



While removing the date stamp, I also wanted to change the file names and not use the ones that the camera uses. For that I use a tool that I wrote about in a previous column, Lupas Rename <http://rename.lupasfreeware.org/> which is free. It is an old program going back to 2005, but it still installs and works on my Windows 7 computer. You can rename batches, changing, adding to, or numbering sequentially. You can change the case of the file filename and extension. I prefer to have my photos all in lower case.

However, Lupas Rename does not change the file date. I had all of these pictures with the wrong date stamp, but also the file date was wrong. While there are ways to change file dates, there must be a tool to do this in a batch. Back to Google. I found Attribute Changer from <http://petges.lu> which is a free tool. It is a power user tool to change file and folder attributes, date, time, NTFS compression, and even changes the Exif information. It runs in the Windows Shell, which allows you to right click in Windows Explorer and choose "Change Attributes." Its dialog box opens and you make your changes.

With these tools, I can make changes to several photos at once. I can change the file names using a title and numbering them sequentially, remove the time stamp, and then change the file date

attribute. Now that's what computers were designed to do. Make tasks simpler.

++++ New additions to Hewie's Favorites

DocsPal

<http://www.docspal.com/>

Convert any file to another format from a wide range of formats. list of formats include Text Document, Comma Separated Values (CSV), Microsoft Word Document (DOCX), HTML, XLS and more

iPhone App Demos

<http://iphoneappdemos.tv/>

View a demo though a video of iPhone & iPod Touch Apps. Helps in getting familiar with the wide and varied number of applications.

PDFmyurl

<http://www.pdfmyurl.com/>

Turns any url into a pdf formatted file

TechRadar

<http://www.techradar.com/>

Technology news and reviews site. Lots of tips tricks and reviews

LocateTV

<http://www.locatetv.com>

Offers schedules for traditional TV, online television content, and even TV shows that are on DVD

Robtex

<http://www.robtex.com/>

Swiss army knife internet tool

Miro video converter

<http://mirovideoconverter.com/>

Simple way to convert almost any video to MP4, WebM (vp8), Ogg Theora, or for An-

This BUSSLINE will be continued after July 18, 2010 at cfc.org, along with 24 pages of up-to-date computer reading. See you at the monthly meeting!



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(BUSSLINE is the term for the complex multi-functional circuitry on a computer motherboard, a PC's heart.)

Photosynth Expert to Speak July 18 on Microsoft's 3D Program

WHAT IS PHOTOSYNTH?...

Well, it's only the coolest FREE web-base program to compile 2D photos into a navigable 3D environment! This result is called a "synth."

Wikipedia says that

"Photosynth is a software application from Microsoft Live Labs and the University of Washington that analyzes digital photographs and generates a three-dimensional model of the photos and a point cloud of a photographed object. Pattern recognition components compare portions of images to create points, which are then compared to convert the image into a model. Users are able to view and generate their own models using a software tool available for download at the Photosynth website."

Photosynth is the program CNN utilized for a user-contributed 3D vision of the inauguration of Barack Obama as the



Swami World Traveler.

President of the United States. It was also featured in an episode of *CSI: New York*, and in the movie *Angels and Demons*.

Come to this free presentation by Swami,

World Traveler and Photosynth expert, who will demonstrate Photosynth's use as a 3D engine, and a novel way to view a large collection of related photos, at our July 18, 2 p.m. Monthly Meeting.

July 18, 2010; 2:00-3:30pm

At Jackson Hewitt Office

2221 Lee Rd. Winter Park, FL 32789

(See directions on next page.)

Also, earlier on the same day, the Windows SIG* meeting (*Special Interest Group) The WinSIG always meets at 12:30pm, just before the CFCS General Meeting. If you use or plan to use Windows, these discussions, demonstrations, and Q&A sessions will be of immense value to you. Geared to intermediate level Windows users. Tips, tricks, and information on all versions of Windows are discussed. An e-newsletter is sent periodically with meeting information. and links discussed at the meeting. You need not attend both meetings, but many members do. Non members always welcome.

This is a mini edition of our BUSSLINE newsletter, published by the Central Florida Computer Society (CFCS) for more than 30 years. The full version (24 pages) may be found on our website at cfc.org. (after July 18). Our monthly meetings and Special Interest Groups (SIG) are free to visitors. For an easy, relaxed way to keep your computer and other tech stuff running smoothly with the advice and support of hundreds of fellow travelers through the age of technology, join us for a (free of charge) meeting or two. You'll be glad you did.

New: iSIG Formed

The iSIG held its first meeting on Monday June 21 at 7:00PM at *Denny's on Lee Rd & I-4*. The group will meet every month on the 3rd Monday at the same time & location. The iSIG meetings will cover the products that use the iPhoneOS, which includes the iPhone, iPad, and iPod. This is a combined effort of the Central Florida Computer Society <http://www.cfcs.org> and the Florida Macintosh Users Group <http://www.flmug.com>. Other groups are invited to participate. Attendees will be consumers, developers, consultants, and publishers. The first meeting will give us a good opportunity to find common interests and how to handle topics from both the consumer & the developer perspectives. The SIG leader is Sean Kane, Certified Apple Technical Coordinator, long-time Mac and iPhone user, and a technologist and consultant to Walt Disney Feature Animation Florida.

Please note that the iSIG meets at the Denny's on Lee Rd. The Tech-SIG and the Board of Directors meetings continue to meet at Denny's on 436 & Oxford Rd in Casselberry.

OTHER Special Interest GROUPS:

The ACCESS SIG, MS OFFICE SIG, and SECURITY SIG meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9pm at the New Horizons Learning Center at 1221 Lee Rd. Arvin Meyer, a Microsoft MVP, (and current CFCS president), leads the SIG. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cfcs-access> This is a combination of three separate SIGs which now meet alternately for the duration of Arvin's presidency. They will resume separate meetings when he leaves office and/or publishes his upcoming book.

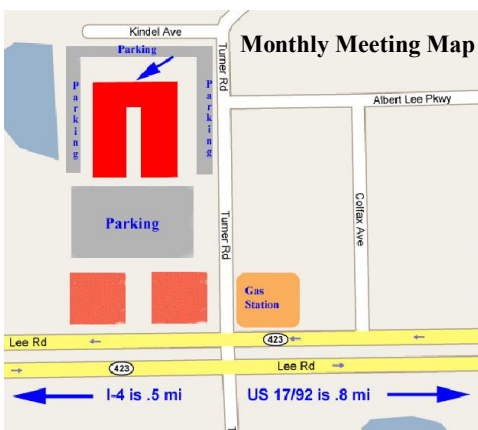
The GRAPHICS/PHOTO SIG meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9pm at the New Horizons Learning Center at 1221 Lee Rd. Robert Black, CFCS newsletter editor, is a former archaeological photographer and teacher. E-mail: graphic-sig@cfcs.org

This SIG concentrates on digital

photography and any software or peripherals related to it. Whether you are a beginner or a pro, bring your stuff (gear & photos) to show off or ask questions so we can learn from each other!

The TECH DISCUSSION SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9pm at the Casselberry Denny's at 436 and Oxford Rd.

This SIG is a non-structured, open conversational group for CFCS members, that has no specific topic or speaker, but is simply a round table discussion. It is not an advanced group, but a place for people to come and discuss various subjects, such as new products and technologies, hardware, software, web-related, etc. Bring in articles from magazines, newsletters, unusual problems/situations that have arisen, questions, etc. Also, new or ailing devices or notebook pc's are welcome, either for "show and tell" or discussion or demo of situations. E-mail: tech-sig@cfcs.org



DIRECTIONS TO MONTHLY MEETING

Our meeting building is at the intersection of Lee Road and Turner Rd. The meeting is in the building behind the one on the corner of Lee and Turner. Turn North on Turner, left into the parking lot, and drive behind the office building in the rear of the parking lot. You will see a sign: **Jackson Hewitt delivery entrance**. Plenty of parking is available right there, and the meeting room is just inside, making it ac-

cessible for those with special mobility equipment.



**Hewie's Views
and Reviews
By Hewie Poplock,**

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Welcome to this issue of Hewie's Views & Reviews. Be sure to visit Hewie's Favorites at <http://www.hewie.net/>.

++++ Remove Time Stamps from Photos, Rename & Change File Date

I am the webmaster for several websites. I have photos submitted to me regularly to be posted. Sometimes the photographer submits the pictures with a date stamp, which is great for identifying your personal photos, but it does not belong on those appearing on the web.

In most cases, it only appears on the photo because the camera owner did not realize that it was set that way, or they did not know how or even that they could turn that "feature" off.

If you don't have the proper date set in the camera, the date stamp will be wrong, as were several that I recently received. They showed a date that was over 3 years prior to the event, so I needed to remove them from the photos. Have you tried this? It is not easy, unless you continue reading.

My first thought is to crop the photos to eliminate the date. Most of the photos would lose some important pieces if I did that. I have several photo editing programs that I could edit the date stamp out. It is very time consuming and while it can be done, it was going to take more time than I wanted to devote to the project.

My next step was to Google the problem. I tried several combinations of terms including time stamp. There were lots of results, but most had little to do with removing the date. Many of them told me how to place it, but not remove it.

The most informational results were

from forums where users were asking for the same solution. The most frequent response was "change the setting in the camera." DUH! Of course. What about the pictures that were already taken? I did find some good tutorials using Photoshop and other editing programs. I was still looking for a tool or hint to make it easy. Surely, I wasn't the only one with the problem.

I figured if there were simple steps to get rid of the red eye, certainly there is a way to get rid of a date stamp. In one of the forums, someone suggested Photo Stamp Remover by <http://softorbits.com>. This program appeared to be what I was looking for, and then some. According to their website, "Photo Stamp Remover is a photo correction utility that can remove scratches, dust, stains, wrinkles, tears, date stamps and other unwanted artifacts that appear on photographs. With Photo Stamp Remover, you can restore photos with the minimum of fuss."

I downloaded, installed, and ran the program, using the pictures that I received. In almost every case, the date stamp was removed and did a reasonable to a great job. The trial version does not do batches, but the paid version does and it works well, with 2 settings, quick, or thorough. The latter did a better job.

The program is a bit pricy at \$40, but well worth it. A normal procedure for me is to search for coupons before making a purchase. I did so for this program and found a coupon at <http://www.tjoos.com/> which is a coupon posting site. It was a 20% off code, which saved me \$8.

