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## Prez Sez

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*By Bill Drissel  
(Incoming 2014 President)*

Thanks to all our 2013 and 2014 NTPCUG Volunteers.

Jesse Hastcoat, 2013 President, is away helping an ill family member. Thanks, Jesse.

Thanks to our 2013 Board of Directors:

- Sharon Dorsey – also serves as a SIG leader
- Tuc Goodwin - also serves as a SIG leader
- Spike Smith – also serves as a Sig leader
- Chuck Stark – also serves as a SIG leader
- Stuart Yarus

Also, Thanks to Chuck Stark, our Treasurer and Kathy Brown, our Secretary. Special Thanks to Charles Rem for managing the Infodesk, and for all those that help him religiously month to month. Thanks to Howard Harkness, our Program Director, Doug Gorie, our Newsletter Editor, Diane Bentley, SIG Coordinator, and David Franke, Newsletter Publisher.

Thanks to you, the members of NTPCUG, for your confidence in me. I'll be proud to serve as your 2014 President.

Now, I ask that you take a couple of minutes to cast your vote for your 2014 Borad of Directors and President-elect. Lots of familiar faces to choose from, but your vote does count. Results will be announced at the January Business Meeting at Noon.

Bill Drissel

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the content:**  
**David Franke**  
**Joli Ballew**

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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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## .NET Developers/HTML SIG - 10 am - 12 pm



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### **Introduction to RESTful Web Services and the HTTP protocol**

I will define what RESTful web services is and how it fits into developing web sites. Included in this discussion will be some basics about how HTTP sends messages from a browser to a server and back again. One of the motivations for understanding this is to learn how to build web sites that update their pages without requiring a full rebuilding of a web page when a change to it is needed. This results in minimizing how much information is transmitted over the web as well as minimizing the visual disruption of full-page refreshes in the user's browser.

### **Digital Photography — 10:00 am**

Spike Smith, NCE  
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Have we acquired new gadgets from the recent holidays? Want to show them off? How about expounding upon their features? Are there questions concerning newly added features? Bring your new gadgets to our SIG meeting and let's explore what is new.

Come and share problems and solutions. Enjoy !!

### **Digital Photo Editing Software — 11:00 am**

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Do you have some techniques that will make editing easier for our members? We need our graphic editors for: (1) making things fit, (2) correcting hues and exposures, and (3) being creative.

Beginners and advanced are welcome at all meetings. Sharing problems, solutions, and creative methods are what our users group is all about. What are your favorite tools?

## HTPC/Home Automation SIG – 8:00 am

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 other. Come join us as we cover this new & exciting area.

## Internet — 11:00 am

Glynn Brooks  
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### **Scanning the Entire Internet**

What does a scan of the entire internet look like? How long does it take to do it? What are the big trends in web site security? In our January meeting, we'll look at how researchers have been able to answer these questions.

## Investors - 1:30 pm

Gil Brand  
gbrand@ntpcug.org



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  
Alan@bkmts.com



In January, Howard Harkness will go over the pros and cons of a course on Internet Marketing For Beginners that he recently purchased. Howard has been trying out

some of the points of the course, and trying to adapt them to his own niches.

### Microsoft Access SIG —11:00 am



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On **January 18, 2014**, for the **Microsoft Access Special Interest Group**, we ask attendees to bring a copy of personal-use Access databases to demo or explain, or to discuss how to implement a personal-use Access database that you'd like to have. We are also going to discuss the state of Access in particular, databases in general, maybe even as The Walrus did "why the sea is boiling-hot and whether pigs have wings", and other topics, both relevant and irrelevant. If enough of the attendees are interested, SIG Co-Leader **Larry Linson** might even allow a peek at some VBA code examples.

In the last few months, we've been "playing it by ear", and have indulged in some very useful discussions, demos, and question-and-answer sessions. We've weighed in with advice on some attendees personal-use databases, and we hope that has helped. Larry's postponed his VBA presentation, because most of the SIG attendees who'd benefit were serving elsewhere in the NTPCUG meeting, or had a compelling need to attend a main tent presentation, or were absent for some other reason. We offer many thanks to SIG Co-Leader **Jim Wehe**, Assistant SIG Leader **Neel Cotten** and Assistant SIG Leader Kathy Lee Brown. Neel has raised some provocative questions. Kathy has been a mainstay in our discussions, providing advice, and answering questions.

Coming soon: Because Microsoft's recent emphasis on many products appears to be "everything in the cloud" and because most of our SIG attendees use Access as it comes "out of the box", for individual, workgroup, and client-server database applications, we are going to deal with the state of the current Access client. That would include an extensive list of features and functions dropped from the "client side" of Access 2010 and 2013.

Also, Access is part of the package in Office 365 (software as a service) as is SharePoint, so we want to explore how using Access linked to SharePoint lists in the 2013 version of SharePoint in Office 365. Interestingly, SharePoint lists are now implemented with SQL Server. A combination of this type could be the answer to networking for a company or organization just a little too small to implement their own network.

**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. If you just wonder what Access database software is all about, we may be able to explain. 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 are going to skip our drawing for valuable prizes in January, so we can leave on time, or a little early, to attend the business meeting and learn the election results.

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

Tom Perkins  
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In January, we will continue Hands-on development with Microsoft MVC 4.

#### 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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TBD

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

401 study group -- 11:00 AM to Noon.

501 study group -- 12:30 to 1:30.

### Powershell – 8:00 am - 10:00 am

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Larry Weiss  
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TBD.

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## Windows Inside Out — 12:30 pm

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### Windows 8 Boot Process

In August, we talked about the Windows 7 boot process and how to speed it up. In this session, we'll look at how Windows 8/8.1 boots, and the changes Microsoft made to eliminate overhead, wake up quicker, and defer loading pieces of the OS until they are actually needed.

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## Windows Tips & Tricks — 9:00 - 11:00 am



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Gil Brand  
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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.

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## Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm

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TBD

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## Word — 10:00 am

Sharon Dorsey  
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In October, we started a discussion of Mail Merge in Word 2010. Members learned how to print one envelope, one label or a page of labels. **At the January meeting**, we are going to put the basics to use. We'll cover how to access information from various sources (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook). We will also cover how to select only the information you need from your original source and then print to multiple envelopes and/or letters.

If you have specific questions, email me in advance or just show up with your questions.

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## 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 January 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

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*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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## Renew Your NTPCUG Membership For “FREE”?

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The Board has established a new NTPCUG benefit that permits renewing of memberships without the usual membership fee.

Simply put, any member that writes three articles for our newsletter, subject to the following criteria, can renew without cost. In this manner, we are encouraging our membership to share their expertise with other members, as well as providing an opportunity for members to research issues and share the results with others.

The current requirements for the program are as follows:

1. You must be a current member.
2. Requires at least three articles/year, submitted during the member's current membership year.
3. Articles must be at least a couple pages long in the newsletter, excluding any pictures, diagrams, etc. NOTE that the length is determined after editing, if needed.
4. Longer articles may be broken up across two months, and consideration will be given to counting it as TWO articles. However, length by itself may not count as more than one – it's meaningful content we're after.
5. Articles must be submitted at least two weeks prior to publication to allow time to review/edit. However, if the content is clean and readily understood, and requires only minimal review, and we have time to go over it, we might take it with less notice.
6. No plagiarizing, except for "small" amounts where credit is given to the actual author or source.
7. Articles must be relative to the goals and topics of our User Group. If in doubt, check with the Editor before writing it up.
8. At time of membership expiration, it is the member's responsibility to contact the Editor to request that their membership be extended, and list the months in which their articles appeared. We will confirm the details and have the Membership chairman extend you another year.

Please give this new program some thought, and come up with some good material we can use. Share your knowledge, in line with our motto –

***“Share what you know, learn what you don’t.”***

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# NTPCUG NEWSLETTER AD RATES AND DESCRIPTION

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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.

SIZE	Price / One Issue	Price Each - Six Issues
Full Page	\$120	\$ 85
Half Page (vertical)	\$ 75	\$ 65
Half Page (horizontal)	\$ 75	\$ 65
Quarter Page	\$ 50	\$ 40
Business Card	\$ 35	\$ 25
NTPCUG Members	Half Price	



## Policies & Mechanicals

- Commercial ads –
  - repro form, final size, ready for printing
  - JPEG or approved format
  - 300 DPI minimum
- Text ads should follow most commonly used font styles
- No ads on front page
- Related only; suitable at discretion of NTPCUG
- Payment in advance
- Send requests for information, contacts, or orders to: [Advertising@ntpcug.org](mailto:Advertising@ntpcug.org)

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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  
Fred Williams  
Andy Oliver  
Alex Lilly  
Doug Gorrie  
Claude McClure  
Robert McNeil  
Gil Brand  
Bill Parker  
Diane Bentley

## Thank you!

from your 2013

### Board of Directors and Officers

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## Calendar

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### January 2014

Jan 18 8:00 am—2:30 pm

### February 2014

Feb 15 8:00 am—2:30 pm

### March 2014

Mar 15 8:00 am—2:30 pm

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