The Villages Computer Club

Friday Sept. 28, 2012 Lake Miona Time 1:00 PM

We have another great **VCC Workshop** planned where you can visit any of our tables each covering one or more subjects and staffed by knowledgeable technical support people.

Please join us. There will be refreshments, 50/50 and door prizes.

The subjects for this workshop are:

- Photo editing with Picasa and Photoshop Elements - Jack Casto
- General Questions – Carl Bell
- Android – Ted Wright
- iPad – Art Fenn
- How to speed up your PC – Don Kobes
- G-mail, Yahoo Mail – Richard Woods
- Kindle & AOL – J Maxine Miller & Virginia Mauldin

Sign up to be on the VCC email list at the VCC home page:
http://www.villagescomputerclub.com
For more information on the VCC, please reference the club's web site (above).

Guests are always welcome as long as they have a village ID card. For information, email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com

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Using Print Screen
How can I print a picture of my desktop screen showing all of my icons?>>
1. With your desktop showing on your screen, press the PRINT SCREEN (prtscr) key that is at the top right corner of your keyboard. This takes a picture of the desktop.
2. Next, open your word processor, rightclick on the new document form and select PASTE. The picture will be pasted here.
3.Now, Click File...print and it will print the picture. You can also save the picture as a file to a folder if you like.
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Desktop Cleanup Wizard in Windows XP

The default in Windows XP is an offer every 60 days to Cleanup your desktop for you by storing unused or seldom used icons in an UNUSED DESKTOP SHORTCUTS FOLDER...where is the folder stored....you guessed it..... ON the Desktop. I turned it off. I'll decide about my desktop icons.

Turn off the Desktop Cleanup Wizard

1. Rightclick on a blank area of the desktop.
2. Click Properties, then click the Desktop tab.
3. Click Customize Desktop.
4. Remove the check in the box that says "Run Desktop Cleaner Wizard every 60 days".
5. If you wish to run the cleanup wizard manually, just click Run Wizard Now on that same screen.
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Desktop Clutter

Does your desktop look like a jigsaw puzzle with pretty little icons everywhere so that it takes 5 minutes to find the one you want? Creating Folders for batches of shortcut icons may be a solution.

1. Rightclick the desktop and select NEW...Folder.

2. Give the folder a general name that covers the function of many icons...such as Pictures.

3. Now drag and drop all the desktop icons that have anything to do with your pictures, picture editing, camera,etc.

4. Create another folder and name it Security. Drag and drop any icons having to do with spyware, viruses, firewall,etc.

5. Create another folder and give it the name of your Printer. Drag and drop icons about printing, scanning, copying,etc.

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Desktop Icons Highlighted

When you have a lot of desktop icons, it's hard to find the one you want.

Try this:
Hold down the Windows key on the bottom left of the keyboard and press the first letter of the desktop icon you want. IF there are more than one that begins with the same letter, continue to press the first letter and each will be shown in sequence.
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Recycle Bin Lost Win XP

1. Rightclick on desktop, click PROPERTIES
2. Click the Desktop tab….. Customize Desktop button
3. Click on the recycle bin and click Restore DEFAULT
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Personalizing Win 7

The personalization menu can be accessed either by rightclicking the desktop or from the control panel.

From the desktop:

Rightclick a blank area of the desktop and select Personalize.

From the control panel:

Click START...Control Panel...click Appearance and Personalization, select Personalization.

1. Select a Desktop Theme

The desktop changes according to the theme selected. Close the window to retain the changes.

2. Create your own desktop theme.

a. From the personalization menu, select Window Color and select a new color. Adjust the color to your preference. Click SAVE.

b. From the personalization menu, select Desktop Background. Open the picture location. Select the Pictures Library, click Select All to choose all photos. Click SAVE.

3. From the personalization menu, click Screen Saver (if you want a screen saver).

Open the Screen Saver pull down menu. Select from the list to obtain a preview. Select the one you prefer and click Apply then OK.
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DESKTOP BACKGROUND PHOTO in XP

1. Rightclick on the desktop in a blank area. Select Properties from the drop down menu.
2. Click Desktop tab.
3. Click Browse and locate whatever picture you wish to use as a background (must be a .jpg or .bmp file). Many use a photo of family.
4. The pic will be put on your desktop and it will also be listed in the list of choices to make.
5. Now, select a position: CENTER, or Tile or Stretch.
5. MUST click APPLY and OK.

Win 7 - Change your computer account picture.

1. Rightclick desktop area and select Personalize.
2. Click Change Account Picture.
3. Select a picture from the list, or browse for a preferred picture.

4. click Change Picture
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Our first great grandchild.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_DmxZkcmD0 - note mama Morgan's mouth during feeding.
The father, Ben created a video to show all fathers out there that feeding a child is no big deal!!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78fv-dke6oQ&noredirect=1
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This is one of the best "dog" stories I've read in a while.

They told me the big black Lab's name was Reggie, as I looked at him lying in his pen. The shelter was clean, no-kill, and the people really friendly. I'd only been in the area for six months, but everywhere I went in the small college town, people were welcoming and open. Everyone waves when you pass them on the street.

But something was still missing as I attempted to settle in to my new life here, and I thought a dog couldn't hurt. Give me someone to talk to. And I had just seen Reggie's advertisement on the local news. The shelter said they had received numerous calls right after, but they said the people who had come down to see him just didn't look like "Lab people," whatever that meant. They must've thought I did.

But at first, I thought the shelter had misjudged me in giving me Reggie and his things, which consisted of a dog pad, bag of toys almost all of which were brand new tennis balls, his dishes and a sealed letter from his previous owner.

See, Reggie and I didn't really hit it off when we got home. We struggled for two weeks (which is how long the shelter told me to give him to adjust to his new home). Maybe it was the fact that I was trying to adjust, too. Maybe we were too much alike. I saw the sealed envelope. I had completely forgotten about that. "Okay, Reggie," I said out loud, "let's see if your previous owner has any advice."

To Whoever Gets My Dog:
Well, I can't say that I'm happy you're reading this, a letter I told the shelter could only be opened by Reggie's new owner. I'm not even happy writing it. He knew something was different. So let me tell you about my Lab in the hopes that it will help you bond with him and he with you.

First, he loves tennis balls. The more the merrier. Sometimes I think he's part squirrel, the way he hoards them. He usually always has two in his mouth, and he tries to get a third in there. Hasn't done it yet. Doesn't matter where you throw them, he'll bound after them, so be careful.

Don't do it by any roads.

Next, commands: Reggie knows the obvious ones ---"sit," "stay," "come," "heel." He knows hand signals, too: He knows "ball" and "food" and "bone" and "treat" like nobody's business.

Feeding schedule: twice a day, regular store-bought stuff; the shelter has the brand. He's up on his shots. Be forewarned: Reggie hates the vet. Good luck getting him in the car. I don't know how he knows when it's time to go to the vet, but he knows.

Finally, give him some time. It's only been Reggie and me for his whole life. He's gone everywhere with me, so please include him on your daily car rides if you can. He sits well in the backseat, and he doesn't bark or complain. He just loves to be around people and me most especially.

And that's why I need to share one more bit of info with you...His name's not Reggie. He's a smart dog, he'll get used to it and will respond to it, of that I have no doubt. But I just couldn't bear to give them his real name. But if someone is reading this ... well it means that his new owner should know his real name. His real name is "Tank" because, that is what I drive.

I told the shelter that they couldn't make "Reggie" available for adoption until they received word from my company commander. You see, my parents are gone, I have no siblings, no one I could've left Tank with ... and it was my only real request of the Army upon my deployment to Iraq, that they make one phone call to the shelter ... in the "event" ... to tell them that Tank could be put up for adoption. Luckily, my CO is a dog-guy, too, and he knew where my platoon was headed. He said he'd do it personally. And if you're reading this, then he made good on his word.

Tank has been my family for the last six years, almost as long as the Army has been my family. And now I hope and pray that you make him part of your family, too, and that he will adjust and come to love you the same way he loved me. If I have to give up Tank to keep those terrible people from coming to the US I am glad to have done so. He is my example of service and of love. I hope I honored him by my service to my country and comrades. All right, that's enough. I deploy this evening and have to drop this letter off at the shelter. Maybe I'll peek in on him and see if he finally got that third tennis ball in his mouth.

Good luck with Tank. Give him a good home, and give him an extra kiss goodnight - every night - from me.
Thank you, Paul Mallory

I folded the letter and slipped it back in the envelope. Sure, I had heard of Paul Mallory, everyone in town knew him, even new people like me. Local kid, killed in Iraq a few months ago and posthumously earning the Silver Star when he gave his life to save three buddies. Flags have been at half-mast all summer.

I leaned forward in my chair and rested my elbows on my knees, staring at the dog. "Hey,

Tank," I said quietly. The dog's head whipped up, his ears cocked and his eyes bright. "C'mere boy."

He was instantly on his feet, his nails clicking on the hardwood floor. He sat in front of me, his head tilted; searching for the name he hadn't heard in months. "Tank," I whispered. His tail swished.

I kept whispering his name, over and over, and each time, his ears lowered, his eyes softened, and his posture relaxed as a wave of contentment just seemed to flood him. I stroked his ears, rubbed his shoulders, buried my face into his scruff and hugged him.

"It's me now, Tank, just you and me. Your old pal gave you to me." Tank reached up and licked my cheek. "So whatdaya say we play some ball?" His ears perked again. "Yeah? Ball? You like that? Ball?"

Tank tore from my hands and disappeared into the next room. And when he came back, he had three tennis balls in his mouth.

If you can read this without getting a lump in your throat or a tear in your eye, you just ain't right.

A veteran is someone who, at one point, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including their life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." G. K. Chesterton

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Just keeping you up to date...

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