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## Prez Sez

On March 14, the United States government announced that it would hand over control of DNS maintenance and the assignment of new global domains to ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). Under the current system, ICANN works under the auspices of the Department of Commerce's NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration). The government doesn't normally play a strong role in internet governance, though it has taken action from time to time.

FoxNews reports, "The decision ... has raised concerns that, in the void left by America's transfer of oversight, other nations that don't share the United States' commitment to free speech and expression could make a grab at Internet influence."

FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai said in a statement. "If I am not convinced that a different governance structure would preserve Internet freedom, I will strongly oppose it."

Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, wrote, "While on the surface this may seem like a simple administrative

## Special Presentation: 10:00 am Protecting Yourself, Your Computer, and Your Identity

It's common wisdom that avoiding suspicious web-based content and especially 'dodgy' websites will keep you safe on the Internet.

Unfortunately, that sort of information is 'old and outdated technology'. Internet security (protecting both your computer and your identity) can however, be demystified.

This presentation focuses on normal computer users, rather than "IT geeks," and clearly explains the following topics:

- Protecting yourself from virus, worms, Trojans, rootkits and, botnets.
- Computer safety tips
- How to spot phishing attempts
- How to recover when your email account has been hijacked
- Email etiquette
- Social networking safety tips
- Software installation safety tips
- Other free software used to create layered protection
- Features and benefits of Avast's free antivirus program
- Android Smartphone and Tablet safety and protection recommendations

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- **David Franke**
- **Joli Ballew**

## Prez Sez (Cont'd)

decision that gives more control over this key Internet function to more stakeholders, it could actually have far reaching negative implications for the freedom and security of the Internet".

It seems to me (Bill Drissel) to be a risk with no benefit. The history of the 20th Century does not fill me with confidence about governments' provision for people - not even their own people.

## Special Presentation (Cont'd)

Join presenter Bob Gostischa, as he simplifies, clarifies, and demystifies your computer, making your Internet experience a safe, secure and, enjoyable one.

Per Bob, avast! Antivirus is currently the most used antivirus software in the world.

Avast has been making security software for over 20 years and has more than 180 million users worldwide.



# 2014 Computer Raffle

**\$3 per ticket** ✨ **4 tickets for \$10**

Tickets sold at April 12 & May 17 Meetings

## Dell Inspiron One 2305

**23" Wide 'Touchscreen' with Touch & Pen Input**  
**Dual Boot -- Windows 7 & 8**

<b>Ati HD 4200 256MB Graphics</b>	<b>Dual Boot!</b>
<b>AMD Athlon II X2 Dual Core 1.6Ghz 250u</b>	<b>Windows 7 Home Premium 64</b>
<b>4 GB DDR3 (2x2, 2x4 max)</b>	<b>and Windows 8.1 Pro 64</b>
<b>Seagate 750 GB SATA</b>	<b>Java, Acrobat Reader 11,</b>
<b>3.0 Gb/s 7200 RPM /</b>	<b>Cute PDF, 7-Zip,</b>
<b>32MB Cache</b>	<b>TreeSize Free, My Defrag</b>
<b>CDRW/DVD +-RW</b>	<b>Adobe Flash/Shockwave,</b>
<b>Wireless Keyboard/</b>	<b>iTunes, QuickTime,</b>
<b>Mouse Combo</b>	<b>VLC Media Player</b>
<b>w/Nano Receiver</b>	<b>Microsoft Security</b>
<b>Integrated WebCam</b>	<b>Essentials,</b>
<b>Gigabit Ethernet, Wireless N</b>	<b>MalwareBytes,</b>
<b>RealTek THX Audio w/Built-In Speakers</b>	<b>cCleaner, SyncToy</b>
	<b>Windows Essentials 2012</b>



*All professionally installed,  
updated and tuned ... of course!*

**Purchase Tickets at our table near the Sign-in Desk**

**8:00 am 'til 12:00 noon**



# Special Interest Groups (SIGs) ...

Sessions with presentations, discussion, and exchanges of information

**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.**

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



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**Chris Morgan** will make presentations on the “Basics of Microsoft ADO.NET” for the April and May meetings of the .NET/HTML SIG. Included in this presentation is the development of a Windows Form application which shows the contents of any SQL database.

This application has two grids on it. The top grid presents a tabular format of the rows (records) in a SQL table. The user can scroll both vertically and horizontally through the table, much like a spreadsheet. Any cell can be edited and it will automatically be saved back to the underlying database. The bottom grid on the form shows a list of all the tables in the database. By highlighting a different table and clicking on a button on the form, the top grid will change to this selected table.

Another feature of the application is the ability to sort the rows by clicking on a column title. Additionally, if the user selects a cell on the grid, clicking on yet another button will automatically filter the rows and show only those with the same value. For instance, if you are showing an address list and you click on a “City” cell having the value “Dallas”, then only those records for people in Dallas will be displayed in the grid. If you click on a first name of “Robert”, then you will see only the Roberts who live in Dallas.

Another part of the demonstration will focus on how you can link to a variety of databases other than SQL Server. These include Access databases (Extensions of MDB and ACCDB), SQL Server Express “dynamically attached” databases (MDFs), Microsoft SQL Server Compact Edition datafiles (SDF extension), and even Excel spreadsheet files (XLS and XLSX).

These other databases are accessed through a different, but related, set of .NET classes. The three class types shown will be: SqlConnection (for MS SQL Server), OleDb (for Access and Excel files), and SqlServerCe (for SQL Server Compact Edition files).

A review of all the major .NET classes will include the following classes: SqlCommand, SqlDataAdapter, SqlCommandBuilder, SqlDataReader, and SqlException. These classes are a part of the “namespace” System.Data.SqlClient. The corresponding classes will be used from System.Data.OleDb and System.Data.SqlServerCe.

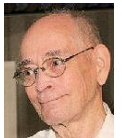
We will also unravel some of the mysteries of “Connection Strings” by showing a variety of examples.

The presentation will involve a mixture of lecture about ADO.NET and example code demonstrations.

Whatever we don’t cover at this meeting, we will continue to discuss this topic at the May meeting.

## Digital Photography — 10:00 am

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We will continue downplaying low-cost point-and-shoot cameras. For a beginner, these might make do as a social camera but really - your cell phone will do that. We will monitor costs as we go along as the hardware alone may be minimal while service fees to get where you doing what you want may tend to hurt a budget.

Taking a step up places us in the range of the compact camera. This model size assimilates good photos up to 8 x 10 prints under most circumstances.

When we step up to the newer mirror less full-featured cameras - we can sort of do everything up to a point. These may not be as versatile as the full DSLR. The largest pitfall here is these models didn't just remove the pentaprism and mirror but too often remove highly desirable features.



Here is where our new modern technologies are beginning to shine with a small light-weight DSLR that is easy to carry with new reduced physical sized. Lenses and bodies are designed to mate with the smaller image sensors. You will be restricted to smaller sized files (lesser pixels) which are perhaps 1/4 size of full-frame cameras. This reduction in overall pixels is equal to or better than the compact models and for most applications the use of these images will be quite adequate.

Take note that there are several conditions requiring full-frame (35mm sensors). Take note: depth of field, enlargement capabilities, better control of glass manufacture, and plenty more. However, the full-frame is much heavier (especially with the long lenses); will not fit in the largest pocket, and the price (ugh!) is 4 to 10 times higher priced.

Come on in, bring your friends, your camera, and let us share. It's your SIG.

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

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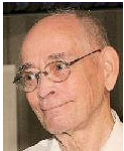


Photo editors have not altered much with the new camera technology. There are still reasons to edit outside of the camera. One not often considered is to capture the image and wait a day before looking it over blown up on your computer monitor. Now, put it away because what you have seen is still fresh in your mind. After three days, you can look at the image and not see a fresh memory on your mind. Now you can better assess, correct, and do whatever may be necessary to convert good image to great image.

Just like camera selection, we should not go for the highest priced do everything editor, unless of course, you have a job at plant where everyone uses that one particular editor. What you need is to start moderate with low-cost down to free for your editor. You will learn more - providing you did get one that will do all of your cutting, shaping, and fine tuning. Now if you are ready to expand, learn (definitely) layers and methods to cut and paste and replace eyeballs if necessary. Remember your buddies that may be using the Mac, the Linux, or the Windows machinery. You all might get together and still share with several software models but don't make this a firm requirement as you must remain comfortable with your system.

As a minimum, everyone needs at least a simple editor. You may get the minimum coming free with your camera purchase.

One word of warning. Beware of freebies. Someone has to pay for these. You may get one and find that there will have a full inbox of things to buy resulting and not all of these will be within weakest perceptions of image processing.

Come on in to our class and tell us how you solved your problems. If so, we'll give you ours.

#### **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 performing other, similar tasks. Come join us as we cover this new & exciting area.

#### **Internet — 11:00 am**

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**No meeting in April** due to our special 10:00 presentation.

#### **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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April's focus will be on all things "Crowd Funding". Looking for startup capital for your new or expanding business? Wondering how you might assemble the financial support to be able spend full time writing the great American novel? Wondering how

to launch that great idea you had to solve a worldwide problem? Have you considered crowd funding? Come and join us as we explore a number of very successful commercial, personal and nonprofit fund raising campaigns supported in large part by people who didn't personally know the individuals behind the startups they help support, and it didn't involve a loan or IPO.

### **Microsoft Access SIG —11:00 am**



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On **April 5, 2014**, co-SIG Leader **Larry Linson** will talk about the ***Elements of Access Queries***, focusing on what queries are, what kinds of queries there are, and what different kinds of queries can accomplish – and the underlying language of queries ***Sequential Query Language (SQL)*** and the fact that behind the scenes, opening a Table in datasheet view is accomplished with an SQL query. Access Queries in the user interface are just another graphic way of looking at the SQL. A few of the features of SQL that are supported by the Access database engine, for example, union queries which append tables of the same structure together, cannot be generated through the user interface and must be coded directly in SQL.

In **March, 2014**, **Sue Williams** demonstrated her personal database for keeping track of memorabilia, which she accesses (no pun intended) through the end-user interface of Access 2013. She posed some questions about Queries and we worked through one simple Query.

Our discussions, demos, and Q-and-A sessions have been well-received by the attendees for the past few months. We'll soon discuss whether we'd like to plan ahead for some structured presentations, as well. Larry has a presentation on VBA topics that he's postponed because most of the SIG attendees who'd benefit weren't present, just waiting for an appropriate audience. It's been suggested we might enjoy a presentation of database products competitive with / alternatives to Access, such as Alpha Five and FileMaker Pro (if we can find a member or acquaintance knowledgeable about FileMaker). The set of alternatives with a user interface is somewhat limited, but that's a defining characteristic.

We offer many thanks to SIG Co-Leader **Jim Wehe**, Assistant SIG Leader **Neel Cotten** and Assistant SIG Leader **Kathy Lee Brown**. Jim's been a gracious host and leader, Neel has raised some provocative questions, and Kathy has been a mainstay in our technical 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. Could a combination of this type be the answer to networking for an organization just a little too small to implement their own network? Perhaps we can explore.

**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 “course” in just one hour per month, but we can discuss issues, advise on immediate problems, and identify resources you can use.

**Valuable prizes:** The Microsoft organizations, or Microsoft-sponsored organizations, who have been so good to provide us prizes in the past have been shut down or reorganized and, it appears, are not going to be providing those nice prizes. So, until we find a new source of prizes, or a “sponsor”,

prize drawings will be “occasional” when we get something to give away. With different versions of Office being used by SIG attendees, copies of the databases used in demos aren’t as useful as they once were, though the tables may transcend version differences. ***Databases as old as Access 2000 can be run in newer versions.***

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

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The AppDev SIG will continue with our hands-on development of a Microsoft MVC application.

Questions or comments?

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

### **Microsoft Excel – 8:00 am**

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The March meeting covered using a combination of three functions to display the workbook name in a formula string. We will look at more function combinations in our April session. If you have a question or some point you wish to discuss please let me know. Participant questions are welcome. Your needs are what we care about most.

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

Salesforce.com offers two major certifications for Force.com Developers: The Developer Certification (DEV401) and the Advanced Developer Certification, (DEV501).

Dallas Salesforce Developers Group is pleased to offer FREE classes each year to candidates.

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 Improving Enterprise (which is more mischief, no studying). The objective is for each of us to take the respective exams at the end of the sessions, 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.

### **Powershell – 8:00 am - 10:00 am**



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This month, Chris Morgan will present "Using PowerShell to export data into a CSV file from a SQL database using ADO.NET objects".

### **Windows Tips & Tricks — 9:00 - 10:00 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.

### **Windows Inside Out — 12:30 pm**

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#### **Video Editing Software**

In this session, I'll discuss and demonstrate some of the video editing tools I use for creating video clips and YouTube captures.

### **Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm**

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TBD

### **Word — 10:00 am**

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#### **Word 2010 – Potpourri**

At the end of several meetings, I have said "if only we had 15 more minutes." So our April meeting will be four 15 minute sessions. Come for one or more. Topics include date autocomplete, important Word options, creating columns and those symbols around the edges.

# News from the Northwest

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By Teresa Hennig

## *News from the Northwest*

*By Teresa Hennig*

*Microsoft MVP for Access (2005-2014), President of the Seattle Access Group and Pacific Northwest Access Developers, INETA Community Champion (2008 and 2011), and member of the North Texas PC User Group since 2008*

## Coming Events

**Access Day** Irvin CA - April 16 -- details below.

- **Boise Code Camp** - Free Full Day Conference; Boise State University. Saturday, April 5th Sessions lead **by** leading technology professionals from Idaho and all over the northwest will provide timely content for technology practitioners of all levels and interests. Details below
- **Access 2013 Updates - released Feb 12, 2014**
  - <http://support.microsoft.com/KB/2760350>
- **Several new links to Training, Conference sessions and other resources - Details Below and at SeattleAccess.org**
- **Anyone can build a SharePoint App with Microsoft (from SPC204)**
- **Rich extensions to SharePoint Apps using Microsoft Access (from SPC335)**
- **The 'how to' guide for selling and managing SharePoint Apps built using Access (from SPC338)**
- **Update on InfoPath and SharePoint Forms (from SPC 348)**
- **Virtualizing your data center with Hyper-V and System Center**
- **Success with Hybrid Cloud**
- **Digital Copyright Template**

## Microsoft Software

**Office 365 Home -- \$99/year for five installs! (Feb 2014)**

**Wondering what that includes? A picture's worth a thousand words ...**

**YES ... ACCESS!!!!** And Yes, that is Skype to landline calls ... So, what are you waiting for?

[http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msca/en\\_CA/pdp/Office-365-Home-Premium/productID.286397700](http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msca/en_CA/pdp/Office-365-Home-Premium/productID.286397700)

## Details of Featured Events

**Access Day -- Irvine CA April 16, 2014**

Are you a developer or user of Microsoft Access, or know someone who is? Interested in the new web capabilities in Access 2013, or how to improve Access client applications?

After a successful sold-out event in the fall, **Armen Stein and J Street Technology** are organizing another one-day conference on Microsoft Access. It takes place **Wednesday April 16** in **Irvine**,



authors, and even a member of the Access development team at Microsoft.

There will be sessions by **Kevin Bell**, **Tom van Stiphout**, **Alison Balter**, **George Young**, and **Armen Stein**. A mix of Access client techniques and new Access Web app development will be covered. The intended audience is Access developers and advanced users who want to learn ways to make their applications more powerful and develop Access solutions for the web. **REGISTER NOW: Detailed topic descriptions and registration link at [www.AccessDay.org](http://www.AccessDay.org).**

### **Boise Code Camp - Free Full Day Conference -- Boise State University, Saturday, April 5th**

BCC offers open sessions provided by leading technology professionals from Idaho and all over the northwest.

This **event** is created, organized, and presented by software developers and other technology leaders as a service to the Boise technical community. We do our best to provide timely content for technology practitioners of all levels and interests. Whether your interests run toward a fundamentals session on databases, learning to create better requirements, the latest in cloud computing, Agile techniques and practices, or networking topics, Boise Code Camp will have something for you!

Attendees choose their own sessions to attend and enjoy complimentary breakfast and lunch. Dinner will also be served at the After Event Party in the [BSU Stueckle Sky Center](#). Learn more and register at [www.boisecodecamp.com](http://www.boisecodecamp.com)

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

#### **Digital Copyright Template by Tech Pro Research (March 2014)**

We are awash with digital programs and content to support always-on connectivity, the blending of consumer/business devices and increased local/remote storage capacities. The Tech Pro Research digital copyright policy will help organizations seeking to set guidelines for digital programs and content.

<http://www.techproresearch.com/downloads/digital-copyright-policy/>

#### **Anyone can build a SharePoint App with Microsoft Access (from SPC204) (March 2014)**

Come to this session to learn how power users can easily and quickly build SharePoint apps with a full SQL back end without writing any code. You'll learn how to create rich UI SharePoint apps using Access with low to no involvement or impact from IT. <http://channel9.msdn.com/Events/SharePoint-Conference/2014/SPC204>

#### **The 'how to' guide for selling and managing SharePoint Apps built using Access (from SPC338) (March 2014)**

SharePoint applications created by Access are real SharePoint apps that you now can put in the Office Store. These no-code data centric web apps are part of Office 365. To make the publishing of these apps complete, Access has added features to help you deploy upgrades to existing apps. So you can deploy new versions of an app in production without losing their data. See a demonstration in the session video.

<http://channel9.msdn.com/Events/SharePoint-Conference/2014/SPC338>

#### **Update on InfoPath and SharePoint Forms (from SPC 348) (March 2014)**

This InfoPath session shows some of the Access team's very early work in this space with Access. It provides an introduction to the vision and roadmap for the Office Forms <http://channel9.msdn.com/Events/SharePoint-Conference/2014/SPC348>

#### **Microsoft Virtual Academy - Free Course (March 2014) Virtualizing your data center with Hyper-V and System Center**

Whether you're new to virtualization or have some experience, explore this free online training to



build your infrastructure from the ground up on the Microsoft stack using System Center (IT Focus).

### **Learn about Hybrid Solutions** (March 2014)

#### **Success with Hybrid Cloud**

Workload spikes can wreak havoc on your organization's infrastructure. Learn about a Hybrid technique called cloud bursting that allows the enterprise to expand its capacity and get started with Windows Azure.

[Read more >](#)

[Start your Windows Azure trial >](#)

### **Veeam -- Modern Data Protection™ -- Feb 2014**

Whether you use VMware vSphere, Microsoft Hyper-V or a combination of both, Veeam® Backup™ Free Edition is a perfect fit for your environment. No matter how you do regular backups, Veeam Backup Free Edition is the must-have tool for managing your VMs. <http://www.veeam.com/free-vm-backup.html>

### **Wondering if you need business insurance?** Feb 2014

We've had this topic come up in the past, so I'll take this opportunity to share some excerpts from a discussion where George Hepworth shared some of his knowledge based on his experience of writing training materials for an insurance company. Things to consider:

1. There is a difference between commercial general liability coverage and Errors & Omissions coverage.
  - a. Commercial liability coverage protects against things like starting a fire that destroys a customer's premises. However, it will not pay nor provide legal defense if when sued for defects in software you deliver to that client.
  - b. Your E & O coverage will protect you against lawsuits for things like failure to deliver the software you contracted to provide as well as defects in that software.
2. Every business (likely) needs commercial liability coverage; professionals providing services may also need Errors & Omissions (E&O).
3. Personal liability coverage typically excludes any claims arising out of providing professional services; you need commercial and E&O coverage regardless of whether you have any personal coverage.
4. At times, the legal defense provision of liability coverage can be at least as valuable as the indemnification provision. That's because the insurance company will either:
  - a. Pay a claim (up to the limit of insurance) on behalf of a policyholder when it deems the claim to be valid, or
  - b. Provide legal counsel to defend the policyholder if it deems a claim to be invalid. The amount spent on such defense can be considerable and is separate from and in addition to any judgment amount awarded against you by a court. That's good and bad, of course. There is an incentive for the insurance company to minimize its overall costs (defense + indemnification), so the insurer may settle a claim against a policyholder rather than drag it out in court while the lawyers' fees spiral. The indemnification amount is often less than it would cost to go to court, where you'd still risk losing the case—and have to pay the claim-- anyway after incurring huge legal bills.
5. If a client requires you to provide proof of insurance, it might be good to clarify whether they are interested in general commercial liability or E&O coverage. The former won't help you if your database causes loss of income due to inadequacy in design or development. The latter will.

Thank you George for sharing ...

### **Download Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013**

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

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

### **Tips and Discussions**

#### **Right Click Context Menus - Creating Custom Command Bars (Sept 2013)**

- **Add-in Express** provides a free tool that allows you to view available commands and place them on custom command bars (aka popups, toolbars ...) <http://www.add-in-express.com/products/commandbars-controls-ids.php>

You will likely find Microsoft's help file to be an invaluable resource.

### **Office Fluent User Interface Control Identifiers**

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=6627>

### **Access MVPs – Sharing code and resources**

Several Access MVP are sharing resources and links through the website hosted by Arvin Meyer. You will find the tools offered during Crystal's presentation on her page. [www.AccessMVP.com](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 avenue 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.office.com/b/microsoft-access>

### **A couple of good sites to search for information and programming assistance**

[www.mvps.org](http://www.mvps.org) and [Office Developer Center on MSDN](http://www.office-developer-center.com). 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.

### **Utter Access Discussion Forum**

Touted as the number one Access community forum! This may be 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)

### **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**

Database samples and tutorials provided by Access MVP and other experts.

<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 trouble shoot legacy files. Allen's site provides a host of other tips and resources, including a compilation of reserved words. <http://www.allenbrowne.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](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!

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.

Here are our current member sites:

<i><b>Member &amp; Website</b></i>	<i><b>Member &amp; Website</b></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 Williams</b> <a href="http://www.JFHequipment.com">www.JFHequipment.com</a>
<b>Peter Bendel</b> <a href="http://www.codekitchen.com.au">www.codekitchen.com.au</a>	

### ***Creating A Secure Password***

**Please enter your new password:**

*cabbage*

**Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.**

*boiled cabbage*

**Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.**

*1 boiled cabbage*

**Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.**

*50bloodyboiledcabbages*

**Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.**

*50BLOODYboiledcabbages*

**Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.**

*50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShoveItInYourEar,IfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow*

**Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.**

*ReallyTickedOff50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShoveItInYourEarIfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow*

**Sorry, that password is already in use.**

# 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 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

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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.



# 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.”***

# 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
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NTPCUG Members	Half Price	



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- Commercial ads –
  - o repro form, final size, ready for printing
  - o JPEG or approved format
  - o 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**

# *NTPCUG 2014 Elected Officials*

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*Jesse Hastcoat  
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*Stuart Yarus*



*Sharon Dorsey*

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### Thank you!

from your 2014

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## Calendar

### April 2014

**Apr 5** 8:00 am—2:30 pm  
*(1st Saturday in April)*

### May 2014

**May 17** 8:00 am—2:30 pm

### June 2014

**Jun 28** 8:00 am—2:30 pm  
*( 4th Saturday )*

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