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3RD SATURDAY SIGs MEET AT
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Dallas, Texas

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This month, we go straight into Special Interest Groups (SIGs) ...

Sessions with presentations, discussion,
and exchanges of information

Remember that all SIG meetings at King of Glory Lutheran Church,
6411 LBJ Fwy in Dallas
(between Preston & Hillcrest, north side of LBJ), normally the third Saturday



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HTML5/CSS3/JavaScript SIG 10 am - 12pm

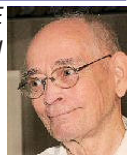
For our JULY meeting, we will start our introduction to JavaScript with Dave Stark.

We will start off with a review of our latest “homework” with the HTML5 application we have been creating and then Dave will start everyone into a solid introduction to JavaScript.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there on July 20th!!!

Digital Photography — 10:00 am

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**Special Thanks to those
that help put this newsletter
together and edit
the content:**
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Digital Photo Editing Software — 11:00 am

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HTPC/Home Automation SIG – 8 am

The Home Automation SIG won't be meeting in July due to last minute work commitments, but we expect to be back in August. Come join us as we cover this new & exciting area.

Internet — 11:00 am

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How to Avoid Unwanted Free Apps

Free apps are great, but they often come with extra baggage - more apps that you do not want to install on your PC. In this session we'll discuss sneakware and what to do about it, before, during, and after it is installed on your computer.

Investors - 1:30 pm

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We will have our usual Q&A session. 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
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Ever visit a website you'd like to emulate and wonder how it might be done? At July's SIG we'll "back engineer" a website to see how it ticks and examine what would be required to set up and maintain a site offering similar functionality.

Microsoft Access SIG —11:00 am



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On **July 20, 2013** we are going to look at data brought in by NTPCUG member **Sue Williams**. She has an extensive Excel spreadsheet used to manage records of a collection of items related to Martin Luther King, Jr. Her spreadsheet has grown in size so it is clumsy to use. She is interested in how to restructure and transfer her data to Access tables in preparation for creating a database application. The approaches we will discuss are suitable for recordkeeping for many types of "inventory", whether collections of many dissimilar items, or inventories of larger quantities of fewer items.

In **June, 2013** Access SIG Co-Leader **Larry Linson** presented **Practical Database Design**, subtitled **Structuring Your Tables**. Larry says the first step on many of the database applications discussed by attendees in May is to review the tables and layout and this will be a start. Time permitting, we will also look in more detail at how we can be of most assistance to the attendees.

In **May, 2013**, we also had brief descriptions of database issues faced by attendees **Kathy Lee Brown, Neel Cotten, Kurt Hyde, Dal Jeanis, and Ron Schiller**. We will discuss their needs in more detail at future meetings.

Why you should join us: If you have an Access application and need some guidance, assistance, or just encouragement, come to our meeting and let us know. If you have a need for a computer application, we may be able to help you determine whether

Access is the right software to use. We can't teach a class in just one hour per month, but we will discuss issues, perhaps solve some immediate problems, and identify resources you can use.

Valuable prizes: We will have a drawing for valuable prizes in July. Remember that value, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

Microsoft Application Development Study Group SIG - 1:30 pm

*Tom Perkins
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It's baaaacccckkkk!

Apparently, Microsoft has fixed the problem we ran into with WebMatrix 3. If you will recall, we had a severe problem regarding the creation of a table with an identity column. About a week or so ago, I was trying to create a PHP page for some work using JavaScript. And when I opened WebMatrix, it asked whether I wanted to do an update. After a few moments, an update had been completed, and for a test, I tried creating a database with tables containing identify records. They all worked! At long last, and in a somewhat sheepish manner, Microsoft slipped in a fix during the update. I have not been able to find any official notice of the fix of what was a major flaw in the WebMatrix 3 version.

So, at the July 3rd Saturday meeting (July 20), we'll continue exploring the data handling capabilities of WebMatrix. If time permits, we'll also discuss more of Tuc Goodwin's JavaScript homework problem. JavaScript is rather powerful, and it's a good skill to have in the toolbox.

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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I'm looking for topics of interest to the group. Meanwhile let's see if we can find some additional ways to use functions to

calculate results. If you know 40 to 50 functions you can be an expert compared to the majority of users. How many do you know? I haven't counted how many I know but they are all useful at one time or another. Let's explore them together..

Salesforce.com – 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

This is it! This week, the 401 study group (11:00 AM to 12:00) will be doing an intense exam prep. We will do a rapid fire Q&A session. Don't be nervous. We won't call on you, just bring your questions. Scour the web-sites, and wear your thinking cap. We will keep the pace up.

This month, we will instantiate (get it ?!) session number 7 of the 501 study group (12:30 to 1:30) and will cover chapter 6 of the Apex Programmers Guide (also available in the files section of meetup.com), Dynamic Apex (yum!!!).

Dynamic Apex is slightly more obtuse than what we have covered so far, but understanding this subject will make you a true ninja.

Powershell – 8:00 am - 10:00 am

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Methods of script analysis and pretty print style code cleanup

At the NTPCUG PowerShell SIG meeting Josh Miller will discuss some methods of script analysis and pretty print style code cleanup. 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

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What's New in Windows 8.1

Microsoft has produced a video demonstrating the new features of Windows 8.1 (see link below). At our July meeting we'll



watch the video, and I'll tell you why I am not going to install the beta version of 8.1.

Windows Tips & Tricks — 9:00-11:00 am



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Open Q&A this month. And if you have a 'troubled' system, contact Chuck or Gil for a possible 'live, no net' troubleshooting session.

Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm

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Word — 10:00 am

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Last month, we got through the setup required to create a Table of Contents automatically. So this month, we are continuing our topic.



"How shall I torture you today?
Put you on the rack? Boil you in oil?
Make you call a technical support line?"

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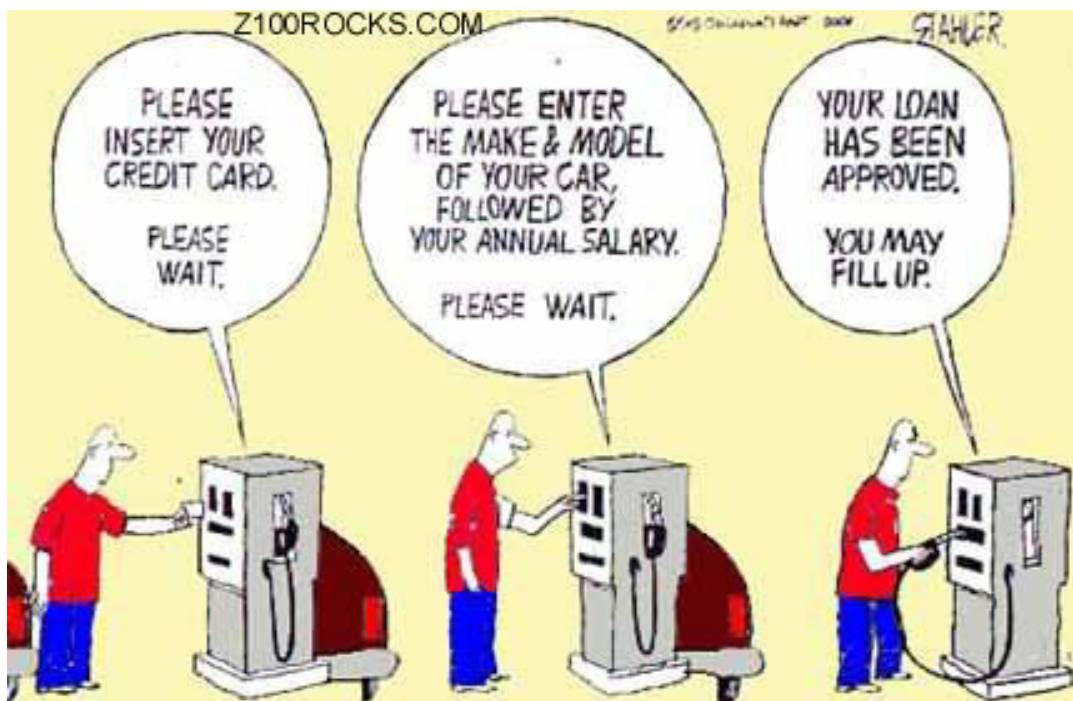
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News from the Northwest

By Teresa Hennig

Support Our Access Groups --- Click the Links to Earn Points

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 Seattle Access site – Links page and help our groups Earn Points! <http://www.SeattleAccess.org> -- or use the links in this newsletter!

(Ed Note: Until we have our own community links, you'll be doing Teresa's Seattle-area user groups a service by using the links provided here.)

Downloads, Updates and Other Good Stuff

Access 2013 Runtime

If you need to distribute Access solutions to users that do not have the full version of Access, you now leverage the Access 2013 Runtime. To learn more and download the files, visit: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=39358>

What's new in Access 2013

An introduction to Access web apps, complete with a video, tips, and tutorials to get you started <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/access-help/what-s-new-in-access-2013-HA102809500.aspx>

Office 365 - Home Premium - \$99.99/year for five devices (June 2013)

Get the 30 day trial or sign up for the monthly or annual subscription.

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/free-trial-try-microsoft-office-2013-and-office-365-products-FX102858196.aspx>

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

Download Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013 – (Sept 2012)

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-US/evalcenter/jj192782.aspx>

Get the full featured version for a 60 day trial period.

SQL Server 2014 -- a closer look

More tools, faster insights into business intelligence, greater support for mission critical and cloud performance.

<http://blogs.technet.com/b/dataplatforminsider/archive/2013/06/05/sql-server-2014-a-closer-look.aspx>

COMMUNITY DOWNLOADS -- Score Points for our User Groups!

Share these links - Help your colleagues and friends learn about new technologies

Windows Azure Free 90-Day Trial

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

Windows Server 2012

http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132168

Hyper-V Server 2012

http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200145058

System Center 2012 Suite

http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132167

Visual Studio Express for Windows 8

http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132164

Virtual Academy

http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132169

AMAZING TRAINING RESOURCES

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.

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.cbhel.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.

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(Ed Note: Until we have our own NTPCUG sponsors, you'll be doing Teresa's Seattle groups a service by clicking on the links and patronizing their sponsors.)

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SkillForge – Live, Instructor-Led Online Microsoft Training

SkillForge is a different kind of training company. Founded by trainers with over 15 years of experience in the training industry, they share one key focus – delivering exceptional training. The instructors are experts in their field with years of real world experience so the lessons convey both technical and practical expertise.

Visit <http://www.SkillForge.com> to checkout their course offerings -- including a wealth of Access classes -- sign up; share your impressions with the group!

Webucator – Instructor led Online and Onsite Training

Webucator offers a wealth of technology and business training, with content ranging from introductory courses to advanced programming. The SAG and PNWADG are fortunate to welcome Webucator as a new sponsor. Please check out their offerings and ... look forward to special opportunities. <http://www.webucator.com>

Wiley and Wrox -- with over 200 years of publishing expertise in the technical communities.

<http://www.Wiley.com> and <http://www.Wrox.com>

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 one 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:

<i>Member & Website</i>	<i>Member & Website</i>
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.



Thanks to our Many Volunteers

Each year, one of the ways we thank our many volunteers, who we could not function without, is to meet together, enjoy some (hopefully) good food, catch up on what we're all doing, provide updates on the User Group's activities, discuss ways to increase membership and better meet the needs of our membership.

Such was the case on Wednesday, May 22nd, when a goodly portion of our User Group volunteers,



CFTB volunteers (Computers For The Blind), SIG Leaders, Board members and friends/family meet at Highland Park Cafeteria.

We know it's not much, but our Treasurer, Chuck Stark, wouldn't spring for the usual Cayman Island trip -- something about "first dibs", and a need to clean clothes (or "launder" something in Cayman). We never quite understood, but he said it was "OK".

All kidding aside, we DO appreciate al the effort our volunteers put into keeping the User Group and CFTB running successfully. We wish we could honor you more.



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 week-end 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 July 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

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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.

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*Chuck Stark
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Sharon Dorsey



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Aug 17 8:00 am—2:30 pm

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