# The Bytes of Las Vegas

*August, 2009*

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## President's Message
August 4, 2009

From the desk of the President … I wanted to add that being a member of the LVPCUG means that you are a member of the APCUG  and you have a great opportunity to use the resources that they provide. For example

This is a portion of the calendar that they provide for the members to log in and view a meeting of a different club or SIG and see what they are doing. Please go to www.apcug.org and create a users account in the APCUG SharePoint Site so that you can enjoy some of the benefits of membership in the LVPCUG and its shared portals. There is no cost to you as we are members of the APCUG.

What a great way to see what is happening in other parts of the country with other Users Groups and is available because you are a member of the LVPCUG .

I hope that you all sent in your cards to get a new president for the Users Group, a lot of work has gone into finding someone to do this, and we need your help so get going on this.

**Next Meeting  September 2, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. See page 3**

**Please contact the website for the latest information.**

## Announcements

The Special Interest Groups (SIG) will be meeting at their regular times.  Be sure to check the calendar on the website.  We are looking for a new place for our General meetings and SIGs. If you have any suggestions, please email us at info@LVPCUG.org

Check the website at www.LVPCUG.org for the calendar dates and times.

Would you like to share a computer talent you have or would be interested in learning about a certin topic. We would appreciate your ideas!

### RECYCLING BRINGS REWARDS

The LVPCUG is receiving rebates for recycling ink cartridges and cell phones. The Recycling Committee urges members to set aside those used ink cartridges and cell phones and bring them to the general meeting. You might also spread the word to family members and friends to save them for you too. Their is no cost to the club, only your time in gathering the material and the committee members' time to package it.

If you have any questions, please see Thomas Linn or Judy Ruf at the General Meeting on Sept. 2 at the West Charleston Library.

## Officers and Volunteers   Contact by sending an email to info@lvpcug.org

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### Membership Questions
If you have any questions about your membership
Please send email: Membership@LVPCUG.org

## Website:  www.lvpcug.org

**Membership**
Dues are $30 per year. Dues are collected Annually from your membership date. If you would like to join, a membership form is located at the end of the newsletter.Please complete and forward to our mailing address.
Mailing Address
Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.
1350 E. Flamingo Rd. #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Newsletter**
The Bytes of Las Vegas is published on a monthly basis.
A PDF version is available to members online at the website.
Information in this newsletter was obtained from sources considered to be reliable.
Accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed.
Deadline for article submission:
10 th of each month to editor@lvpcug.org

Mr. Al Gibes will our guest speaker at the meeting on September 2, 2009.

His talk will do a fun look at the changing meda landscape, including a humorus look at the technoligical changes and their effect on culture and a brief history of the internet.

Bio

Al Gibes

"ONLINE GUY" COLUMNIST

Las Vegas Review-Journal and reviewjournal.com

Mr Gibes has written the weekly "Online Guy" column for the Review-Journal since May 1998. It focuses on all things related  to the Internet, bandwidth, computing and all things digital. The column also appears in a number of newspapers and Web sites. He also writes the "Tidbits" blog on reviewjournal.com.

Mr Gibes background includes 17 years as a photojournalist at papers in New Mexico and Colorado and photo editing at the Review-Journal before turning his attention to the digital world.

Mr. Gibes directed the teams that built the original LasVegas.com and Hawaii.com sites and oversaw the operation of the reviewjournal.com from its inception in 1997 through June 2009. His new role is Director of Visuals for the Review-Journal, which includes management of photography, videography, graphics and design departments.

He's a native of Chicago Heights,IL and a graduate of Southern Illinois University--Carbondale.

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Back to the Original (DG)

We've all done it. At some time or another we've all inserted a picture into a document, worksheet or presentation and started altering its appearance. Let's make it larger... no smaller... no wait, we'll stretch it only vertically. And let's lighten colors and crop it a bit over here. Next thing your know you've got a mess and you're looking at the undo button thinking "How far back do I have to go to fix this one?". Or maybe you figured that it would be faster to delete the destroyed picture and re-insert the original.
Both of these ideas work but there's a quick and easy one button solution to your problem. Interested in the "how to"?

Yeah, I thought you might be.

When you have a picture selected Picture Toolbar should open. If it doesn't don't panic.

Try a right click on the picture and choose Show Picture Toolbar from the menu, Toolbars submenu, Picture choice.

At any rate, once the toolbar is open you're  only one button away from a reset of the picture to its original state.

The button you're looking for is on the far right end—the Reset Picture button.
Click it and Poof! Your picture is restored no undo or re-insertion required.

Tips with (DG) after name were found on Dave Gerber's website www.davebytes.com.

**ITEMS TO SHARE**
**If your have any web sites or other items you would like to share with the LVPVUG members, send them to the Editor@LVPCUG.org and I will try to include them in a future issue of the Bytes.**
**Thank you, Editor**



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## Directory of SIG Groups as of July 2009

Helping Hands, 1st Saturday, Wengert Room, 10am to 4 pm, Linda DiGiovanni
Windows Developers, 2nd Thursday, West Sahara Library, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Richard Rosenheim
Genealogy, 2nd Saturday, Family History Center, 10:15 am to 11:15 am, Sam
Giordano
Office Applications, 2nd Saturday, Wengert Room, 1 pm to 3 pm, Wendy
Jaroslawski
Software and Product Review, 2nd Saturday,Wengert Room, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm,
Linda DiGiovanni
Digital Images Techniques 2nd Sunday, Wengert Room, 12 pm to 2 pm, Howard
Mark
Linux/Open Source Applications, 3rd Sunday, Wengert Room, 1 pm to 3 pm, Don
Sabatine
Novice(new users) and Internet, 3rd Sunday,Wengert Room, 4 pm to 6 pm,
Charles Frederick
How-To-Workshop, 4th Saturday, Paseo Verde Library, 9:15 am to 2:30 pm,
Dennis Kemper
Wi-Fi, 4th Saturday, Paseo Verde Library, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Harold Rosinski

all meetings are subject to cancellation by SIG leader or Property Owner. The
Calendar page of the LVPCUG web site is kept as current as possable.

Print this page only and cut out for a handy reference of the SIG's and the meeting
dates.

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If you would like to attend the CES show that is coming to Las Vegas in January 2010.
The exibits are January 7 to the 10 th.
You will need to contact the website before October 1, 2009 to get the best details.
Contact CESweb.org

### O'Reilly Books and News
O'Reily is a publisher of computer books and others. The LVPCUG is a member of
their User Group program, to see their offers contact: http://oreilly.com and check
out their web site.

"It is by universal misunderstanding that all agree, For if, by ill luck, people understood each
other, they would never agree."
Charles Baudelarie (1821-1867), French poet and critic, "Intimate Journals"
(Translated by Christoper Isherwood 1947)

## Genealogy SIG

Sam Giordano
452-4037
Samespin1@cox.net
2 nd Saturday
10:15-11:15 a.m.

Family History Center
501 S. 9th Street

Search the internet
for your family history
using software and web
sites.

## How to Workshop SIG

Dennis Kemper
458-0654

4th Saturday
9:30-2:30 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library
280 S. Green Valley
Parkway

Bring your laptops and
desktops for checks or
repairs.

## Office Applications SIG

Wendy Jaroslawski
339-3812
2nd Saturday
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Nevada Engery
6226 W. Sahara Av
Learn Office,Excel,
Power Point,Word,
and more.

## Genealogy

Family Search is website sponsored by the LDS Church to help people find their ancesstors. Family Search Labs is a website that tests new programs that can be used by Family Search.  It is located at www.labs.familysearch.org.  Here are some of current projects:
Record Search This is a quick and easy way to search millions of records.  Click on a map to see what records are available for the area.  You can also enter information on your ancestors and find records.
Family Tree  You and other members of your family can enter information about your family and you can watch it grow. Enter your name and the tree starts with your information.
Check this site out for more projects.
Attend this SIG at the Family History Center and get help for roadblocks that you may run into.

## How-to-Workshop

AVG--Free Software for Virus Protection. AVG protects your computer against virus and spyware.  It is easy to use. Many computer experts recommend and use AVG. Go to www.free.avg.com.
Another freeware is AVAST. It is also a freeware and has over 80 millon users. It can be found at www.avast.com. With AVAST you register a key that is good for 1 year. Then you have to re-do the registration.
A free Spyware program is Ad-Aware. This program has received numerous awards and can be downloaded at www.lavasoft.com
Protecting your computer does not need to be expensive.
Programs that have been checked and rated by PC Magazine are available to you for free. Check these programs out.

**Training Programs** You can get free Microsoft Office  training. Go to http:// www.educationonlineforcomputers.com/blogs/post/category/microsoft_office_training_tutorial.
This site has several tutorials that will teach you how to use Microsoft Office. Microsoft.com also has numerous training tutorials to help you. They have templates, forms, tutorials and many other help programs about their software.
The Office suite has numerous tips to help you produce the items you need.
Our Office Application SIG has people that can help you with using this powerful software.
Come and join them and let them help you.

## Helping Hands

### Helping Hands

**Linda DiGiovani
395-6676**

1st Saturday
10:00--4:00 p.m.

**Nevada Energy
6226 W. Sahara
(Meeting room at
back of building)**

**Help for computer
building,
repair amd problems.
Members helping members.**

<u>Why up date your drivers?</u>  It is drivers that power the devices in or attached to your computer. It is important to check the drivers at least once a year and update them. Your devices may not work properly or at all if they do not have updates on a regular basis. There are lots of reasons why you need to keep your device drivers updated, but the simple one is that if you do not do so, the device may just stop working because of bug repairs and updates that do not have the proper drivers. Device drivers are something you should stay up on.

Schedule a time on your calendar on a regular basis to check your various devices and programs so you have the most up-to-date drivers.

None of us like a broken computer. You can bring your computer to our Helping Hands SIG and get help with your problems.

## Wireless Networking

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**Harold Rozinski
870-8946**

**4th Saturday
2:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Paseo Verde Library
280 S. Green Valley
Parkway**

**Wireles technology,
benefits, pitfalls.**

<u>Wifi Hot Spots</u>  You can take advantage of Public WIFI hot spots or start a wireless network in your home.  The first thing your need to do is to make sure your computer has the right gear.  Most new laptops and newer desktops come with bulit-in transmitters.  If your laptop does not have the right equipment, you can buy a wireless adapter to plug into the USB port.  Once the adapter is installed and the driver checked, the computer should automatically start and discover any hot spots in the area. The computer will inform you of the existence of a network an ask whether you want to connect to it. You can access the internet, your email, website or favorites.
Having a home  wireless network, allows you to easily connect several computers and to easily move the computers from spot to spot.

## Tips and tricks
**What happened to the Back Button?
Pikes Peak Computer Assocation Socity, Colorado Springs, CO.
Ever visit a Website, and find the brower's Back button was disabled? Some websites disable the back button to keep you on their site. If this happens, right click on the back button. You'll see a list of pages that you have visited. Click something on the list to move back. This works for the forward button, too.**

## Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.

## Membership Application

New Members or Renewal with Information Changes

**To join the Las Vegas PC User Group, please complete the information below. The form can be mailed with a check or brought to the General Meeting.  Dues are $30 per year per family. More information about the Club can be obtained from www.LVPCUG.org**

**Date_____      New _____      Renewal _____**

**(Please Print)**

**Name(1): _____      Name(2): _____**

**Email (1) _____      Email (2) _____**

**Address: _____**

**City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____**

**Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____**

It is LVPCUG policy to keep your information confidential.

Supplemental Information ( optional, but helpful):
How did you hear about the LVPCUG? _____
_____

Areas of Interest: _____

**Send check for $30 to**:

Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.
Membership Director
1350 E. Flamingo Rd #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119-5270

**Club Use only: Memb, No. _____      Rec'd _____**

**Amount_____      Method _____**