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Celebrate Access SIG 20 Year Anniversary

Come one, come all, join us as we help **Larry Linson** and **Jim Wehe**, Access SIG co-leaders, celebrate 20 years of the Access SIG. Our guest speaker will be **Teresa Henning**, author of News from the Northwest. **Truitt Bradley**, another Access MVP, from Georgetown, TX plans to attend as our guest. Please refer to other articles in the March 2013 NTPCUG newsletter as well as this edition and our monthly flyer for more details.

2013 Server Replacement Project Update

The hardware and software for the replacement server have been acquired. Disk drives and memory have been installed and tested. Windows Server 2012 Standard Edition, Office 2010 Professional Plus and SQL Server 2012 Standard Edition have also been installed. Thanks to Chuck Stark for installing and testing the hardware and software to date; to Doug Gorrie for handling the software acquisitions; to Microsoft for their gracious software donations; and to TechSoup for administering the various charitable donations programs. The project is moving forward as time permits based on availability of our volunteers.

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Home Automation SIG Formation
8:00 am in April - Led by Bill Parker

Yes - we may have a new SIG, on Home theater (or Media) PCs and Home Automation. **Bill Parker** is looking for those that are interested. If you cannot join him this month, let him know you are interested -- bill.parker@ntpcug.org.

See Page 3 for details.

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Special Thanks to those that help put this newsletter together and help edit the content:

David Franke
Joli Ballew

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) ...

Sessions with presentations, discussion, and exchanges of information

Building Web Sites — 8:00 am

Alan Lummus
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April will be an anything goes session. Bring your experiences to share and your questions to ask and your computer to demonstrate. Everything related to building websites is fair game.

.NET Developers & HTML   *10 am - 12pm*

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Chris Morgan
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This month the North Texas PC Users Group will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Microsoft Access SIG going on from 10:00 – 12:00 (our normal meeting time). This is an auspicious occasion, one that should be heralded and celebrated by the entire user group.

In keeping with that thought, we will not have a full meeting from 10-12. Instead we will have an abbreviated meeting from 11:30 – 12:00 to brief our SIG about the schedule for the rest of the year and next.

I look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Digital Photography — 10:00 am

Spike Smith, NCE
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We have spent several SIG sessions on the newest camera innovations and excellent upgrades in hardware and software. As we all are aware, digital has given us tremendous speed improvements and lowered costs of image production.

Perhaps the limiting factor affecting our personal photography improvements is the overpowering number of suppliers and increased new models of available cameras each month.

New SIG sessions will continue exploring proven techniques and system upgrades. We will increase our emphasis on efficient use of scanning, lighting, and imaging editing tools. By planning the use of these ancillary tools, we may more closely maintain our goal of making better images.

Digital Photo Editing Software — 11:00 am

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Photo imaging editors have proven their place not only with their importance with cropping, sizing, limited error correcting, and preparation for albums but also to participate as a part of a storybook with emotion.

This use of digital photography has changed as personal, social, and business become largely influenced by desiring a bit of action with a video clip of events.

Popular digital video cameras have been available for over a decade and have made movie making easier. Video movies have certain sets of problems limiting their widespread use.

This tender (social) phase has extensively changed newly developed tools and several integral functions within the formerly single image cameras. Most all of today's digital cameras designed specifically for quality non-motion images also include the ability for producing videos. This allows personal use as well as business use to easily add video clips as they build their storyboard.

Howard Lee Harkness will give us an introduction to movie clips from a modern digital camera. This will be a getting started presentation for editing clips into useful form.

Come visit, share, and enjoy.

HTPC/Home Automation - Formation of the SIG – 8:00 am in April

Home Theater (or Media) PCs and Home Automation come in an endless range of capability, complexity and price. It may just be setting the home thermostat remotely, routing audio and/or video to different rooms, or having the refrigerator order milk when you are low. (I don't plan to explore that last one.)

Since people may have very different interests, this first meeting will include a roundtable to see what we are currently doing, planning, etc., and if there is interest in continuing a SIG like this. Personally, I hope to get ideas from others on what works, who the good vendors are, what people are excited about, and tips for problems I am having.

I will also bring along a media PC I am currently building. It would be great if this were more of a peer group with others sharing their experiences / challenges so we all might benefit.

Internet — 11:00 am

Glynn Brooks
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In deference to Microsoft Access celebrating their 30-year Anniversary, the Internet SIG will not meet in April, but join us at 12:30 for the Windows Inside/Out SIG.

Investors - 1:30 pm

Gil Brand
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In April, we will have our usual Q&A session. Drop by and hear about our latest investing success stories. Bring your questions and experiences in investing and share with the group.

Linux Installation Project – 9:00 am

The Linux Installation Project helps users with their Linux installs and any configuration problems. Bring your machine and we will help you get it running.

Making Money on the Internet — 9:00 am

Alan Lummus
Alan @bkmts.com

April will be an anything goes session. Bring your experiences to share, your questions to ask, and your computer to demonstrate. Selling goods or services on the Internet? Contracting or contract labor over the 'net? Trading equities, currencies or anything else electronically? Everything related to making money on the Internet is fair game.

Microsoft Access SIG —11:00 am

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On **April 20, 2013,** we will celebrate **Twenty Years of the NTPCUG Access SIG.** Our celebration will be at the main NTPCUG meeting from 10:00 AM – Noon; no separate Access SIG meeting today.

There may be other SIGs in NTPCUG that have lasted longer under the same name, but none with our continuity of leadership. The Access SIG was founded April 17, 1993 at an organizational meeting at our then-meeting place, The Dallas InfoMart. The meeting was attended by about 60 interested NTPCUG members.

Access was so new that all we could promise was that we would "Learn Access together". Our Leadership Team was **Larry Linson,** *S*IG Leader, and Assistant SIG Leaders **Jack Atkinson, Dianna DeCicco,** and **Frank McCoy.**

This month, we are very excited to have **Teresa Hennig** as our **guest speaker!** She's coming to you, direct from a smashingly successful multi-year run of her own two Access groups in the great Pacific Northwest. Teresa is internationally known, has been a **Microsoft Access Most Valuable Professional (MVP)** since 2004, is active in **INETA (the International Dot Net Association),** has twice been named an **INETA Community Champion (**Ed Note: MVP and Community Champion are each quite an honor), she is the CEO of her own company

Data Dynamics Northwest -- an outstanding software and database development, management, and consulting company, regularly raises uncounted tens of thousands of dollars in donations to several charities, has been lead author on several technical books (some about Access and some about other subjects), and writes the monthly column *"News from the Northwest"* in our own **North Texas PC News** newsletter*.*

In the first hour and a half, Teresa will speak on either *"Managing Complex Projects"* or *"Growing Your Business",* perhaps both, and will demonstrate features and functionality of *Microsoft Access 2013.*

Following the presentations, we'll have drawings for quite a few prizes (courtesy of **Microsoft,** **Teresa,** and other sponsors)*.*

Then we will mix, mingle, and network while celebrating with cake and punch (courtesy of NTPCUG)*.*

Microsoft Application Development Study Group SIG - 1:30 pm

Tom Perkins
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The AppDev SIG will talk about Razor Coding for WebMatrix (Hands-On Exercises).

Questions or comments?

Contact Tom Perkins (tomperki@gmail.com) or Chris Morgan (chris.morgan@ntpcug.org)

Microsoft Excel – 8:00 am

Frank Tubbs, SIG leader
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Topic and presenter to be announced.

Salesforce.com – 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Dugee **Virginia Leandro** will lead session number 4 of the **401 study group** (11:00 to 12:00), and will cover **chapter 7** of the SFDC Platform Fundamentals pdf (available in the files section of meetup.com - Dallas Salesforce Developers). This chapter covers what is possibly the MOST difficult part of the SFDC platform: Security. For this session, you MUST read the chapter and run through the exercises on your own, and come armed with your questions. Jason Ouellette's book also has a fantastic treatment of this subject. Virginia has assured me that she will send you down to the principal's office if you fall asleep during her presentation.

Dugee **Paul Boiko** will lead session number 4 of the **501 study group** (12:30 to 1:30) and will cover **chapter 4** of the Apex Programmers Guide (also available in the files section of meetup. com). If possible, please read the chapter and run through the exercises on your own, and come armed with your questions.

Additional notes: If you are studying for either the 401 or 501, you are welcome to the other section as well. No tests, just great support and camaraderie.

Powershell – 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Josh Miller
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Josh Miller presents: App Automation: Options, Pros and Cons -- Nine ways to automate applications. We are continuing our longer, two hour meeting format this month from 8-10 am. From 8-9 am, we will have the informal hour and from 9-10 am, we will have the presentation.

Windows Inside Out — 12:30 pm

Glynn Brooks
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In April, we will discuss Windows 8 start screen alternatives. I'll demo "Classic Shell" and "Start8" and make recommendations.

Windows Tips & Tricks — 9:00-11:00 am

Gil Brand
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Chuck Stark
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We'll discuss our building of the next raffle PC. And if you have a 'troubled' system, contact Chuck or Gil for a possible 'live, no net' troubleshooting session.

Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm

Birl Smith
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In April, we will be discussing browser Hijackers. A browser Hijacker is a add-on that can change a browser's default home page, search engine, error page, redirects to malicious web sites, adds another tool bar and offers pop-ups of products searched. We will discuss how to remove them in our SIG meeting.

Also, there was a Internet hack in March that slowed Internet access for everyone, which we can discuss if time permits.

Word — 10:00 am

Sharon Dorsey
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Sorry – no meeting in April as we join Microsoft Access in celebrating their 30-year anniversary. But we'll be back in May! HTPC/

NTPCUG NEWSLETTER AD RATES AND DESCRIPTION

Paid advertising is available within the North Texas PC News at reasonable rates. The online Newsletter is published monthly and is distributed in PDF format to approximately 200 registered members.

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Save This Date and Celebrate (MS Access SIG)

On Saturday, April 20, 2013, **the Microsoft Access SIG** will celebrate its 20th year of existence in the North Texas PC Users Group, and we intend to celebrate with gusto and in style.

On April 17, 1993, after two months of "advertising" in the then-printed-version of the North Texas PC News, more than 60 people attended an organizational meeting of the Access SIG in a room on the top floor of the Dallas InfoMart and we've been around ever since. Larry's been continuously involved in the SIG as Leader or Co-Leader ever since – twenty years may not be unique for a SIG in NTPCUG, but as far as we know, twenty years with one of the leaders involved for the whole twenty is unique.

Planning is underway… and we are elated to obtain a commitment from **Teresa Hennig** to be our guest speaker. Teresa has been an Access developer since 1997, when she first used Access and immediately decided to start her own company as an Access developer and business consultant. She became involved with the Seattle Access Group and became the leader in 1999. Her first book, "Access 2003 Programmer's Reference," opened the door to new opportunities to help fellow developers share their passion and expertise with the community. Since then, Teresa has been recognized as a Microsoft MVP for seven consecutive years, earned multiple awards as a National Community Champion with INETA, and is currently the lead author and working with several MVPs on her sixth book. Since 2008, she has been a member of the North Texas PC User Group and has contributed a monthly column, News from the Northwest, to the North Texas PC News.

Teresa thrives on challenges, project management and creating cost-effective solutions. Her skills for motivating and helping others are reflected in her contributions to the developer community, and especially in her dedication to the SAG and the PNWADG. You can learn about some of her adventures and charitable endeavors on her website, www.DataDynamicsNW.com.

Hennig and Linson Re-Awarded as Microsoft MVPs

On April 4th, Teresa Hennig and Larry Linson were informed that had been re-awarded the **Microsoft Most Valuable Professional** designation -- for another year for their contributions to the Microsoft Access database software user community.

Teresa is a member of NTPCUG, leader of the Seattle Access Group and the Pacific Northwest Access Developers Group, twice selected as an INETA Community Champion, writes the **News from the Northwest** column here in the North Texas PC News each month, and is lead author on a number of technical books. She was first selected as an Access MVP in 2006 – so we are now entering her *eighth* consecutive year as an Access MVP. Teresa will be our NTPCUG guest speaker at the April 20 meeting, celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the NTPCUG Microsoft Access SIG.

Larry is a long-time member of NTPCUG, co-leader of the Microsoft Access SIG, and a member of the NTPCUG Membership Committee. This is Larry's eleventh consecutive year as an Access MVP -- he was first selected in 2003. Both are co-authors, along with Truitt Bradly, Leigh Purvis, and Brent Spaulding, of *Microsoft Access: Small Business Solutions*, published by Wiley, 2010. For more information about the Microsoft MVP program, visit http://mvp.support.microsoft.com

News from the Northwest

By Teresa Hennig

Immediate Opportunities for Microsoft User Research Studies.

Are you a business professional? Microsoft wants to hear from you!

Microsoft User Research conducts end-user research on all Microsoft products. Sign up to be contacted for user research studies that match your experience and interests, and help impact the future of Microsoft technology. www.microsoft.com/userresearch

Right now we are looking for Information Workers, Small Business Owners, BDM, Small Org./ Large Org., Young Professionals, CRM, IM at work, Conferencing at work, 25% away, Collaborate with colleagues, and productivity apps for work (on smartphone/tablet).

Hardest to find for us is Small Organizations, Small Business Owners, Females, Young Professionals, and Productivity app (Quickoffice).

In addition to signing up online, you may also send your contact info to me (Teresa @DataDynamicsNW.com) and I will forward it with a request for immediate consideration.

Professional Access 2013 Programming

by Teresa Hennig, Ben Clothier, George Hepworth, Dagi (Doug) Yudovich !!!!!

Order our Access 2013 book at … *http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1118530837.html*

Professional Access 2013 Programming is a complete guide on the latest tools and techniques for building Access 2013 applications for both the web and the desktop so that developers and businesses can move forward with confidence. Whether you want to expand your expertise with Client/Server deployments or start developing web apps, you will want this book as a companion and reference.

North Texas PC User Group -- and Access SIG 20th Anniversary - April 20th

Key Speaker -- Teresa Hennig, Data Dynamics Northwest, Access MVP

If you're going to be in Dallas on April 20th, join us at the NTPCUG meetings for a full day of sessions! Teresa Hennig will be the keynote speaker for two plenary sessions from 10 - 11 and 11 - 12. In addition to one or both of Managing Technical Projects, and Building Your Business, there'll be a demo of some recent additional Access features.

Find out more by reading Prez Says, the article on NTPCUG's celebration of the Access SIG's anniversary, and visiting www.NTPCUG.org. If you're impatient, you can go directly to http://sp.ntpcug.org/accesssig.

COMMUNITY DOWNLOADS

Support Our Groups --- Click the Links to Earn Points   (Jan 2013)

(Ed. note: NTPCUG has now signed up, so we can pick up points, too.)

It's a Win-Win --- you learn, get demos, training, information and resources, and the groups earn points to provide resources for members! Please go to the Seattle Access site – Links page and help our groups earn points! www.SeattleAccess.org -- or use the links in this newsletter!

Do it for Yourself … Do it for your groups!   Share the links, post them on your site … Every click helps!

Downloads, Updates and Other Good Stuff

Windows Azure Free 90-Day Trial- Download by June 30-earn DOUBLE POINTS for the group

> http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132165

Windows Server 2012

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Virtual Academy

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Your App Adventure Starts Here: Downloads, Training, Expert assistance

> http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132163

Register to embark on an expert-guided 30-day voyage of app development. Sign up now and you'll receive the tools, help, and support you need to get your Windows 8 and Windows Phone 8 apps developed. Already have an app? We have resources to help iOS developers get started building Windows Store apps**.**

Office 365 - Home Premium - Microsoft Release January 29, 2013 $99.99/year for five devices (Feb 2013)

Read Microsoft's announcement of the release of Office 365 Home, and watch Steve Ballmer's video. And, as if $8.34 isn't enough incentive to give it a try, Microsoft also released the University edition with a FOUR YEAR subscription for only $79.99   -- WOW a mere $1.67/month.

This will help you get ready, because Office 365 for Business was released on February 27th!

www.microsoft.com/en-us/news/press/2013/jan13/01-29O365PR.aspx

Ed Note: Office 365 for Business is the version which includes a version of the Office applications; the Home editions are for data sharing and communicating between users of Desktop Office.

Access 2013 - Webinar and Preview

Access helps you store and track just about any kind of data --   inventory, contacts, business processes, and more. In this week's webinar, you'll learn how to organize and manage your data, plus we'll preview the latest version of Access, including a big new feature. http://blogs.office.com/b/microsoft-access/archive/2012/11/05/office-webinar-what-is-access-preview-access-2013.aspx

Check out Office 2013   -- Downloads available for Office 365 and Office 2013

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www.microsoft.com/office/preview/en

Download Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013 – (Sept 2012)
http://technet.microsoft.com/en-US/evalcenter/jj192782.aspx

Veeam Top 5 Tools for VMware and Hyper-V - Free downloads

Veeam provides tools and resources that support virtual environments. In addition to a range of robust licensed products, they also provide a wealth of white papers and free tools to support reporting, replication, data backup and more. Please visit their website at www.veeam.com and download free tools from www.veeam.com/free-virtualization-software-vmware-hyper-v.html?utm_source=lp&utm_medium=crumbs&utm_campaign=cool

VeeamZip V6.5 Backup Software Free Edition for VM Ware and Hyper-V (July 2012)

Veeam Backup Free Edition provides a number of powerful utilities for managing VMs. It complements your regular backup tool by providing easy ad hoc backups of individual VMs. Get their latest version to backup and archive virtual machine files, including Veeam FastSCP utility and VeeamZIP. Download the software from:

www.veeam.com/virtual-machine-backup-solution-free.html?ad=vmware-esxi-fastscp-go-to.html

- **Win IT Pro article about Veeam Backup software**:

www.windowsitpro.com/blog/virtualization-blog-13/news2/veeam-ships-veeam-backup-free-edition-veeamzip-143328

Idera - top five free tools for SharePoint, SQL, Server Backup and PowerShell

Idera is offering an arsenal of tools to fortify your armory for managing .Net and database projects. Visit their site and learn about all of their products. AND … you can download their top five free tools for SharePoint, SQL, Server Backup and PowerShell, because we believe in your brand of tech justice. Put these in your utility belt and own the night. www.idera.com/Promo/Top-5-Free-Tools/?utm_source=SQLEB&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FreeTools&utm_content=130129-FT-FreeTools&elq=2171fee767174745ad41f332a99cb8de

User Group TV – UG Meeting Presentations   (Aug 2012)

In January of 2011, MVP Shawn Weisfeld, founded UG TV as a venue for sharing User Group content online for free. You can check out the growing selection of videos and presentation materials at http://usergroup.tv/.

(**Ed note:** Shawn Weisfeld is a member of NTPCUG.)

Sync Fusion Metro Style Icons – $499 value as a Free Download

Syncfusion Metro Studio 2 provides a collection of over 1700 Metro-style icon templates that you can be easily customize and integrate with Microsoft Office applications.

- Create thousands of unique icons from **1700+ icon templates**
- Organize icons into projects and **export groups with one click**
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- Easily create **CSS icon sprites**
- **Convert font characters to icons**

www.syncfusion.com/downloads/metrostudio?utm_medium=EDM&utm_source=MetroStudio&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRonuq%2FLce%2FhmjTEU5z16egvXKWg38431UFwdcjKPmjr1YoITcV0dvycMRAVFZl5nR9BFOOTaZNJ9fs%3D.

- **Related blog post: Four for Free: No-Cost Virtualization Tools and Utilities – Win IT Pro**

www.windowsitpro.com/article/virtualization/four-for-free-no-cost-virtualization-tools-and-utilities

RESOURCE TIPS:

Access MVPs – Sharing code and resources

Several Access MVP share resources and links through the website hosted by Crystal. You will find the tools offered during Crystal's presentation on her page.

http://www.AccessMVP.com

Doug Steele, Access MVP and author of "Access Solutions" shares tips and links to other resources. http://www.accessmvp.com/djsteele/AccessIndex.html

Access Blog – by the Access Team --- one of the top blogs on MSDN!!!

Stay tuned to the community … The team shares insights into their schedule, their favorite features, new features and how to use them. This is also an ideal venue for the team to talk about issues that are of interest to the Access community. You'll learn about the people and some of the factors that are helping to shape the future of Access. Whether you're a seasoned developer or just learning about Access, you'll find invaluable information and techniques. From creating a database template to getting help when you need it, The Access Blog covers the gamut. http://blogs.msdn.com/access/default.aspx

A couple of good sites to search for information and programming assistance are at

www.mvps.org and Office Developer Center on MSDN. And, we've been mentioning the newsgroups. You can search and drill through thousands of threads. Visit http://search.microsoft.com/en-us/CommunityResults.aspx?q=office%20community to search through Microsoft community and support options.

You may also find what you are looking for by using http://groups.google.com or by setting multiple search criteria at www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en.

Utter Access Discussion Forum

Touted as the number one Access community forum! This is a great place to get answers to your questions. And, you'll see several familiar names as some of our members are prolific posters. Hey, there are even photos from the MVP Summit, so check it out! www.utteraccess.com/forums/index.php

A compilation of links to Access Resources

This site provides an impressive array of links to a variety of resources for Access developers and users: www.cbel.com/ms_access/.

Access Developer Portal MSDN

For database samples and tutorials provided by Access MVP and other experts, see http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/office/aa905400.aspx.

Database Issue Checker

Access MVP, Allen Browne offer tips and utilities for casual users through expert developers. The Issue Checker can be used during development or to troubleshoot legacy files. Allen's site provides a host of other tips and resources, including a compilation of reserved words. http://allenbrowne.com/ or   http://allenbrowne.com/AppIssueChecker.html

Mr Excel – Excel tips and support and … Learn Excel from Bill Jelen   (May 2012)

Mr Excel represents an entire community of Excel power users how are sharing their expertise, experiences and time through blogs, podcasts, tips, forums and links to a wealth of other reference materials. Among the links you'll find Bill Jelen's podcasts and books – including several that can be invaluable tools in Access projects – such as the random number selector. Visit the website, www.mrexcel.com or go to http://learnmrexcel.wordpress.com for a blog and videos.

NTPCUG Member Websites

Are you an NTPCUG member? Do you have a website that you would like to share with other members? Here is your opportunity to publicize your hobby, personal interests or a business.

NTPCUG now permits each member to post their name along with <u>one</u> website at www.NTPCUG.org and in our newsletter.   Member links to be posted are subject to Board approval, and cannot contain inappropriate content or promote illegal activities – all the usual conditions that responsible persons expect. Send us your links now!

Here are our current member sites:

Member & Website	*Member & Website*

Howard Lee Harkness
    http://amazopia.com
	Bob Hawkins
	    www.fairviewmicrowave.com

Bill Parker
    www.Partec.net
	Doug Gorrie
	    www.JanetGorrieInteriors.com

Larry Weiss
    https://sites.google.com/site/powershellsig
	Fred Willians
	    www.JFHequipment.com

If you wish to post as shown above, just e-mail *webmaster@ntpcug.org* with your name, member number and the URL of your desired website. We'll post your name and URL on our website and in the newsletter for as long as your membership remains current.

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When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated
so you won't bang your head in frustration."

Monthly NTPCUG Meeting Flyer – Can You Help Distribute?

Each month, we send members a flyer listing the upcoming second and third Saturday SIG meeting information. We work to fit it all on one page so it can be easily printed and posted in offices and public areas. It can also be sent by email to family members, friends, colleagues, etc.

With your help we hope to generate increased interest in User Group activities, thereby helping us grow. We rely on members, SIG leaders, Board members and volunteers to share this information with others. We also need you to consider new options beyond the obvious – bulletin boards, etc.

We ask you, our members, to think of places where you can post the monthly flyer and to e-mail it to anyone you know who may be interested.

We try mightily to get this out before the weekend preceding the second Saturday of each month so you have time to "do your thing".

With your help we can grow our Group and reach others who can "Share what you know, learn what you don't."

> **Where have you sent the April flyer?**

Volunteering

Every board member, officer, chairman, and SIG leader is a volunteer. No one in this organization receives any payment for their work. Without our volunteers, NTPCUG would not exist.

Please consider volunteering for one of these important jobs:

Information Desk — Charles Rem
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Assist with check-in process at 3rd Saturday. One or more hours, even periodically, will make a difference.

This is an ongoing need. YOU can help, and it's not difficult. Training provided, so you really have no excuse not to assist - right?

Mentoring — Tom Sweet
tom.sweet@ntpcug.org

Communicate with new members to ensure they are aware of the benefits, SIG opportunities and help them in numerous ways to feel welcome and to know that we care about them.

Newsletter — Doug Gorrie, David Franke
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We need someone to step forward to help request and collect articles from SIG Leaders for the monthly flyer and the newsletter. No experience required -- training provided.

NTPCUG Elected Officials
for 2013

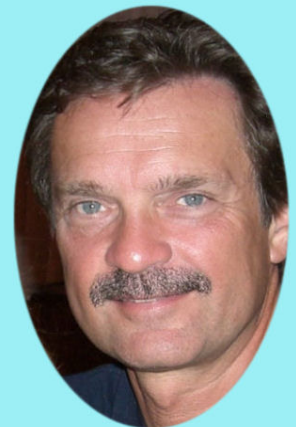Jesse Hastcoat
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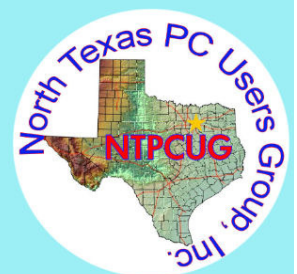## Directors

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Calendar

April 2013	May 2013	June 2013
April 20 8:00 am—2:30 pm	**May 18** 8:00 am—2:30 pm	**June 15** 8:00 am—2:30 pm

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