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Our August Program Will Feature Tablet Computers

The Mountain Computer User Group will present a program on tablet computers for the August 12th meeting. The most popular of these devices have been the I-Pads, Kindles, Windows 8 and Android machines. They have soared in popularity in recent years with many consumers wondering whether they should buy such a device and, if so, which one best suits their needs. This program will explain the advantages of using a tablet rather than a traditional computer or laptop and review the current market. The features of the different types and brands will be compared.

The program will be presented by Jim Bell and John Yandell, past presidents of MCUG and avid tablet users.

There will be regular door prizes for members. As always, if you bring a guest, you will get an additional door prize ticket. There will be the sale of raffle tickets for the August/September \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card. They sell for \$3.00 each, two for \$5.00, or seven for \$10.00. Please support your club by purchasing some.

Next month's regular meeting will be on September 9th.

Wilson Lecture Hall (Room 201)

Goolsby Building

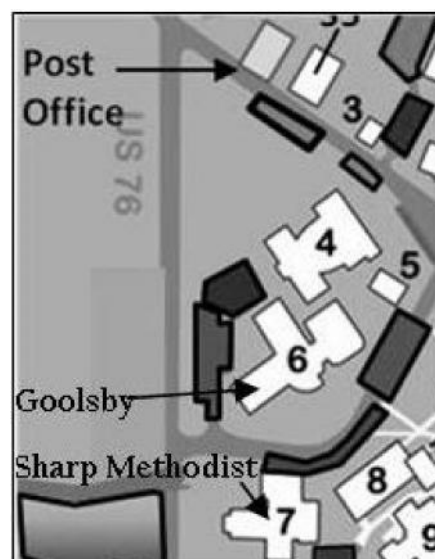
Young Harris College

Young Harris, GA

6:00PM - 6:45PM Question and Answer Session

6:50PM - 7:00PM Meeting

7:00PM - 8:00PM Program



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MCUG Monthly Meeting Schedule

The regular monthly meeting of the Mountain Computer User Group (MCUG) is held on the second Monday of every month, at 6 p.m. for Q&A and 7:00 p.m. for the business meeting and program, in the Wilson Lecture Hall (Room 201) of the Goolsby Building on the campus of Young Harris College in Young Harris, GA.

All regular monthly meetings and SIGs are open to everyone regardless of membership status.

MCUG Membership

Annual dues are \$24 and extend membership privileges to two (2) members of a household. Membership privileges include: special discounts on vendor products, access to products for evaluation and review, and association with a great bunch of people.

Affiliation

The Mountain Computer User Group is a member of APCUG, a nonprofit international organization dedicated to promoting communications between PC user groups and the computer industry.

Group Purpose

The Mountain Computer User Group is a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational organization without corporate or vendor affiliation. Its purpose is the encouragement and advancement of computer information and knowledge through "users helping users".

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A young businessman had just started his own firm. He'd rented a beautiful office and furnished it with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office.

Wishing to appear busy, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working.

He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments.

Finally he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?"

The man said, "Sure. I've come to install the phone!"

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A father believed that his son was spending way too much time playing computer games.

In an effort to motivate the boy into focusing more attention on his schoolwork, the father said to his son, "When Abe Lincoln was your age, he was studying books by the light of the fireplace."

The son pointed out, "When Lincoln was your age, he was The President of The United States."

George Donegan Annual Summer Picnic Pictures



BITS & PCs

New in Factory Package Dell Printer

Series 23 (X752N) color cartridges

Five available @ \$5.00 ea. If you buy all five, you get free one black and one color that were opened but not used.

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TOM'S TIPS

Passphrases, Not Passwords

For an interesting twist to computing, why not try using phrases for passwords. They will be easier to remember and probably more difficult to hack. Numbers, punctuation marks, mathematical signs and upper and lower case letters may be used to complicate the hacking process. You may want to use a phrase about your grandkids such as "My Johnny has a \$20.00 per hour job offer!" or "Beth is a straight "A" student at GaTech". The opportunities are endless. And if you are hacked, then the whole world may be in danger.

Documents Destruction Dates for 2013

It is that time again. The Document Destruction Events and Electronic Recycling Events are scheduled. TVs are accepted for a \$10.00 charge because it costs this much to recycle due to the high amount of mercury in the glass. All other electronics are free but a \$5.00 per car volunteer donation is requested and all donations will be going to the Mountain Animal Shelter.



Over the last three years over \$1500.00 was collected for the Shelter. We wish to thank our partners, Document Destruction Service and Atlanta Recycling Solutions for working to provide these services.

The event will be held at the corner of Timberline Road and Hwy 76 at the edge of Young Harris College grounds. Towns and Union residents can bring their documents and electronics to the above place on October 26, 2013 from 10:00 till noon.

The items that will be accepted are personal computers, floppy disk drives, CD-ROMs, circuit boards, PC power supplies, keyboards, mouse/mice, PC monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, stereos/VCR or CD players, typewriters, test equipment, networking equipment, modems, UPS batteries, cell phones, scanners, microwaves or cabling.

The items that will not be accepted are console/projection TVs, washers/dryers, vacuum cleaners, humidifiers, car batteries, toaster ovens, de-humidifiers, gas powered tools, tires, battery powered tools, freezers, blenders, household trash, mixers or ovens.

Please help speed up the line by removing all cabling from your devices and bag them separately.

Thank You for recycling.



HOW THE INTERNET STARTED

(according to a new discovery in Bible scholarship)

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dorothy.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder, and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums.

And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham.

And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

This is surely true.

Review: Voyager S3 Drive Dock

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If you have a desktop computer and have had to change or add a new hard drive, you know what a task that is. Getting to the insides of the computer is the first challenge - mine is under the desk, so I have to disconnect all the cables and move the computer out where I can work on it. Then you have to fish around and remove the old drive, mount and connect the new one, and then put everything back together.



The voyager S3 Drive Dock saves you a lot of time and effort. It requires a SATA drive, and attaches to your computer with USB 3.0. You insert your drive in the dock, turn the dock on and you are in business. It appears in Explorer as just another drive and can be used as any other drive. Using it to back up the system is really convenient. Just start your backup software, select the destination and go. What could be easier?

Since the computer connection is USB, you can swap drives in the dock without having to turn the computer off - just plug and play!

While the dock is useful for a desktop, it's even better for a laptop. To replace the

hard drive in a laptop means opening the base, removing tiny screws, and then installing the replacement. Again, the dock is a breeze to use with a laptop. You

are simply adding a hard drive instead of replacing one.



The box comes with a brief User Manual, the dock itself, which has a slot for a 2.5" drive, and a hinged flap for a 3.5" drive, a power cord and transformer and a USB 3.0 cable that is backward compatible with USB 2.0.

The dock itself has a power button, which supplies power to the SATA drive, an activity LED, which also serves to show when power is on, and a drive eject button. No drivers are required. This is a handy solution to having an additional hard drive easily accessible, with the ability to swap out multiple drives for either your desktop or your laptop.

About: Voyager S3 Drive Dock, Vendor: Newer Tech, www.newertech.com Price: \$35

Attention MCUG Members MCUG Needs Your Help

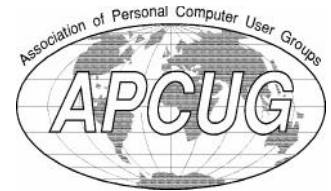
As we come off of a successful George Donegan Annual Summer Picnic, the MCUG members must start thinking about next year's MCUG Board. Our by-laws require that next year's Board be elected at the November member meeting. The Board slate is to be presented by the Nominating Committee to the members at the election meeting. In September the Nominating Committee is to be appointed by the President. Technical prowess is NOT a requirement for any of the positions.

The Nominating Committee is supposed to be led by someone not on the Board and is responsible for finding candidates from the membership. Here's where MCUG needs your help. We need someone to step forward to head the Nominating Committee and two or three additional members to be part of the committee.

After the committee has formed, they will need people to run for the following offices -President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Director I, and Director III. Current members of the Board may run for open positions, however at least two of the board positions will be need to be filled from the current membership.

Responsibilities of the various Board positions can be found on the MCUG website (mcug.org) in the Constitution and By-Laws link on the "About Us" page. The simple summary:

- Attend Board meetings held at 10:00AM Young Harris Library on the Wednesday before the monthly membership meeting.
- Vote on policy changes and other items brought before the board.
- Decide and approve the member monthly meeting programs.
- Decide and approve the raffle prizes and door prizes.
- Review and approve meeting minutes.
- Determine and review MCUG expenses.
- Assist in planning events (Christmas Charity Auction and George Donegan Annual Summer Picnic).



As a strictly volunteer non-profit organization, we are dependent on one another to keep this organization going. Without a Board we will have problems in getting a quorum to keep MCUG going. Please consider asking to be on the Board and Nominating Committee, by letting any current board member of your interest or sending an e-mail to mcugusers@gmail.com. Please feel free to attend any of the MCUG Board meetings Aug 7 or Sep 4 at 10:00AM in the Young Harris Library. All board meetings are open to public.

Thank you in advance,

Randy Gehring

President

Mountain Computer User Group

August 2013 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 National Watermelon Day
4 U. S. Coast Guard Day	5	6	7 MCUG Board Meeting	8	9 Book Lovers Day	10
11	12 MCUG Mtg Q&A 6:00 Mtg 6:50 Program 7:00	13	14	15 Last Day To Submit Articles !	16	17
18	19 Aviation Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 National Dog Day	27	28	29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day	30	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!!!

Jim Bell 08/14

George Woodberry 08/14

Mikele Carter 08/31



Jack and Betty Lang 08/23/1952 61 yrs
 Roger and Dorothea LeRoy 08/06/1954 59 yrs
 Howard and Rita Delorme 08/30/1958 55 yrs
 Paul and Carolyn Filer 08/30/2003 10 yrs
 Tom and Betty Shope 08/27/2008 05 yrs

