Phoenix PC Users Group

NEWSLETTER

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MAIN MEETINGS

West Side……………...Tue, Jun 19

CollegeAmerica, 9801 North Metro Pkwy E, Phoenix

East Side……………...Wed, Jun 20

2625 W Baseline Rd, Tempe
(one block west of Fry's Electronics)

Fountain Hills………...Thu, Jun 21

Fountain Hills Library, 12901 N La Montana Drive,
Fountain Hills

Presentation this month:
For date and time changes, check our website: phoenixpcug.org

**Tuesday, Westside Meeting
a very informative Q & A session
- Carey Holzman,
Ken Ariza - hugely popular
Phoenix Comicon,
On Wed. & Thurs. - videos of Tues,
David demos secrets of learning
via Google, etc. and Optimizing
Windows an occasional series**

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Steering Committee:
**Officers and Members who are present
at the 6:00 P.M. West Side meeting**.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Cheers to Grads & Dads!

Well, we are at the halfway point of the year. So many topics to cover so let's get started.

Meeting topics - welcoming terrific Carey Holzman with Q&A session, a local top computer consultant, member Ken Ariza reviewing Phoenix Comicon, the 2nd largest US show including Star Wars, Star Trek, Sci-Fi, etc. Also my Windows 8 news & surprises, optimizing Windows, past topics of Abby Stokes & LifeLock ID security.

Knowledge & skills do not stop, especially today. Our role like many PC user groups is to share info, following our motto: "**Users Helping Users**". Our urgent need is to grow and attract new members by inviting them to our meetings and contribute by asking questions. Our club is over 30 years old and our alums have achieved many successes. As a public service, we can improve the following situation with your help.

Students & teachers especially, please think about this: Schools can only accomplish so much, so all sectors need to help others. Our Phoenix PC User group is a bridge to improving skills and knowledge, via meetings, Q&A's, online links, etc. Join us! You won't regret it!

One of my favorite topics is education. Schools now struggle to bring our kids up to the top internationally, especially in STEM - **Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics**.   Arizona's progress & perspective in the next two articles, one from a strong local school district and one from an Arizona education advocate as follows:

An article you might like to read has been put out by the Peoria Unified School District.
TinyURL link - **http://tinyurl.com/7su78n7**
Just How Good is PUSD? Very Good!

" Anyone who knows about education in Arizona knows that the Peoria Unified School District (PUSD) is one of the premier school districts in the state. But, just how good are we?" [more...]

Phoenix Business Journal, **TinyURL link - http://tinyurl.com/7vqw5zn**
Arizona must raise bar to make education system world-class

"Research tells us that in Arizona, 85 percent of new jobs require some form of postsecondary education and work experience. Yet, only half of our high school seniors pursue any additional education after graduation, placing us at the bottom among the states.

The world is changing rapidly, and we need to prepare our students to succeed in the 21st century economy. " [more...]

Finally, Windows 8 is really quite interesting now, even more when it is in final release. Stay tuned!
This user group is your group, so bring a friend, ask lots of Q's. We really plan to "crank it up a notch"!

David

FROM YOUR EDITOR

The impact of the invention, development, and adoption of new and improved electronic devices in the modern world is abundantly obvious, (in approximate correspondence with age and/or maturity). Almost any adult is capable of generating a list of more than a dozen electronic devices that were not commercially available "when I was a kid".

As with all technological developments, however, there are the unwanted side effects, ranging from merely annoying to the nefarious or outright illegal. For instance, legislation banning the use of handheld text devices while driving has been passed in 39 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. Moreover, reports of ID theft have become a common item in news media, especially when companies the size of Amazon, Sony, or even the federal government report a hacking of thousands of data entries in their internal files. But even on the individual level, many uninformed users of file-sharing programs (Peer-to-Peer or P2P) have learned that important personal information, including credit card and banking links, have been stolen by the use of such programs.

For many years various consumer groups have called for the federal government to issue a National Identification Card. The Social Security Administration has consistently stated that the Social Security Number is not to be used for identification purposes. But what is usually required as proof when applying for a driver's license or for voting registration, or when you start a new job? The opposition to a National ID has usually stemmed from "high costs" or "privacy" considerations. In rebuttal, the proponents of the National ID point to the jump in cost of a US Passport that occurred as the growth of terrorism. Similarly, it is a a growing practice of the medical community to store patient data electronically outside of the actual physician's office.

Given the amount of data that can be encrypted and stored on a credit card, and the number of identification verification items that are available, ranging from the classic – age, height, weight, hair color, gender, place of birth, and yes, fingerprints, to the exotic – retina scans, DNA, blood type, multi-point facial recognition, and so on – it looks like a multi-billion dollar investment opportunity for a bold entrepreneur or a government that needs some high tech program to replace NASA.

Michael

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