

The Villages Computer Club

This week's program will feature a presentation by Peter Cronas and Richard Woods on Comparing XP and Windows 7.

What does the future hold for those who are trying to hang on to their XP system as long as possible? If I do make the move what do I get that is not available with XP? Now is the time to get these and lots of other questions you might have answered.

Following the presentation will be refreshments, 50/50, door prizes and a problem solving session.

If you have a computer problem you can't resolve, fill out the problem report form found at <http://thevillagescomputerclub.com/meetings.php> and bring it to the meeting.

Sign up to be on the VCC email list at the VCC home page (below)

For more information on the VCC please reference the clubs web site at: <http://thevillagescomputerclub.com/>

Guests are always welcome.

For information, email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com

Don't forget the June 21st meeting by Computer Plus Club on Android Tablets & Phones. Keep up to date on their meetings at: <http://www.villagescomputerplus.com/>

Strange things are happening

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2156720/Eye-sky-U-S-government-use-drones-size->

GOLF-BALLS-spy-citizens.html#ixzz1xODyLNw5

Be careful what you say out on the golf course, that might not be a golf ball flying overhead.

POA

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION of The Villages

E-Meeting Notice

General Membership Meeting Tuesday June 19, 2012

Third Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 PM

Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Speaker: Tim Babiarz

Attorney At Law

**Golf Cart Safety & Things you need to know
about Insuring YOUR Golf Cart**

Presentation followed by Question & Answer Session

Ollie's Frozen Custard Sundaes

For All after the Meeting

All Residents Welcome - Come and Join us

Membership Note:

Our online fill-able Membership Form for 2012 is on the website. Click "Here" and it will take you directly to the Membership Form. Fill it out online, print it, and send it to the address below or bring to a POA Membership Meeting.

File changes using CTRL Rightclick

Rightclick on a file presents a dropdown menu. Normally, when you right-click a file in Windows Explorer, a Dropdown menu appears with options to open, view, cut, copy, rename files and so forth. But if you hold the CTRL key while you right-click a file, you'll see an entirely different dropdown menu.

CTRL Rightclick dropdown

The CTRL right-click menu allows you to alter the file view (so you can see small or large icons, details, and so on), rearrange the icons, or create a new folder or file.

SYSTEM FILE CHECKER

Sfc = system file checker

XP & Win 7

Click START...Run and type in sfc /scannow There's a space between sfc and the /. Click OK. Before running this the user should have an installation CD handy if the installation files aren't located on the hard drive. If the procedure finds a corrupted or altered file, it may ask for the install CD so it can replace that file. The computer will find the files if they are on the hard drive. (In computers purchased with Xp or Win 7 installed, a partition is created on the hard drive, and it puts the Recovery disk on the partitioned drive usually named the drive D:

Common file extensions:

Those 3 letters after the dot that tells you the program in which the file was created and therefore which program will open the file so you can view it.

Example: .jpg this is a picture file and would require a picture viewer

.pps this is a powerpoint file and would require the MS Office Powerpoint program or the Powerpoint viewer to open and view the contents.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filename_extension

.ARC

ARC file, these are files compressed using the program ARC (archive). (AOL's Windows software will decompress these files.)

.ART

Art file, a Johnson-Grace compression scheme that compresses graphics extremely well while still retaining good image quality. (AOL's software will display these files.)

.AVI

Audio Visual, these are Windows Video files. (AOL's Windows software will display these files if Video for Windows is installed.)

.BAT

BAT is a Batch File; scripts that run in DOS, and are usually designed to automate tasks.

.BMP

itmap, a type of graphics file used by PC-Paintbrush that comes with Windows and other programs. (AOL's Windows software can display these.)

.COM

These are small programs for DOS and. They are usually utilities, but not always.

.CPT

A file compressed with Compacktor. AOL's Macintosh software will decompress these.

.DLL

Dynamic Link Library, these files give functionality to other programs. They usually need to be installed into the WINDOWS/SYSTEM directory. VBRUN300.DLL is a good example.

.DOC

Documents, this is the default file extension for Microsoft Word and some other programs. Most files with this extension will be Microsoft Word, but there are many that are plain text.

.DOCX

Microsoft Word 2007 documents. You may save Word documents as .doc , the 2003 Word format so that those who do not have Word 2007 will be able to open them with Word 2003. Or save the text document as .rtf so any word processor can open and view it. If you receive such a file and you do not have Word 2007, download the DOCX converter from www.microsoft.com

.DOT

Document Template, these files are templates for Microsoft Word.

.EPS

Encapsulated Postscript File, these are graphics images designed for vector graphics. Most drawing programs such as Aldus Freehand and Adobe Illustrator use this format. (AOL's software can not display these.)

.EXE

Executable, this is a DOS or Windows application. Most major programs end with this extension. It is also used for Windows self-extracting archives, which are programs that when run explode into several smaller programs.

.GIF

Graphics Interchange Format, this is a type of graphic image very common on online services and the internet. (AOL's software can display these.)

.JPG

Joint Photographers Experts Group, a graphics format designed to take up as little space as possible while retaining as much quality as possible. .JPG's are smaller than .GIF's, but take longer to display. (AOL's software will display these).

.INI

Initialization file, these files are used by programs to set parameters and preferences. Normally, these files should not be tampered with.

.ME

This is a commonly used extension in DOS programs that tells you to do something. For example, you'll commonly see files named READ.ME or OPEN.ME and that's exactly what you should do with them.

.MID

Musical Instrument Digital Interface, MIDI files are songs for most sound cards and MIDI boards. There are different types, and not every .MID file will play on every sound card/midi board. (AOL's software will play these files.)

.MOD

Music Modules, these are Amiga files that have been adopted by the PC community. They are music files that include the instruments as well as the score, and play through a sound card, not MIDI. You will need a special program to play these files in Windows or on the Macintosh.

.PCX

These are older graphics files, commonly used for clip art.

.PICT, .PCT

The original Macintosh Graphics format. (AOL's Macintosh software will display these files.)

.SEA

Self Extracting Archive, these are Macintosh files that explode into several smaller programs. They can not be used by PC owners.

.SCR

Screen Saver, these are Windows Screen Savers. To use them, copy the .SCR file into the Windows directory, and run the Control Panel and then the Desktop Applet.

.SIT

Stuffit files, these are Macintosh compressed files that can be extracted by PC users with programs such as UNSIT and UNSTUFF. Many of the files with this extension will not run on PC's even after extraction. (AOL's Macintosh software will open these files).

.SND

Sound, these are Macintosh System 7 sounds that can be played on PC's using converters such as SOX. (AOL's Macintosh software will run these files.)

.SYS

System file, these are drivers used by DOS and Windows. Be sure to read the file description and any accompanying documents carefully.

.TIF

Tagged Image Format, these are bitmapped graphic images popular among desktop publishers. (AOL's software will not display this file type.)

.TTF

True Type Font, these are scalable fonts commonly used in Windows. You will need to install these in your Control Panels.

.TXT

Text files, these are usually just plain text that can be read by most programs, especially Notepad and Simple Text. (AOL's software will display these if they are 16K or less.)

.WAV

Wave files, these are Windows sound files. Mac users can find utilities to convert them. If you don't have a sound card, the Windows program SPEAK.EXE may allow you to hear them. (AOL's Windows software will display these.)

.WKS (WK1, WK3)

Worksheet files, these are Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet files. Most popular spreadsheet programs can display these files.

.WP5

Word Perfect 5.0 file, these files can be read by Word Perfect and many other popular word processing programs.

.XLS

Excel spreadsheet file, these are spreadsheet files that can be read by Microsoft Excel and some other spreadsheet programs.

.ZIP

This is the most common format for compressed files

Missing File Error Message

Q. Every time I turn on my computer, I get an error message saying that a particular file is missing. Once I get past that, Windows loads and runs fine. How do I stop this message from

appearing?

A. This may be something as simple as unchecking a box in the msconfig's STARTUP list of a program that you have recently uninstalled but because the uninstall did not remove it from the STARTUP list, the computer is looking for the file necessary to start that program that is still listed in it's STARTUP command.

1. Click START...run and type in msconfig. (If using Win 7, type msconfig in the search bar)
2. Click the STARTUP tab.
3. Scroll down the list of items and uncheck the recently uninstalled program.
4. Click Apply and Ok and Restart the computer.

IF this does not solve the problem, try A & B below.

- A. (1) RightClick Start click Find(Win 98) or Search (XP).
(2) Type the name of the file in the 'Named' field.
(3) In the 'Look in' field type in
C:\WINDOWS\START MENU\PROGRAMS\STARTUP
(4) Press 'Enter' to start the search. If the file is found as specified, delete it - No further action should be necessary.

- B. (1) Click Start then Run and enter 'SYSEEDIT'
(2) Select the 'SYSTEM.INI' file, and then Search then Find.
(3) Type in the name of the missing file and press 'Enter'. If it is found, place a colon (:) at the start of the line that contains that filename - No further action should be necessary.
(4) Repeat this procedure (B2 and B3) above for the WIN.INI file. If found and a colon was placed at the start of the line that contained that file name, no further action should be necessary.

If the above does not solve the problem, it's time to contact service as it may be necessary to edit and modify the system registry which should NEVER be undertaken except by an experienced computer user.

SENIORS YOU must **ASK** for your discount!

RESTAURANTS:

- Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
- Arby's: 10% off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)

Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)

Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)

Boston Market: 10% off (65+)

Burger King: 10% off (60+)

Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)

Chili's: 10% off (55+)

CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)

Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)

Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)

Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)

Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)

Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)

Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)

Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)

IHOP: 10% off (55+)

Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)

KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)

Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)

Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)

McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)

Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)

Shoney's: 10% off Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)

Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)

Subway: 10% off (60+)

Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)

Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)

TCBY: 10% off (55+)

Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)

Village Inn: 10% off (60+)

Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)

Wendy's: 10% off (55+)

White Castle: 10% off (62+) This is for me ... if I ever see one again.

RETAIL & APPAREL:

Banana Republic: 10% off (50 +)

Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50 +)

Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55+)

Big Lots: 10% off

Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55+)

C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)

Clarks: 10% off (62+)

Dress Barn: 10% off (55+)

Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)

Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)

Kmart: 20% off (50+)

Kohl's: 15% off (60+)

Modell's Sporting Goods: 10% off

Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions

Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)

The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)

Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55+)

GROCERY:

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55+)

American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50 +)
Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
Food Lion: 6% off every Monday (60+)
Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+)
Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50 +)
Publix: 5% off every Wednesday (55+)
Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
Uncle Guiseppe's Marketplace: 5% off (62+)

TRAVEL:

Airlines: Alaska Airlines: 10% off (65+) American Airlines: various discounts for 65 and up (call before booking for discount) Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

Rail:

Amtrak: 15% off (62+)

Bus:

Greyhound: 5% off (62+)
Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

Car Rental:

Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members Best Western: 10% off (55+) Budget Rental Cars: 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+)

Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+) Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members Holiday Inn: 10%-30% off depending on location (62+) National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members

Over Night Accommodations:

Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Econo Lodge: 20%-30% off (60+)
Hampton Inns & Suites: 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance
Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)

Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
Marriott Hotels: 15% off (62+)
Motel 6: 10% off (60+)
Myrtle Beach Resort: 10% off (55+)
Quality Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Sleep Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT :

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55 +)
Bally Total Fitness: up to \$100 off memberships (62+)
Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$3 off one-day tickets (50 +)
Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off

U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)

Regal Cinemas: 30% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55+)
SeaWorld Orlando, FL: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)

CELL PHONE DISCOUNTS:

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+)
Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50 +)
Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+).

MISCELLANEOUS :

Great Clips: \$3 off hair cuts (60+)
Super Cuts: \$2 off haircuts (60+)

YOU must ASK for your senior discount ---- no ask, no discount.

Very important information that will affect every American

Subject: Fwd: Mass Exodus US Oil Refineries.... WE DON'T SEE THIS ON THE NATIONAL NEWS

rather lengthy, but you only need to read 2 or 3 paragraphs to see what is happening to our country.

Mass Exodus US Oil Refineries.... WE DON'T SEE THIS ON THE NATIONAL NEWS --

***This comes from a retired oil executive who spent some 40 years in the industry.**

The Closure Of The U.S. Oil Refinery Industry In The Past 2 Years

In 2010, there were 149 operable U.S. refineries with a combined capacity of 17.6 million barrels (2,800,000 m³) per day. Something odd started happening in late 2010-early 2011. The US oil refinery industry quietly announced the closure of numerous US oil refineries. Many are completely unaware the US ships oil overseas to be processed. We do so as we do not have enough refineries to process the vast amounts here, and we are barred from building anymore refineries. All refineries perform three basic steps: *separation*, *conversion*, and *treatment*.

Pretty simple.

Several reasons include technical and economic factors as to why we ship it overseas to be processed.

1. The crude petroleum is sold to the highest bidder, NOT the nearest bidder

2. There are different kinds of crude oil, such as sweet/light and dark/heavy. They have different applications and uses.

3. Different kinds of refining processes are needed to make different products from the crude oil. Petroleum is processed to make lots of products other than gasoline, like plastics and asphalt.

4. Politics, unions and the "environmentalists"

How many of you are aware Sunoco, ConocoPhillips and The HESS Corp are all closing US oil refineries? Not many, as the media refuses to give this HUGE story coverage. My guess is that if Americans understood the complete truth to how we are being sold out, and enslaved there just might be the much needed political revolution to turn this country around.

Last September, both Sunoco & CP announced plant closing, effecting thousands of workers. Sunoco announced they are completely getting out of the oil industry. Closing up shop. They are done with the US oil industry.

Sunoco is closing its 2 oil refineries in July 2012 in Philadelphia and Marcus Hook, Pa. Those 2 facilities alone process over 500,000 barrels a day.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8343372>

Also announced last year, ConocoPhillips announced 2 plant closing for sure in Trainer, PA and Bayway, NJ., the other 3 plants are undecided as of today.

http://stillwaterassociates.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=139:us-east-coast-refinery-for-sale-whos-buying&catid=40:white-papers&Itemid=155

Conoco also announced they were closing their Alaskan refining facility:

<http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2011/09/28/news/doc4e828f2ba723a246763254.txt>

Just a week ago, the US 3rd largest oil refinery owned and operated by The HESS Corp just announced its permanent closure. Costing over 2,000 jobs, and effecting 950 contractors:

<http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/16543753/major-oil-refinery-to-close-in-us-virgin-islands>

Refineries on the East Coast of the US supply 40% of the gasoline sales and 60% of the diesel and other fuel oils.

Of that, HALF that comes from the Sunoco & ConocoPhillips plant closures.

When ConocoPhillips announced that it was closing the Trainer refinery, Willie Chiang, then ConocoPhillips' Senior Vice President of Refining, Marketing, Transportation and Commercial, noted that their decision to sell, like Sunoco's, was based on unfavorable economics caused by a competitive and difficult market environment characterized by "...product imports, weakness in motor fuel demand, and costly regulatory requirements."

They are ALL closing up shop due to gov regulations, union demands and excessive operating costs brought on by the Gov regulations.

Then you have the unions, led by Barry's buddy Leo Gerard saying they will close ALL US oil refineries starting from the east coast to west coast today.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/23/usa-oil-refinery-labor-idUSS1E78M0T620110923>

The unions are shutting down ports, rail and air across the pond right now.....the SAME EXACT thing they plan on doing here. When the ships stop importing, the rails & air stop delivering....how much is everything you consume going to cost? Remember...we are a CONSUMING country, no longer a producing one. ****

<http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/News.aspx?ElementId=37873cee-2b75-4aa0-86ac-5336e56a4c04>

The excessive and costly gov regulations on the US oil refinery market has forced companies to re-evaluate the cost of doing business in the US.

Why have operations in the US where you bleed money via regulations & demands, when you can have refineries built in Columbia, Mexico or Brazil for pennies on the dollar, and less regulations?

It's all business America ...nothing personal.

Besides.....your gov is giving BILLIONS to Columbia and Brazil to build refineries to process all that oil the US is losing.

We are building up every country on earth, while destroying our own... all in the name of redistribution of wealth.

I covered some of these "deals" Barry inked in my previous note:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003192895784&sk=notes#!/note.php?note_id=145148522268243

You do the math. When the US oil refineries finally close up shop, who will process all that oil...and how much do YOU think that oil will cost when it's ALL processed overseas?

Think gas and energy costs are high right now... Wait 6 months. You haven't seen anything yet.

How can anyone expect any company to do business with an anti-American, hostile gov out of control? You can't. That is why we are seeing a mass exodus, across the board in every industry in the US - LEAVING.

THINK ABOUT IT –

THIS IMPACTS NATIONAL SECURITY – WE CAN'T PROTECT OURSELVES OR OUR ALLIES UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO FILL THE GAS TANKS – CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT OIL.

HATE TO HAVE TO TRY TO GET OUR OIL FROM OUR ENEMIES – THIS IMPACTS OUR NATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILITY – EVERYTHING WE EAT, WEAR, OR USE IS SHIPPED

BY TRUCKS THAT NEED FUEL

DO WE WONDER THAT THE “SPECULATORS” ARE BETTING THAT THE COST OF FUEL WILL GO UP?

DARE I SEND THIS TO MY *LIBERAL* FRIENDS? And if so, can I comment on the administration's refusal to permit

the Keystone pipeline and the fact that in 2011 oil production, while up on private lands, is down 14% on Federal Lands?

FOR VERIFICATION ALSO READ THE NEWS ARTICLE @

<http://www.peoplesworld.org/steelworkers-refinery-closings-could-cause-oil-shortages-in-northeast/>

This is an incredible rendition of the Lord's Prayer, with Andre Bocelli and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. If it doesn't make the hairs stand up on your arms, nothing will.

http://www.angelfire.com/ak2/intelligencerreport/bocelli_lord_prayer.html

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Subject: From Russia With Love
5 MINUTES of PURE FUN. HAVE A GREAT DAY

What a crazy, delightful ever changing world! Who could have thought that in 2012 young people in Moscow would put on a "flash mob" happening, dancing to an *83 year old* *American song* written by a Russian born American-Jew (Irving Berlin) whose last name is the capital of Germany...

(Check out that red Chrysler 300 limo!!!)
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/KgoapkOo4vg?rel=0>

Jmax

Jmax's Website <http://www.jmaxbits.com/>

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