

Monthly Meeting Schedule – August 17, 2019

(Subsequent meeting: September 21, 2019)



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Dedicated to providing computer information and assistance to computer users, IT professionals and small business owners.

User groups provide an opportunity to network with other computer users and IT professionals. We offer many Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that provide tips, tricks and answers to those elusive questions.

Non-members are always welcome to visit and participate in two SIG meetings without charge.

**Meetings are 3rd Saturday
of each month**

**All SIG meetings are held at
Northaven United Methodist Church,
11211 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230**

For further information, see our site:

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HTPC/Home Automation – 8:00 am

Home Theater (or Media) PCs and Home Automation come in an endless range of capability, complexity and price. Come join us as we cover this new & exciting area.

Home Automation covers everything from setting your thermostat to having your refrigerator order milk. Join us!!

PowerShell – 8:00 – 10:00 am

In the first hour (starting at 8am), we cover topics and demonstrations that come up in informal discussion.

At 9am, general Q&A session - bring your questions !!

Making Money Online – 8:00 am *New Time*

For the August 17th meeting, the presentation will feature a special guest speaker who is a long-time successful Internet marketer, **Bill Platt**. In addition to covering Bill's background, we will also discuss a new joint venture that he is starting with **Howard Harkness**.

Microsoft Office Suite – 9:00

MS Excel (9:00) – Frank Tubbs will be returning with exciting topics on Excel. Q&A *always an option*.

Special Presentation – 9:00–10:00

The Pentester Blueprint: A Guide to Becoming a Pentester, by guest speaker **Phillip Wylie**.

In this presentation, Phillip Wylie shares the blueprint for becoming a pentester.

See full details on Page 2 below.

Windows Tips & Tricks – 10:00–11:00

Open Q & A. If you have a “troubled” system, contact Chuck or Gil for a possible “Live, No Net” troubleshooting session in front of the group.

App/Dev - 10:00 – Noon

Divi for WordPress

Chris Morgan will continue with Part II of **Divi for Wordpress** and improvements recently made to the NTPCUG.org website. Be sure to visit our site before coming to the presentation.

The Divi WordPress theme is a very full-featured web design 'theme' and page builder that doesn't rely on knowing HTML or CSS. It will be the new look and feel for our NTPCUG web site.

Internet – 11:00 am

- [Windows Defender has a market share of 50%](#)
- [Comcast is working on an in-home device to track people's health](#)
- [The Days of Getting a Cheaper Cable Bill by Threatening to Leave May Be Over](#)
- ['Fingerprinting' to Track Us Online Is on the Rise. Here's What to Do](#)

Windows Inside/Out – 12:30 pm

- Windows 10 1903 Experiences
- Office 2019 Experiences
- [PSA: Don't use system cleaners – they won't speed up your PC](#)

Wireless Communications – 12:30 pm

TBD

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Coming to NTPCUG in August

The Pentester Blueprint: A Guide to Becoming a Pentester, by guest speaker **Phillip Wylie**.

Pentesting, or ethical hacking as it is more commonly known, has become a much sought-after job by people in IT, InfoSec, or those just trying to get into the industry.

In this presentation, **Phillip Wylie** shares the blueprint for becoming a pentester. The presentation combines Phillip's experience as a pentester and ethical hacking instructor to give attendees a guide to how to pursue a career as a pentester. Phillip shares what has worked for his students and people that he has mentored over his years as a pentester.

This presentation covers the knowledge and skills needed to become a pentester as well as the steps to achieve them.

Phillip Wylie is a Principal Information Security Engineer on the Penetration Testing Team for a top 10 bank in the U.S., Adjunct Instructor of Ethical Hacking and System Defense at Richland College in Dallas, Texas, Bugcrowd Ambassador and founder of The Pwn School Project -- a not-for-profit educational meetup specializing in ethical hacking.

Phillip has worked in IT and cybersecurity for over 21 years has worked as a pentester for the past 7 years. His first 5 years were spent as a consultant performing pentests for Fortune 100 Companies across various industries including financial, retail, transportation, energy, healthcare, technology, manufacturing and government.

Phillip holds the following certifications; CISSP, OSCP, GWAPT_

Have You Heard of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)?

It was created in 2018 to help compile and distribute security-related information to government, business and individuals. One branch is the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC), which acts as a hub for sharing information and expertise. They are a global exchange for cyber and communications

information, sharing what they receive back to the cybersecurity community.

Check out their [tips](#) and [security publications](#) for additional security information.

From CISA:

El Paso and Dayton Tragedy-Related Scams and Malware Campaigns

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In the wake of the recent shootings in El Paso, TX, and Dayton, OH, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) advises users to watch out for possible malicious cyber activity seeking to capitalize on these tragic events. Users should exercise caution in handling emails related to the shootings, even if they appear to originate from trusted sources. Fraudulent emails often contain links or attachments that direct users to phishing or malware-infected websites. Emails requesting donations from duplicitous charitable organizations are also common after tragic events.

To avoid becoming a victim of malicious activity, users and administrators should consider taking the following preventive measures:

- Use caution when opening email attachments, and do not click on links in unsolicited email messages. Refer to CISA's Tip on [Using Caution with Email Attachments](#).
- Review CISA's Tip on [Staying Safe on Social Networking Sites](#).
- Refer to CISA's Tip on [Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks](#).
- Review the information from the Federal Trade Commission on [Before Giving to a Charity](#).

Other CISA tips/topics (of many):

- [Proper Disposal of Electronic Devices](#)
- [Securing the Internet of Things](#)
- [International Mobile Safety Tips](#)
- [Securing Wireless Networks](#)
- [Defending Cell Phones and PDAs Against Attack](#)
- [Understanding Encryption](#)

Members Emeritus – current & past members who have helped NTPCUG

<i>John Pribyl (– 1993)</i>	<i>Fred Williams</i>
<i>Reagan Andrews (- 2006)</i>	<i>Andy Oliver</i>
<i>Connie Andrews (- 2008)</i>	<i>Alex Lilly</i>
<i>Phil Chamberlain</i>	<i>Doug Gorrie</i>
<i>Jim Hoisington</i>	<i>Claude McClure</i>
<i>Guy Andrews</i>	<i>Robert McNeil</i>
<i>Stuart Yarus</i>	<i>Gil Brand</i>
<i>Timothy Carmichael (- 2016)</i>	<i>Bill Parker</i>
<i>Mark Gruner</i>	<i>Diane Bentley</i>
<i>David McGehee</i>	<i>Spike Smith (- 2016)</i>
<i>Tom Prickett</i>	<i>Chuck Stark</i>
<i>Kathryn Loafman</i>	<i>Glynn Brooks</i>

NTPCUG Members are in a variety of fields. Take a look at their websites.

Sharon Dorsey

www.organizingelements.com

Howard Lee Harkness

<http://amazopia.com>

Bill Parker

www.Partec.net

Larry Weiss

<https://sites.google.com/site/powershellsig>

Fred Williams

<https://dallassubvets.org>



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