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Bill Drissel

Last Call for Candidates for our 2015 Board of Directors!!

Any NTPCUG member in good standing who wishes to run for the Board of Directors should contact Chrystin Pleasants at ChrystinP@yahoo.com, or any current board member.

Any NTPCUG member in good standing who wishes to serve on the **Elections Committee** should also contact Chrystin Pleasants at ChrystinP@yahoo.com, or any current board member.



In the next week or so, candidates that have submitted names and a short biography will be placed on the ballot, and it will be sent to all members. The instructions will provide a number of ways to cast your ballot, although the *preferred* way will be to complete the ballot electronically and e-mail to the Elections committee. But if one way fails, we'll work it out.

As you know, but may not think about very much, NTPCUG is entirely supported by your dues, and the efforts of all those that step forward to help. If you don't help, we're down the tubes, because dues *by themselves* won't do it. As you attend the meeting this month, take a moment to thank those that you see at the Information Desk each month, your SIG Leaders (obviously!!), and don't forget the volunteers that set things up before you arrive, and are still around after you leave at the end of the day.



Even better, volunteer yourself periodically to help, preferably in advance so we can schedule things. Regardless, thanks for being an NTPCUG member.

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- David Franke
- Joli Ballew

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.**

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.



Making Money on the Internet — 9:00 am

Alan Lummus
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December brings thoughts of sugar plum fairies and all things holidays. To digress from our usual fare, this year we're concentrating on what we'd really like to find in our Christmas/ Hanukkah/ Kwanzaa stockings.

Whether you're building a new home, searching for the newest smart phone, or seeking that perfect gadget for the computer nerd on your list, there's bound to be someone talking about it at our holiday SIG this December. See you there, and Happy Holidays!

Digital Photography — 10:00 am

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Members at the December meeting will entertain an *end-of-the-year recap* for:

- digital cameras
- auxiliaries and
- Ancillary devices

Bring your questions and camera if you like.

This is the time for you to suggest:

- tools
- methods for next years meetings
- your suggestions.

Come on over, bring your friends, relax and enjoy.

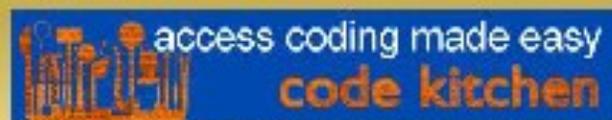
Internet — 11:00 am

Glynn Brooks
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In December, I will be unavailable, so no meeting. Please join us again in January.

CodeKitchen offers fully fletched MS Access databases, no locked code, all available to use by developers for their own purpose and as templates for new database development projects. Each database only costs a charitable \$25!



Check it out at www.codekitchen.com.au



Digital Photo Editing Software — 11:00 am

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What is new with photo editing?
The software's value appears suffering due to major suppliers outsourcing most all phases of production including:

- creating software
- documenting
- distribution
- marketing
- manufacturing
- *just about everything*

Of course this leads to loss of esteemed presence of brands with meaningless marketing numbers disregarding technical needs.

These efforts reduce costs but will also remove the brand from former ability to relate to their users.

For the present, this means our duties must look harder for their solutions and being extra careful analyzing (actually beta testing) sold packages for errors and completing unfinished products.

We can mediate problems associated an incomplete product with our *sharing what we know – learning what we don't*.

Microsoft Access SIG —11:00 am



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TBD

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

Tuc Goodwin

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Chris Morgan
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In December, **Stephen Johnson** will present an introduction to web services; collections; and the universal web service that he developed. Come join us.

Microsoft Application Development Study Group SIG - 1:30 pm

Tom Perkins
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We are meeting with **.NET Developers** at 10 am for the foreseeable future.

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



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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In December, a **PowerShell Show and Tell** We will spend both hours covering topics and demonstrations that come up in informal discussion.

Windows Tips & Tricks — 9:00 - 12:00 am



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Open Q&A

If you have a 'troubled' system, contact Chuck or Gil for a possible 'live, no net' troubleshooting session.

Microsoft Excel – 8:00 am

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TBD

Windows Inside Out — 12:30 pm

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Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm

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TBD

Word — 10:00 am

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Creating a Macro

Have you ever been creating a Word document and asked yourself – “do I have to do this one step over and over and over again? Is there an easier way to do this?”

If you are looking for a way to automate frequent tasks, then you should come to our December Word Sig to learn how. Moreover, if you are not sure you repeat steps in Word that can be automated, then you definitely should come to the December Word Sig.

Word Macros won't brew a cup of coffee for you in the morning, but they will let you drink that cup of coffee and relax while they do the work.

Tuc Goodwin who is a co-leader of the .NET Developers/HTML SIG will be our guest speaker.

Investors - 1:30 pm

Gil Brand
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We will have our usual Q&A session. Bring your questions and experiences in investing and share with the group.

Access News from the Northwest

By Teresa Hennig

Access 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

Teresa's techniques and approaches can be applied to nearly any type of project. As many have experienced, Teresa welcomes comments and questions from the participants. So, as she shares the story line of creating the UI for some of her projects, she will tailor the discussion to demonstrate how to address some of your specific issues and needs.

We welcome remote membership and participation. So please pre-register to join our groups and meetings. We meet the third Wednesday of every month - mark your calendars.

To register for this or other presentations from the Seattle Access Group or the Pacific Northwest Access Group, please send an email to Teresa@DataDynamicsNW.com

(Alert!) MS Security Update Causes Major Performance ODBC Connections to SQL Server -- Note: Due to timing of the newsletter dissemination, the issue may be resolved or avoided by the time you read this.

You may want to share this with your IT support.

Reading through the updates, they have provided a temporary fix and are working with Microsoft to get the issue resolved.

I don't know that you would have a problem, but it seemed appropriate to pass the information along.

Security Update MS14-066 causes major performance problems in Microsoft

Access / SQL Server applications

<http://darrenmyher.wordpress.com/2014/11/13/security-update-ms14-066-causes-major-performance-in-microsoft-access-sql-server-applications/>

Tips and Discussions

Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) - what is it and tools *(Dec 2014)*

On Windows-based operating systems, WMI is the infrastructure for management data and operations. You can use WMI scripts or applications to supply management data to other parts of the operating system and products as well as to automate administrative tasks on remote computers. MSDN provides a brief overview, and Microsoft offers a free download for the **WMI Code Creator**, a helpful tool allows you to generate VBScript, C#, and VB .NET code that uses WMI to complete a management task such as querying for management

MSDN Link: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa394582%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>

WMI Code Creator - info and tool:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=8572>

As a fellow MVP put it, "it won't do your job for you, but it is certainly going to help. "

Thanks D.P.

Access Support Team Blog

... http://blogs.technet.com/b/the_microsoft_access_support_team_blog/

The Microsoft Access Support Team has a blog to share frequent topics and issues that they have encountered. Please visit their blog and share with others.

Access Web and Desktop Advice at vb123.com by Garry Robinson

... <http://www.vb123.com>

Garry hosts one of the best and biggest collections of articles, tips and demonstrations for Microsoft Access. He recently moved his site to Office 365 SharePoint site -- remapping and moving 600 pages, 150 pdf and 1000's of pictures. So things are probably not going to be perfect for a while. In addition to his collection, Garry has the EXCLUSIVE rights to distribute the content from Smart Access -- "THE" Access magazine from 1996 - 2006. You might also be lucky enough to win a copy of our Access 2013 book.

Right Click Context Menus - Creating Custom Command Bars

... <http://www.add-in-express.com/products/commandbars-controls-ids.php>

Add-in Express provides a free tool that allows you to view available commands and place them on custom command bars (aka popups, toolbars ...)

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

... www.AccessMVP.com

Several Access MVP are sharing resources and links through the website hosted by Arvin Meyer.

Sites to search for information and programming assistance

... www.mvps.org

... Access Developer Portal MSDN (<http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/office/aa905400.aspx> these provide database samples and tutorials provided by Access MVP and other experts.

... Office Developer Center on MSDN (<http://msdn.microsoft.com/office>)

And, we've been mentioning the newsgroups. You can search and drill through thousands of threads.

Utter Access Discussion Forum

... www.utteraccess.com/forums/index.ph

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!

A compilation of links to Access Resources

... www.cbcl.com/ms_access/

This site provides an impressive array of links to a variety of resources for Access developers and users.

Database Issue Checker

... <http://allenbrowne.com/> or
... <http://allenbrowne.com/AppIssueChecker.html>

Former Access MVP, Allen Browne offers 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.

Congratulations To Our November 2014 Raffle Winner

☀☀☀ **TOM ULASZEK** ☀☀☀

Proud Member Since 1984 !!



NTPCUG Member Websites

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

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

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

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Howard Lee Harkness http://amazopia.com	Bob Hawkins www.fairviewmicrowave.com
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Monthly NTPCUG Meeting Flyer – Can You Help Distribute?

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

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

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

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

With your help we can grow our Group and reach others who can **“Share what you know, learn what you don’t.”**

Where have you sent the November flyer?



Volunteering

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

Please consider volunteering for one of these - important jobs:

Information Desk — Charles Rem

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

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

Mentoring — Tom Sweet

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

Newsletter — Doug Gorrie, David Franke

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We need someone to step forward to help request and collect articles from SIG Leaders for the monthly flyer and the newsletter. No experience required -- training provided.

Renew Your NTPCUG Membership For “FREE”?

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 re-search 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 re-view/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

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
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NTPCUG Members	Half Price	

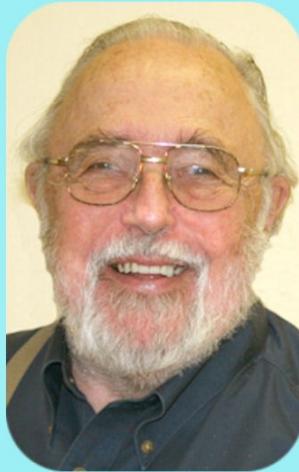


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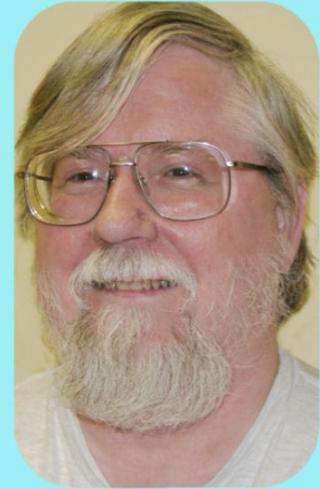
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- Send requests for information, contacts, or orders to: Advertising@ntpcug.org

NTPCUG 2014 Elected Officials

*Bill Drissel
President*



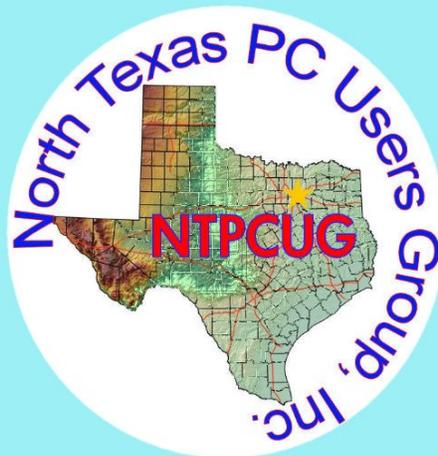
*Jesse Hastcoat
President-Elect*



Directors



Tuc Goodwin



*Chuck Stark
Treasurer*



Spike (Harold) Smith



Stuart Yarus



Sharon Dorsey

Emeritus Members

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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 2014

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Calendar

December 2014

January 2015

February 2015

Dec 20 8:00 am—2:30 pm

Jan 17 8:00 am—2:30 pm

Feb 21 8:00 am—2:30 pm

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