

VCC WORKSHOP THIS FRIDAY

The *Villages Computer Club* will meet at 1 p.m. Friday Feb 24th at **Lake Miona** Recreation Center.

This week there will be a **workshop** with *Skype, Facebook, Learning Resources, Basics, iDevices, Nook, Kindle, AOL, and General Questions.*

There will be refreshments, 50/50, and door prizes. Look for more detail at thevillagescomputerclub.com.

If you have any questions, email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com.

A Word of Caution Re Offers of Cheap Phone Services

I'm always open to saving a buck and it gripes me no end to pay \$50 for a home phone in order to use DSL.

The alternatives are to pay Centurlink to provide a line just for DSL but the cost for that is almost the amount I'm paying for the luxury of a home phone, so that doesn't appeal to me. Another alternative is to switch to Comcast cable but I didn't like it when I tried it before switching to DSL when Sprint brought it to The Villages. Besides it's more expensive than the deal I now have with Centurlink for phone and DSL.

I did get rid of about \$70 bucks when I dropped my 2 cell phones and became cell user on my daughter's cell phone service with T-Mobile.

Recently Magic jack has been advertising big time their Magic Jack Plus which does not have to be connected to your computer. It is connected to electrical outlet and via ethernet cable to your router. \$29.95/yr with a 5 year plan for \$99. Well that seemed like the think I'd been looking for....I purchased the 5 year plan only to learn that the phone numbers available to me was outside the cities that are within our local calling area. This meant that everyone who called my Magic Jack Plus # would have to first dial a 1 meaning long distance even if they lived next door. The call would be routed via Gainesville, Fl which is long distance from The Villages. So I cancelled.

Sticky Notes Win 7

We all need reminders and Win 7 has provided Sticky Notes for us.

1. Click Start...all programs
2. Scroll to Accessories and click it and you'll find Sticky Notes
3. Click Sticky Notes and it'll appear on the top right of your page. You can drag it wherever you prefer.
4. Click the + in the top left corner to add another sticky note.
5. Rightclick the sticky note and select a different color for each.

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AOL Email Text & Background Color,etc.

You want to change the text color or the background color of a particular email? You can use the email task bar, but I find it easier to just rightclick on a blank place on the email form to bring up a dropdown menu that includes many choices. This works for both AOL and Outlook Express.

Note: After AOL 9.0 AOL Preference settings was changed to just 'Settings' and no more button to change the page color in an email.

AOL Unified INBOX or NEW/OLD View

[Click here: AOL Mail](#)

IF you switched to the new Unified Inbox, you can switch back to the New/Old view:

1. Click Keyword and type in MAILBOX SWITCH
2. Click GO
3. Click the Switch to NEW/OLD button.
You will receive a prompt that, "Your mailbox has changed back to New/Old.
4. Sign off AOL, close the AOL program and then Restart AOL and sign online and you should see the list.

Note: Read email in the old view NEW/OLD is kept in the NEW Mail only a limited number of days.

If you switch to the Unified Inbox view, your email will remain in the New Mail even though read, until YOU delete it.

AOL Features - Click below

AOL 9.6 but works for most versions of AOL

[Click here: AOL Settings](#)

Click Settings A-Z for specific instructions on operation of features

If you are an AOL user, it is highly recommended that you print and save the instructions below

AOL Clean Install

First go to www.AOL.com and download the version of AOL that you wish to install. The download button is at the bottom of the page. Click SAVE rather than RUN and save the file to the desktop or to a folder on your hard drive.

- A. UNINSTALL versions of AOL SOFTWARE that are on your computer and reinstall AOL**
To do a clean install of the AOL software, which prevents problems in one copy of AOL from being carried over to the new copy, you should uninstall all versions of AOL (be sure to follow the onscreen instructions to backup your information). Then install AOL again.

It is recommended that you save the Organize folder from the version of AOL that you've been using before uninstalling all versions of AOL. This folder contains the Address book, Favorites and all email folders in the Personal File Cabinet (PFC).

Save Organize Folder

1. Click the AOL icon in the startup tray and select System Information.(or click Start...all programs...AOL...System Information).
2. Click Utilities and select Close AOL.
3. Click AOL Software and select Open Data Folder.
4. Rightclick the Organize Folder in the aol version you've most recently used and select Copy.
5. Open the Desktop, rightclick and select Paste to paste the Organize folder on the desktop in case you need it later.
- 6.

B. UNINSTALL THE AOL SOFTWARE USING THE AOL UNINSTALLER

Go to the Control Panel and click Add/Remove Programs.

1. Scroll down and click the AOL UNINSTALLER then click the CHANGE/REMOVE button. It will search for all AOL versions. (some are listed in control panel as coach)
2. Select all AOL Versions and click REMOVE
3. Leave the checks in the boxes to save the Download Files and PFC
4. Click the YES button.
5. Click the RESTART button to restart your computer.
6. After the computer restarts, place the AOL CD in the CD drive or locate and doubleclick the version you downloaded before starting the uninstall.

NOTE: If the installation starts automatically, skip to step 10 below. If the installation does not

start automatically, or if you are installing from a download rather than the CD, follow all the steps below.

7. Select the CURRENT MEMBER.
8. Select ADDING EXISTING AOL ACCOUNT TO THIS COMPUTER, then click the NEXT.
12. The installation will run.
13. The box will pop up for you to enter your screen name and password. Click Sign on.
14. The AOL software will search for a way for you to connect to the Internet. Select Broadband unless you are using AOL dialup

Restore the Organize Folder to the new AOL program version.

1. First, rightclick the Organize folder you stored on the desktop from the last used version of AOL, and select Copy.
2. Click the AOL icon in the startup tray and select System Information.
3. Click Utilities and select Close AOL.
4. Click AOL Software and select Open Data Folder.
5. Look for the new version of AOL in the left column, rightclick it and select PASTE. You'll get a message that an Organize folder already exists, do you wish to replace it with this Organize folder. Click YES.
6. Restart your computer.
When you open the new version of AOL, you should find the PFC looking just as it did in the version of AOL that you just uninstalled.

IF you forgot to save the Organize folder but did leave the check in the Downloaded files and Saved Files, these will be saved by AOL to the desktop, you can use those to restore the PFC to the new version of AOL. But it is better to save the organize folder and then replace the new organize folder with the one saved from previous vesion of AOL.

Restore AOL Saved PFC and Saved Files

NOTE: In order to manually copy filing cabinets to and from the AOL software, you must first ensure that AOL has been closed.

1. Click START, select ALL PROGRAMS, select the AMERICA ONLINE folder, then click AOL SYSTEM INFORMATION.
2. Click OK.
3. Click the UTILITIES tab.
4. Scroll down to the AOL Utilities section, click Close AOL.

A. Restore the AOL Filing Cabinet Files

1. On the Windows Desktop, double-click the AOL SAVED PFC folder.
2. Double-click the AMERICA ONLINE folder.
3. Right-click the ORGANIZE folder, then select COPY.
4. Click the X in the upper-right corner of all folders opened in the previous steps.
5. Click START, select ALL PROGRAMS or PROGRAMS, select AMERICA ONLINE, then

click AOL SYSTEM INFORMATION.

6. Click OK.
7. Click the AOL tab.
8. Click OPEN DATA FOLDER.
9. Right-click the AMERICA ONLINE folder, then click PASTE.
10. Click YES TO ALL to replace the existing ORGANIZE folder.
11. On the AOL System Information window, click CLOSE.

B. Restore the AOL Saved Files

1. On the Windows Desktop, double-click the AOL SAVED FILES folder.
2. Double-click the AMERICA ONLINE folder.
3. Right-click the DOWNLOAD folder, then select COPY.
4. Close each folder by clicking on the X in the upper-right corner.
5. Click START, then click MY COMPUTER.

AOL Dialup Users

AOL Keyword: Access Numbers

Select UNITED STATES unless you live outside the USA.

In the next window, type the area code of your location, such as (352) and then look for the Leesburg, FL number/numbers listed there.

Since some numbers in the 352 area code have a charge of \$0.25 per call, be sure you select a number that is free in your calling area.

For instance, from my address in the Villages, it costs \$0.25 to call a number in Belleview. But I can call a Travares number which is much further without a charge as it is a local number for me in Lake County.

Botnet

What is a BOTNET?

Botnet is a jargon term for a collection of 'bad' software robots, or bots, which run autonomously. The word is generally used to refer to a collection of compromised machines running programs (usually referred to as worms, Trojan horses, or backdoors) This can also refer to the network of computers using distributed computing software.

Facebook Account Deleted Permanently

Facebook offers two options for those who want to get rid of their account. The first one is to deactivate it, and the second one is to permanently delete it.

Deactivating your account

When you deactivate your account, your profile and all its associated information are immediately made inaccessible to other Facebook users. Although this means that you effectively disappear from the service, your information will remain saved by Facebook so that you can reactivate your account whenever you want.

By using this procedure, many users deactivate their account for temporary reasons, and when they return to the service, they recover their “list of friends” and their photos, just as they were before they left.

To deactivate your account you must open the **Account** menu on the top right of the page, and then select the option “**Account Settings**.” Then you will see a screen in which you must click on the link that says “**deactivate**.”

Once you have done this, you will have to choose your reason for leaving from a list of options and then click on the **Confirm** button. This will open a pop up box asking for your password: Enter it and click on the **Confirm** button. Finally, you will be asked to read a captcha text and enter it. Do so and click on the **Submit** button. This will lead you to Facebook's home page, where you will see a message confirming that your account has been deactivated.

TO Permanently deleting your account

Facebook also offers an option for those who want their account deleted with no chance of recovery. This option is only accessible in this link, which is provided in the Facebook Help Center when you type “delete my account” in its search box.

Once you have opened the page of that link, you must click on the **Submit** button and then, on a pop up box, you must enter your account password and a captcha text. Once you are done with that, click **Okay**. Facebook will ask you to confirm the action, so you will have to click on an **Okay** button again.

To finish this process you must avoid logging in to your account during the next 14 days. After that period of time, your information will be no longer available, never again.

Java in a nutshell...

- 1) Java is a programming language.
- 2) What's installed on your pc is considered the "JVM" or Java Virtual Machine.

- 3) It's the "client" pieces needed to run java programs from a website.
- 4) Previous versions are typically not uninstalled, because different web-based programs may require different versions of the Java client.
- 5) Multiple versions can co-exist on the same machine with RELATIVELY minor conflicts.

- 6) by default install, the java client will periodically check for available updates, which are released roughly every month or so.

- 7) You can turn off the update though. Go into CONTROL PANEL, and click the JAVA icon. Depending on your current version the option to turn off auto-updating of java is typically on the "Advanced" or "Updates" tab.

There's really no need to constantly update it, any web-based program which requires it, will prompt you when an update is absolutely required.

Archie was ahead of his time. What he says came true.
Have a look.
[CLICK HERE](#)

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**Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website.
You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.**

1. For help with a computer problem, put HELP in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2. To view or print Jmax Bits Good Services List in the Villages area, click link www.jmaxbits.com

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to VLGSCclassifieds@aol.com. Put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. To send an Ad, place AD in the subject line.

**4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: [Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club](#)
To add your name to the VCC announcements list, send email to TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**

5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com