library,
Reader Services Meeting Room
1401 E. Flamingo (east of Maryland Pkwy)
President, Officers, Board Members

Open to members and others. The Board of Directors discusses organizational LVPCUG issues relative to meetings, programs, communications, education, public information and finances.

Remember...
All of the LVPCUG meetings are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Tell all your family, friends & neighbors!

Databases
Second Wednesday .... 6:30 PM
Boy Scouts of America
Las Vegas Area Council Office
7220 S. Paradise Road, Las Vegas
Leader: Donna Sword (702)795-2653
Email: program@lvpcug.org

Databases are not as scary as they sound! Beginners to advanced users, and even non-users are welcome to attend. Essentials of good database design are discussed and presented with popular database management tools such as Microsoft Access, Excel & more.

Digital Imaging Techniques
Second Sunday............12:00–2:00 PM
Nevada Power Building, Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (west of Jones)
Leader: Howard Mark (702)256-3662
Email: hmark@earthlink.net

If you take photographs using a film or digital camera, this SIG will look for ways to use software such as Photoshop and Photoshop Elements, Photosuite, PhotoDeluxe and others, to learn how to scan, edit, correct or manipulate images. If you would like to copy your image onto a floppy disk or CD, you're welcome to bring it to the meeting.

Genealogy
Second Saturday..................... 9:30AM
Family History Center, 9th/10th & Clark
Leader: Val Sharp (702)453-4037
Email: sharpvd@yahoo.com.

This SIG covers searching the Internet for information on ancestors and family members, overcoming "brick walls", genealogy publications, and genealogy software evaluations.

How-To Workshop

Fourth Saturday 9:15am-2:30pm

Paseo Verde Library, in Henderson
Green Valley Pkwy (south of I-215)

Leader: Dennis Kemper (702)458-0654
Email: president@lvpcug.org

Hands-on computer workshop, covering a variety of software programs and hardware questions. You are encouraged to bring your computer, or at least a disk with the problem or demo to share. If you have a specific program or problem please call in advance to ensure we will have someone available to assist with your specific problem.

Internet SIG

Third Monday 7:00pm-8:30pm

Nevada Power Building, Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (west of Jones)

SIG LEADER NEEDED
Contact SIG Coordinator at (702)339-3812
Email: sig-coordinator@lvcpug.org

Covers use of the Internet: how to access the service, Internet access providers, hooking up, surfing the Internet, how to find information, the use of Internet utilities to find information, and software packages supporting the Internet.

Linux/Open Source

Third Sunday............. 1:00pm–3:00pm

Nevada Power Building, Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (west of Jones)

Leader: Joseph Mottola (702)310-9980
Email: mottola@softcom.net

A free operating system that is an alternative to Microsoft windows operating systems. The many flavors of this operating system and applications will be covered and explored.

Mobile Computing

Second Monday 6:30pm–8:30pm

Location Pending – contact Leader
for notification of latest information

Contact SIG Coordinator at (702)339-3812
Email: sig-coordinator@lvpcug.org

Exchange of information regarding the use of personal digital assistant devices using Microsoft's Pocket PC software and others.

Multimedia Lab

Second Saturday 3:30pm–5:30pm

Nevada Power Building, Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (west of Jones)

Leader: Rich Vance ((702)339-3812
Email: lvpcugmusicsig@earthlink.net

Topics to be covered include – but are not limited to – downloading MP3 music, converting audio CDs to MP3; organizing and playing an MP3 music library with software programs such as Music Match Jukebox, WinAmp, Sonique, etc; making audio CDs on a CD-RW drive; digital recording from external sources; and editing digital music. This group has also begun to venture into digital video.

Novice (New) Users

Third Sunday 4:00pm–6:00pm

Nevada Power Building, Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (west of Jones)

Co-Leader: Charles Frederick (702)452-9440
Email: cifgrf4041@yahoo.com

Topics of interest to the beginning computer user, explained in simple easy-to-understand terms. Each session is complete; beginners are welcome to start attending meetings at any time.

Saturday Night Bytes & Bites

First Saturday 5:00 PM-8:30pm

New Horizons Learning Center

7674 West Lake Mead, Suite 250 Las Vegas NV
Leader: Dennis Kemper
Email:president@lvpcug.org

(Request notification of each meeting's location by e-mail to president@lvpcug.org)

A time to have a bite to eat and socialize with other users, and enjoy presentations and discussions that cover a variety of general topics of interest to PC users. All discussions are based on member input.

Systems/Applications Review

First Saturday 12:00pm– 4:00pm

Nevada Power Building, Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (west of Jones)

SIG Leader - Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Email: systemapplicationreview@gmail.com

A meeting focusing on the Windows environment. Members helping members in the exchange and sharing of knowledge and information.

Using Office Suites
Second Saturday 1:00pm–3:00pm
Nevada Power Bldg. Wengert Room
6226 W. Sahara (near Jones)

Leader: Wendy Jaroslawski (702)339-3812
Email: sig-coordinator@lvpcug.org

Leader: Sharon Fry (702)562-2028
Email: SharonFinLV@hotmail.com

The Using Office Suites SIG centers around discussions and presentations of techniques applicable to "office" or "productivity" software applications. These include word processing, spreadsheets, personal information managers, presentations.

We demonstrate usually with Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint), but we also explore other products with similar functionality, such as OpenOffice and WordPerfect Office. Most information applies to any applications of this genre.

This is an open group driven by member input, so if you run across a problem that you need help with, e-mail the Leaders or bring in a CD or diskette, and the entire group will assist in finding a solution to the problem! Each meeting will usually center around a specific feature of a particular program. Any related programs or add-ins will also be explored. Tools and texts that are available will also be introduced.

Windows Developers
Second Thursday 6:30pm–8:30pm
Sahara West Library, Board Room 2nd Flr.
9600 West Sahara (west of Fort Apache)

Leader: Richard Rosenheim (702)897-1117
Email: windev@lvpcug.org

The Windows Developers SIG is a forum for those who develop programs and applications targeted to run in a Windows environment. The SIG addresses topics relating to Windows development issues and languages. While the primary focus is on Visual Basic, attention is also given to database design and programming, web programming, and program algorithms. In addition, any other area of interest to the membership (such as Windows API, Visual Basic, C++, Delphi, Java and ActiveX programming , etc. can be addressed.)

Wireless Networking
Fourth Saturday........ 3:00pm–5:00pm
Paseo Verde Library, in Henderson
Green Valley Pkwy (south of I-215)

Leader: Harold Rozinski (702)870-8946
Email: wirelesssig@yahoo.com

Covers the basics of wireless networking, wireless network criteria and expectations. Discuss the benefits and pitfalls of wireless technologies; introduction to wireless networks in the home, business and traveling (hotspots); site survey for location rules, regulations. ⊙

Other User Groups in Las Vegas and Surrounding Area

Association of Information Technology Professionals (A.I.T.P.) - Monthly dinner meetings at Palace Station the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July and August) . Social hour begins at 5.45 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. speaker at 7:00 p.m. Reservations, or additional information, contact Roberta Weller at 702-233-1225, rweller326@earthlink.net.

Commodore Users Group - Meets on the first & third Saturday of the month. Al Jackson ajax@wizard.com 702-645-2402

Kingman Arizona CUG www.kingmanarizonacug.com Email: rbth1@hotmail.com

L.V. Netware User Group - Meets second Tuesday of month. Roland Hughes 702-455- 4273 rolandh@co.clark.nv.us

Las Vegas Linux Users Group Meetings first Saturday of each month at Century 23 Computers from 11:00 am - 3:30 pm. It is located at 4101 Meadows Lane, Las Vegas. (Across from Meadows Mall). About once every quarter we have a Sunday meeting for those that can't make the Saturday meetings. Please check calendar each month in case of changes. www.lvlug.org

Meadview (AZ) PC User Group - Meets first Thursday of month. Chuck Shull 928-564-2782 Railrider86@citlink.net

Pahrump NV Computer UG - Meets first Monday of month at 1pm in the Pahrump Moose Lodge. Don Norvell 775-727-1246 DonNorvell@air-internet.com

Southern Nevada Amiga Group
Ron Gatreaks 702-645-4610 captg@skylink.net

Southern Nevada Users Group - Meets second Monday of month. David Gaberel 702-658-6462 davegaberel@sierranv.net

Sun City MacDonald Ranch Computer Users Group – Members are residents of Sun City MacDonald Ranch. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM in the Community Club House. Contact Ms. Sam Giordano at samespin1@cox.net.

Sun City Summerlin Computer Users Group Meets first Thursday of Month. For more information call 615-5735. You must live in Sun City Summerlin in order to join this organization.   ⊙

Who, me? Yes, you!
You, too, can do a Product Review

Have you recently...

- • Read a computer book that was especially well written and helpful?
- • Played a computer game that you think is really challenging?
- • Found a computer show or program that's quite informative?
- • Taken a course that you really enjoyed?
- • Got a new piece of equipment that you feel comfortable recommending to others?
- • Tried a new or unique software program that solves a problem?

Why not take some time and share your thoughts with fellow LVPCUG members?

Consider the following to help arrange your thoughts and ideas:

- • Identify the item specifically with name, version and the vendor.
- • Describe its purpose and what it does – its objective and selling points or features.
- • Tell us its price and where other members can find it.
- • State any requirements, and if it is for a novice, intermediate, or advanced user.
- • Tell us why you selected it.
- • Tell us about the original installation or your first impressions.
- • Describe your experience – what you liked, didn't like, etc.
- • Any unexpected result, or any outstanding feature or function?
- • Any improvement recommendations?
- • Make your concluding comments and recommendation. Add a rating, if you like.

Don't worry about your writing skill or grammar, or length of review. That's why we have an Editor. Just write down your thoughts, put them aside for a day or two, then read them and make sure that you said what you intended and that it all makes sense, then e-mail it to **editor@lvpcug.org**

Let's get into the habit of sharing our experiences with fellow members. After all, isn't that one of the reasons we all joined LVPCUG in the first place—to **share** our experiences, **broaden** our horizons and knowledge, and **take advantage** of our pool of **expertise** (that's **all of us**)—giving and getting

Recovering A Deleted File

If you recently deleted the file, are using Windows 95 or newer, and you haven't performed many other tasks on the PC after deleting the file, try undoing the deletion. In the program window from which you deleted the file, click the Edit menu. If you see an Undo Delete command available, click it to restore the deleted file. Depending on which tasks you performed since deleting the file, you might see another type of Undo command, such as Undo Rename, under the Edit menu. If so, you might be able to click it and work backward through the various Undo commands to reach the Undo Delete command. If the Undo command is dimmed and unavailable, you'll have to try another step: Check out the Recycle Bin.

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— *For Members Only* —

Helping Hands
"USERS HELPING USERS"

When you need help with computer related problems, call a **Helping Hand** volunteer. This service is available only to LVPCUG members.

Please be courteous when you call and make sure the time is convenient. Have ready your manuals, questions, etc. and be at your computer. Or, e-mail a description of your problem along with your phone number and best time to contact you.

If you feel that you could be a **Helping Hand** in any area, please contact one of the Board Members, or contact the Editor and ask to be added to the list. We can always use more volunteers in this area. **"Users Helping Users"** is what it's all about! ⊙

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LVPCUG Membership Benefits

The Las Vegas PC Users Group welcomes new members anytime. The only criteria for membership is an interest in computers! The Las Vegas PC Users Group is an exciting non-profit organization of novices, experts, computer professionals and casual users that began in the 1980's.

Membership includes a subscription to "The BYTES of Las Vegas", and full access to the web site. Full members may purchase hardware, software, and books made available by the manufacturers and various vendors at discounted prices. Helping Hands are there when you need them. A group of members with experience in particular fields has volunteered to help user group members one-on-one. When you need computing assistance, you can contact a Helping Hands volunteer.

A General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month Feb.-Dec. in the Auditorium of the West Charleston Library at 6301 W. Charleston. The pre-meeting at 6:15 PM is a computer fundamentals presentation with general questions and answers. At 7 PM, the General Meeting starts with a presenter on a topic of broader interest, followed by questions and answers about the presentation. Each meeting concludes with door prize drawings.

What areas are you most interested in? We have Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that focus on various areas of computing such as help for novice users, office software, databases, programming, digital imaging, wireless networking, etc. They meet on a regular basis in a variety of meeting formats–such as workshops, discussions and classes–to share information on diverse topics. We even have a Saturday Night "Bites & Bytes" that shares dinner and computer expertise. And, all of our meetings are free and open to the public.

Visit our web site at www.lvpcug.org Members can get answers to questions, and find out when and where the Special Interest Groups are meeting. There are links to other interesting sites as well.

For more information about membership in the Las Vegas PC Users Group, contact President Dennis Kemper at president@lvpcug.org, Membership Chair Dan Spitz at membership@lvpcug.org, or leave a message at (702)263-5910. ⊙

Las Vegas PC Users Group
Membership Application

(PLEASE PRINT)   Date: _____ ○ New ○ Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Have you been a Member Before? ○ YES ○ NO

It is LVPCUG policy to keep your information confidential. We do not sell or exchange personally identifiable information with any third parties. Upon acceptance of your Membership Application, you will be automatically opted in to receive electronic and postal mail regarding LVPCUG activities. You may opt out of these notices at any time by notifying membership@lvpcug.org via e-mail.

For purposes of contact regarding SIGs and meetings, may we release the following to other Members?

Your phone # _____ and/or Your e-mail address _____

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (optional but helpful):

How did you hear about the LVPCUG? _____

What type of computer user are you? (Circle all that apply)

Novice   Programmer Consultant   Trainer   Work Related   Home User

Other (please specify) _____

Please put an **"X"** in front of the **items you use and/or have some knowledge of**, and put an **"O"** in front of those subjects **you would like to learn more about**.

_____ Programming	_____ Art & Design	_____ BBS/Telecommunications
_____ Networking	_____ Desktop/Web Publishing	_____ Windows
_____ Word Processing	_____ Multimedia	_____ Databases
_____ Operating Systems	_____ General Computer	_____ Spreadsheets/Accounting
_____ Hardware	_____ Other: _____	_____

Bring completed application and check for $30 Annual Membership Dues to our General Meeting, or mail to:

Membership Chairperson
Las Vegas PC Users Group
1350 E. Flamingo Road #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Membership expiration date appears on address label

Time Value Mail

Bytes Bits Board

2007 will be a big year for Microsoft products.

Microsoft's next Windows operating system will be **Windows Vista**. It's expected to become available in November 2006 through business channels, with release to the public and retail outlets in January 2007. Windows Vista will include **Internet Explorer 7**, among many other updated and new features. For more details, visit **www.microsoft.com/windowsvista**

The next edition of Microsoft's Office System will be **2007 Office**, which will be version 12 of the products **Word**, **Excel**, **PowerPoint**, **Outlook**, **Access**, etc. Release is projected for mid-2007. Find the latest news and information about the 2007 Microsoft Office system at: **www.microsoft.com/office/preview**

If you are interested in trying out these new products before they're "finished" for release, consider beta testing. Both Windows Vista and 2007 Office have just issued **new beta releases**. See details on either web site.

Mark your calendars now for the annual **Southwest User Group Conference X3** being held **August 11, 12 & 13, 2006** in San Diego, California.

The Conference will be held from Friday evening through Sunday at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego. Activities will include: workshops on Saturday and Sunday; vendor-sponsored presentations & meals; a Vendor Faire; numerous prize drawings; as well as up close and personal time with participating vendors. In addition, attendees will receive a T-shirt and Welcome Bag.

More information is at **www.swugconf.org**