

WINDSOR Seniors' Computer Users' Group

6/8/09 Agenda for Today

1. **Questions/Answers????** - General Discussion. Computer dialog - what's new, what's different, what works or doesn't work? Computer Tips. Upcoming events:

Computer classes: SRJC, SR Cm Center, Windsor HS, Healdsburg HS, SSU Ext

Computer Consultants: Ross Guistino rossg@sonic.net; Chris Bethards Chbethards@comcast.net



• Wolfram Alpha shows data in a way Google can't
“Wolfram Alpha is like a cross between a research library, a graphing calculator and a search engine. But does Wolfram Research’s “computational knowledge engine,” set to debut later this month, live up to its hype as a Web site that Google needs to be afraid of? It is a great exploration tool to find out whether somebody who’s 5 feet 5 inches and 160 pounds is overweight, the chemical properties of boron and whether you’re going to get a full moon during the evening of September 4 in Buenos Aires when you want to propose to your fiancée. It’ll tell you the family, genus, species, and caloric value of an apple, and it’ll forecast Apple’s stock price, but it won’t give you apple pie recipes. It’ll tell you the box office take of the first “Star Trek” movie, but it won’t tell you the theater where you can see the newest “Star Trek” movie. “What we’re trying to do is much more ambitious,” said Wolfram, 49, the lead developer of the technology behind the project, on which he says he has worked 25 years. “We’re trying to take the question you ask, and automatically produce for you the answer, not giving you a collection of links, and saying, ‘Go read this Web site, go read that Web site.’”

http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10233763-2.html?tag=nl.e776

• Go back to your old Office -. “It is always exciting when a company releases new software. Improved performance and new features are irresistible. But transitioning to new software can be difficult. You have to learn the new features. And you may need to search for commands and options. Microsoft last updated Office in 2007. And it marked a radical departure for the familiar Office interface. Microsoft did away with the toolbars and replaced them with a ribbon. Those who are new to office probably find the Ribbon helpful. But, for long-time users, the Ribbon

can be a huge annoyance. Well, you don’t need to live with the Office Ribbon, just download UBitMenu - free. It will bring back Office’s old menus.”

www.komando.com/cool/sites/index.aspx?id=6692

• 8 PC Emergencies – repair your computer at home
“The art of troubleshooting – Computers mean problems. Hey, we love 'em, and we can’t imagine life without them, but they do indeed spell trouble. It’s one thing to encounter errors that annoy you, but don’t derail your computing experience. It’s quite another to suddenly have a system that won’t print, launch programs, or even start up. There are eight articles dedicated to the problems that keep you from fully using your PC. First, we’ll guide you through the process of troubleshooting a PC that won’t turn on when you press the Power button, next we dig into some common problems you may run into with peripherals.

Finally we’ve devoted four articles to common problems with software.” This is their feature article in July at Smart Computing. If you are a subscriber you can contact Tech Support for clarity. P. 52-69

TIP - IE8 Update - “If you click on the yellow shield on the task bar that pops up notifying you that there are Windows Updates available, you will see two options. One is called “Express” which, if chosen, immediately installs the important updates without giving you an option to uncheck any of the updates. However, if you choose the “Custom” button, it will display not only the important updates but also all the other optional updates available for your computer. You can review and select whichever updates you want to install by checking or unchecking their boxes. AND more importantly, under each update description is a checkbox that says “Do not show this update again” (or something similar). If you check that box, you will no longer get notified of that update.” Thanks to Ross.



Happy Father's Day, Happy First Day of Summer and Happy Flag Day

4. Internet -Web sites: (If these don't work, let me know - Editor Donna)

The virtual Body – tours, games and videos - <http://www.medtropolis.com>

9 sites that find people and their 'Sensitive' Information - <http://find.pcworld.com/62863>

Skype 4.1 beta: Share windows screen – http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10250076-2.html?tag=nl.e776

What to do in an earthquake - <http://quakequizzesf.org>

What the heck is Twitter about? - <http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=6737>

Gmail in real-time: Google does the Wave - http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10250742-2.html?tag=nl.e776

How to uninstall IE8 - <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us:957700>

Problems confirmed with Vista Service Pack 2 - <http://windowssecrets.com/2009/06/04/04-Problems-confirmed-with-Vista-Service-Pack-2>

Include WWW in URL or not - <http://computer.howstuffworks.com/question180.htm>

Old Versions of many programs – free - <http://oldversion.com>

***** **Favorite Web Sites:** What is yours? Let me know and I'll include it*****

5. Google Docs - "It is a pretty cool Web application – free. It lets you store and edit word processing documents, spreadsheets and presentations online. You can work on those files from any computer. But its coolest feature is the ability to share documents. You can invite others to see, and even edit, files. Each person has to have his own Google account. Microsoft Office and OpenOffice are easily read by Google Docs". <http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=6583>

6. Today's Program –Mr. Seth Maybee along with Agent Todd Olsen and Agent Kevin Lipe will discuss/demonstrate "Interactive Media Innovations for your Summer". Thanks to Seth, Todd and Kevin for sharing their expertise.



7. Information on Word 2007 – if you recently updated from Word 2003 to Word 2007, you might need some help finding things. See the following website for help:

<http://www.computerworld.com:80/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9010482>

8. Computer Help – Drop in - People can drop by the Senior Center, first come/first serve, and will receive one/one opportunity to get their problems, questions

projects addressed: *No preregistration – Donation*

June 29, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

July 27, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

9. Next meeting of User's Group

All senior computer enthusiasts are invited to join us. This informal gathering shares ideas, resources and networks:

July 13, 2009 *No preregistration*

1:00 – 2:00 pm General questions/answers

2:00 -4:00 pm - Program – Ms Susan Volpi Palmer,

MS, PT, Ergonomic Consulting, will discuss/demonstrate "Computer Workstation Ergonomic Principles – They are important even at home!" She will also be bringing Ed Bronson from Advent Office Furniture to tell us about 'good' chairs. We are very fortunate to have such knowledgeable people for our program.

11. Upcoming Workshops –

There will be no further workshops until the Fall, 2009. Please send email to Donna on what you would like to see in the way of workshops then. Thanks.

If you have questions, please call me (home 838-4737), (e-mail: wscugrdonna@gmail.com or donna@sonic.net) or you can call the Senior Center 838-1250 for dates/times of computer events. See <http://www.sonic.net/donna/windsor.html> for Computer Info Windsor Sr. Computer User Group

This is your User's Group - What are your goals? Help to make this group what you want it to be.

"I don't believe in failure. It's not failure if you enjoyed the process." *Oprah*

Have Fun Computing & Take Time to Smell the Roses

