



THE BUSSLINE

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

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Hewie: Heads Up for *Tails*!

Sunday, June 8: This June 8, Central Florida Computer Society Meeting will feature a demo of *Tails*, an open-source operating system designed to leave as little trace as possible. It's an amnesiac system, which means it's completely fresh every time you boot up. There are no saved files, no new programs, and most importantly, it becomes a blank slate the moment you shut down. It's the digital equivalent of buying a new computer for a single session and tossing it into the river once you're done.

It is a complete operating system designed to be used from a DVD, USB stick, or SD card independently of the computer's original operating system. It is Free Software and based on Debian GNU/Linux. It doesn't store any data locally, which means users of *TAILS* are almost impossible to detect.

Tails comes with several built-in applications pre-configured with security in mind: web browser, instant messaging client, email client, office suite, image and sound editor, etc. In addition to a preconfigured Firefox browser, Pidgin instant messaging client and Claws Mail client, *TAILS* includes open source productivity and multimedia applications like OpenOffice, GIMP and Audacity. It also comes with a virtual keyboard as a measure against hardware keyloggers, which still pose a threat to the OS.

From the moment you boot up, your computer leaves footprints. Websites leave tracking cookies, following you from page to page and session to session, alongside the usual traces left by your IP address. Persistent logins from Google and Facebook tie each site visit to your off-line identity. If anyone really wants to go after you, they can also make a direct attack, targeting malware to track your movements in the background. With the right tools,

Don't Forget our **New Meeting Place, Date, and Time!**

Due to the change of our monthly meeting to a new place, Maitland Library, the CFCS Board of Directors had to change the WEEK of each month's meeting to the SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. This was necessary because the third Sunday, our traditional meeting date, was not available. Once you attend a meeting and experience the atmosphere and appointments of our new venue, you will be happy we made the choice. The Board sincerely hopes everyone will make the adjustment with ease.

Also, since the library does not open until 1 pm, **our meeting will begin at 1:15 (WinSIG) and end by 5**, to give us time to straighten up before the library's 5:30 closing.

The Maitland Library is located at 501 South Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL. www.maitlandpl.org. For details and maps, consult our website at cfc.org, or [see page 24](#).

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a computer is an open book.

This is not true if it's running *Tails*, an open-source operating system designed to leave as little trace as possible.

But while privacy and security might not have a central place in today's web, they're still possible. *Tails* proves that, whittling the secure computer down to the size of a USB stick. It's still hard, sure, but it's not impossible. After a yearlong parade of depressing surveillance news, that might be the most impressive feat of all.

Earlier on the same day of each presentation, the WINDOWS Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting is held. The WinSIG now meets at 1:15 pm, and is hosted by Hewie Poplock, former president of both CFCS and FACUG, and author of Hewie's Views and Reviews. Hewie, who has led the Central Florida Computer Society WinSIG for over 15 years, will start a little more than an hour 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 are always welcome. Sign up for the free e-newsletter at cfcs.org.

Hewie's Blog and many useful articles (including the meeting notes below) can be found at <http://hewie.net/>

The CFCS website is at <http://www.cfcs.org>. Be sure to check it out for up-to-date information.

Here is what Hewie talked about last month:

Meeting Notes 2014-05-11 WinSIG

Submitted by Hewie Poplock on Fri, 2014-05-09 11:29

Planned topics for Sunday May 11, 2014. remember that we have changed the date & time of our meetings. We now meet at 1:15pm on the **SECOND** Sunday.

How to pin Windows Update to Windows 7 and 8 taskbar <http://dottech.org/156953/how-to-pin-windows-update-to-windows-7-and-8-taskbar-guide/>

3 Better Ways To Store Your Files Than On The Desktop <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/3-better-ways-store-files-desktop/>

How to Identify Mysterious Images Online <http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2012/05/how-to-identify-mysterious-images-online/>

This subreddit is for identifying objects of unknown make, type, or origin. If you have something and you don't know what it is, submit it here to find out. <http://www.reddit.com/r/Whatisthis/>

7 More Issues With Windows 8.1 That Can Be Fixed <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/7-issues-windows-8-1-can-fixed/>

How To Configure Mail In Windows 8 (Gmail, Hotmail, Outlook, Yahoo!) <http://www.redmondpie.com/how-to-configure-mail-in-windows-8-gmail-hotmail-outlook-yahoo/>

Six Useful Keyboard Shortcuts for Windows 8.1 Update <http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/six-useful-keyboard-shortcuts-windows-81-update.htm>

What Do the Performance Values in Windows Task Manager Represent? <http://mintywhite.com/vista/performance-values-windows-task-manager-represent/>

Windows Does Not Start at All <http://tips4pc.com/computer-tips-and-tricks/windows-does-not-start-at-all.htm>

Four Places To Find Your Windows 8 Product Key <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/four-places-find-windows-8-product-key/>

8.1 Worst Windows 8.1 Annoyances (And How to Fix Them) <http://blog.laptopmag.com/windows-81-annoyances?slide=1>

5 Important Things To Consider If You're Still Running Windows XP <http://readwrite.com/2014/04/18/still-running-windows-xp-heres-what-you-need-to-know>

7 Windows Desktop Settings Only Available in PC Settings on Windows 8.1 <http://www.howtogeek.com/187315/7-windows-desktop-settings-only-available-in-pc-settings-on-windows-8.1/>

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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!

Don't forget to list your items for sale on CFCS' new SIG!

Officially classified as a Special Interest Group (SIG) chaired by Mike Ungerman (whose brainchild it is), OUR NEW sig is actually a new Google Group email feature that will allow members (only) to post any items they may have for sale or items that they would like to purchase or trade. Similar to the existing CFCS Tech-SIG and CFCS iSIG groups, members of the group may send an email to the group address, and it will be sent out to other members either as an immediate email or as a daily digest of emails from that day.

FYI: This SIG has been merged with the Tech-SIG mailing list, and will be discontinued as a separate mailing; so if you wish to continue to receive notifications of all the HOT tech items for sale, and are not on the Tech-SIG list, email Stan at tech-sig@cfcs.org

Membership in the group is limited to Tech-SiG members only, so we won't be getting spam listings. Any members desiring to take advantage of an offer or request will be doing so between themselves. CFCS is not a party to the transaction, nor a mediator if there is a dispute over an item or payment. There are no restrictions as to what a member may post to sell, so perhaps it's time to clear out that garage, back room, attic, etc. You can even announce a garage sale if you want to get rid of a lot of stuff!

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), leads the SIG. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cfcs-access> This is a combination of three separate SIGs which now meet conjointly.

The VIRTUAL DIGITAL PHOTO & VIDEO SIG lead has been assumed by Ken Larabee and it meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, virtually. To register go to <https://apcug.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/event.pl> Choose Virtual Photo SIG.

The TECH DISCUSSION SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm at the World Gourmet Restaurant, 800 E. Altamonte Dr. (436) SIG leader is Vice President Stan Wallner.

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 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.

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

Another feature of this SIG is the Tech-SIG Yahoo Group mail. We now have 64 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



Sanford store is located at 1617 WP Ball Blvd. in the Marketplace of Seminole Town Center (407-688-7627). Near Target; between Bright Now Dental & Firehouse Subs

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 non-sale items for CFCS members, and 10% on service for CFCS members

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

The iSIG meets on the third Monday of each month

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](http://www.cfcs.org) and the Florida Macintosh Users Group [http:// www.flmug.com](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](#).

The Recycle Bin

by Stan Wallner,
Vice President, CFCS



Stan, a CFCS member since 1984, has served in many offices over the years, and is now Vice President 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, and Troubleshooting on both hardware & software, at reasonable rates (with discounts for CFCS members!). You can reach him at smwallner@gmail.com or by phone at 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. It will be on the CFCS Website if it is not in the BUSSLINE. It will be here when there are changes, so please do read carefully.

So, here are the places I suggest you consider for the various types of items listed, which I have sorted into

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal invoices will be e-mailed from 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 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

Address: PO Box 520084,
Longwood, FL 32752

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.

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 same by e-mail to treasurer@cfcs.org.

two categories

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Category "A" - Primarily For Monitors, Printers, Scanners that still work, and PC's that work or 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. 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 IV 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.

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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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- *Includes free business card ad

Members are responsible for sending a change-of-address notification (including e-mail) to:
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Meetings: CFCS meets each month on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the location described on page 24.. 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.

CFCS Web site: www.cfcs.org

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If so, please call (407-422-9265) or email us (info@mcf-orl.org). Donations can be brought directly to us at 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, NOW AT:
111 Highline Drive, Longwood, FL,
(Off Rt. 434 a bit West of Rangeline),
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; which is greatly appreciated! They offer free recycling with the exception of monitors and terminals with CRTs which are \$10.00 each. TVs with CRT's need to be evaluated, but most are \$0.60/lb. Displays with LCD/LED screens are accepted at no charge. You can come by anytime, but a heads up call would be appreciated for large loads.

SEData is also a great place to pick up parts, accessories, and Refurbished PC's! They accept trade-ins against purchases and they will even outright purchase your components. Their hours are 8:00 am til 5:00 pm, Mon-

day thruFriday. They are ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 certified and offer shredding of hard drives, tapes, optical drives ... (**AT ONLY \$3.00 each!!**).

3) Orlando Recycles, Inc.

They are located at 5014 Forsyth Commerce Road, #4, Orlando, FL, 32807, just off Forsyth, about 1/2 mile east of 436 and south of Colonial. They are a viable place to recycle, and there is no charge to you for items like CRT's, TV's.

Their hours are from 9:30 to 5:30, Mon. through Fri.. 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 both items that DO and DO NOT work, they also 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, Printers, Scanners that DON'T work, PC's that are too old, and/or NOT repairable, etc.

1) A1 Assets (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 large quantity of items. The Phone number is: 407-339-7030.

If you only have a small quantity of items (1 to 4 items) you may drop them off at any of the 3 Refresh Computer Stores. See their web site at <http://refreshcomputers.net/>. for locations. No appointment/phone call is needed for these small drop offs.

2) Best Buy Stores - NEW INFO!

ALL local stores; no need to contact them first. All items above; all at NO CHARGE, limited to three items per visit. **There are no longer ANY exceptions for CRT Monitors or TV's.** There no longer is any maximum size, or fee! Go to www.bestbuy.com/recycling for more info.

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 key-boards 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>

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

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.

We will be adding to this list. There are additional places, and we want as many listed here as possible for our members' convenience! If you have suggestions or comments, send an email to vicepresident@cfcs.org

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Hewie's Views and Reviews

By Hewie Poplock,
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<http://www.hewie.net>

Hewie's regular column is in hiatus* because of his recent move, so we are running a juicy article from his website, which, lo and behold, points us to other websites which Hewie finds useful. Save you a search or ,two. Ed.

Website	Description	Listing
Ancestry Home Town	Very extensive genealogy site - traces family tree free	view
Classic Cars UK	Vintage & Classic Cars, old cars, car collectibles, trucks & more	view
Crossword Puzzles	Do crossword puzzles online	view
DietWatch	Diet program integrates web with a personal diary	view
Easy Magic	Here are some very easy, but highly effective magic tricks for you to perform, from your Magic & Illusion Guide	view
Ellis Island Records	American Family Immigration History Center Immigrant Arrival Records	view
Florida Lottery Directory	Current and historical results of the Florida Lottery	view
Fotki Photo Sharing and Printing	supported formats - jpg, gif, png, jpeg, bmp,tif, psd, pcx & no limit to how many images you can host	view
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Home Maintenance	Good tips and lots of info	view
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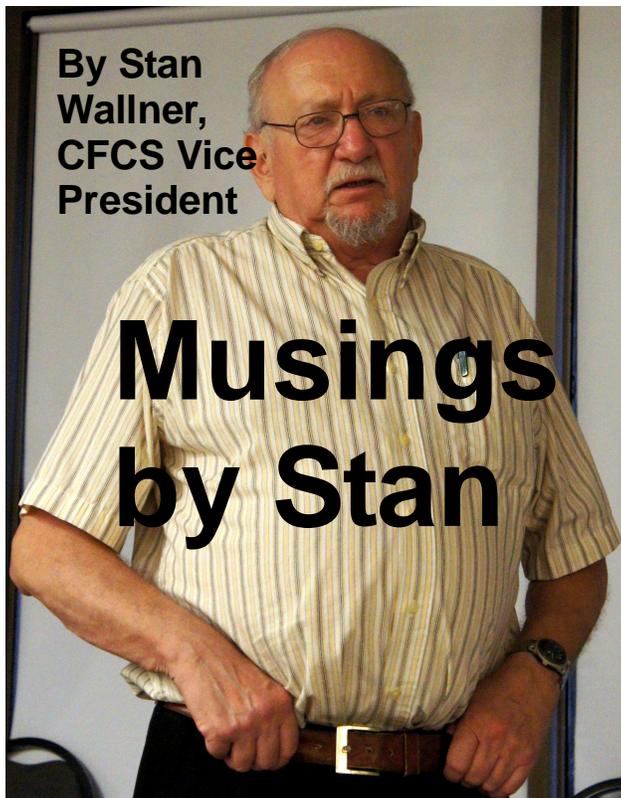
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Yorkie Friends Rescue is a nonprofit org looking for adoptive homes for rescued Yorkshire terriers and Yorkie mixes



OK, a bit longer than usual! I've found several neat items (at least to me!). Because I know a number of my readers have rather short attention spans and thus might not make it to the end of this, I am listing all of the subjects **FIRST!** Also, please do read the **last paragraph** - I'd like some feedback! Topics are:

1) A Funny reaction to "Come To The TechSIG"**2) Five More Years of Support For XP!!****3) ANONYMOUS Web - Searching AND Browsing !****4) 50 Gigabytes of Storage For Just 99 Cents Per Year!**

OK, so here they are:

1) A Funny reaction to "Come To The TechSIG"

I invited a chap I'd just met to try a meeting; here is his response (edited heavily), and parts of my response; just for chuckles. (I'd never seen anyone save time (?) by not ever using the Caps Key or starting a new paragraph before!) He did not respond further...

"hi stan .. to say it nicely world gourmet sucks ... think I will pass. sorry I don't see myself ever attending one of geek sessions that you recommend or offer. Thanks."

MY (partial) Response:

I made what I thought to be a warm invitation to come to something I thought you might enjoy, and fit into.

You misunderstand! We are NOT Geeks - we are UBER-GEEKS! So Are YOU! (I can recognize one when I see one!) That's why I thought you might fit. (I then described a few topics - **the stuff in this article** ...) So, if this sort of stuff doesn't get you excited, then I agree you don't need to come, as you said.

2) Five More Years of Support For XP!!

Surprising to find this on a Forbes Mag site! Here is a small clip:

"This workaround exploits Microsoft's continued support of 'Windows Embedded Industry' (previously 'Windows Embedded POSReady') which will last until 2019. Embedded Industry is designed for use in industry devices across retail, manufacturing, healthcare and – you guessed it – the operating system is based on Windows XP Service Pack 3.

Consequently the security updates that continue to be released for Windows Embedded Industry are

essentially the same as what Microsoft would have released for Windows XP, had support continued. Now with a simple hack you can trick Windows Update into thinking Windows XP is Windows Embedded Industry.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/gordonkelly/2014/05/27/simple-hack-gives-windows-xp-users-5-more-years-of-support/> OR <http://goo.gl/2H3AIs> for the 'rest of the story!' I have not yet tried it, but certainly will!!

3) ANONYMOUS Web - Searching AND Browsing !

a) SEARCHING

A fine Search Engine that does not TRACK YOU! Similar to Bing or Google, <https://duckduckgo.com/> has been re-done. See <https://duckduckgo.com/whatsnew> if you haven't looked at it recently. We've talked about it at the TechSIG; really works just fine if you are worried.

b) BROWSING

If you haven't bothered or just had no luck setting up either a Virtual Machine, or Sandboxie, I've recently come across the Panda Browser! It is NOT new - been around since 2010! This is really VERY MUCH easier than either of the above - it does it all for you!

"While this sounds complicated, it really isn't: you don't have to know anything about virtualization or Linux to make Panda Safe Browser work. During installation it will download and install VirtualBox and everything else you need, then set it all up. Once this is complete, all you do is launch a shortcut and a copy of Firefox will appear, allowing you to browse the web as normal (only safer).

The one annoyance we did spot is that the program won't recognize an existing installation of Oracle VirtualBox, installing an old Sun version instead, which will cause problems. If you have VirtualBox already then back up your settings and virtual machines before installing Panda Safe Browser."

Download: <http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/downloads/3248851/panda-safe-browser/> or <http://goo.gl/dsEkBQ>

And, Read more at: <http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/>

[downloads/3248851/panda-safe-browser/#ixzz33PC7O2Ga](http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/downloads/3248851/panda-safe-browser/#ixzz33PC7O2Ga) or <http://goo.gl/DR8U0W>

4) 50 Gigabytes of Storage For Just 99 Cents Per Year

IDRIVE! This is very similar to Carbonite, with plans running from 5 GB Free to up to \$250/yr for 4000 GB, personal; and up to \$1500/yr for 12500 GB, Business!

I am sure 50 GB will be fine for me. You?

You MUST sign up for this offer either via the iPhone or Android store - it is NOT available on their website (<https://www.idrive.com/>). Here is a clip from a live chat I had today with a Tech Support person there:

Technical Support: Install the latest version of IDrive Online application on your Android Mobile through Google Play or iPhone\iPAD\iPOD through App Store. Once the IDrive application is installed on your device you may sign up for the account.

After this, please login to the IDrive account and you will find an ad\banner to get upgraded to the offer that you specified. (The 99 cents per year).

Just tap that and it will lead you to the upgrade screen. **Stan:** WOW - and the 99 cents IS ongoing, not just for the first year?

Technical Support: The offer is just not for the first year, it is yearly.

Stan: My data will then be accessible from either phone, ipad, PC and/or Mac, correct?

Technical Support: Yes, you are right. And, the application also has a **sync** feature enhanced to it."

So RUN, do not walk, to your iPhone or Android store - get the app, sign up there, and upgrade on your phone - then set up on all your other devices.

OK, that is it for this month. And, this is the 'last paragraph' I asked you to look at, for some feedback: Is anyone reading any of these? I hear nothing. Should I keep at it? If I continue to get no response at all, this may well be the last of these. Please do let me know!!

You are welcome!

Stan, a CFCS member since 1984, has served in many offices over the years, and is currently Vice President. Separately, as a local IT Consultant; "PC Doctors Make House Calls," he offers 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 (with discounts for CFCS members!). You can reach him at smwallner@gmail.com or 407-862-2669.

2TB of Cloud Storage - Free!

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Well, now that I have your attention, let me tell you how you can accomplish this without any trickery or dishonesty. (Remember, 1TB is equal to 1,000 GB) Wouldn't it be nice to have all of your pictures, videos and documents available to you whenever and wherever you want it? Cloud storage is a great way to accomplish this. Cloud storage is available from many sources like Skydrive, Google Drive, SugarSync, Dropbox, etc. Some of these cloud services give you from 2GB to 7GB of free storage and then you pay for additional space (Skydrive provides 7GB free). With over 100GB of pictures and more than double that amount of videos, this could run into quite an expense using one of the commercial cloud storage services.

The cloud service I'm suggesting is your own computer system with an additional external (or internal) 2TB hard drive. You don't have to use a 2TB drive if you don't need that much storage. Maybe you have an old 300 or 500GB hard drive around that would do the trick. The size of the drive is not that important. What is important is that the information on that drive will be available to you wherever you are. The software that makes this incredible benefit possible is called Teamviewer. Team-

viewer is available for your PC, and the Teamviewer App is available for your smartphone and/or tablet; both the PC software and the App are free for personal use. (Though the App can work on a smartphone, a 4 or 5 inch display is really too small. If you try this on a smartphone, I think you will find that the objects you will want to control will be too small when you try to use your finger to select these objects. It really works well on a larger display, so I will be limiting my discussion to a tablet with at least a 7 or 8 inch display. It works great on a 10 inch display.)

For this arrangement to work, you install Teamviewer on your home computer, you install the Teamviewer App on to your tablet, and then you leave your home computer on whenever you want access to it and the hard drive. Because I've limited this to tablets, the tablet will have to be in reach of a Wi-Fi network because most tablets only have Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi networks are typically found in many places such as homes, airports, libraries, Starbucks, Panera Bread, shopping centers, and some McDonalds.) If your tablet has cell phone capability then you don't have this restriction.

Teamviewer is a software package used for remote control, desktop sharing, online meetings, web conferencing, and file transfer between computers. It runs on Windows, Apple and Android operating systems. The basic features of Teamviewer are similar to Crossloop. (You might remember Crossloop from an article published in the Sarasota PC Users Group Monitor in Feb. 2010. The intent of that article was "Assisting another member with a computer problem", but if you'll remember it was stated that "CrossLoop provides a quick, easy, and completely free way to give another member, a friend, or a relative, access to your computer". This remote control feature is also part of Teamviewer, and Teamviewer has the App for tablets that allows these devices to act as remote controllers. As it says on the Teamviewer website, "Teamviewer allows you to control computers remotely via the internet, as if you were sitting right in front of them". The home computer desktop appears on the tablet and you can interact with your home computer by using various touch-screen gestures to control the home computer and its software. Just start Windows explorer on your tablet with a double tap, (once your home computer desktop appears on the tablet) and then navigate to the Drive you have designated as "Cloud Storage", and navigate to the folders and files of interest. To show a picture, just double tap on the file in question. You can even start a video or music and it will be streamed to your tablet, for your enjoyment. (The video will only be acceptable if you have a fast uplink at home.)

To download Teamviewer for your computer, just go to www.teamviewer.com and click on the Download button. To download the Teamviewer App for your Android tablet, just go to the Google Play Store and touch the Magnifying Glass to search for "Teamviewer", and then download the App. The logo is as shown here:



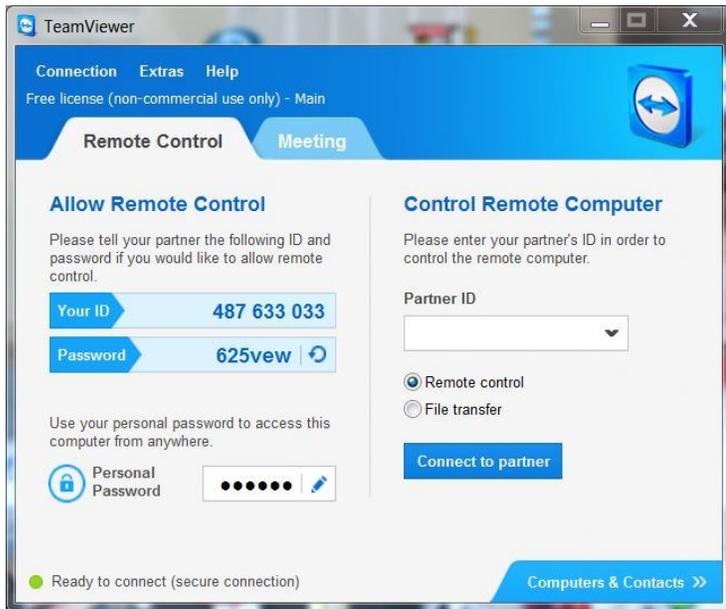
Teamviewer Logo

After Teamviewer has been installed on your PC, start it and you will be presented with a window that gives you a "Your ID" and a "Password" for this Computer. This ID is what you will need when you are attempting to remotely control this PC. (The "Partner ID" would be used if you were going to attempt to control another PC from this PC. That might be the subject of another article.) The last item needed is the "Personal Password". You can use the "Setup unattended access" wizard by clicking on the pencil icon in the Personal Password box, or you can just assign a personal password by entering a password that you desire into the Personal Password box. I would suggest you use the wizard, at least the first time. Once you have the Personal Password setup you are ready to allow remote control, or Unattended Access, as the wizard calls it.

signed to your PC and tap Remote Control. Teamviewer will make a connection with your PC and display an Authentication window (if it doesn't, your tablet may not be on the Wi-Fi network). Enter your "Personal Password" into the password box and tap OK. The first time this is done you will see a screen of Touch interactions as a primer for tablet control; just tap Continue (and check the "Don't show this dialog again" if you don't want to see this screen again.) After you tap Continue, your PC desktop will appear on your tablet. There is a box on the bottom right that indicates you are using Teamviewer; flick the box to the right so it will be out of your way. Now you can operate your computer just as if you were sitting in front of it. The only difference is that there is no keyboard, but you can use the tablet virtual keyboard by tapping on the keyboard icon on the bottom towards the left, whenever it is needed.



Tablet showing the PC Desktop



Teamviewer on the PC

The last thing to do is set up the tablet for remote control, or "unattended access of the PC". After the Teamviewer App is installed on the tablet, start it by tapping it's icon. This will bring up the Teamviewer remote control screen. Enter the "Your ID" number that was as-

Now to get to your data, just open the Windows Explorer and navigate to the drive and open any of the folders and files that are now part of your 2TB cloud storage. Make sure you close everything and save any changes you made before leaving Teamviewer. To leave Teamviewer and close the connection, tap the big X on the bottom left, and then go back to your home screen.

Now, how is that for 2TB of cloud storage with no monthly storage charge? (I'd like to thank Dennis Russell, a student in my Android Tablets class, for making me aware of Teamviewer.)

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Online Resources for HURRICANE SEASON

by Ira Wilsker

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TXDOT HURRICANE EVACUATION MAPS:

<http://txdot.gov/inside-tdot/division/traffic/safety/weather/hurricane.html>

TXDOT OFFICIAL EVACUATION MAP FOR SE TEXAS;

<http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/trv/evacuation/beaumont.pdf>

TXDOT OFFICIAL EVACUATION MAP FOR HOUSTON AREA:

<http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/trv/evacuation/houston.pdf>

The Atlantic hurricane season officially started on June 1. While given only a 20% chance of developing into something, the season opened with a cluster of showers in the southern Gulf of Mexico; if it would be a month or two later in the season, this same cluster of showers could have conceivably developed into a named storm. As internet technology and storm forecasting have shown tremendous advancement in recent years, so have the online services that provide many of us with our hurricane information and warnings. While the local TV stations are to be commended for freely and widely distributing printed hurricane preparedness and evacuation information, the classical hurricane tracking chart included in these packets is approaching obsolescence. The digital hurricane tracking and projection charts now posted on a myriad of websites are frequently updated,

and often more accurate than the hand plotted coordinates on a paper chart picked up at a local supermarket. We are blessed to have a wealth of public, government operated websites dedicated to hurricane and tropical storm information, as well as a substantial number of excellent quality, privately owned commercial web services that compete with, and often supplement, the government owned services.

Probably the epitome of the government hurricane informational websites is the National Hurricane Center, at www.nhc.noaa.gov. In conjunction with other mostly government agencies, such as NASA, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) can draw upon the extensive information gathered by satellites, naval vessels at sea, oceanographic services, foreign government services, and other resources. Most of the commercial TV stations and other media outlets utilize the services of the National Hurricane Center for the hurricane and tropical storm content as the primary source of relevant content for their own news and weather broadcasts. While the NHC website is relatively easy to navigate, and contains a wealth of quality current and historical information available to all, the website is not the only method utilized by the NHC to inform the population of pending and current storms; the NHC (nhc.noaa.gov/aboutalternate.shtml) also offers this same information free to anyone via SMS text messages, NOAA Weather Radio, mobile formats for those using smart phones and similar devices, RSS news feeds, and other rapid digital methods of mass communications. The NHC discontinued its direct email notifications in 2012, but the email alerts are still available through other sources. The NHC also provides raw data in a variety of formats that can be imported into other utilities. One that I find most helpful and interesting is the data feed at nhc.noaa.gov/gis which can export data into Google Earth, displaying beautiful, informative, and customizable maps which contain a wealth of visual information lacking on the more traditional flat tracking maps. For those who prefer an audio format, such as a podcast, the NHC has an audio service available at

nhc.noaa.gov/audio. These podcasts are available in English and Spanish, as is almost all of the other content on the NHC website.

While the urgency of current tropical weather may be the 'forte' of the NHC website, there is also an abundance of other information available at nhc.noaa.gov. On the left margin of the website is a lengthy menu of information categories and types, but many may want to read up on generic tropical weather information to better prepare and understand the situations presented during hurricane season. For the general population the "Outreach & Education" and education section contains clear and concise information of storm preparations, storm surge, the formation and strength of tropical storms and hurricanes, the list of storm names for each year for the next several years, an explanation of the different forecast models, and other resources. The official list of storm names for the 2014 Atlantic tropical season (many of which are familiar names from past storms) are Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo, Hanna, Isaias, Jose-

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Atlantic Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

This product is updated at approximately 2 AM, 8 AM, 2 PM, and 8 PM EDT from June 1 to November 30. Special outlooks may be issued as conditions warrant.

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Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook
National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida

Area 1: 0% Chance of Tropical Cyclone Formation (click to zoom)
A stationary trough of low pressure over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico is producing widespread cloudiness and showers. Environmental conditions are not currently conducive for development, but may become slightly more favorable later this week as this system moves little.
* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent
* Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent

800 PM EDT

Outlined areas denote current position of systems discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook. Color indicates probability of tropical cyclone formation within 48 hours.

Low <30% Medium 30-50% High >50%

GIS data: .shp

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TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
800 PM EDT SUN JUN 1 2014

For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

1. A stationary trough of low pressure over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico is producing widespread cloudiness and showers.

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Atlantic Names

[Atlantic Pronunciation Guide \(PDF\)](#)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Arthur	Ana	Alex	Arlene	Alberto	Andrea
Bertha	Bill	Bonnie	Bret	Beryl	Barry
Cristobal	Claudette	Colin	Cindy	Chris	Chantal
Dolly	Danny	Danielle	Don	Debby	Dorian
Edouard	Erika	Earl	Emily	Ernesto	Erin
Fay	Fred	Fiona	Franklin	Florence	Fernand
Gonzalo	Grace	Gaston	Gert	Gordon	Gabrielle
Hanna	Henri	Hermine	Harvey	Helene	Humberto
Isaias	Ida	Ian	Irma	Isaac	Imelda
Josephine	Joaquin	Julia	Jose	Joyce	Jerry
Kyle	Kate	Karl	Katia	Kirk	Karen
Laura	Larry	Lisa	Lee	Leslie	Lorenzo
Marco	Mindy	Matthew	Maria	Michael	Melissa
Nana	Nicholas	Nicole	Nate	Nadine	Nestor
Omar	Odette	Otto	Ophelia	Oscar	Olga
Paulette	Peter	Paula	Philippe	Patty	Pablo
Rene	Rose	Richard	Rina	Rafael	Rebekah
Sally	Sam	Shary	Sean	Sara	Sebastien
Teddy	Teresa	Tobias	Tammy	Tony	Tanya
Vicky	Victor	Virginie	Vince	Valerie	Van
Wilfred	Wanda	Walter	Whitney	William	Wendy

Since 1953, Atlantic tropical storms had been named from lists originated by the National Hurricane Center. They are now maintained and updated through a strict procedure by an international committee of the World Meteorological Organization.

dated, two page PDF file that has a wealth of hurricane information, available for viewing or download from usno.navy.mil/NOOC/fwc-n/RSS/pdf/TC_QRG_2014.pdf. While containing some decidedly Naval oriented information, the graphics and explanations of tropical terms are outstanding. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) compiles in real-time, storm projections from several sources, both national and international. One of the many sources utilized by the SFWMD is the official British weather service, UKMET, which many storm trackers often consider as "competitive" or superior to the projected tracks released by the NHC. Often referred to as "Spaghetti Tracks", because these different concurrent projections are often convoluted like a bowl of spaghetti as they disagree on projected storm paths, these tracks can be viewed online at my.sfwmd.gov/sfwmd/common/images/weather/plots.html. The SFWMD compiled tracks are continuously updated, and can be viewed online as a graphical map, or imported into Google Earth for a more customizable, detailed and colorful map. One interesting

phine, Kyle, Laura, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paulette, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky, and Wilfred.

Some of the other federal and regional governmental agencies that compile and distribute hurricane predictions are the U.S. Navy's National Oceanography Portal (usno.navy.mil/NOOC/fwc-n) and the South Florida Water Management District. Whenever there is an Atlantic tropical weather event such as a depression, tropical storm, or hurricane, many connoisseurs of detailed hurricane projections prefer the maps issued by the U.S. Navy, over those issued by the NHC, even though the Navy maps are based heavily on the data provided by the NHC. The navy has a well made, recently up-

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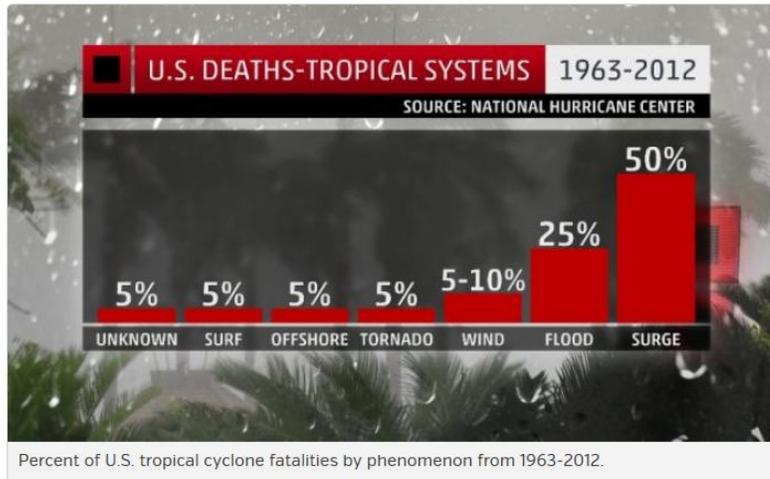
Hurricane Season 2014: 10 Myths Debunked

By: *Jon Erdman*
 Published: June 1, 2014

Myth: Winds are the deadliest aspect of hurricanes.

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Percent of U.S. tropical cyclone fatalities by phenomenon from 1963-2012.

Fact: Three out of four U.S. deaths from tropical cyclones are from water.

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Let's apply some truth serum to some stubborn myths about hurricanes and tropical storms, starting with the impacts that are most likely to claim lives.

Tropical cyclones are categorized by wind speed, but it's the storm surge - the water rise generated by a hurricane

or tropical storm - that is the greatest U.S. tropical cyclone killer, making up 50 percent of all tropical cyclone-related deaths.

(Incidentally, storm surge is generated in large part by the tropical cyclone's wind field pushing water toward shore. The storm's central pressure is only a tiny contributor to storm surge.)

Rainfall flooding [not from storm surge] claims another one in four U.S. lives from tropical cyclones.

Wind accounts for only 5 to 10 percent of U.S. tropical cyclone fatalities. While winds can be destructive - like those from Hurricanes Charley, Andrew, and Alicia - it's the water that is more likely to threaten lives.

feature offered by the SFWMD than can be utilized in Google Earth is an option that automatically updates the tracks displayed in Google earth as new or revised tracks become available.

Another very popular federal website with hurricane information is FEMA's Ready.gov site at ready.gov/hurricanes. More geared to preparedness and survival, rather than current storm threats, Ready.gov has information on preparedness, safety and survival during a hurricane or tropical storm, and safety steps to take after the storm passes. Additional information on training and other resources is linked on this website.

There are also many commercial websites that provide outstanding tropical coverage. The Weather Channel's weather.com, AccuWeather's accuweather.com, and the Weather Underground's wunderground.com all offer comprehensive and independently evaluated tropical reports, maps, and other information, which often differs from the "official" projections from the NHC. All three of these commercial weather services employ a staff of respected professionals who make their own predictions and projections, independent from the NHC; some

pundits actually claim that these privately run weather services frequently outperform their government counterparts by providing better projections and forecasts. With the abundance of both official and proprietary weather services that competently make predictions and projections of tropical weather events that could impact us, all of which are readily and freely available online and on smart devices, our personal safety can be enhanced. Now that better storm surge predictions can be made and published, perhaps lives can be saved, as fully half of tropical weather deaths are caused by storm surge, with another 25% of tropical weather deaths attributed to flooding; more accurate predictions could certainly save many lives (source: wunderground.com/news/hurricane-myths-debunked-20140528).

Between our internet connected desktops, laptops, tablets, and smart phones, we can have better, up to date, and more accurate tropical storm and hurricane information than in the past. Say goodbye to the old paper tracking charts, and welcome the new digital, life saving technology.



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Fleet Weather Center - Norfolk, 9141 Third Ave, Norfolk VA 23511-2394
Operations Watchfloor: 757-444-7750 (DSN 564-7750)

NIPR email: fwc-norfolk.cdo@navy.mil SIPR email: fwc-norfolk.cdo@navy.smil.mil
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Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Season: 01 June - 30 November

East Pacific Tropical Cyclone Season: 15 May - 30 November

2014 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

Arthur	Laura
Bertha	Marco
Cristobal	Nana
Dolly	Omar
Edouard	Paulette
Fay	Rene
Gonzalo	Sally
Hanna	Teddy
Isaias	Vicky
Josephine	Wilfred
Kyle	

Tropical Cyclones: Development Areas and Movement



Stages of Tropical Cyclone Development

Naming Begins


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Hurricane
sustained winds
≥ 64 KTS

Tropical Storm
34 - 63 KTS

Tropical Depression
20 - 33 KTS

Low Pressure Center
< 20 KTS

Numbered Warnings Begin

(Tropical Wave

Saffir-Simpson Scale - Hurricane Destruction Potential

Category	Sustained Wind Speed		Damage
	(knots)	(mph)	
1	64 - 82	74 - 95	Minimal
2	83 - 95	96 - 110	Moderate
3	96 - 112	111 - 129	Extensive
4	113 - 136	130 - 156	Extreme
5	> 136	> 156	Catastrophic

NOTE: Categories 3, 4, & 5 are considered **MAJOR** hurricanes

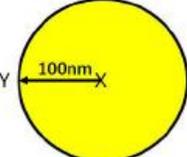
Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert (TCFA)

TCFAs provide early notification of likely TC development to the Fleet and help minimize the number of OTSR Advisories and Diverts

100nm

Y ← X





Y ← X

Tropical cyclone formation possible between positions X and Y within 24 hrs

Now We Have a High Tech Way to Get to Know Your Neighbors

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Do you remember when neighbors knew each other and a neighborhood was a tight-woven community? Well, I do and I miss that. So today I'll tell you about a new, high-tech way to get to know your neighbors.

We don't know our neighbors like we did when I was a kid. We stay inside our air conditioned homes and keep to ourselves. But it doesn't have to be that way.

We can use technology to bring us back to those by-gone days when neighbors joined to form a close-knit community. This can be easily done with a new web service called Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com). Nextdoor lets neighbors get in touch with each other again. It is a free and private social network for neighborhoods.

The first member from the neighborhood is called the Founding Member. To use this website, he or she defines the neighborhood boundaries and gives the neighborhood a name, both of which can be edited in the future, if necessary. The Founding Member can then start inviting neighbors to join. Each member must verify their address. A neighbor who is a verified member of that specific Nextdoor neighborhood can vouch for, and invite another neighbor to join. Accepting such an invitation will allow them to join Nextdoor as a verified member. Each neighbor uses their real name and must verify their address in order to join. Not only is your private information never shared, but it is not accessible by search engines.

Nextdoor launched in 2011 and now has over 12,000 neighborhood groups represented. They have communities in all 50 states. According to its co-founder and CEO, Nirav Tolia, they add about 40 or so neighborhoods each day.

Nextdoor lets you share useful stuff with the folks in your immediate vicinity. You can use it for stopping burglars and for spreading crime warnings for the area. You can use it to learn about illnesses, deaths, and other times when a neighbor might need a meal, a ride, or just

some moral support.

You can also use Nextdoor for advice about contractors and baby-sitters. You can use it as a mini-Craigslist where you can sell or buy things without dealing with strangers. You can use it to plan a block party or to invite neighbors to an impromptu get together. If your area were to ever encounter a weather-related disaster like a tornado, Nextdoor could be an invaluable asset.

Why don't you try it in your neighborhood?

Editor's Note: I started one of these two years ago in my Sanford neighborhood. It is as he says. Anyone who is interested in starting one and has questions, may contact me. B. Black

When You Want to Learn How-Learning about Computers

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One thing I have found out the hard way is that sometimes knowledge just has to be demanded. On a number of occasions, I have paid good money for educational classes, showed up and patiently waited to be filled up with the useful knowledge I was seeking, and when the class was over, I had more questions than when I started.

Or, don't you just love how this happens? Software companies provide pages and pages of printed safety and warranty information and then for instructions one gets something like, "When the Install screen appears, follow the prompts." What do the prompts mean? How does one decide which of the offered alternatives to select? Blank out. Or has anyone ever said to you as a new computer user, "Oh, just download such and such a program for that"? I have heard this myself and managed to download what was suggested and then found myself flummoxed. Why isn't anything happening? Oh, you're saying the downloaded program has to be installed first. Now, how do I find what I downloaded, which downloaded file is for installing, what drive and folder should the program be installed to, how is the installation carried out, how should it be set up, how does the program work, etc.? The questions can just cascade.

These are probably the most extreme examples that can be cited but the point is that one must be aware that this can happen and when it does, one must be prepared, however tedious and frustrating it may become, to obtain step-by-step detailed instructions. The answers may be in manuals or computer books or in the “Help” file or from telephone tech support, and sometimes from another computer user or club member.

And if the answers are things you already know and/or are not helping, make sure you identify exactly what you are trying to find out and keep looking and asking questions. In the search for knowledge, be demanding both of your sources and of yourself.

And if you are the one helping someone else with a computer situation, try to find out how much he already knows and then give step-by-step instructions as detailed as seems necessary. As I've written in these pages before, there is much technical background knowledge that is just not worth pursuing for the average computer user.

But if you pick your battles and can narrow down what you really need to know, usually in the way of detailed instructions, you can concentrate your efforts and go all out to get what you need to know.

Book Review –

The Digital Negative

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The Digital Negative

By Jeff Schewe

If you've been involved in photography for a lot of years, the title of this book may ring familiar. That's because it was named as an homage to a work by Ansel Adams titled 'The Negative', originally published in 1955. Ansel also wrote 'The Camera' and 'The Print', of which Jeff has reworked the last title into another homage title, 'The Digital Print'.

This volume brings you the most comprehensive look at how a digital camera produces its negative, otherwise known as the RAW file. Rather than being based on physical film emulsion and base, it is a purely digital im-

age, living life as a collection of bits in a file on your computer. Nonetheless, it is just as important as the film negative in how it stores and presents your images to the world.

The volume is divided into six highly detailed chapters, covering topics ranging from what a digital negative is, to developing an efficient workflow to speed your image processing:

Ch. 1: What is a digital negative?

Ch. 2: Adobe RAW Image Processing: An Overview

Ch. 3: Fundamentals of Lightroom and Camera RAW

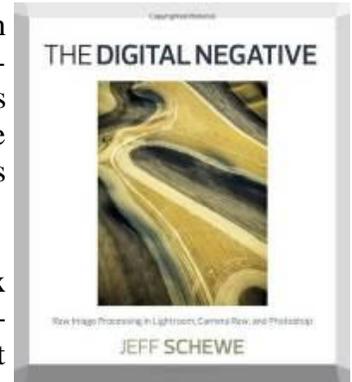
Ch. 4: Advanced RAW Processing using Lightroom or Camera RAW

Ch. 5: Deploying Photoshop to Perfect your Digital Negatives

Ch. 6: Creating an Efficient Workflow

Don't let the small number of chapters fool you: this book packs 312 pages full of content, from sample images and screenshots to tips and insights into how best to process your images.

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would be better off using it to make your images than the JPEG option. JPEG gives you a smaller file size, but at the expense of losing a lot of image detail and data. RAW gives you the most image data your camera can produce, and will allow you to make your images the highest quality you could want, especially if you are trying to make a living selling your photography.

Author Schewe gives many detailed examples of how best to deal with different image types, from blown-out skies to sharpening for maximum effect.

The early chapters deal with what a digital negative is, how it is created, and some other technical details...but all of which are written in easy to understand language. Following this comes a look at Camera RAW and Lightroom, and explores the controls and functionality of each as related to RAW image editing. I don't think there was a control or option that was missed from either application and, again, it's in easy to read language.

The chapter on Photoshop is included as three ARE times when you need the extra power and capabilities not present in Camera RAW and Lightroom to fine-tune your images. Finally, chapter six takes a look at Jeff's workflow, from ingestion of the RAW images to archiving and outputting the finished image. It can give you a look at what you're doing, and how to improve it to be more efficient.

If you're looking for a good background primer on the Digital Negative and how and what a RAW file is, this is the volume you've been waiting for. It gives you the information you need to produce the best images you can from your digital camera, and does so in a way that you won't find intimidating or confusing.

'The Digital Negative' is published by Peachpit Press (www.peachpit.com), and is available either in print form (\$39.99 list) or eBook format (\$31.99 list). You can find them also on Amazon.com, or you can order from Peachpit and use your UG discount code. The print ISBN is 978-0-321-83957-2 and the eBook ISBN is 978-0-13-306436-0.

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I Want It Now!

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This may sound like the utterance of a tantrum-happy young child, but it also seems to be the mantra of the modern computer and technology user. Our popular culture today is all about instant gratification, and this is spilling over into our technology. Everyone wants instant access to information, communications, finance and commerce wherever they are and no matter what they are doing. While this is a rather tall order, tech companies are doing their best to grant us this wish. We are getting more connected and interconnected all the time. While this can provide great benefits, increasing our knowledge and security and saving us time and money, it can also be detrimental to us in many of the same ways. Are we trading away important aspects of our lives like privacy and individuality for speed and convenience?

The engine that drives all the increases in convenience in our lives is the Internet. Computers and tablets are powerful devices but are of relatively little use if not connected to the Internet. The Internet is the connection medium through which all our modern communications and access to information flow. The telecommunication (phone) system was once the most powerful and far-reaching network in the world, but its demotion can be seen in the low percentage of time that the typical smart phone user spends in voice calls. The average smart phone is now being used mostly to check email, monitor social media, play games and provide directions, functions which utilize the Internet. Our desire for increased connectedness and higher connection speeds continues to be met by our service providers, be they cable, telecom or cellular. The promises of online conveniences like streaming entertainment, security camera monitoring and video conferencing cannot be met without broadband Internet connections that are always live. Remember the days when you had to wait until the home phone line was free so you could use your modem to make your dial-up Internet connection? A down or even slow connection is now exasperating to the individual and death to a business. Today almost anyone in the United States can have a broadband connection. Cable

companies have upgraded their systems, the phone companies have added fiber and the cellular providers have upped their "G's" or generations in data networking capabilities. Even those living off the beaten path in rural areas outside the reach of cable can get broadband through satellite connections, using technology developed by our local company, ViaSat. All this capability comes at a price, however.

Naturally users were not satisfied to be connected only at home, so our tech industry gave us laptops to travel with. We wanted more portability, so they gave us Wi-Fi, tablets and smartphones. All this new stuff meant we had to buy more hardware (often of multiple kinds for multiple needs) and probably also get a cellular data plan. Now most connected folks pay around \$100 combined for home broadband and cellular data, and even more for a family. Though connection speeds keep increasing, so too do rates for service. Comcast buying Time Warner Cable can't be good for consumer costs. And we in this country pay more and get less bandwidth than a lot of other countries. Some countries may not have good water or sewer systems, but even the poor there have cell phones and five bars. We are getting Google Fiber in an additional 34 major U.S. cities soon, however (but still not in San Diego; I want it now!).

We couldn't get online while onboard, so the airlines are rolling out more in-flight Internet access (for a price). Google knew we'd find tablets and smartphones were not convenient enough, so they developed Google Glasses, and others are working on their own wearable computing devices. Our homes and appliances will soon be connected to the Internet (the IoT, or Internet of Things), so we can monitor our homes remotely and have our fridge tell us when we are low on milk. What these new devices will cost us in privacy and other social and civil issues is yet to be determined.

We wanted instant access to our money and finances, and so the banks gave it to us. Now we can get cash anytime from an ATM machine, make purchases without cash by using credit or debit cards and get instant access to our account information at any time. If we want to deposit a check right now, we don't even have to drive to a bank branch or ATM. We can now just take a photo of the check with our smart phone and deposit it through a banking app.

With all of our financial information available online, it was just a matter of time before criminal elements took notice. Now you have to protect and remember lots of unique and complex passwords for all the banking, e-

commerce and other online accounts you use, so you can keep your money and identity safe. Unfortunately it is not only in your hands to protect. Financial institutions and merchants that store your information on their computers can be targets for data theft. There is a lot the institutions could do to increase security, like multi-factor authentication and smart chip credit cards, but these things cost money. A few things they have been doing to help prevent fraud are useful but put the onus on the account holder. Most bank and credit card companies encourage their customers to set up alerts on their accounts to help flag suspicious transactions. I have set these up on my accounts and find them very useful.

I have my credit cards alert me, through an email and/or a text message, when a purchase is made without the card being presented to the merchant, as in an online purchase. This can help alert you to fraudulent account activity as soon as it happens. My Visa card is set up to send me an alert when a gas pump purchase is made. I use this card often at a particular low-cost gas station and am amazed at how quickly I am notified. After I swipe my card, enter my zip code and press the Enter button on the pump, I can't count to five before I feel my cell phone vibrating in my pocket with a text informing me of the transaction and location. That is pretty cool!

When we want to purchase something, we want it now. E-commerce has allowed the shopper to buy a much wider array of products online than is typically available in neighborhood stores, often at much lower prices. The one advantage for brick and mortar stores is the instant gratification of walking out with your purchase. Online merchants are working hard to minimize delivery time, offering one or two-day delivery for a premium. Amazon's Prime service provides two-day delivery for many items for an annual subscription fee. Amazon knows we want even more and is looking at using predictive algorithms to pre-position products you are likely to purchase in local warehouses and is even working on 30-minute delivery of small items by autonomous flying quadcopters. I can't wait (but I'll bet it won't be cheap).

Taco Bell is working to fulfill our desire for fast food right now. They plan to introduce a mobile ordering system later this year. Through their mobile app, already tested in five locations in Orange County, customers can place an order with the closest Taco Bell location and pay through their phone with credit or gift cards. The order can be picked up in-store or at the drive-through window, and the app will use GPS location to let the store know when the customer is near, so the order is ready and freshness is maintained. I'm not sure I want

Taco Bell to know how far I am from their restaurants. Other chains are working on mobile apps of their own.

There goes more of our privacy in exchange for quick eats. When we want to watch a movie, we no longer have to wait to buy or rent a DVD (or Blu-ray) or go to a theater. We can watch our entertainment streamed to our computer, tablet or smart phone the instant we want it, in almost any location we choose. We can easily stay connected with our friends through social media like Facebook, allowing us to share our activities and see what everyone else is doing. Unfortunately, when watching other things happening becomes too convenient, doing things yourself can get pushed aside and lots of time can be spent in watching the Internet world go by, with little to show for it.

When we miss our far-away loved ones, we can not only speak to them, we can also see them, and at reasonable costs. The Internet has brought us VoIP, or voice over Internet Protocol, and along with it lower rates (often free) for long distance phone calls. Programs like Skype provide video calls at reasonable costs. And for those of us that can't wait until the afterlife to converse again with our deceased loved ones, a new start-up, Eterni.me, promises to help. Through access to a dead person's online interactions (chat logs, social network information, emails), they claim to use artificial intelligence algorithms to construct an avatar or virtual person that the living can interact with. It could be like online chat with a dead person. To satisfy our need for instant interactions with help lines and tech support, companies are working on similar avatars with artificial intelligence (even more intelligent than Siri). When we need to talk to a person right now, the avatar would be there and not even require a salary. It would be good if they got to the point where I could not tell if I was talking with a person or a machine. It would be bad if they got to the point where I could not tell if I was talking with a person or a machine.

All these advances in convenience and quick access come at the cost of our data security and privacy. We can get quick answers to all our questions, get directions and compare products online, but we must realize that the Technology, computers and the Internet will continue to try to provide what we want (though perhaps not what we need), as long as there is profit in it somewhere for someone. Hopefully we can learn to use these advances for the betterment of ourselves and others, appreciate them, and not become like spoiled children crying "I want it now!"

Google and Bing and merchants are all keeping track of what we are asking for and about. Seeking online information about sensitive topics or items might create undesirable associations in the data they hold about us. And while a lot of tech jobs have been created due to the Internet, there have also been some job losses. Just ask the former bank tellers, video rental clerks, encyclopedia salespersons and retail store workers that lost their jobs due to the effects of the Internet



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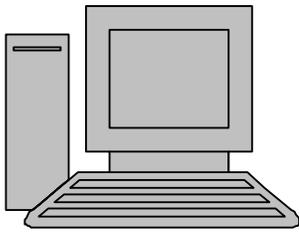


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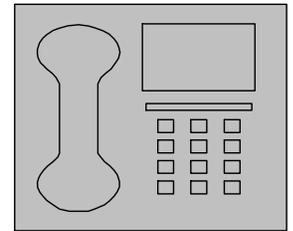


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