

Emerald Coast Computer Society  
Mainframe  
May 2008

Attention ECCS Members and Guests!  
May 1, 2008 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach City Library  
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach  
Thursday May 1, 2008

6:30 PM Social and Snack Time  
7:00 PM Business Meeting & Program

Main Presentation by  
Jackie Youngblood  
“Digital Magic Using  
Photoshop Elements 6”



## Prez Sezs

Dear ECCS Members,

Greetings to all of you! Our President, Lendy Edwards and his wife, Sue left for Australia on April 6. He left his laptop computer at home so I can't confirm but I imagine he and Sue are enjoying the beauty and culture of Australia. This was a very special trip for Lendy since it is a re-union with former squadron members of a unit that served together in the Air Force a few years ago. Lendy will be back for our May meeting. Before he left the Prez Sezs, "Lois will you please do the May Mainframe?" I said, "yes." So folks, here goes!

It's hard to believe that May will be here so soon. Didn't we just start the new year of 2008! Spring—the time of year to clean out the flower beds, prepare the soil and plant some flowers! Then we bring out the bug and weed sprays to keep these flowers from being infested with unwanted and harmful pests. What an analogy that can have for us as computer users. It's time to make sure your computer stays healthy and will not be harmed or destroyed by the vicious and malicious worms, viruses, spyware, Trojan horses, zombies, phishing, and pharming, just to mention a few! It isn't good when your computer shuts off unexpectedly and worse yet if it dies. It is extremely important that you install an antivirus utility, anti-spyware, and a firewall on your computer and that you use and regularly update them. Also, keep your Web browser, Windows and all security software current with the latest updates, service packs and free upgrades. Take advantage of automatic updating tools whenever they are available. Security should be a major concern for computer users as never before. Don't forget to scan and de-frag your computer and to make regular back-ups. Check out your May 2008 Smart Computing magazine for some great information on the topic.

**SPRING INTO ACTION-- DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!**



## MAY MEETING PRESENTATION

You won't want to miss this meeting when Jackie Youngblood, who holds a Computer Graphics degree and currently works for Color Reproduction as a graphic artist, will share some digital magic you won't want to miss. Those of you who attended Jackie's workshop at the NWFACUG EXPO in January know what a hit her workshop was. She will be sharing with us some of the many ways to manipulate, improve and enhance digital photos

### EMPTIES4CASH PROJECT

Please remember to keep saving your used ink cartridges and bring them to our meeting each month. It is certainly a worthwhile project for the club financially, as well as keeping them out of the landfills. If you have any questions about this project please contact Jack Culwell.

### SMART COMPUTING MAGAZINE

Smart Computing magazine is written in plain English and is very easy to understand and apply the information. It is one of the finest computing magazines available. When you subscribe or renew your subscription make sure that our ECCS group gets credit for it. If you call your order in be sure to mention that you want our club to have credit. (800) 733-3809. This insures that our club is getting the most FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS it possibly can! Remember that for every five subscriptions we will receive 1 free one. We have used these as door prizes, thank you gifts, etc.

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Reminder: Some of you need to pay your 2008 dues to retain membership. This will be the last *Mainframe* sent to you if you do not update your membership with payment of \$20.00. We really want you to continue your membership with us. Thanks.

See you all at the meeting! Lois Vosmera

## **EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY**

### **Minutes of the General Meeting**

April 3, 2008

The Emerald Coast Computer Society was called to order by President Lendy Edwards at approximately 7 PM on Thursday, April 3, 2008, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, after 30 minutes of social time, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

“Frick’s Tricks” presented by Bill for the mini-program, provided timely tips about security for your computer entitled “Anti-Virus Programs Are Not Enough”.

President Lendy Edwards welcomed all who were present and thanked those who had helped set up the room. The prearranged room for Jennifer Kepple’s program for Friday served our function very well, too. Kay Chin brought in the refreshments and he was reimbursed.

There were 18 members and 2 guests present. Our guests were Emogene Nichols, who joined this evening, Emogene’s daughter Charlene Thompson and, Lydia Antanovich, guest of Terry Stewart.

Treasurer Lois Vosmera’s report was approved as published in the *Mainframe*.

Minutes of March 6 meeting were accepted as published in the *Mainframe* and sent to all members.

At the request of President Edwards, Alex has accomplished the annual audit for 2007 and read the report of it to the meeting attendees. Alex also made a motion to compensate Lois, in the amount of \$25, for her effort, time, and supplies that she put into keeping the books during the year and for the expert report she provided. The motion was seconded, and it and the audit were approved and accepted.

Lendy reminded that the membership fee was due and payable.

The history of the 25-year-old Club can be read on the Web site under the History tab.

The Pot of Gold went to Alex Ginzburg for \$13.

The sign-up sheet was again available for those wishing to choose a month in which to be responsible for furnishing all refreshments---snacks, soft drinks and ice; coffee by Lois and Lendy. Open months are: June, October and November. A month in which we hold our picnic has not been decided. Also we will have the Anniversary Celebration (maybe in lieu of a picnic). December will be our Christmas Party. The picnic and Christmas Party are sponsored by the Society, and everyone pitches in. May 2008 has been spoken for by Alex Ginzburg and Millie Williams.

In May, Jackie Youngblood will present Editing Digital Photos using *Photoshop Elements6*.

*No Board Meeting this month; however the committee for the Anniversary Celebration will meet Monday, April 14 at Westwood.*

The April main program was presented by Lloyd Battiste about Email (Outlook Express), following Lendy's adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Bernice Cramer

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## "Vista" User Computer Tips

By Lois Vosmera

It is different and I have had to learn new ways to do old things with the Vista Operating System. You have all heard pros and cons about the system but I think the major problem has been the idea of change. People resist change and sometimes that is good, other times not so good. Some of the "bugs" in the system are being addressed by the very large Vista Service Pack that is ready for public release.

I am actually enjoying some of those new things in Vista as I discover and learn how to use them. Two of the "new" things in Vista and a brief description are listed below.

## Instant Search Box

Allows you to search the Start Menu to find programs, files, folders, or hardware, etc. Just click the START button, click the SEARCH box, begin typing a word or part of a word. As you type, programs and files that match your text appear on the Start menu. You don't have to press Enter. You get instantaneous results!

## Windows Sidebar and Gadgets

Windows sidebar is a pane on the side of the Windows Vista desktop that gives you quick access to all kinds of gadgets. Gadgets are mini-applications that can connect to Web services or integrate with many other applications, such as viewing your calendar, or giving you quick access to news headlines, slides shows, weather information, traffic maps, Internet radio streams, and slide shows of online photo albums. Windows Vista comes with a set of gadgets to get you started. However, you can easily download more gadgets from an online gadget gallery.