

# Computer News

## Scheduled Events

*August - September 2013*

- Investor SIG Meeting!** August 12, 2013 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
September 9, 2013 5:30PM - 7:30PM  
23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa
- Mac SIG Meeting!** August 8, 2013 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
September 12, 2013 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa
- Directors Meeting!** August 2, 2013 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
House at Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa
- Members Picnic!** August 10, 2013 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Peterson's Christmas Tree Farm / 1120 Darms Ln., Napa
- General Meeting!** August 21, 2013 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
September 18, 2013 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

### **NVPCUG Annual Picnic**

This is a NVPCUG members and guests only event. Members who wish to attend should contact **Dianne Prior** by signing up to attend at the July 17th meeting or by e-mail at [Prior@napanet.net](mailto:Prior@napanet.net) to let her know you will be attending, how many guests you will have, and what potluck dish you are bringing. The NVPCUG will supply the meat, chicken, soft drinks, plates, and plasticware.

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NVPCUG Annual Members potluck picnic will be held on Saturday August 10, 2013 from 12:30PM to 6:00PM. It will be in the Redwood Grove at Dick and Sandy Peterson's Winery and Christmas Tree Farm located at 1120 Darms Lane, Napa.

It is a lot of fun and the food is great so if you are going to miss any of the events NVPCUG has be sure it isn't this one. If you play the washer game and

enjoy it you can find the rules and construction plans on our web site. <http://www.nvpcug.org> It is under Articles & Event Photos.

The NVPCUG as a group would like to thank Dick and Sandy for the many contributions of their beautiful property for our picnics and our Holiday parties. I also add my thanks!

Take care, Ron

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Annual Picnic**

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If you want alcoholic beverages you must bring your own to share.

There will be games, contests, and prizes for those that want to participate.

This event is always a fun time and a good time to meet fellow members. The location is a perfect setting for a picnic and enjoying the outdoors.

I hope to see you there. Take care, Ron

**CaptionCall**

by

**Ron Dack**

Wednesday July 17, 2013, We received a great presentation of **CaptionCall** from **Richard Dowdy, Outreach Specialist California.**

Richard explained that **CaptionCall** is an innovative solution from **Sorenson Communications.** They have been offering technology and services for the assistive communications markets since 1995.

The device is delivered free, installed free, and provides free caption.



It is a FCC sponsored program to aid people with hearing problems get the best use of their telephone.

The device is a telephone with a viewing screen.

As the person on the other end speaks you hear their words and they are also displayed on the viewing screen.

To get started with **CaptionCall** all you need is:

*A high-speed internet connection*

*Standard home phone connection*

*Ordinary home electrical outlet*

With **CaptionCall** you will enjoy:

**Familiarity-CaptionCall** works like a a regular phone. You dial and answer calls just like you always have.

**Automatic captioning**-no need to dial additional numbers to use the captioning service.

**Free service**-captioning service is funded by the FCC, so no new bills, no monthly charges.

**Large text**-7” screen with adjustable text sizes makes it easy to read every word of every call.

**Location flexibility**-set up your phone using a wired or wireless internet connection.

**Elegant design**-get a sleek state-of-the-art touch screen phone that you’ll want to show off.

**Touch to call**-make calls quickly and easily with a simple touch of the screen.

**Photo phone book**-store phone numbers and caller ID photos for up to 200 people.

**Customizable audio**-easily adjust ringer and handset volume-also customize frequency amplification.

**Telecoil loop connection**-for hearing aids with a telecoil option.

**Secure captioning**-enjoy a safe encrypted FCC-regulated transcription process.

So go to:

<http://www.captioncall.com>

for an application or call **1 (877) 557-2227** to get help signing up.

You’ll need your **audiologist** or the pharmacist at:

**Safeway Pharmacy**

**3375 Jefferson Street**

**Napa, CA**

off Trancas Street.

**Editor’s Note:**

**Richard Dowdy** was a very dynamic speaker and was able to answer all the questions put to him by the group. Hopefully he will do a return presentation so you too can be there.

If you missed this meeting you missed a really great presentation. After attending I am going to apply for one of these phones.

## LATE ADDENDUM TO COMPUTER NEWS



**Ron Rogers**

*Tentatively*, Ron Rogers will be our August presenter. Ron has agreed to present the second part of his photo class, **Composition** of photos. He will also review part one, **Digital cameras**.

The reason I say *tentatively* is Ron is scheduled to have some surgery on Wednesday August 21, 2013 so he doesn't know how he will be feeling. If he can't make it

we will have a discussion about building a personal web page.

I will tell you how to get started, where to go to register your page, formatting text, and how to put pictures on it.

Of course, I want Ron to feel well enough to teach us more about photography.

Ron as you probably know retired from **Napa Valley College** where he was the head of their Photography Department. I am sure Ron has forgotten more about photography than most of us ever knew. Ron is a very dynamic speaker and the many times I have attended his classes and presentations I have learned many things of value. I personally recommend that any one who has or is planning to purchase a camera come to these

presentations. It will be well worth your time.

Remember all **NVPCUG** general meetings are **Free** and open to the public. In other words you don't have to be a member of our group to attend our general meetings.

If you should decide to join the group you would be eligible to win prizes, attend our annual picnic, and our holiday party. If you are interested in joining the annual dues is a donation of \$30 for regular membership, \$10 for associate member (must reside with a regular member). To join all you have to do is go to our website: <http://www.nvpcug.org/join.html> click Get Application, complete the application online, print it, include your check and mail it or bring it to our meeting.

## CNET

CNET has been a reliable source of information for many years now and is one of those few safe places to find freeware, shareware, and downloadable software.

CNET is also a great source of computer related information. The website is divided into Reviews, News, Downloads, CNET TV, and More. More includes CNET Forums, CNET Mobile, and a Help Center.

If you join CNET you will receive periodic messages based on

your interests and announcements of new software, hardware, and the result CNET has found from testing them.

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I use **Google** frequently and I find they send me to CNET on a lot of technical searches and product reviews.

I am a member of CNET and have been for a long time. I usually will go to CNET if I plan on buying anything electronic or

looking for software that will perform a function I use frequently like "FireFTP" which I use to upload web pages to our website and sync my home files with those on the site. CNET notifies me anytime there is an update on any software I have downloaded from their site and gives me a link to update.

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## ARTICLES

Anyone interested in submitting a computer related article should send it to me at [webmaster@nvpcug.org](mailto:webmaster@nvpcug.org). I don't guarantee it will be printed but, I will at least read and consider it. Please no advertisement or spam it will be discarded. See you at the meeting. Take care, Ron