



*The most beautiful time of all the year,
As Summer ends, and Fall draws near.*

A Message from President Ray Hockstad



Welcome to the new season for your Computer Club, it has been a rather long and hot summer break and will feel good to get back into the routine. Not to mean that the summer has been dead and dull. It certainly has not been! Your Club and its many volunteers have been very busy upgrading most of the equipment in the Club. The classroom is nearly completely new utilizing new Macs capable of running multiple operating systems including Windows XP, Vista and the new 7 and the Apple system. There will only be a screen (the computer surrounds the screen), and a keyboard and mouse for each platform at each student position relieving the congestion of the past years.

Your Club along with all of Sun City Grand is celebrating Oktoberfest this

October 9th. This will be quite a day with over 200 vendors, food and entertainment. Do not fail to stop by the Clubrooms in the Chaparral Center to see all the new equipment mentioned above. And bring a friend along to show them the advantages of Club membership.

(Con't on p. 2 "Message")

**Grand Computer Club
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 6th
1:00 P.M.
in the Gila Room
of the Cimarron Center**



("Message" con't from p. 1)

Again this season your Club is sponsoring special Coffee Chat events that are open to all Sun City Grand residents as well as Club members. These events are to encourage the use of computers by everyone interested. They are held the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM in the Hopi Room at the Chaparral Center. This October's topic will be "Introduction of the Computer Club" which will provide an overview of the Computer Club and it's Special Interest Groups which includes Compose Yourself, Genealogy, New Technologies, Mac, Financial Education, Graphics. Class offerings and on-line enrollment procedures will be explained. Find out how our weekly Tech Help Desk can assist you with your computer problem.

Two positions on your Board of Directors were vacated this past summer. Diana Lundquist, our previous Treasure, passed away rather suddenly early in the summer. We all were greatly saddened by Loren's and our loss. Ron Underwood has volunteered to take over the position of Treasurer. With Diana's sudden death, there were a number of items that needed to be transferred to Ron that took a lot of investigation and work to accomplish, not the least of which were hidden passwords, PayPal accounts and Quicken data. Ron has done a marvelous job getting this all done. Our Technology Director, Jeff Taylor, has found that he will be staying in California most of the time and not be available as

much as he should be, so has resigned. Ted Gray, previously a Mac Tech Assistant, has stepped up to take the position. Ted, even before being formally appointed, has been busy most of the summer helping to make the big changeover in the classroom. Thanks Ted!!

Both men have been appointed by me to fulfill those positions for the rest of the year. Both have accepted and their appointments, and have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Raymond Hockstad
President

Nominations for the Grand Computers Board of Directors for 2011 are shown below:

President:	Loren Lundquist
Vice President:	Joyce Kloncz
Secretary:	Gale McCall
Treasurer:	Ron Underwood
Tech Director:	Ted Gray
Education Director:	John Nuerenberg
Membership Director:	Gretel Coursol
Monitor Director:	Bill Remling
Immediate Past President:	Ray Hockstad
Historian (Non-Elected):	Sharon Hoobler
Web Master (Non-Elected):	Bob Crawford

Nominations may be made from the floor at the November 3 General Meeting, with election being December 1st. We thank the nominating committee of **Jim Geffre, Chair**, Sharon Hoobler, Don Exner, and Ken Raske

Membership Update October 2010



On Sept. 1, Grand Computers had over 1000 members. 176 of those are Mac users. As of July 1 and through to the end of the year, the fee for membership is only \$10 as opposed to our regular rate of \$20. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this bargain rate as a way to try out our Club. There is so much to learn and our instructors make it easier than you would think. It is very easy to join or renew on our website using PayPal. If you know anyone who does not yet have e-mail, please suggest they join the Club, then call me at 214-7999. We can open a new e-mail account for them absolutely free. For returning members, please remember that entry to the Club is driven by your CAM number. If you have moved, we need to have your new number in the system in order for you to enter the Club. You can call me with that information or leave a note at the monitor's desk.

Fall/Winter Registration for Computer Classes

2010 Fall/Winter classes at the Grand Computers Club will be available for viewing online Friday October 1. Residents can see descriptions for all courses offered by Grand Computers by logging onto the website www.grandcomputers.org and selecting **Education**, followed by **Course Listing**.

Online registration will begin at 9:00 AM October 12. Directions on how to register online are available on the website, by selecting **Education** and then **Register Online**. To register in person, check in at Apache Room in the Chaparral Center, at 9:00 AM Saturday, October 16.

Membership must be up-to-date for those registering for classes. *To become a member* of Grand Computers, on the above website, select **Member Application** and follow the directions from there. *Members renewing* their membership should click the Member Login button and log in*, you will see a link that says, "Click here to renew using Pay Pal". Or you may renew at the Computer Room. As of July 1 the cost of a Membership is \$10, and memberships are effective through December 31, 2010. Beginning January 1, 2011 dues return to \$20 for the year.

We will also hold free 1/2 hour seminars every half hour from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 12, and Wednesday, October 13. Just drop in and learn how to 1.) renew your club membership; 2.) how to register for a class(es); and 3.) how to pay for anything through PayPal, the secure method of paying for products and services purchased online.

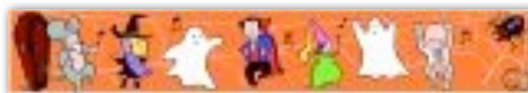
*Your Member ID is all 7 digits of your CAM number. Your Password is your first name, with the first letter capitalized, plus the first four digits of your CAM number with no space between.



October Coffee Chat

Oct. 14, 8:30 AM
Hopi Room,
Chaparral Center

This month's topic for the Coffee Chat will consist of an Introduction of the Computer Club which will include an overview of the computer club, its special interest groups, class offerings, and online enrollment procedures. There will be a Q & A session to kick off the new season.



Oktoberfest (Saturday, October 9)



Come to the Computer Club during Oktoberfest to see the newly arranged club rooms. Many displays will be available for the visitor to see the opportunities of being a club member, from genealogy, investments, memoir writing, image manipulation, and more than 100 classes taught by more than 40 instructors. The displays and club room will be open from 9 am to 4 pm on October 9. The computer club is located in the Chaparral Center. There will be a welcome table located in front of the door.

Bits and Pieces

Request for Laptops



Jim Geffre is still in need of your old XP laptop that you may have tucked away somewhere in your home collecting dust. To date Jim has rebuilt and given to students in area schools 28 computers, but more are needed. Jim would like the laptops to have windows XP on them. Please include the restore disks if you have them. The power cord is also very important to have with the laptop. Jim puts in new hard drives if needed, adds memory to at least 1GB, adds Word or Open Office and sets them up with Juno, 10 hours free for a dial up service. If your old laptop works or not PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT!!! You can contact Jim at:

623-544-3394 or geffre1949@yahoo.com

NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.



NEED A LAUGH TODAY?



Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



"I don't get it. We've checked every circuit and it still won't boot."



Online Security Tips for safeguarding you and your computer

WOULD YOU HAND OVER your credit card to a stranger at the shopping mall? If you ignore basic online security precautions when using your computer, you're taking a similar risk.

"One of the biggest mistakes that people make is assuming they don't have anything of value on their computer," says Tony Bradley, a computer-security authority and syndicated writer for *PC World* magazine. But anything on your computer's hard drive—including the credit card numbers you use to make online purchases—is accessible to savvy computer hackers, Bradley cautions.

Experts say novice computer users often make a critical mistake early: They buy a new computer, plug it in and start surfing the Internet without first ensuring that proper security is in place. A few minutes online are enough time for malicious software, known as *malware*, to invade your system.

While the prime security culprits once were viruses that attacked and destroyed a computer's contents, today's threats are more insidious.

Malware can infect your computer without your knowledge and secretly record your keystrokes and passwords. That's one form of what's called *phishing*. Another phishing tactic is dissemination of an e-mail message that looks official, such as from a bank or credit card company, but it actually activates a form of malware when you open the e-mail or click on the link it contains.

Yet another invader is a *bot*, which enlists your computer as part of a giant online network to spread malware. "Once it's in, it's no longer your computer. It's 'their' computer sitting in your house, and it can be controlled remotely by the bad guys," explains

Roger Thompson, chief research officer for AVG, a producer of computer-security software.

You can avoid these online dangers by taking security precautions. Here are some steps that will help protect your computer and you:

- **Install security software.** AVG (www.avg.com) offers a free version of its security suite. There are several other brands, including Norton, McAfee and avast!.

- **Install a firewall**, which is software designed to stop unwanted traffic from infiltrating your system. "The firewall says, 'Hey! We didn't ask for you, and you can't come in,'" Bradley explains. Some security packages and computer operating systems include a firewall, and some don't. Recent versions of Microsoft Windows and Apple Macintosh OS X include a firewall.

- **Keep your computer's operating system up to date.** If your system offers automatic online updates, sign up or apply them.

- **Don't open e-mails from anyone you don't know.** About 97 percent of e-mail traffic today is "spam"—a useless solicitation or, worse, an avenue used by hackers to deliver malware. "You don't have a secret admirer," Thompson says. "If it's an e-mail from somebody you don't know, delete it immediately, or there will be a new name for you, and that name will be victim." Never buy anything from a spam e-mail, he adds. "That just encourages them."

- **Use a variety of passwords.** When creating a password, use a combination of letters (including random capitalization) and numbers.



Just A Reminder 

- Oct. 1 - Classes posted online
- Oct. 6 - Grand Computers General Meeting 1:00 PM
- Oct. 9 - Oktoberfest
- Oct. 11-Online Registration for Volunteers 9:00 AM
- Oct. 12 & 13 - How to Register for Classes Online
- Oct. 12 - Online General Registration 9:00 AM
- Oct. 14 - Coffee Chat 8:30 AM
- Oct. 15 - Registration for Volunteers at Club 4:00 PM
- Oct. 16 - General Registration/Apache Room 9:00 AM
- Oct. 20 - Classes begin

Tips for Techies

Add these to your Computer Tips list:



PC Users: Win+Down arrow will minimize the window/Restore the window if it's maximized.

Mac Users: To create a fraction type 21/2, highlight the 1/2, hold the Command key and strike the minus sign until fraction is desired size.
2 1/2



Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

If you are a member of the GCC, you may attend any of these SIG meetings.



Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

October 18

Topic: Memoir Writing

Place: Aqua Fria Room, Cimarron (Oct.-May)
Computer Classroom, Chaparral (Jun-Sep)

Contact: Robert Heskin, 975-4035

CY@grandcomputers.org



New Technologies SIG

Provides members with a forum for the open discussion of technologically advanced ideas

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 PM

October 20

Topic: Using Media Center in Windows 7

Place: Mesquite Room, Sonoran Plaza

Contact: Joe Parla

NewTech@grandcomputers.org



Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum for researching family history

Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month (Oct-May)

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

October 7

Topic: Publishing Reports in Legacy

Place: Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, 398-8900

Genealogy@grandcomputers.org



Grand Mac SIG

Provides members a forum for Mac users and for classes on the Mac computer

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month (Oct-Apr)

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

October 18

Topic: Overview of Classes, WI-Fi gadgets

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Kloncz, 215-2397

Mac@grandcomputers.org



Graphics SIG

Provides club members a forum to discuss graphic applications

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

October 14, 2010

Topic: Learn How to Use Slide Scanning/Video Transfer Equipment Available in the Computer room

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Rita Scarbeck, 748-8992

Graphics@grandcomputers.org



Financial Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for financial education

Meetings: 4th Friday of each month (Oct - May)

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

October 22, 2010

Topic: Asset Allocation

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Cliff Jacobson, 466-8700

Investments@grandcomputers.org