



# THE BUSSLINE

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

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## GEEKS ON TOUR STOP AT CFCS

**Sunday, February 17**

Jim and Chris Guld are professional computer trainers. As 'Geeks on Tour', they present computer seminars all over the country at computer clubs, RV parks and RV Rallies. Their presentations range from Creating Blogs to Safe Computing, Internet on the Road, Internet Love Story, Creating a Website, and many more. They are updating and developing new topics all the time. Each seminar is accompanied by a handout. They will enlighten us Sunday on the use of Microsoft's free program, Photo Story 3.



Their lively website can be found at:  
<http://geeksontour.tv/>

Note that our Sunday meetings during tax season are held at Lake Dot. Directions are on page 24.

**Earlier on the same day of each presentation, the WINDOWS Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting is held.** The WinSIG always meets at 12:30 pm, and is hosted by Hewie Poplock, former president of both CFCS and FACUG, and author of Hewie's Views and Reviews. Hewie will start at 12:30, just before the CFCS General Meeting. If you use or plan to use Windows, these discussions, demonstrations, and

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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 are always welcome. Sign up for the free e-newsletter at [cfcs.org](http://cfcs.org).

Bring your questions about Windows or any computer questions to be fielded by a room full of computer enthusiasts. The questions will be answered during the Windows SIG or during the "Askit Basket" portion of the main meeting. We even have a few lurking Mac owners, and when we turn off the lights to better view the presentations, you may notice the glow of numerous iPods in the crowd. CFCS was the first to put the 'YOU' in USER-friendly!

## OUR OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)

**The ACCESS, MS OFFICE, and SECURITY SIGs** meet conjointly on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm at the New Horizons Learning Center at 1221 Lee Rd. Arvin Meyer, a Microsoft MVP (Most Valuable Professional), (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.

**The VIRTUAL DIGITAL PHOTO & VIDEO SIG** lead has been assumed by Hewie Poplock and and it meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, by invitation. To register go to <https://apcuq.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/event.pl>

**The TECH DISCUSSION SIG** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm at the Casselberry Denny's at 436 and Oxford Rd. SIG leader is Stan Wallner, President Emeritus.

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 tech subjects, such as new prod-

ucts 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.

A screen and projector are available, but not always there. If you want it to demo something, please E-mail: [tech-sig@cfcs.org](mailto:tech-sig@cfcs.org) a day or 2 ahead.

Another feature of this SIG is the Tech-SIG Yahoo Group mail. We now have 57 people communicating through this, with tips and tricks, "Ask-It Basket" type questions, etc. Also, a second, on-line VIRTUAL meeting of the TechSIG is being experimented with on the second Tuesday of each month. Co-hosted by Mike Ungerman and Stan Wallner, it may attract a long distance audience. Stay tuned to the e-Blast for times and details - it is not yet permanently scheduled, but will be announced in the e-BLAST and on the Tech-SIG Yahoo Group mail. If you are not on that list and want to be, please E-mail: [tech-sig@cfcs.org](mailto:tech-sig@cfcs.org)

**The iSIG** meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at Florida United Safety Council, 1505 East Colonial Drive, Orlando FL 32803.

This building is located across from the Publix on Colonial Drive in the Colonialtown section of downtown Orlando. They have secured WiFi and vending machines are available. The iSIG meetings cover the products that use the iOS, which includes the iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch. 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 are consumers, developers, consultants, and publishers, who find common interests and discuss 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 iOS user, and a technologist and consultant to [The Walt Disney Company](http://www.waltdisney.com).

**Please note that the iSIG no longer meets at the Denny's on Lee Rd in Orlando. The Tech-SIG and the Board of Directors meetings continue to meet at Denny's on 436 & Oxford Rd in Casselberry. Stay tuned to the eBlast (cfcs.org) for details each month.**

# The Recycle Bin

by Stan Wallner,  
President Emeritus, CFCS



*Stan, a CFCS member since 1984, has served in many offices over the years, and is now on the BOD as President Emeritus. Separately, he is a local IT consultant, "PC Doctors Make House Calls," offering his services on-site, at your office or home - for PC and Laptop Upgrades, WiFi, Networks, Virus & Spyware removal, Troubleshooting both hardware & software, at reasonable rates (discounts for CFCS members!). You can contact him at [smwallner@yahoo.com](mailto:smwallner@yahoo.com) or 407-862-2669.*

This is a MOST important issue regarding our environment, and can't be over-emphasized! It is an area that is changing frequently, so please keep reading this column regularly! This particular one has a LOT of changes, so please read carefully.

Regarding your bringing items to either the General Meeting or my own SIG which we did when we had Orlando Recycles. They would pick them up at my place, which is unfortunately a thing of the past. They can't do that anymore, and I can't take the items to them - just too far, both in time, gas costs, etc.

So, here is what I suggest you all consider for the various types of items, which I have sorted into two categories:

**Category "A" - Primarily For Monitors, Printers, Scanners that still work, and PC's that are repairable, with exceptions as noted:**

**#1 Missionary Computer Fellowship; "MCF"**

We'd been told last year that they were shutting down, but they didn't. We just got these details - they are still rebuilding PC's, sending over 40,000 overseas over the years, and also providing them to local people in need:

"What we need:

- Volunteers to work on computers. No experience needed - we will train you!
- Pentium I11 computers or faster. They don't have to work. We can fix them.
- Monitors less than 10 years old, especially flat screens. They need to work. We don't fix monitors.

- Currently working printers and scanners.
- Any Windows operating systems from Windows XP to Windows 7.
- Mice, keyboards and speakers and video, network and sound cards
- Hard Drives greater than 40 GB (We will SECURE CLEAN all HDs)
- CD/RW and DVD/RW Drives
- Memory DDR213 256 MB or above
- Microsoft Office software
- Cash (any denomination!)

## How can we help you?:

Are you a missionary or involved in a mission?

Are you a church group or a non-profit?

Could you use a computer system or repair of an existing computer system?

If so, please call (407-422-9265) or email us ( [info@mcf-ori.org](mailto:info@mcf-ori.org) ) . Donations can be brought directly to 725 West Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32805, on Tuesday or Thursday (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). This is west of I-4, near North Parramore Ave and West Washington Street.

**#2 Southeastern Data**, at 142 Park Road, Oviedo, FL 32765

(Off Alafaya Trail, just north of E. McCulloch Road); phone 407-971-4654.

They've been very helpful in allowing CFCS members to drop off most recyclables with no service charge, for quite some time; greatly appreciated!

SE Data offers free recycling with the exception of monitors and terminals with cathode ray tubes, CRTs and terminals which are \$3.00 each. TVs with cathode ray tubes need to be evaluated, but most are \$0.60/lb. Displays with LCD/LED screens are accepted at no charge and most likely can be purchased, working or not. You can come by anytime, but a heads up call would be appreciated for large loads. **Also, do let them know you are involved with CFCS.**

SE is also a great place to pick up parts and accessories, and they accept trade-ins against purchases and they will even outright purchase your components. Their hours

are 8:00 am til 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Southeastern Data is ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 certified and offers shredding of hard drives, tapes, optical media, cell phones and small electronics at their facility and on site. And, since they will do also accept items that DO NOT work, they do truly fit in both Category "A" AND "B!!"

### **#3 Orlando Recycles, Inc.**

They have changed their policies in that they will no longer be able to provide us with any revenue, and will no longer be able to pick up materials from my house. They are still a viable place to recycle, and there is no charge to you for items like CRT's, TV's.

They are at located at 5014 Forsyth Commerce Road, #4, Orlando, FL, 32807, just off Forsyth, about 1/2 mile east of 436 and south of Colonial. Their hours are from 9:30 to 5:30. You do not need to call them. You can take things on your own - just go there. No need to say you are involved with CFCS; just leave your items with them if they are open. AND, you can even go when they are closed - they have an outdoor Drop Box there, always open and available! Since they do also accept items that DO NOT work, they do truly fit in both Category "A" AND "B!!"

**#4 Goodwill.** They have recently changed their policy, and WILL now accept WORKING Monitors including CRT's if not too old, Printers, Scanners, PC's, DVD, CD or Hard Drives at all of their locations, including the manned Trucks around town.

**#5 Salvation Army.** They also accept WORKING Monitors including CRT's if not too old, Printers, Scanners, PC's, DVD, CD and/or Hard Drives at all of their locations.

They do not sell them in their stores, but Auction them off at their W. Colonial location, every Mon, Wed, and Fri, at 9:00 am, along with other various items that either did not sell or are damaged.

**#6 Vietnam Vets.** They also accept WORKING Monitors including CRT's if not too old, Printers, Scanners, PC's, DVD, CD and/or Hard Drives at all of their locations. They do sell them in their stores.

**Category "B" - Scrap Only - For Monitors, Print-**

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Membership renewal invoices will be e-mailed from [treasurer@cfcs.org](mailto:treasurer@cfcs.org) approximately thirty (30) days prior to your membership expiration. Invoices will be snail mailed to members for whom there is no e-mail address in the membership database and to those members whose e-mail was returned to [treasurer@cfcs.org](mailto:treasurer@cfcs.org) for any reason. Please help us by adding this address to your contacts list and setting your spam filter to let our message get to your inbox. We do not share your e-mail address with others (We hate that too!), but it is necessary for full participation in the Society, including receiving your newsletter.

Members will be requested to renew their membership by paying dues on time. Dues may be paid by cash or check at the meeting, by PayPal at <http://www.cfcs.org/membership/membership.php> or by mailing a check to:

**CFCS  
204 Larkwood Drive Ste 100  
Sanford, FL 32771-3643**

If you do not receive a renewal invoice, lose it or have questions about your dues and or membership status, please inquire at the sign-in table or send an e-mail to: [treasurer@cfcs.org](mailto:treasurer@cfcs.org).

**Membership Cards:** A new membership postcard with the membership card included for the next year will be distributed at the meeting following your renewal. The Cards will be mailed to those members who request

**ers, Scanners that DON'T work, PC's that are too old, and/or NOT repairable, etc.**

**#1) A1 Assets** ([www.a1assets.com](http://www.a1assets.com)) is the parent company of Refresh Computers. Their address is 1100 Charles Street, Longwood, FL 32750. They have both drop-off and pickup services available. If there is a large quantity, they can pick up for you, but there may be a fee, depending upon the quantity and quality of the items.

Most items are free of charge to drop off. The only exceptions are CRT Monitors and TV's at \$3.00 per item under 21 inch. Larger TVs and monitors could be as much as \$10 each.

An appointment for drop off at Charles Street is not needed, but is not a bad idea if dropping off a truck load. The Phone number is: 407-339-7030.

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**THE CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPUTER SOCIETY** is a charitable, scientific and educational, nonprofit organization, founded in 1976 and incorporated in 1982 to encourage interest in the operation and development of computers through meetings with free exchange of information and educational endeavors.

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**Membership:** CFCS membership includes participation in the Society's activities and subscription to this Newsletter.

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- Individual .....\$ 25
  - Extra family member ..... 15
  - Student (Full time)..... 15
  - Corporate membership..... 100\*
- \*Includes free business card ad

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Gifts to CFCS are welcome, and because of the Society's nonprofit tax status, are tax deductible.

**Meetings:** CFCS meets each month on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the **Jackson Hewitt Training Center, 2221 Lee Rd. Winter Park, FL**. The Jan. Feb. and Mar. meetings are held at another location. Guests and the general public are invited to attend. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) within the Society meet regularly. See Special Interest Groups listings on pages 6 & 7.

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If you only have a small quantity of items (1 to 4 items) you may drop them off at one of the Refresh Computer Stores. Locations are found on the Refresh web site at <http://refreshcomputers.net/>. An appointment/phone call is not needed for small drop offs.

**#2 Best Buy Stores.** All local stores; no need to contact them first. All items above; all at NO CHARGE, limited to three items per visit. The only exceptions are CRT Monitors or TV's. First, there is a maximum size of 32", and there will be a fee of \$10.00 each. However, they do immediately return the \$10.00 to you in the form of a Cash Card! You can go to [www.bestbuy.com/](http://www.bestbuy.com/) recycling for more info, or CALL '24/7' 1-888- BEST BUY (1-888-237-8289)!

**#3 Recycling Directory:** <http://earth911.com/> This is a directory containing information for recycling over 240 different products that are free for consumers. There are over 127,000 locations and programs that people can search to find local recycling and disposal resources. Thanks to Mike Ungerman and Hewie Poplock for sending this to me - includes County places, and for example - Staples, many others, by ZIP. It is thorough! (However, what is not mentioned on this site, for example, is that Staples just mentioned CHARGES \$10 EACH for any PC, Printer, CRT or LCD, even Hard Drive! Only small items, such as mice and keyboards are free. So I would say 'caveat emptor' applies! Call or go first, as I did!

**#4 Seminole County Residential Electronics recycling:** <http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/envsrvs/solidwaste/electronics.aspx>

Where can I recycle my e-scrap?

The Seminole County Solid Waste Management Division accepts e-scrap at the Central Transfer Station's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility. The e-scrap is accepted during regular working hours.

1950 State Road 419; Longwood, Florida 32750  
HOURS: Monday - Saturday, 7:30am - 5:30pm, (except certain holidays)

Who can recycle e-scrap?

The electronics recycling program is available for all residents of Seminole County for e-scrap generated in your home. This service is FREE OF CHARGE for residential households. Contact Seminole County's Solid

Waste Management Division Customer Service Team at 407-665-2260 for more information.

### **#5 Orange County Electronic Waste Disposal**

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/YourLocalGovernment/CountyDepartments/Utilities/ElectronicWasteDisposal.aspx>

Electronic equipment from your home can be recycled. Examples of electronic equipment include: Computers, Televisions, VCRs, Fax machines, CD players, Stereos. These items are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Orange County Landfill Monday through Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and the McLeod Road Transfer Station on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This free service is available to eligible Orange County residents.\* An attendant is present at the facility to assist with unloading.

For more information about disposing of electronic equipment, please call the Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601 or send an e-mail to [Solid.Waste@ocfl.net](mailto:Solid.Waste@ocfl.net).

\*Eligible participants include residents of unincorporated Orange County and the cities of Apopka, Ocoee, Orlando, Windermere, and Winter Garden only. Proof of residency required. (We have no idea why Winter Park, Maitland, and other cities are not included.) Here are details on the locations.

Orange County Landfill; 5901 Young Pine Road; Orlando, FL 32829; 407-836-6600

McLeod Road Transfer Station; 5000 L.B. McLeod Road; Orlando, FL 32811; 407-245-0931

**Be a smart guy.** You could pay your yearly dues to CFCS simply by making computer related purchases at Smart Guys Computers. Buy a laptop, or less, get free dues!



## Hewie's Views and Reviews

**By Hewie Poplock,  
CFCS, APCUG**

<http://www.hewie.net>

# Wi-Fi On The Road

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In the past, finding free Wi-Fi away from home was difficult, if not impossible. However, most of the fast food restaurants and many other locations now make Wi-Fi available. If that is true, and it is, that should be the end of my article.

However, in a recent column by a local newspaper, there is a growing issue of quality of that Wi-Fi. I have found McDonalds' connections consistently good. It has the AT&T name and their hotspots seem to be maintained.

I recently stopped at a Burger King, which had a sign advertising Free Wi-Fi. After I ordered my food and sat down, I could not find their hotspot. When I approached the employees, including the shift manager, my response was, "Oh, it doesn't always work." I guess this was one of those times.

While I was there, I noticed a man who was bringing in his laptop and a printer to use the Wi-Fi to send a report to his boss. He set up on the floor as there was not a table near the electrical outlet.

Once he was set up, he also approached the employees about getting on line, without any more help than I had received. I told him where the nearest McDonalds' was located.

That brings me to my point. While many of these restaurants have Wi-Fi, the quality or the consistency of it working is not always reliable. To compound that, one of my friends pointed out that he recently stopped at a McDonalds, only to discover that his laptop battery was

dead, and that particular location had no electrical outlets. The manager stated that they may be doing a remodel of the location and hopefully they will add some outlets.

Our computer user group has some meetings at a couple of local Denny's Restaurants, which also advertise inside & out that they have free Wi-Fi. One of our special interest groups meets at one Denny's every month and has been doing so for several years. For several months we could no longer use their Wi-Fi, if were available at all. The manager kept telling us that a third party took care of it and she reported it. A district manager from the franchise happened to be in the building the same night as one of our meetings. He promised it would get fixed. A few months later, when it was not, we contacted him again. He actually fired the 3<sup>rd</sup> party and hired someone else. We now have WiFi and he has happy customers, who were about to go elsewhere.

Merely offering free Wi-Fi to customers is not enough. Having it work consistently gets you repeat and happy customers. At a minimum, every shift manager should know how to reset a router, if they receive complaints. Certainly they should show the customer a concern and see that it get repaired by doing a follow up. It's called training.

I also carry an extension cord and strip in my car, in case there is but one outlet and it needs to be shared, or it is not near an open table.

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**Lake Mary store is located in the Oaks at Lake Mary shopping center, at 3005 W. Lake Mary Blvd.**

**The new Apopka store is in Victoria Plaza, at 1087 W. Orange Blossom Trail. (407-814-3935) This is just past the 429, in the same Plaza as the Harbor Freight. Both open 9-7 Mon.-Sat. Closed Sundays**

**5% discount on most items for CFCS members!**

## REFRESH COMPUTERS TO OFFER CFCS A DISCOUNT

**Refresh Computers**, a locally based chain of three computer stores, has agreed to grant CFCS members a 5% discount on most items, excluding only some sale items where the margins may be too low. Dave Leavitt, their CEO, spoke to our group recently, being the second time the company has provided us with a speaker.

**Refresh Computers** is actually part of a larger organization, A1-Assets, which also runs a company called **Technology Surplus Depot**, an online auction house serving hundreds of government agencies and corporations across the southeastern USA.

**Refresh Computers** is the lowest price MAJOR BRAND computer reseller in the USA, providing affordable 'refreshed', or 'refurbished' computer systems, as well as new high quality computer systems at the lowest possible price.

They are a certified Microsoft Refurbisher, which means they meet the rigorous guidelines Microsoft wants PC refurbishers to comply with.

They don't load your computer with pop-ups or advertising like some other retailers. You get a clean, ad-free, pop-up free machine with a fresh installation of Windows with every machine sold.



FM 96.5  
Every  
Sunday  
At  
1 pm

Free in-store diagnostics on your computer  
Free telephone tech support  
Lowest price name brand computers in the U.S.A.

### THREE LOCATIONS:

1) near UCF, 2) on 434 near 17/92, 3) in the Villages.  
Details at: <http://www.refreshcomputers.net/>

**5% discount on most non-sale items for CFCS members**

In offering the discount to our members, Mr. Leavitt stated, "Our prices are already so deeply discounted, additional discounts are not easy. The discount I can offer your members would exclude sale-priced items but it WOULD NOT exclude every day system special prices like our Core2Duo systems with 17" LCD, KB, & Mouse for only \$199.99 (minus the 5% would make it \$189.99)."

The three stores also repair computers, laptops, and tablets. If you have a slow or defective computer they provide free in-store diagnostics. Bring in your unit to see how it can benefit from a Refresh repair or upgrade!

They also provide up to 15 minutes worth of free technical support to help you with any question you have about your computer, laptop, wifi or network setup. They can also remotely connect to your computer to provide service and repairs.

The store locations are:

1. 820 East State Road 434, Longwood, 32750  
(407) 478-8200
2. 12140 Collegiate Way (near UCF) Orlando, 32817  
(407) 306-0777
3. 998 Bichara Boulevard, The Villages, 32159  
(352) 459-0308

The stores also accept some recycled technology products. See Stan Wallner's column on page 6 for details.





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## Good Enough

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I have an iPad and it's great to help keep the grandkids' interest when we go out to eat, or on long drives in the car. But, for long trips such as when we go to San Diego's Sea World I really did not want to take it. It is big to carry and there is the danger of breakage with such trips. So I have been looking at some of the smaller (and cheaper) tablets. I basically just wanted something I could put some movies on for them and a few games would also help. I saw what I thought would be just right from Buy.com -- a 7" AGPTEK TP10A for \$84. It had the Android 4.0 operating system. The processing speed I knew would not be fast, but it could take a micro-SD card up to 32GB. With that I could put lots of movies and kids TV shows on it.



So I bought it and have been pretty happy with it so far. I made having this tablet into a show and tell by asking members to bring their tablets for the September meeting. I got to see the Google's Nexus 7" tablet and the Asus with keyboard set up, and one other.

Some of the other things about mine - 1080P HD high definition video display, support for AVI, WMV, MP4, MKV, RM, RMVB, FLV, MOV, and 3GP. It even has HDMI output ability. I brought an HDMI mini cable, hooked it up, and son-of-a-gun it looked great on a 24" TV.

There is not a lot of volume coming from the little speaker in the back so I bought a portable speaker that plugs into the headphone port. It works well and, of course, the tablet can play the usual music formats. With one front 0.3 Mega pixel camera and MIC you can make video calls.

It's listed as having 8GB, but I did look before buying it and knew it would only have about 512MB of free space with the operating system and apps they put on it. First thing of course was to get

Angry Birds on it. The grandson loves it.

There is Wi-Fi built-in it, and I've always said the iPad's Wi-Fi is not very good. I took it to a restaurant with free Wi-Fi and the iPad found three available connections. The AGPTEK found eight, including the coffee house across the street.

Remember the low cost of \$84. I brought the warranty (it will cover me when I take it on trips) for \$13, the Micro-SD card cost \$28, a holder cost \$30 (a very good padded one), the speaker \$9, and finally a HDMI cable was \$9. So I've doubled the initial cost, but it is still far cheaper than other tablets, and it suits my needs. And, most important, the grandkids love it!

## What you can do if your mobile phone gets wet

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Many of you get your mobile phone wet by one way or another. You worry as you mistakenly drop your mobile phone in water. It can also get wet if you are out in a heavy rain. However, there is no need to panic. It is possible to save your wet mobile phone by quickly repairing it. In order to save your mobile phone from water damage, you can consider doing this:

The most important thing you have to do is to act rapidly. Quickly remove all the detachable parts as well as covers possible such as the back cover, battery, the SIM card, memory card etc.

Next, take a piece of cloth or a tissue paper to wipe the excess water you are able to notice within the mobile phone. Make sure that you dry it completely. If you don't do this, the water inside the mobile phone will begin to evaporate and gather in places which will be difficult to reach.

Take a hairdryer and begin drying the mobile phone while giving more consideration to the place where the battery is located. The battery housing usually consists of tiny holes to let in air (so giving more space for wa-

ter) inside the mobile phone. It will take several minutes. You may also set your oven to 180 degrees and let it pre-heat (if you are brave!). Turn it off, open the door and set the phone in it for about half an hour. I have done this but watched it very carefully and the phone survived.

## CFCS By-Laws up for Vote

Your CFCS Board of Directors has been working diligently on revising the By-Laws to better reflect the needs and practices of our long-lived society. In case you hadn't noticed, CPM is dead, along with floppies, film cameras, and tape drives. Likewise some items in our By-laws, mostly cosmetic and grammatical, but a membership vote is necessary nonetheless.

To read the proposed changes, follow either link below. You will find two columns, the left containing the current By-laws, the right containing those proposed. If you have any comment or objection, please email any of the officers on page 5, but cc the editor, treasurer, and president, please.

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With all the political posturing going on in the recent election year, we should be used to promises that go unfulfilled. In the technical arena, we hear a lot about potential new advances; though often wait a long time to see the benefits ourselves. Sometimes the prognosticators are wildly optimistic or the development proves too difficult, and we never see (or at least haven't seen up to this point) the mass application of a great new product or technology (an example is the Segway personal transporter). I've bought a number of new computers recently, and have been a little surprised about some of the features currently available. There are a few features that I've some of the features currently available. There are a few features that I've been hearing about for a few years that still are not available on most new PCs. There are also features that I've never heard of that now appear to be standard. All in all, just like the 1980's Wendy's commercials that asked "Where's the beef?" I'm left asking "Where's the technology?"

The entertainment industry has also made its contributions to our unmet expectations for technology over the years. Remember the late 1960's television series "Lost in Space"? It was scripted to occur in 1997, yet we are still waiting for interplanetary space travel, talking autonomous robots and other innovations portrayed as commonplace. The movies "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "2010" portrayed many similar technological advances for times we have now passed. We do have the International Space Station, but it is not in the same league as the one in "2001". We never got the public videophone capability Dr. Heywood Floyd used to call back to Earth from the station in the film, though I guess it was really not much better than what we can do with Skype today. Some might argue it is just as well we don't yet have computers as sophisticated (especially in interaction with humans) as HAL 9000, though maybe IBM's Watson is getting close.

The reality of technological advancement in personal computers is that, though computers are not yet as sophisticated as HAL or Watson, they are pervasive. Only

cell phones are more common now as tech tools in our society, and with smart phones the lines between phones and computers are blurring. There are often examples of advanced technology available to a few at great price, such as Watson in computing or the few wealthy individuals that have bought their way into space on a Russian rocket. These don't really portray the true advancement in technology available to the general public, so I've looked to the computers I've bought recently as a better representation of technology promised and fulfilled.

In the last two years, I've bought two new laptops and two new desktop computers for my wife and myself. These replace XP computers that were up to seven years old, and so represent a big step up in computer technology. The first replacement, and first Windows 7 machine in my house was an Acer Aspire X3950 mini desktop for my wife. Last year I bought myself a Lenovo IdeaCentre K330B desktop, and I bought a 15.6" Fujitsu Lifebook AH531 notebook for my wife. I liked the laptop so much I got a 14" Fujitsu Lifebook LH531 laptop for myself this year. All had Windows 7 and Intel i3 or i5 processors. These were not the fanciest nor the cheapest computers, but are ones I thought represented the best in value in the \$400 to \$600 price range. It is interesting to review the features available in these "typical" computers as compared to the latest technology has to offer.

In networking, we have come a long way. Once, everyone connected to the Internet through a phone modem. Now modems are absent from new computers, having been removed years ago. Wired Ethernet capability became the replacement, proceeding quickly from 10/100BASE-TX to Gigabit Ethernet, which is now the standard on all new computers. All four of my new computers include 10/100/1000 wired Ethernet capability, though I don't take advantage of the increased Gigabit speed, as my router and switches are all still only 10/100 capable. A survey of Fry's items online showed that for new networking gear, Gigabit has not become the standard that it has for computers and laptops. Most new switches available are 10/100/1000, but only about half the routers are.

The big push in networking improvement is now in wireless networking. Wireless computer users started out in 1999 with 11 Mbit/s 802.11b, and have proceeded up the alphabet with 802.11g (54 Mbit/s), n (up to 150 Mbit/s) and finally ac (up to 866 Mbit/s). My two new laptops both are b/g/n capable, though once again my

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present router is limited to 802.11g. Here my home network is again behind the times, as most new routers only go up to n capability. Though Fry's does sell an 802.11ac router, I was not able to find any of their laptops with that capability. Even the thin Ultrabook laptops, which don't have a wired Ethernet RJ-45 connector, have yet to add 802.11ac to their features.

It is somewhat surprising to me that there has been such an emphasis on networking speed improvement recently, when for most people the benefits above 10/100 wired and 802.11g wireless are lost. Since few people have network hard drives, their network traffic consists exclusively of an Internet connection, which is often 10 Mbps or less. My Time Warner Cable plan presently gives me a measured 16 Mbps, but even if I bought the 50 Mbps "Ultimate" plan, my present network would not be a limiting factor.

The other typical computer interface is for peripheral devices. This used to consist of a serial port DB-9 connector, but computers lost those years ago. USB2 (Universal Serial Bus, version 2.0, 480 Mbps) became

and still is the replacement peripheral interface standard, though now USB3 (5 Gbps) is finally appearing on some accessory devices and computers. USB3 adoption on computers presently appears to be related to price, with USB3 more likely on higher-end computers and laptops. None of my four new computers have USB3 capability, though Fry's showed it was available (often one port only, along with a couple USB2 ports) on some computers in the \$500 to \$1000 price range, and appeared to be on most all computers above \$1000. It surprised me to learn that of the two versions of Microsoft Surface tablet computer announced, the one based on the ARM processor had a USB2 port, with USB3 only available on the Windows 8, Intel processor version. For some reason (perhaps cost), the adoption of USB3 has not gone as fast as I would have thought.

Another interface I'd thought would become more popular and prevalent is eSATA, but for some reason it has not. It provides an external interface for the 3 or 6 Gbps SATA interface commonly used on hard drives. Though eSATA interface cards are available to add to

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**Dick Dehler goes to Africa.** CFCS member Dick Dehler recently went on a photographic tour to Kenya, Africa, and had quite an adventure in the offing. After shooting (with a camera, of course) all of the animals shown on the following pages over the course of several weeks, Dick was on the way back to Nairobi and a plane to the U.S. when his caravan was hit by another car. A fellow passenger was killed and Dick himself spent days in a Nairobi hospital. By the grace of God he recovered and has shared these fantastic photos with us. Welcome back, Dick! (Above photo is a Dwarf Mongoose.)



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Fig tree and Masaai Mara Tribesmen at sunrise



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Two African Buffalo males challenging each other



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Navy Leaguer, Richard Dehler, with pennant



Pair of lions resting



Masaai Mara Tribesmen at sunrise



Olive Baboon female with baby taking a ride



A young Martial Eagle



A head view of a Lioness



African Bush Grandpa Elephant



Masai Mara Giraffe



Female Leopard



Griffon Reuppell's Vulture



Female Cheetah on mound



Impala signaling a "Cat" is in the area

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computers, I've not seen any new machines come with this interface built in. Another very new high-speed serial interface that appears for now to be only available in iMacs is Intel's Thunderbolt; it promises 20 Gbps.

A surprise in the other direction is the addition of an HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) video output to almost every new computer. It is present on all of my new laptops and desktops. Since HDMI is available on all new HDTVs as an input, it has become for me the default way to hook up a laptop to my TV. When I want to show new photos to my family, the best way is to display them on our HDTV, using an HDMI connected laptop as the source. Since there are more and more devices (like set top boxes, DVD/Blu-ray disc players and HD video camcorders) already competing for the few TV HDMI inputs, I think HDMI switches, which allow multiple devices to use the TV ports, will become popular.

Another new video interface, one I'd never seen before I bought my laptops, is Intel wireless Display, or WiDi. Though both my new laptops have it, I've yet to try it, as it requires a compatible TV or monitor, or an adapter. While the concept sounds good, I was not able to locate many adapters, and the one I did find on Fry's site was around \$100. While it looks like Intel has pushed adoption of this interface on the laptops using their processors, having a TV to wirelessly broadcast video to will be the problem for now.

Another wireless interface that now appears to be implemented on almost all new laptops is Bluetooth. Typical uses include interface with Bluetooth mice and keyboards. While Bluetooth is available on both of my new laptops, I so far have no peripheral devices to use with it.

Blu-ray optical drive technology has been available for over five years, but it has not displaced the standard DVD as the most popular optical disc format. I think cost is again the limiting factor in its acceptance, as Blu-ray capability appears more often in higher-cost computers. At the lower end of the capability spectrum are Blu-ray read-capable drives, which start to become available in mid to high-cost computers. Blu-ray

writer drives are presently available only in the upper price tier of computers. None of my new computers came with any Blu-ray compatibility.

As time goes on, I'd expect costs to come down and allow greater adoption of some of the new features that appear limited to high-end computers, such as USB3 and Blu-ray. Until then, all I can do is pay more, or ask "Where's the technology?"

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Call me crazy, but I have never bought a protective case for any of my iPhones or iPads. The closest I came is when Apple was giving away iPhone 4 bumpers when the company was dealing with that situation called "antennagate."

That idea changed when I dropped my iPhone on a hard floor and got a chip in it. Yes, I was peeved at myself for not getting a case for the 4, and that situation changed my mind. So, when I got my iPhone 4S and my new iPad, I knew it was time to swallow my pride, and get a protective case for both devices.

About a year ago, my girlfriend got an Otterbox case for her iPhone. I didn't really pay attention to it at first (it didn't help that it was hot bright pink.) But over the following months, I started noticing how well the case was holding up to her daily routine.

So, I went on to Otterbox's web site and looked around. I came across their "Defender Series" (which is what my girlfriend has) and was hooked from the get go.

The series provides ultimate protection against accidental drops. Some covers also include a protective front plastic cover so those fingerprints aren't so noticeable on the front of the device. The covers fit like a glove and come in cool colors and can be a pain in the butt to put on.

But the company's web site does have helpful how-to videos on installing the covers.

So, here are the pros and cons:

#### PROS:

- Protects the entire device (including the charging port).
- Can hold up to almost anything (drops, minor throws, etc.)
- Comes in various colors.
- Very helpful pre-sale and how-to videos.
- Some models come with a belt clip.

#### CONS:

- No included installation instructions (on the iPhone case box).
- Is a pain in the butt to put on.
- Cannot charge device in a dock.
- Port covers can be hard to open for large or arthritic hands.
- Belt clip can be hard to use (especially in emergency situations).
- Cover up the home button – Home button can be harder to press.

All in all, I am very picky about the cases that I have on my devices. But after 48 hours, they are still on my devices and I don't plan on taking them off anytime soon.

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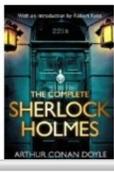
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Anne Digby, a hugely prolific British children's author, is best known for the Trebizon series, published between 1978 and 1994. *A Horse Called September* was her debut novel, and a yellowed used copy of the paperback would set you back \$25 plus shipping. But today it's free on Kindle, look for it at the top of the buffet. The artwork for the Kindle edition is from the First Edition hardcover, which costs about \$125 from collectible dealers if it's in good condition.

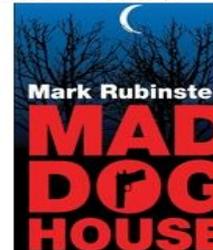
Before penning her 14 novels set in the fictional Cornish boarding school, Digby was a magazine journalist and lived in Paris for a while. But her dream was to become a "proper" author, and she certainly did, even though her agent was skeptical that a school-days series would sell in the 1970s and 80s. But Anne freshened the boarding-school genre, drawing on her own experience and her research of contemporary schools, and the books were well received. She went on to write the *Me, Jill Robinson* series, the *Jug Valley Juniors* series, *Quicksilver Horse* and *The Big Swim of the Summer*. She added six books to Enid Blyton's *Naughtiest Girl* series and created the *Three R Detective* children's books.




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If you're under 20, you probably know all of this, and if you're over 60, you probably think you have no need for texting (unless you want to keep in contact with someone who is under 20), so for all of you in between, here goes. Texting is a very interesting, and relatively easy, way to communicate with others, using your cell phone.

Texting refers to the exchange of brief text messages between cell phones, over a network. SMS or Simple Message Service is what provides the ability to send these messages via the cell phone network. Today, all the Wireless carriers provide Texting service, typically at a cost of about 20 cents per text (both incoming and outgoing), unless you have a specific texting plan. Texting plans can include unlimited texting or a specific number of texts per month. Texts, unlike voice calls, cannot be rejected or dismissed; when a text is sent to you, you pay for it, whether you wanted it or not.

A text message consists of a series of any of the 26 letters of the alphabet, the 10 numerals, and some special characters (like the space), up to 160 characters long. SMS specifies that text messages are to be 160 characters or less. (You may remember that Twitter, which is based on SMS, limits its “tweets” to 140 characters; this is because Twitter uses 20 characters for addressing of messages.) Most text messages are typically short, and a sort of “short-hand notation” has developed to allow abbreviations or short collections of alpha-numeric characters to convey a longer thought. Some of these may be familiar and some maybe not so much. For a comprehensive list see: [http://www.netlingo.com/acronym\\_s.php](http://www.netlingo.com/acronym_s.php) Some examples are: ASAP As soon as possible, BFFN Bye Bye for now, BFF Best Friends Forever, BTW By the way, CYM Check your mail, NUFF Enough said, GF Girl Friend, C4N Ciao for now, B4 Before, GTG Got to go, IDK I don't know, ILU I Love You, IMHO In my humble opinion, J/K Just kidding, L8R Later, M4C Meet for coffee, OMG Oh my god, P911 Parent alert, LOL

Laughing out loud, P2C2E Process too complicated to explain, C-P Sleepy, SLAP Sounds like a plan, TGIF Thank god it's Friday, TG2BT Too good to be true, U2 You too.

Texting can be done from any cell phone that has the ability to send alpha-numeric characters, but if you don't have a phone with a keyboard, texting can be very difficult and tedious. On a phone with only 16 or so buttons, the buttons have to be pressed sequentially in a certain pattern to get the alpha or special characters, (sending a “C” may require pressing the 2 key 4 times followed by a specific key), which makes sending even some of the very short abbreviations very difficult to accomplish with any speed and accuracy. On a phone with a keyboard, texting becomes a much simpler activity. Just find the characters on the keyboard (usually with either of your thumbs), and put together the message, with or without the short-hand notation, making sure to stay within the 160 character limitation.

Although texting was originated using only SMS, today texting can handle pictures, video and sound using the MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service). MMS extends the SMS capability to include these multimedia file types. MMS has become the typical way to share pictures and even videos among cell phones.

Today, text messaging is the most widely used mobile data service, others being voice and email. In the United States, in December 2009, there were 286 million US text message subscribers and they sent 152.7 billion text messages per month, for an average of 534 messages per subscriber that month. Another survey found in May 2010 that 72% of U.S. adult cell phone users have sent or received a text message. Spurred by the unlimited texting plans offered by carriers like AT&T and Verizon Wireless, American teenagers sent and received an average of 2,272 texts per month in the fourth quarter of 2008, almost 80 messages a day, more than double the average of a year earlier.

Text messaging is most often used between cell phone users, as a substitute for voice calls in situations where voice communication is either, impossible, difficult, or not necessary. (In some regions of the world, text messaging is significantly cheaper than placing a phone call to another cell phone; but in general, text messaging is popular for its convenience, despite the low cost of voice calls.

One of the unfortunate down sides to texting is texting while driving. Texting while driving leads to increased distraction behind the wheel. In 2006, a survey with more than 900 teens from over 26 high schools showed that 87% of the students found texting to be "very" or "extremely" distracting. A later study by AAA discovered that 46% of teens admitted to being distracted behind the wheel due to texting. Please: **Never Text While Driving.**

Texting even has its own etiquette. One example is: "Keep your message brief." No one wants to have an entire conversation by texting when a call would be more appropriate. Another example is: "Don't use all Caps." Typing a text message in all capital letters will appear as though you are shouting at the recipient, and should be avoided. And a last one "Only send texts to people who you think will appreciate them, otherwise use e-mail, or even voice-mail."

So B4 I go let me say that IMHO texting is GTK NUFF LOL

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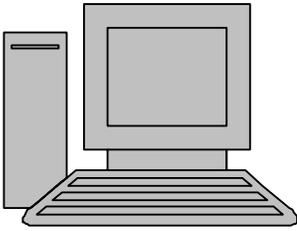
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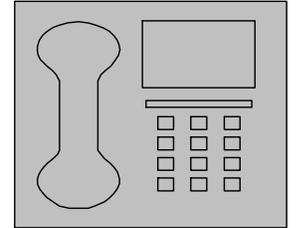
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