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by Bill Drissel

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Chuck Stark did great work coordinating our annual **Volunteers Thank You Dinner** held on May 25, . After dinner, everyone introduced themselves. Good food! Good company! Volunteers make the **North Texas PC Users Group** and **Computers for the Blind** possible. *Thanks, Chuck*.

Saturday June 18th will be our next meeting at Improving in Addison. The facilities are great. Good words to **Charles Rem** and his gang for adapting so well to our new venue. Thank the folks at the service desk and the SIG leaders who put on our programs.

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Improving
16633 Dallas Parkway, Suite 100. Addison, TX 75001

Improving is located on the southbound frontage road of the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) between Keller Springs and Trinity Mills. A map can be found on Google maps. Entry is from the west side of the building, opposite the Dallas North Tollway.

A few things to remember to help keep things running smooth at each meeting:

1. The building access doors are locked on Saturday's, so one of our volunteers will be there to let you in and direct you.
2. Once our members and guests/visitors enter, they must register with our InfoDesk inside. We (NTPCUG) are responsible for all our folks, so we must keep track of everyone that enters to attend our meeting. Once registered, our members and guests will be directed to the appropriate rooms.
3. As usual, pizza will arrive around 11:50 am, and will be placed in the large break-room area that **Improving** has provided.
4. Wi-Fi Internet access is built-in to the facility, and the InfoDesk can provide the password for everyone's use.

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Special Thanks to those that help put this newsletter together and edit the content:

- *David Franke*
- *Joli Ballew*

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Special Interest Groups (SIGs) ...
Sessions with presentations, discussion, and exchanges of information

HTPC/Home Automation – 8:00 am

Bill Parker
Bill.Parker at ntpcug.org

Home Theater (or Media) PCs and Home Automation come in an endless range of capability, complexity and price. Come join us as we cover this new & exciting area.

Home Automation covers everything from setting your thermostat to having your refrigerator order milk. Come join SIG leader Bill Parker as we set our direction for this SIG.

Powershell – 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Larry Weiss
LFW at airmail.net

Josh Miller
jmiller76 at gmail.com

In June, we will devote our entire time to answering your questions. So bring them along and we'll work out the answers together.

Excel — 8:00 am

Frank Tubbs

Excel SIG will not meet in June due to other commitments, but we will resume in July.

But if you, our members, wish to conduct a meeting & discuss Excel, we will meet you there and facilitate your meeting.

Windows Tips & Tricks — 9:00—11:00 am

Chuck Stark
chuck.stark at ntpcug.org

Gil Brand
GB9130 at Gmail.com

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

Making Money on the Internet — 9:00 am

Alan Lummus
Alan at bkmts.com

Interested in a "virtual assistant"? In June, **Howard Lee Harkness** will recap his experiences hiring and retaining a virtual assistant from the Philippines to help lower his costs and increase his productivity

Microsoft Application Development Study Group SIG - 10 am to Noon

Tom Perkins
TomPerki *at* Gmail.com

Chris Morgan
Chris.Morgan *at* ntpcug.org

Two presentations in June -- **Josh Miller** will discuss **Markdown**, a text --> HTML language especially useful for creating HTML "readme" files. The second session is "TBA" - either someone from the group will step up, or **Tom Perkins** will discuss the Entity Framework Code First methodology.

WORDS of Wisdom:
Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
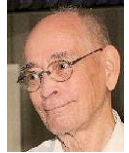
Internet — 11:00 am

Glynn Brooks
Glynn.Brooks *at* ntpcug.org

How to use Skype to communicate with other NTPCUG members.

Digital Photography — 10:00 am

Spike Smith, NCE
Harold.Smith *at* ntpcug.org

TBD

Word — 10:00 am

Sharon Dorsey
Sharon..Dorsey *at* ntpcug.org

Tabs – Turning Trouble into Terrific

Do tabs give you trouble? Do you get your information lined up but then you add new information and suddenly nothing is aligned? Come learn the secrets on how to create columns and lists for words and numbers using tabs.

Microsoft Access — 11:00 am

In the Access SIG this month, we'll dig deeper into tables, starting out with importing Excel data to create a table, to relationships and why enforce referential integrity.

Digital Photo Editing Software — 11:00 am

Spike Smith, NCE
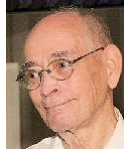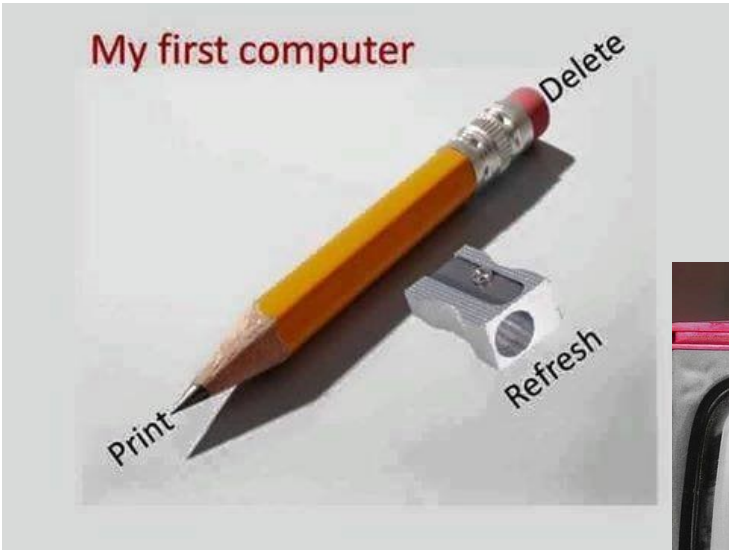Spike *at* spike-info.com

TBD

Windows Inside Out — 12:30 pm

Glynn Brooks
glynn.brooks *at* ntpcug.org

Excellent free utilities for Windows 10.

Wireless Communications — 12:30 pm

Birl Smith
birl.smith *at* ntpcug.org

In June, we will be discussing online and telephone scams. While scams originally targeted e-mail, the newer scams target social media (Facebook, Craig List, E bay, Let-go, and etc.

The newer scams include surveys, fake news, fake friends, fake friends, fake charities, fake debt. Bring your list of notable scams to the SIG.

My first computer
Delete
Refresh
Print

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

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 <u>one</u> 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.

Here are our current member sites:

Member & Website	*Member & Website*
Howard Lee Harkness	**Doug Gorrie**
http://amazopia.com	www.JanetGorrieInteriors.com
Bill Parker	**Fred Williams**
www.Partec.net	www.JFHequipment.com
Larry Weiss	**Sharon Dorsey**
https://sites.google.com/site/powershellsig	www.organizingelements.com

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 June 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
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.

NTPCUG has a Facebook and Twitter account.
Join us!

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
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 –
  - 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**
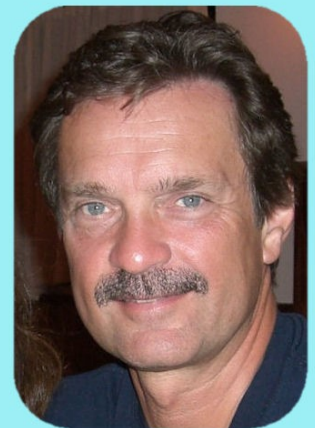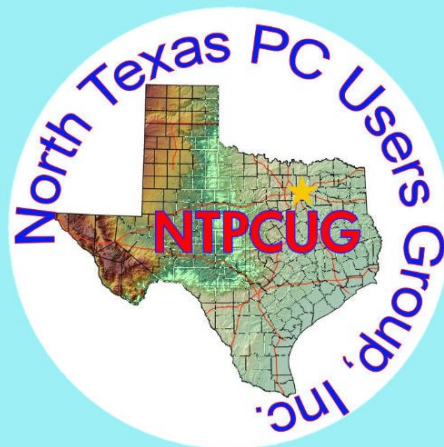
NTPCUG 2016 Elected Officials

Bill Drissel
President

Jesse Hastcoat
*President
-Elect*

Directors
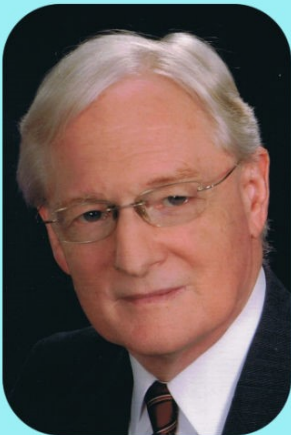
Gil Brand

Chuck Stark

Glynn Brooks

Lisa Katzenstein

Sharon Dorsey

Calendar

June 2016	July 2016	August 2016
June 18 8:00 am—1:30 pm	**July 16** 8:00 am—1:30 pm	**Aug 20** 8:00 am—1:30 pm

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