

WINDSOR Seniors' Computer Users' Group

9/14/09 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

2. News • *Use any version of Windows 7 free for 120*



days by Woody Leonhard "There's an easy way to stretch Windows 7's 30 day

free-trial period to 120 days so you can determine whether Microsoft's new operating system meets your needs. Even better – if you know the secret – you can try out any version of Win7, from Ultimate to the lowly Basic, using a single install disc. It's fair to say that by now hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of copies of Windows 7 sit on DVDs and hard drives all over the world. You might have downloaded a copy of Win7 from the official sites: Microsoft Developer Network, TechNet or Software Advantage. Perhaps you hooked up your machine to a torrent or a newsgroup site to download the new OS. Or maybe you snagged a copy from your tech-savvy sister-in-law.

Whichever channel you use, if you don't already have a copy of Windows 7, you can easily put your paws on the installation bits and burn your own install DVD. Just be sure what you downloaded is the real, shipping version of Windows 7. One way to confirm this is to use a set of checksum verification instructions found on Softpedia. Getting a copy of Windows 7 is the easy part. The rub – and the place where Microsoft makes its money – is the Win7 activation key. Microsoft allows anyone to install and use any version of Windows 7 for 30 days without having to enter an activation key. There are no strings attached, and the operating system's performance is not degraded or defaced during the trial. Fortunately for us, the 30 day grace period can be extended up to three additional times – to a total of 120 days – using a Microsoft supplied utility called the Software License Manager (slmgr). This tool conveniently ships with Windows 7" *See the article for how to do this.*

<http://www.windowssecrets.com/2009/08/20/01-Use-any-version-of-Windows-7-free-for-120-days>



• *Intel, Microsoft Team to Boost Windows 7*

performance - "Intel is no stranger to Microsoft, as the two computing giants have teamed up many times over the years, including a commitment last year to further multicore and parallel processing initiatives. That partnership continues today as Microsoft recently revealed how Intel has worked closely with Microsoft since the beginning of the Windows 7 development process to optimize the upcoming operating system for Intel processors. The companies looked closely at the boot, shutdown, sleep and resume times on Intel platforms to optimize various components and improve those times. Windows 7 will take advantage of multicore processors more efficiently than any other

Windows operating system to date." Smart Computing, October 2009, p. 12

• *PC World Top 10 netbooks* "Toshiba's NB205-N310 tops the netbook field. It has 9.53 hrs tested battery life, 1.66 GHz Intel Atom N280, 10.1 inch widescreen, 2.9 pounds, \$399, 160 GB hard drive, 1 GB Ram, huge mouse pad. Next in line is ASUS Eee PC 1000HE, Tested battery life 7.09 hrs, other specifications almost the same. Visit find.pcworld.com/62944 to see in-depth reviews." *Editors note: look for battery life, Ram memory and hard disc memory.* PCWorld, 9/09, page 53

3. TIP – System Restore. "When you have a problem, System Restore might help. You can go back to a previous set of System settings. This essentially removes all programs that were installed on your PC during that time, but doesn't affect any of your data, such as photos or documents. Go to Start, then choose All Programs, Accessories and System Tools and from the last list select System Restore. Choose "Restore my computer to an earlier time," and then click, "next.". Choose a date, click Next and Windows will take over." Press Demo 9/7/09, Technology Bytes by Steve Alexander

Happy First Day of Autumn - 9/22/09 - Enjoy!!!!

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

Compare Bing (Ms's new search engine) vs Google - <http://bingle.pwnij.com> Enter topic in search box

Should you wait for Windows 7? - <http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=7272>

Ready for Windows 7? - <http://www.komando.com/downloads/category.aspx?id=6685>



Share files the easy way – Free site - <http://s4ve.as>

Microsoft Online Safety - <http://www.microsoft.com/protect/> Check out Security Terms.

Best phone rates comparison prepaid - <http://www.bestratescall.com> Thanks to Ed Weisner

Intel's new Core i7, Core 15 CPUs - [http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-10345053-](http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-10345053-1.html?tag=n1.e404)

[1.html?tag=n1.e404](http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-10345053-1.html?tag=n1.e404)

Keeping that new PC clean and Pure -

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/03/technology/personaltech/03basics.html> Thanks to John Cascone

Get the facts on identity theft - <http://www.komando.com/protectmyid/> Thanks to Kim Komando

Which mapping site is best? - <http://www.geshout.com> Thanks to Kim Komando

Multitude of online games - <http://www.candystand.com>

Find the right time to take photos - <http://www.golden-hour.com>

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

5. What is Rss? “RSS (Rich Site Summary) is a format for delivering regularly changing web content. Many news-related sites, weblogs and other online publishers syndicate their content as an **RSS Feed** to whoever wants it. RSS solves a problem for people who regularly use the web. It allows you to easily stay informed by retrieving the latest content from the sites you are interested in. You **save** time by not needing to visit each site individually. You ensure your privacy, by not needing to join each site's email newsletter. The number of sites offering RSS feeds is growing rapidly and includes big names like Yahoo News.”

<http://www.whatisrss.com>

6. Today's Program –Mr. Richard Dow will discuss/demonstrate “Social Networking in a Digital Universe”. Thank you Richard for sharing your expertise.



7. If I don't answer your email – If I (Donna) have not answered your email in 24 hrs please resend it. It could be lost in spam or who knows where. I do want to answer you. Also if you change your email address, please let me know. Thanks.

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

and projects addressed: *No preregistration – Donation*

September 28, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

October 26, 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:

October 12, 2009 *No preregistration*

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

2:00 -4:00 pm - Program –To be announced.

10. Upcoming Workshops –

Hands-on Computer Classes:

Introduction to Computers-Part 1, 9/21/09, 1:00 – 4:00

Introduction to Computers-Part 2, 10/19/09, 1:00 – 4:00

Discussion/Demonstrate Workshop:

Introduction to Computers, 11/10/09, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Shamrock Mobile Home Park.

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.

“The less of routine, the more of life.” *A. B. Alcott*

Have Fun Computing & Take Time to Smell the Roses