



The Bytes of Las Vegas

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If you have any suggestions for the Meeting Speaker for a September 7th meeting we would like for you to send an email to the LVPCUG Club with your ideas. Please send to:

info@lvpcug.org

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If you have any questions for the LAS VEGAS PC USERS GROUP please send an email to: info@lvpcug.org.

After the meeting on June 1st you can mark your calendar for the next meeting which will be held on Sept 7th. The presenter will be announced at a time closer to the meeting date.

See you at the meeting on September 7th.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 Time: ?

Time to be Determined. Place: To be announced at a latter date.

Please contact <http://www.lvpcug.org> for latest information.

Announcements

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

Check the web site at <http://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 certain topic. We would appreciate your ideas!

RECYCLING The used ink and toner is good for the environment but at this time the Las Vegas PC Users Group is no longer accepting the items for recycling. The Club would like to recommend that you recycle your items with [Cartridge World](#) Stores located at: please note that their store formerly in the Home Depot shopping center at Rainbow and Charleston has moved to [3655 S Rainbow](#) Suite 104 in the Walmart shopping center near Spring Mountain. Their other store is still at [9550 S Eastern Ave](#), Suite 190.

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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

Web site: <http://www.lvpcug.org>

Membership

\$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. Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc. 1350 E. Flamingo Rd# 188

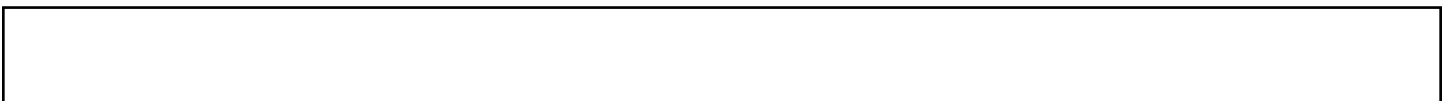
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Newsletter

The Bytes of Las Vegas is published on as needed.

A PDF version is available to members online at the web site.

Information in the newsletter was obtained from sources considered to be reliable. Accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed.



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING : WEDNESDAY
September 7th, 2011 TIME: TO BE ANNOUNCED
PLACE: TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATTER DATE**



This can
Happen to
YOU

The Las Vegas PC User Group is looking for speakers, the next meetings are scheduled for September 7 and December 7, 2011 if you know of any body that can speak at the meeting please send email to: info@lvpcug.org.

For those members who use [Cartridge World](#) for their printer consumables, please note that their store formerly in the Home Depot shopping center at Rainbow and Charleston has moved to [3655 S Rainbow](#) Suite 104 in the Walmart shopping near Spring Mountain. Thanks to Karl Rehak for discovering this. Their other store is still at [9550 S Eastern Ave](#), Suite 190.

Attend a meeting and you have a chance to win a door prize from the drawing at the end of the meeting, The winners for the meeting held on June 1 , 2011 were Linda DiGiovanni, Leland Beel and David Boykin all were winners of a very nice cup for cold drinks. Jim Barrett and Wendy Jaroslowski were winners of a very nice mouse.

FBI Takes Down Infamous Coreflood Botnet

<http://go.infopackets.com/e20110627-05>

Microsoft patches to avoid for now

<http://windowssecrets.com/patch-watch/keeping-you-up-to-date-say-no-to-net-again/>

Don't pay for software you don't need — Part 3

<http://windowssecrets.com/links/tnv5qubb8w6md/08b69eh/?url=WindowsSecrets.com%2F2011%2F07%2F07%2Fts%2F%3Fn%3Dstory1>



Membership Corner

Member dues help the club pay bills such as liability insurance, Clear Internet service, web site fees, APCUG membership, equipment, meeting room rent, and raffle prizes. It is important that members be always on the lookout for a perspective new member.

New Notice to Members:

The Executive Board has decided to reduce the frequency of General Meetings from monthly to quarterly because of the difficulty in getting presenters, and because of low attendance. Meetings are scheduled for March 2nd, 2011, June 1st, 2011, September 7th, 2011, and December 7th, 2011. The frequency of board meetings is also reduced, so they occur in the month just prior to the general meeting.

The number of The Bytes of Las Vegas posted to the web site will decrease in number, more information at a latter date.

Google axes controversial plan to store patients' medial records

<http://go.infopackets.com/e20110707-04>

Flying Car Gets Green Light From Feds

<http://www.geekosystem.com/terrafugia-approval/>

Imported Tech Devices May Contain Spy Tools

<http://go.infopackets.com/e20110713-06>

Internet Explorer 9 utterly dominates malware-blocking stats

<http://arstechnica.com/microsoft/news/2011/07/internet-explorer-9-utterly-dominates-malware-blocking-stats.ars>

Apple deals massive patent blow to HTC, Android in serious trouble

<http://www.zdnet.com/blog/hardware/apple-deals-massive-patent-blow-to-htc-android-in-serious-trouble/13714?tag=nl.e539>

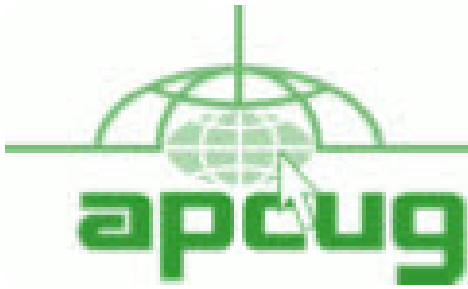
Thanks Larry

I had no idea that there was a live earthquake report on the Internet. Very interesting.

<http://quakes.globalincidentmap.com/>

Thanks Chuck





If you are a member of LVPCUG that means you are a member of APCUG and you have a great opportunity to use the resources that they provide. Such as the calendar that members may 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.

The Best Free Antivirus Software

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2388652,00.asp>

10 reasons not to buy an iPad for your college student

<http://www.techrepublic.com/blog/10things/10-reasons-not-to-buy-an-ipad-for-your-college-student/2599?tag=nl.e101>

Free Training Manuals for MS Office

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/free-training-manuals-ms-office.htm>

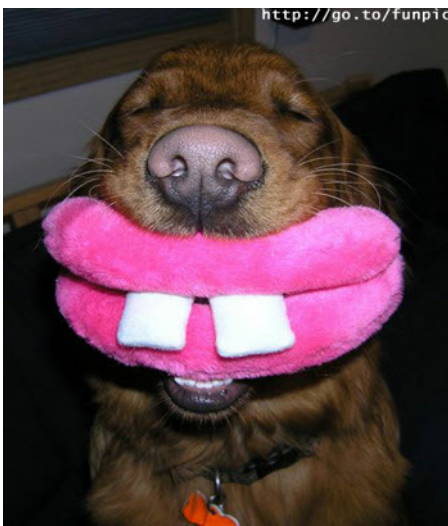
This is a web site in the UK but it has some very Good Quick Reference guides for 2010 and 2007 which has the most changes to learn and get up to speed. The site also has other items.

Comments by Editor, Las Vegas PC Users group





All aboard the Bus for where ever it takes You



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Home Computer Security

**By Wil Wakely, President, Seniors Computer Group, California
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For this article I will be quoting extensively from work that was produced by Carnegie Mellon University for FedCIRC and the General Services Administration, because they say it much better than I can.

Your home computer is a popular target for intruders. Why? Because intruders want what you have stored there. They look for credit card numbers, bank account information, and anything else they can find. By stealing that information, intruders can use your money to buy themselves goods and services. But it's not just money-related information they're after. Intruders also want your computer's resources, meaning your hard disk space, your fast processor, and your Internet connection. These are called TROJANS and WORMS. They use these resources to attack other computers on the Internet. In fact, the more computers an intruder uses, the harder it is for law enforcement to figure out where the attack is really coming from.

How do intruders break into your computer? In some cases, they send you email with a virus. In other cases, they take advantage of a flaw or weakness in one of your computer's programs – a vulnerability – to gain access. Once they're on your computer, they often install new programs that let them continue to use your computer – even after you plug the holes they used to get onto your computer in the first place. These 'backdoors' are usually cleverly disguised so that they blend in with the other programs running on your computer. Following are things you should do to protect your computer:

· Task 1 - Install an Anti-Virus Program

These programs look at the contents of each file, searching for specific patterns that match a profile – called a virus signature – of a program known to be harmful.

For each file that matches a signature, the anti-virus program typically provides several options on how to respond, such as removing the offending patterns or destroying the file.

Viruses can reach your computer in many ways, through floppy disks (flash drive), CD-ROMs, DVDs, email, web sites, and downloaded files. There are many thousands of new viruses created each day! Never go on the Internet without active anti-virus protection.

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The following is a copy of the letter that was sent to all Las Vegas PC Users Group members

>LAS VEGAS PC USERS GROUP (LVPCUG)

> 1350 E. Flamingo Road, #188

> Las Vegas, NV 89119

> June 25, 2011

> Dear LVPCUG Members:

> LVPCUG is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation organized to accomplish seven objectives, as specified in the Bylaws. Current President Wendy Jaroslowski and Past Presidents Dennis Kemper, Don Sabatine, and Clyde Schubarth, all worked hard to continue these objectives. Despite their efforts, many challenges continue to face the organization. The Club struggles with problems like finding speakers, programs, volunteers, officers, new SIGs, SIG leaders, location for meetings, and overall member participation.

> These problems have been discussed repeatedly at board meetings, general meetings, and in letters to the membership. Additionally, in April 2009, the Board formed a committee to study the future of the club. Despite all these efforts, the club's current membership does not cover the cost of club expenses or meet the needs which led to the formation of this corporation.

> On May 17, 2011, all nine members of the Board of Directors, including elected officers and appointed members, voted on a motion to begin the process of dissolution of the club. After much discussion, that motion passed and an ad hoc committee was appointed to begin the process. In June, the Board of Directors moved, seconded, and passed the following motion:

> *No General Meetings after December 2011

> *September & December 2011 General Meetings held only if venue and presenter can be found

> *The current four SIGs will continue with full support of LVPCUG until December 31, 2011

> *Members will be notified about dissolution via USPS mail

> *Refund of annual dues will be given to members in good standing on August 31, 2011

> *Executive Board will continue to meet to complete the process of dissolution, with the expectation that all items will be resolved by the fiscal year ending April 30, 2012

> This plan will allow sufficient time to carry out the duties necessary to disband the club and to give SIGs adequate time to make plans, should they want to continue after the dissolution of the club. The property of this Corporation is dedicated to charitable and educational purposes so all assets will be distributed in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation for scientific, charitable, or educational purposes. Members will be given the opportunity to make recommendations for distribution of remaining assets.

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The Car is ready to go but it needs some extra drivers

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The Board plans to have a celebration before the end of 2011 to thank members for their support over the years. Any question you have can be sent to LVPCUG at the address above.

President Wendy Jaroslowski (Executive Board)

Vice President Harold Rozinski (Executive Board)

Secretary Robert Lynch (Executive Board)

Treasurer Joyce Shore (Executive Board)

Executive Director Judith Ruf (Executive Board)

Editor Leland Beel (Appointed Member)

Webmaster Larry Burgher (Appointed Member)

SIG Coordinator Linda DiGiovanni (Appointed Member)

Program Chairman Charles Finnilla (Appointed Member)



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· Task 2 - Keep Your System Patched

Patches, or small modifications of programs are often supplied by the software vendors. These close security ‘holes’ in the programs that would allow illegal entry into your computer. Microsoft and Adobe offer frequent patches which should be installed when provided.

· Task 3 - Use Care When Reading Email with Attachments

Do not open attachments that you are not sure about. Do not respond to emails by clicking on a LINK, which is a blue underlined word or phrase. Identify and remove SPAM (unwanted emails). Many programs are available to accomplish this. Be aware of PHISHING whereby an email tricks you into providing confidential information by impersonating a valid website. These become more sophisticated each day.

· Task 4 - Install and Use a Firewall Program

On a computer, the firewall acts much like a guard when it looks at network traffic destined for or received from another computer. The firewall determines if that traffic should continue on to its destination or be stopped. The firewall ‘guard’ is important because it also keeps the unwanted out and permits only appropriate traffic to enter and leave the computer.

· Task 5 - Use Strong Passwords

Passwords should contain both letters, numbers and/or symbols and should be at least 5 characters long. Use an encrypted password keeper program so you don’t forget them.

There are programs which will automatically insert your user name and password when requested.

· Task 6 - Install and Use a Hardware Firewall

Complement your firewall program by installing a hardware firewall. Together, these two firewalls stand between your home computer and the Internet. A ROUTER acts as a hardware firewall.

· Task 7 - Install and Use a File Encryption Program

Consider encrypting sensitive files such as your financial data and passwords. Many encryption programs are available and some are free.

In summary, take computer security seriously – many thousand skilled programmers are out there constantly seeking out your computer vulnerabilities. Don’t be a victim.

Editor, comments

This is task you need to do very regular to keep out the bad guys.



SIG's MONTHLY CALENDAR

SIG NAME	MEETING DATE	PLACE	TIME OF MEETING	SIG LEADER
Helping Hands	1st Saturday	#1	10 AM TO 4 PM 395-6676	Linda DiGiovanna
Windows Developers	On hold till a meeting room can be found			
Novice(new users) And Internet	2nd Saturday	#1	1 PM TO 3 PM 452-9440	Chuck Frederick
Software and Product Review	2nd Saturday	#1	3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM 395-6676	Linda DiGiovanna
Digital Imaging	Canceled for the rest of this year			
LINUX/Open Source	Canceled for the rest of this year			
How-To-Workshop	4th Saturday	#2	10 AM TO 5 PM	Dennis
Starting March 26, 2011 (Note this is a new meeting place)				Kemper

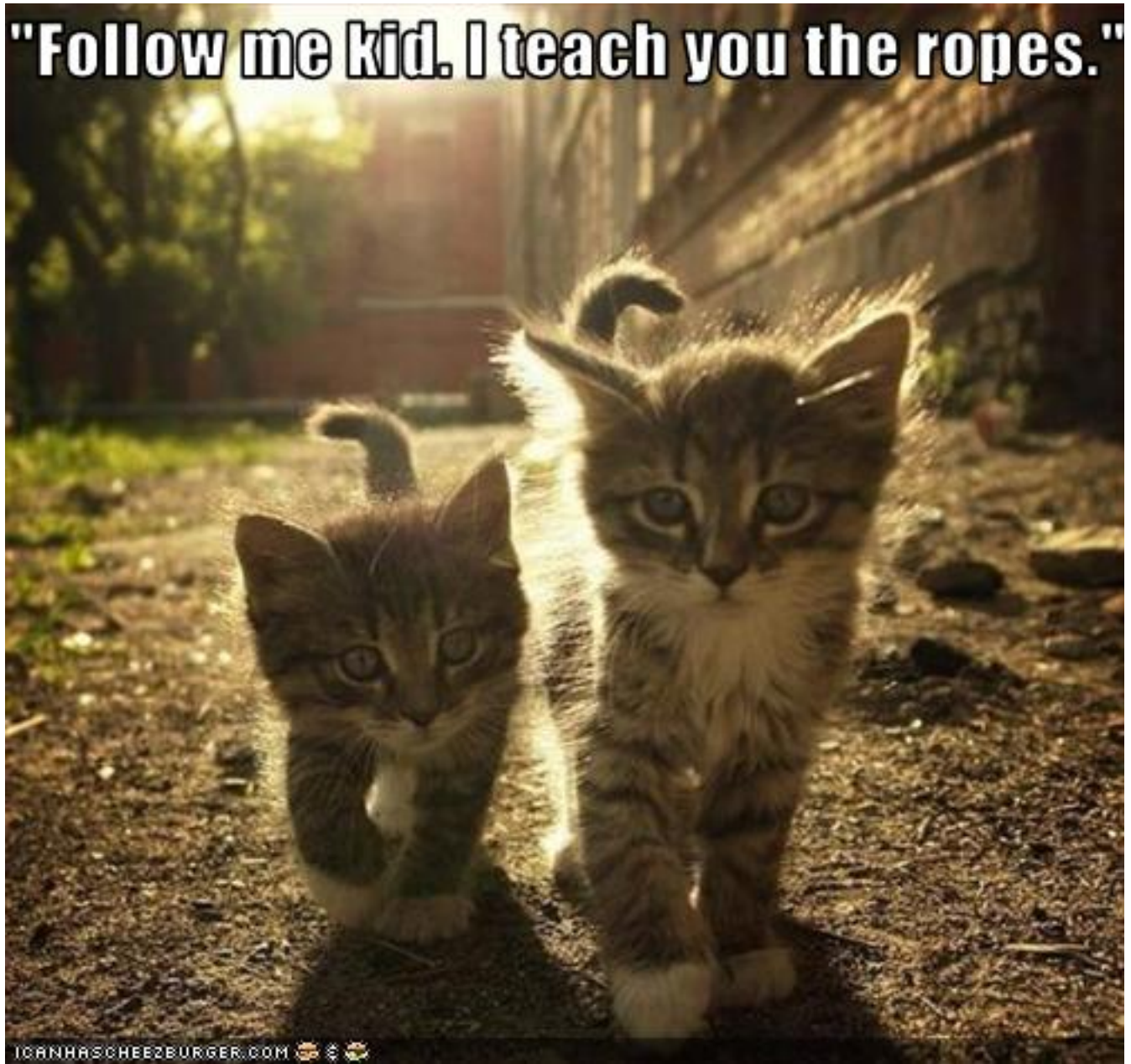
Places are:

#1 Wengert Room is located in the back of the NV Energy building just west of Jones on W. Sahara

#2 Enterprise Library is located in Las Vegas at 25 E. Shelbourne Av. South of Windmill LN and East of Las Vegas Blvd.

All meetings Are Subject to Cancellation by the SIG Leader or the Property Owner. The Calendar Page of the LVPCUG web site is keep as current as possible. If you would like to be a SIG Leader for some of the SIG's that are not meeting at this time, Please Contact Wendy to get the details of the duties of the Leader. You may leave a email at info@lvpcug.org.





If you know any one who would like to take the Lead Please send an email to:

info@lvpcug.org

