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3RD SATURDAY SIGs MEET AT  
King of Glory Lutheran Church  
6411 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway  
Dallas, Texas

## In Memory ... Mary McWilliams Johnson

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It is with sincere regret that we advise of the passing on February 15, 2013 of longtime member **Mary McWilliams Johnson**, at age 79.

Many of you will remember Mary as one of our most dedicated Webmasters, going back to our days at the Infomart. Mary spent countless hours bringing our website up to snuff, and made herself readily available at all hours to keep it looking its best.

Mary was very particular about web design, and generous with her time in sharing what she knew. Her GraphicsByMary.com web site had tips and techniques that she shared with all. We noted that the site is still online as of this meeting -- take a look when time permits and see what tidbits you can pick up.

Even after rolling off her webmaster role, Mary continued to attend meetings regularly, where she was always enthusiastically involved. But as her eyesight worsened and driving became more difficult, and NTPCUG relocated to North Lake College (Irving) and then along busy LBJ Expressway, she could only attend when she could work out transportation. Even then, Mary continued to support NTPCUG by maintaining her membership, faithfully paying her dues each year.

Our condolences to Michele Raynor, Mary's daughter, who made us aware of Mary's passing, and to all other members in Mary's and Michele's families.

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***David Franke  
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# Special Interest Groups (SIGs) ...

Sessions with presentations, discussion, and exchanges of information

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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 of each month..

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## Building Web Sites — 8:00 am

Alan Lummus  
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For March, we'll continue the Drupal installation begun in February and explore add-ons for the core program.

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

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Chris Morgan  
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In March, Chris Morgan will present on how to construct a 3-column, fluid-layout web page using CSS. This is conceptually one of the most difficult parts of making a modern web page. There are a number of tricks you have to employ to get it right. We will go over CSS attributes like absolute and relative positioning, float-left and -right, clear, margins, padding, and borders. We will talk in depth about sizing elements and the CSS "box". You will leave with a template you can use for your own web site.

## Digital Photography — 10:00 am

Spike Smith, NCE  
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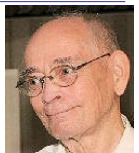


Bring your notepad – paper or electronic. We will review techniques for blending cell phone and tablet pictures into our fine mix of tricks for better photos. Of course, if you have one of those gorgeous Canon EOS 5D Mark III we would love to hear about your experiences. (I think I know of someone that can show one off some 11:00 am meeting.)

Come on in and enjoy, bring your problems, and of course, show off some of your techniques.

## Digital Photo Editing Software — 11:00 am

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There are more features within our image editors than cutting, cropping, color correction, and enhancing photographs. This month we will explore and work with using the canvas for additional interests within our business and pleasure.

We are visually attracted with enlightening advertising constantly with email, magazines, TV, and most forms of communications. Expanding these techniques into our personal and social newsletters, greeting cards, and stationery, can add new dimensions within our normal communications.

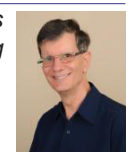
We will explore specific tools for increasing interest, expanding meaningfulness, while providing enjoyment and possibly increased profits.

Your questions concerning photo editing are welcome as a part of this exercise..

Come visit, share, and enjoy.

## Internet — 11:00 am

Glynn Brooks  
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No meeting this month. See you in April.

## Investors - 1:30 pm

Gil Brand  
gbrand@ntpcug.org



In March, 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.

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## Making Money on the Internet — 9:00 am

Alan Lummus  
Alan@bkmts.com



For March, we'll examine best practices for designing, building, maintaining and utilizing lists of current and prospective customers/clients and their communications coordinates.

## Microsoft Access SIG —11:00 am



Larry Linson  
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Jim Wehe  
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**On March 16, 2013**, the topic is **Discussion and Demos**. We will be discussing plans for celebrating our 20th anniversary in April as a **SIG** in **NTPCUG** and, if you have a small to large, simple to complex, sample application (that is, any Access database app), bring it for "**Show and Tell**". OK, this is your last chance to make your views known on the **Twenty Years of the NTPCUG Access SIG** celebration.

Larry reports that Teresa is still planning to be our guest speaker soon and is encouraging another guest to come from Austin. Teresa's topics will include managing small projects, building up your computer related business, etc.

**In February, 2013**, we were unable to meet as the room assigned for our use was not set up with chairs, tables, and projector.

**More Blatant, Unashamed Self-Promotion:** It's time for us to clear the decks and get ready for our big celebration. On **April 20, 2013** you are invited to attend a monster demonstration to celebrate **Twenty Years of the NTPCUG Access SIG**. There may be other SIGs in NTPCUG that have lasted longer under the same name, but none with our continuity of leadership. And who knows just what we might do, after the monsters have been demonstrated.

So, what's going to be so exciting? Our **guest speaker Teresa Hennig is!** She's coming to you, direct from a smashing successful multi-year run of her own Access groups in the

great Pacific Northwest. Teresa's internationally known, has been a **Microsoft Access MVP** since 2004, is active in **INETA (the International Dot Net Association)**, has twice been an **INETA Community champion** (Ed Note: MVP and community champion are each quite an honor), heads **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 own **North Texas PC News** newsletter.

We'll have more on this subject in next month's SIG Notes, as plans take shape. And, we might even do a little collaborative planning our January, February and March 2013 SIG meetings. Join us and catch the excitement- it's contagious!

**Big Red Switch Time:** In the early days, all PCs, IBM and clone, had a large rocker switch for power, usually red- and rebooting was sometimes known as "Big Red Switch time". After twenty years, we need to put our heads together and decide what we should learn and teach, do and review, and generally dabble in to start our next twenty years. Note: "our" means not only the leadership but attendees interested in the Access SIG. Bring your ideas to the meeting and we will discuss them. We can take notes, but it would surely help if you'd write down your suggestions. **Kathy, Neel, Jim, or Larry** will take them and we'll consolidate all our notes for subsequent discussion.

**Valuable prizes:** Remember: Value, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. In the confusion of multiple reorganizations of Microsoft's support for user groups, our own distractions, etc., we have missed a good many drawings for valuable prizes. We've accumulated a modest collection of as-yet-undistributed valuable prizes, so we might have a few even before the **Valuable Prize Extravaganza** of the **Twenty Years of the NTPCUG Access SIG** celebration.

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## Microsoft Application Development Study Group SIG - 1:30 pm

Tom Perkins  
tomperki@gmail.com

The AppDev SIG will have an introductory tutorial on ASP.NET Web Pages using Microsoft WebMatrix.

### Questions or comments?

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

## Microsoft Excel – 8:00 am

Frank Tubbs, SIG leader  
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Excel took a look at the GETPIVOTDATA command last month. If there are additional questions I will cover them in the March meeting. Otherwise I intend to show my Perpetual Calendar which I have shown in the past. The difference is we will look at the formulas in great detail plus look at the new innovation of how to make it display the standard Holidays in BOLD, RED display format.

A very interesting twist is the formula to calculate Easter. John Walkenbach has popularized the formula, but even he does not know where it originated. He also cannot tell us exactly why it works, but it does. So our result is a mystery. Maybe you can explain it.

## Salesforce.com – 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Salesforce.com sessions are going gangbusters. Join us each month for both sessions!

In March, Session number 3 of the **401 study group** (11:00 to 12:00) will cover chapters 6 and 7 of the SFDC Platform Fundamentals pdf (available in the files section of this meetup). If possible, please read the chapters and run through the exercises on your own, and come armed with your questions. Bruce Moulton will lead this session.

Session number 3 of the **501 study group** (12:30 to 1:30) will cover chapter 3 of the Apex Programmers Guide (also available in the files section of this meetup). If possible, please read the chapter and run through the exercises on your own, and come armed with

your questions. I think Calvin Smith will lead this session. Calvin?

All, remember, this is the study group for 401 and 501 (aka the **study group**). Not to be confused with our 4th Wednesday meeting held at the Connective Hub (more mischief, no studying). The objective is for each of us to take the respective exams at the end of the six months, so we will keep up the pace. Ask questions. These are not easy exams, but I am convinced that we can get everyone past the finish line.

<http://www.meetup.com//Dallas-Salesforce-Developer-User-Group/events/calendar/>.

## Powershell – 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Josh Miller  
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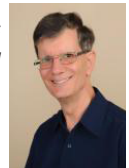


Larry Weiss  
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At the NTPCUG PowerShell SIG meeting in March, Larry Weiss will host a code review of several PowerShell functions. We are continuing our longer, two hour meeting format this month from 8-10 am. From 8-9 am, we will have the informal hour and from 9-10 am, we will have the presentation.

## Windows Inside Out — 12:30 pm

Glynn Brooks  
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At our March meeting, we will look at the changes Microsoft made to Task Manager, Performance Monitor, and Reliability Monitor in Windows 8. There are lots of improvements and new goodies!.

## 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.



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## Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm

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Topic to be announced.

## Word — 10:00 am

Sharon Dorsey  
Sharon.Dorsey@ntpcug.org



### *Themes, Editing and Symbols*

This month, we will discuss about adding a finishing touch. We'll talk first about themes, and then, getting around in your document for easier editing. If time allows, I will demonstrate how to incorporate Symbols.



"Okay your father  
managed to get a mouse.  
Now how do we use it?"

# NTPCUG NEWSLETTER AD RATES AND DESCRIPTION

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- Related only; suitable at discretion of NTPCUG
- Payment in advance
- Send requests for information, contacts, or orders to: **Advertising@ntpcug.org**

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# Acronis Presentation in March - 10:00 - Noon

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## Organize, Protect and Share your Hard Drive

This month, **Gene Barlow** will describe the various options you have to better organize your hard drive to serve your needs. How you organize your hard drive can affect how protected your files are and how easy it is to use them. He will show you how he personally organizes his hard drive and why he chose to do it that way. Then he will demonstrate a software tool, **Acronis Disk Director 11**, that makes organizing your hard drive very quick and easy to do.

Second, doing regular backups of your computer's hard drive is the most important thing you can do to protect the content of your computer. He will describe the backup approach that will give you the best protection for your computer. This will be followed by a demonstration of the best backup utility on the market, Acronis True Image 2013.

**Acronis True Image 2013** has introduced a new function that allows you to easily share certain files with your other computers and with friends and family across the internet. No expensive online storage is needed to use this new facility in True Image 2013. After a short description of the many sharing options available to you, Gene will show you how easy it is to use the new Data Synchronization feature of True Image 2013.

**At the end of the meeting, Gene will offer a free software product to each of the attendees** to monitor the well-being of their own hard drive. He backs up his customers with a special Starter Guide and extended technical support. "I want everyone that buys from me to be totally successful in using the products I offer", he says.

### Biography:

Gene Barlow has worked with computers for the past 50 years in various technical, marketing, and management positions. He had a long career (34 years) with IBM and managed their User Group Support organization when the IBM PC was first introduced in 1981. When he retired from IBM, he set up his own consulting firm, User Group Relations, to continue to represent various software companies to user groups. He is an interesting speaker and has the ability to make complex topics easy for his audience to understand. This will be a presentation that you will not want to miss.

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## TCVC is Now CFTB, or Soon Will Be !!

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The Texas Center for the Visually Challenged is in the process of formally changing our name registered with the state of Texas to Computers for the Blind.

If you're new to NTPCUG, TCVC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, where many NTPCUG members assist in the refurbishing of old computers. These systems are then delivered to blind and low-vision people in all 50 states.

We currently ship about 70 systems per month, but locating that many donated PCs is an ongoing challenge. Here is where we hope you can help. *(Con't next page)*

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# Save This Date and Celebrate (MS Access SIG)

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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](http://www.DataDynamicsNW.com).

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## ***TCVC (Continued)***

1. Check your closets. I’ll bet there’s an old computer lurking in there somewhere. Bring it to the next NTPCUG meeting on March 16th ! Get a tax write-off in the process!

2. We also need spare parts – LCD monitors, CD / DVD drives, hard drives (Sata / IDE – 60+ GB), memory – DDR 128MB+, sound adapters.

3. Tell your family and friends about us – [www.ComputersForTheBlind.net](http://www.ComputersForTheBlind.net)

4. Your personal donations are nice to receive, but we really need corporate donors who can provide dozens of CPUs as they upgrade office hardware. So please see if you can determine what your employer does with their replaced equipment. Call me. I would love to make a presentation to them!

5. Volunteer! We need additional people on Monday & Wednesday, 1:00-5:00 pm, to build and test systems for the blind. All volunteers qualify for deep-discounts on Microsoft software. Ask the Info Desk at the March meeting for details.

If you just want to see how a ‘talking’ computer makes it easy for the blind to navigate the Internet just as we sighted people do, stop by our workroom at:

1201 S. Sherman St., Suite 204, Richardson TX, Mon-Thu, 1-5 PM.

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# News from the Northwest

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By Teresa Hennig



## **New Year - New Office - New Features in Access**

Microsoft released Office 2013 and Office 365 on January 29th! The release of Office 365 for Business was February 27th.

Check out the links to resources, training, demos and products in the newsletters and on the Seattle Access website at **[www.SeattleAccess.org](http://www.SeattleAccess.org)**

## **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 the Seattle Access site, click on the Links page and help our groups earn points! Visit [www.SeattleAccess.org](http://www.SeattleAccess.org) -- or use the links in this newsletter!

**Ed Note:** For now, help out the Seattle groups by visiting the site to click on the following. In the foreseeable future, we may get the NTPCUG signed up for this program, as well.

## **Downloads, Updates and Other Good Stuff**

### **Windows Server 2012**

[http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR\\_CC=200132168](http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132168)

(Bonus for downloads through March 31!)

### **Hyper-V Server 2012**

[http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR\\_CC=200145058](http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200145058)

(Bonus for downloads through March 31!)

### **System Center 2012 Suite**

[http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR\\_CC=200132167](http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132167)

(Bonus for downloads through March 31!)

### **Virtual Academy**

[http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR\\_CC=200132169](http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132169)

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### **Windows Azure Free 90-Day Trial**

[http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR\\_CC=200132165](http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR_CC=200132165)

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

[http://www.microsoft.com/click/services/Redirect2.ashx?CR\\_CC=200132163](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)**



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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](http://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**

Learn, Explore, Purchase!!

Links to resources, demos, training, community support and PRODUCT DOWNLOAD

[www.microsoft.com/office/preview/en](http://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](http://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](http://www.veeam.com/free-virtualization-software-vmware-hyper-v.html?utm_source=lp&utm_medium=crumbs&utm_campaign=cool).

### **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-FreeTool&elq=2171fee767174745ad41f332a99cb8de](http://www.idera.com/Promo/Top-5-Free-Tools/?utm_source=SQLEB&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FreeTools&utm_content=130129-FT-FreeTool&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**
- **Copy icons to the Clipboard** for easy integration with Microsoft Office applications

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

### **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](http://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](http://www.windowsitpro.com/blog/virtualization-blog-13/news2/veeam-ships-veeam-backup-free-edition-veeamzip-143328).

- **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](http://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 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.utteraccess.com/forums/index.php)

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## 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/](http://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 who 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](http://www.mrexcel.com) or go to <http://learnmrexcel.wordpress.com> for a blog and videos.

**Back issues of Pacific Northwest Access Developer and Seattle Access Group Newsletters** are available on [www.SeattleAccess.org](http://www.SeattleAccess.org)

May your holidays (whatever you celebrate around this time of Winter Solstice) be happy and may the New Year bring you peace, joy, and prosperity all year long.

## NTPCUG Member Websites

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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](http://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 &amp; Website</i>	<i>Member &amp; Website</i>
<b>Howard Lee Harkness</b> <a href="http://amazopia.com">http://amazopia.com</a>	<b>Bob Hawkins</b> <a href="http://www.fairviewmicrowave.com">www.fairviewmicrowave.com</a>
<b>Bill Parker</b> <a href="http://www.Partec.net">www.Partec.net</a>	<b>Doug Gorrie</b> <a href="http://www.JanetGorrieInteriors.com">www.JanetGorrieInteriors.com</a>
<b>Larry Weiss</b> <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/powershellsig/">https://sites.google.com/site/powershellsig/</a>	<b>Fred Willians</b> <a href="http://www.JFHequipment.com">www.JFHequipment.com</a>

If you wish to post as shown above, just e-mail [webmaster@ntpcug.org](mailto: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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## Monthly NTPCUG Meeting Flyer – Can You Help Distribute?

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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 March flyer?***

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## Volunteering

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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

*crem@ntpcug.org*

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

*doug.gorrie@ntpcug.org  
davef81@gmail.com*

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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## NTPCUG Elected Officials for 2013

Jesse Hastcoat  
*President*



Bill Drissel  
*President-Elect*



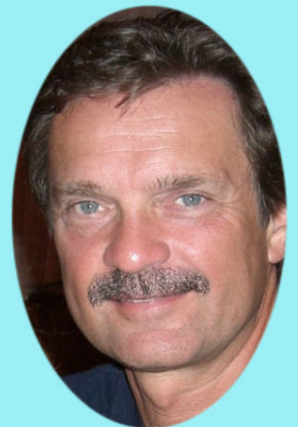
### *Directors*



Tuc Goodwin



Spike (Harold) Smith



Chuck Stark  
*Treasurer*



Sharon Dorsey



Stuart Yarus



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## Emeritus Members

John Pribyl (1924 – 1993)  
Reagan Andrews ( - 2006)  
Connie Andrews ( - 2008)  
Phil Chamberlain  
Jim Hoisington  
Guy Andrews  
Stuart Yarus  
Timothy Carmichael  
Mark Gruner  
David McGehee  
Tom Prickett  
Kathryn Loafman  
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## Thank you!

from your 2013

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## Calendar

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### March 2013

March 16 8:00 am—2:30 pm

### April 2013

Apr 20 8:00 am—2:30 pm

### May 2013

May 18 8:00 am—2:30 pm

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