Computer News

Scheduled Events

April - May 2015

NVPCUG Board of Directors Meeting   May 1, 2015 10:00 AM
1524 Jefferson Street, Napa

Investor SIG Meeting   April 13, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
May 11, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Skipping Rock Way, Napa

Mac SIG Meeting   April 9, 2015 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 PM
May 13,2015 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 PM
Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

General Meeting   April 15, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
May 20, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

From the President
by
Ron Dack

Thank you **Dianne Prior!!** I thought that I had arranged to have **Jorge Zetina** from **CE-Group** make a presentation on **Ways to interface a smart phone and a computer.** Unfortunately something more important must have come up because he did not show up to do the presentation.

Dianne Prior volunteered to present using **MS Excel .** Dianne gave us a information I wasn't aware of. Frankly, I was impressed to the point I asked her to present something about **Excel** each month like a Computer Tutor Segment we used to have. Dianne agreed to do this for awhile. Thanks Dianne.

I hope Dianne's example will encourage others who have any knowledge or understanding of a program or operating system to step forward and share with the rest of us. If you know how to use something like **MS Excel, Word, Quicken, or any other software or hardware.** I'm not talking expertise, just some basic knowledge. I think everyone knows something they could share with the rest of the group. If you do please contact me and let me know what it is. The more information we share amongst ourselves the better everyone does.

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NVPCUG Meeting
Wednesday April 15, 2015
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3D Printing

Beth told me that Sonoma has acquired a 3D printer and residents of Sonoma are going to be able to try it in the near future. She has been researching 3D printing and will share what she has learned.

If people of the group want to participate in her chance to try it she will try to arrange it.

New printing technologies should be of interest to all. Probably in the near future 3D printing will be the norm.

Take care, and see you there, Ron

**March Presentation
Review by Ron Dack**

Dianne Prior did a great job. She was easy to hear, and knowledgeable.

Dianne showed us how to format columns, rows, and cells.

She showed ways to use a start date and have **Excel** sequentially add the next date to the next cell.

She showed me how to bring cell information from one sheet to another. This was something I have been trying to do for a couple years.

Dianne answered questions and most importantly she agreed to give us more info on **Excel** in the future. I wouldn't mind going over some of what she showed in March because I am pretty slow but I didn't want to hold up others.

I certainly am glad that Dianne did this presentation and I am glad she will do more. Thanks Dianne!
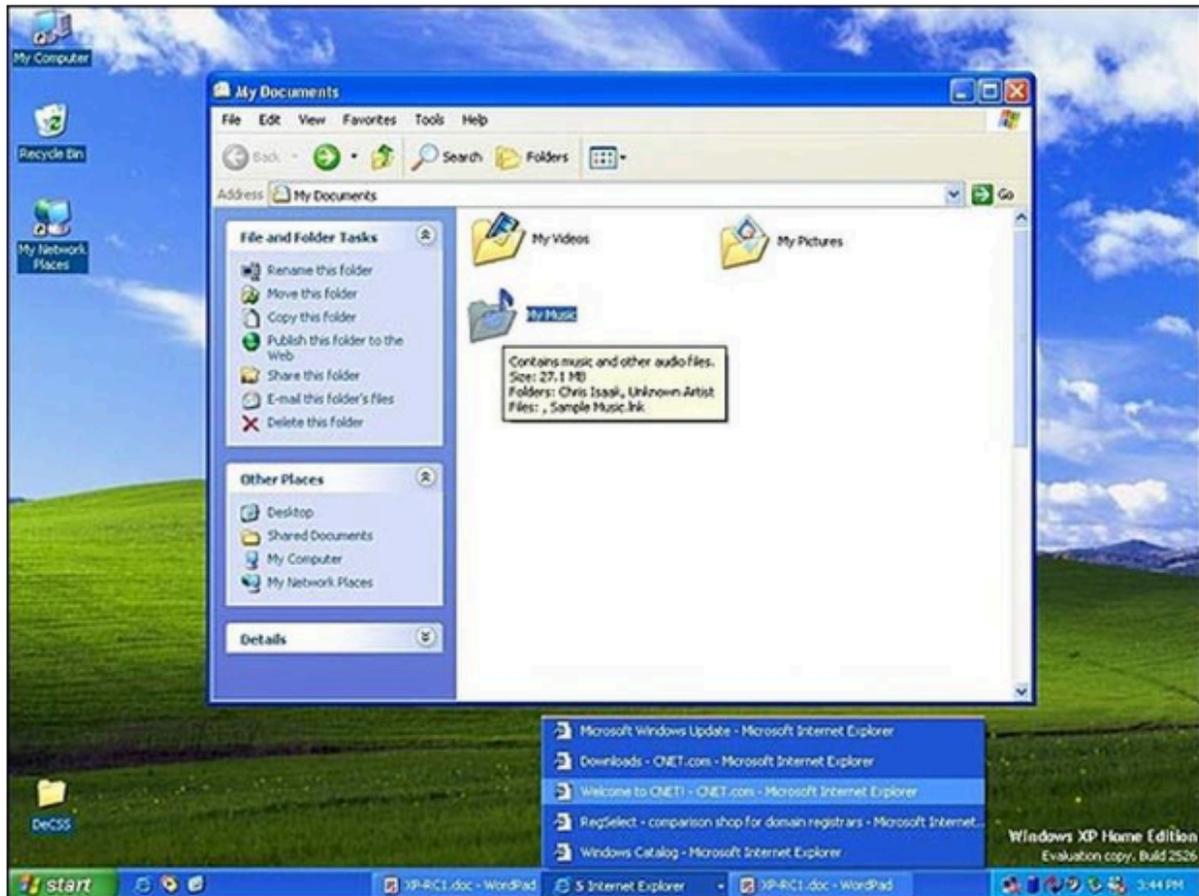
Take care,

Ron

Why Windows XP users are more vulnerable to threats

Beyond losing official support from Microsoft, the 13-year-old OS was developed in a simpler time when today's cyberthreats were far in the future.

by Lance Whitney

Windows XP, your time has come.

Microsoft has been urging Windows XP users to migrate to a more modern OS as support ends today. But even with the latest patches, XP had worn out its welcome in a world of more advanced cyberthreats.

As Microsoft first announced almost seven years ago, XP loses support today. That doesn't mean XP computers around the world suddenly stop working. But it does mean that they're at higher risk since Microsoft will no longer support them.

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Specifically, XP users will no longer receive bug fixes, security patches, or other updates designed to protect the core OS. Today's Patch Tuesday marks the last round of updates for XP. Yet even with patches a plenty, the OS at its core has been living on borrowed time the past few years.

"Windows XP was launched in 2001, which meant the design and engineering of it took place in the late 90s into 2000, which was a very different world when we think about the profiles of the malware and the profiles of the hackers and bad people attacking PCs on the Internet," Tom Murphy, director of communications for Windows at Microsoft, told CNET. "It was a much simpler time."

Dinged by security problems in the past, Microsoft has also made security a higher priority in the years since XP. That focus helped it

shore up Windows 7 and Windows 8 as more secure operating systems. In particular, Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing initiative was the push needed to make sure all of the company's products are built with security in mind.

"So if you look at Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 over XP, there's a fundamentally different security model that makes them more secure than an XP machine," Murphy said. "And there are ways to reduce the risk [to XP] such as antivirus. But it's very important that consumers understand that even with an antivirus software solution, your XP machine is at risk because there's a chance there may be a vulnerability in the actual operating system itself, and your antivirus software will not stop that."