SIGs (Special Interest Groups) Reports

The club requests that you email us at
info@lvpcug.org when you plan to attend a SIG
meeting and have specific questions or problems
you would like someone to answer or work on. This
will help assure that we will try to have someone
there with the expertise. The email Subject Line:
SIG Help

The meeting formats for the Helping Hands &
How-to SIGS are usually one-on-one help as
compared to the Novice SIG which is group
attendance with questions and answers from the
audience during and after the presentations**.**

Feb. 2 Helping Hands & How-to SIGs

Issues presented to the helpers were: installing a
new DVD drive, installing a battery on the
motherboard, setting up an email account in Yahoo
and how to log in and out, fix a browser that had
gone a little crazy and using "Net Framework"
to repair browser problems, and review of
income tax preparation software.

Feb. 9 Novice SIG

SIG Leader Chuck opened the meeting by
presenting some questions and answers on why
use a dummy address in your email
contact/address book; what is a browser and
what is an email client and the difference
between a browser and email client; what is web
mail and POP3 and difference between both;
what is the difference between private email
servers and web-based email.

Don S. did a presentation on the website for fuel
economy, www.fueleconomy.gov, which helps
find cars that protect the environment and save
you money, provides information on advanced
technology, gas mileage tips, links, and car by
car fuel ratings.

Ceazar ended the meeting answering additional
questions on internet browsers, POP mail, web-
based mail, antivirus programs versus firewalls.
He also did a show & tell and tips on the kind of

Novice SIG continued ...

media/devices currently used to back up your
system or selected data such as files, photos,
videos, music and programs.

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Board Meeting, February 12, 2013

Website: The Board has been working with
the Webmaster on developing a new format
and changing providers.

Treasurer's Report will be published 4 times
a year in the newsletter after each quarterly
meeting.

Treasurer's Report

for period May 1, 2012-February 12, 2013
Bank balance, beginning. . . . .$ 748.90
Dues Income 950.00
Expenses 1,047.07
Bank balance, ending. 651.83

It is obvious we need new members to help
stay afloat. Do you know someone who needs
help and could be encouraged to love us also?

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When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated
so you won't bang your head in frustration."

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS
SIGs (Special Meeting Groups)

Saturday, March 2, 10am to 4pm
Helping Hands and How-to SIGs
Location: ITT Technical Institute, 3825 W. Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas 89032 (between Decatur & Simmons), Theory Rm #2, use student entrance on east side of bldg.

Saturday, March 9, 1pm to 4pm
Novice SIG and
Software and Product Review SIG
Location: ITT Technical Institute, 3825 W. Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas 89032 (between Decatur & Simmons), Theory Rm #2, use student entrance on east side of bldg.

Tips & Tricks

What can I do when my computer freezes?
If your computer is on and the program you are in freezes, press CTRL-ALT-DELETE and click the Start Task Manager. If the status column shows that the program is not responding, select/highlight that program and click End Task. Sometimes it takes a few minutes to stop the program. If that doesn't work, go to the Start button (lower left) and press Restart on the Shut Down button. As a last resort press and hold the power button on your CPU until it shuts down. Wait at least 10 seconds to restart your system.

For a more comprehensive discussion on this problem, see the article "Your System Freezes" in the November 2012 issue, pages 68-70, of Smart Computing Magazine. If you don't subscribe to the magazine you must download the entire issue at URL
http://www.pdfmagazines.org/magazines/
In the Search box type in the name of the magazine and date of issue (ex. Smart Computing November 2012). The free download is s-l-o-w and is in .pdf format.

ABOUT YOUR CLUB
Did you know that the **LVPCUG is a non-profit corporation? Donations to our club are tax deductible.** We accept cash or like-cash and good working used computer and related equipment. Only in this crazy world do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put useless junk in the garage. Check yours, it could produce some goodies to donate. Note: Membership dues are not tax deductible

The perks of being a member - One-On-One Help. The club objectives include service to the community by providing a forum for help and information on computers which is free and open to the public. While we are committed to this effort, the Board is mindful of our responsibility to those who become members and pay dues. To this end, in addition to providing SIGs, the Board provides a monthly newsletter and preferential treatment to members for one-on-one help. Non-members will be limited to a maximum of 3 times for one-on-one help at meetings before being asked to join us. Of course non-members are always welcome to attend meetings, all of which are free and open to the public.

Remember: Membership in LVPCUG is your biggest bang for the buck. Where else can you learn, have problems diagnosed and get help fixing your hardware for $30 per year?

New Club Officers
for fiscal year
May 1, 2013 thru April 30, 2014
Since all candidates ran unopposed as of the deadline of February 15, 2013, in March they will be considered elected by acclamation.
President: Ceazar Dennis
Vice President: Charles Frederick
Executive Vice President: Lee Eastburn
Secretary: Jo Anne Rush
Treasurer: Linda DiGiovanni