Summary of the April 2013 iPad Meeting at Colony Cottage

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I discussed Photo on iPad and started with these camera apps:

Camera on the iPad comes with the iPad
ProCamXL - a great app that has many features, especially 6X zoom - $.99 at the app
  store
DMD Panorama - makes panorama photographs - free at the app store
Screen Cam - takes great pictures of yourself

Adding and deleting photos from your iPad using your computer - for more
detailed info Google this question.

Using the Photo app on your iPad for editing.

PHOTOS APP

ACROSS THE TOP BAR
Photos => Photos from all albums
Photo Stream => from iCloud on all devices
Albums => + Adds new album=>can add photos & edit album – camera roll is here
Events => Dates when taken
Places => Where Px were taken

Open an Album in Album Tab
Slide Show
Edit
Select photo
Add to New or Existing album
Share
Delete

In Photo Tab
Select a Photo
EDIT
Rotate
Enhance
Redye
Crop => Drag Corners
Restrain => Set for picture size
SLIDESHOW
BOX ARROW
Email etc
TRASH CAN => Delete Photo Apps
Photo Booth - comes with the iPad
iPhoto – best photo editing app for the iPad - $4.99
SCOTutor for iPhoto – tutorial for iPhoto - $2.99
Touch Retouch – Removes unwanted objects from your picture - $.99
PS Express – Photo Shop Express – Free

John Campbell discussed:
Storage Apps all Free

iCloud
Dropbox
Skydrive
Sugar Sync
Google Drive
Cloud Security
Cloudfogger – more encryption – Free

Paul Rabenold discussed:
Photos on iCloud

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Answers easy to find, but are they right?

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"You can find the answer to any technology question on the Web - as long as you don't care whether it's right.

The right answers are out there scattered among a bunch of nonsense. But you have to know where to look. Even the best Web sites sometimes are wrong, so you also need to know how to double-check an answer to make sure it's correct.

Today I'll list some sites that have a good record for accuracy. Then I'll show you how to check the answers for reliability. Armed with this sort of information, you'll often be able to fix computer problems, make good buying decisions for HDTVs and other electronics, and just feel easier in general about your life around technology.

General technologyCnet.com (www.cnet.com): Almost every area of consumer electronics is covered here. If I had to narrow my recommendations down to a single site, this would be the no-brainer choice. You'll find reviews for digital cameras, computers, printers, automobile electronics, home audio ... you name it. Most impressive is that these are hard-nosed reviews that, unlike some you'll find, tell the bad along with the good.

Computers and networkingTom's Hardware News (www.tomshardware.com/us/#): The Internet, as you would expect, is overflowing with sites that offer advice on computing. But this one stands out. Leave a question here, and you'll often get an expert and precise answer. There's also a section about industry news that offers a peek at new trends and products.

Digital photographyDigital Photography Review (www.dpreview.net): Photography is one of my hobbies. But I spent most of my life shooting with film cameras. There's such an assortment

of digital cameras out there that I can't even begin to keep track of the best cameras in each price class.

This site offers truly exhaustive reviews of even the most obscure digital cameras, as well as pricing information. Whether you're just starting or have been shooting digital since the beginning, this is the place to go.

HDTVHDTV World (www.cnet.com/hdtv-world): I've already raved about Cnet.com, and this is part of that same site. But I can't leave it off the list. You'll find clear explanations of HDTV, the hardware that makes it work, and tips on getting the most out of your set.

HDTV Info Port (www.hdtvinfoport.com): A well-organized site with sections on antennas, HDTV basics and a buyer's guide..

Antenna Web (www.antennaweb.org/aw/welcome.aspx): This is my most frequently recommended HDTV site. It offers customized antenna recommendations based on your street address or ZIP code. If filling in your actual address worries you, you can just list your ZIP code and still find the distance and direction to transmitting sites in your area, along with recommendations on the type of antenna you need.

Vetting the informationLike I said, even sites like these occasionally will be off the mark. That's when you can learn from the great navigator, Magellan, and use triangulation. Ancient navigators (some current ones, too) use it to find their position by taking sights on the stars. The more stars used, the

more precise and accurate the position.

Once you have an answer that seems reasonable, don't stop. Check out a few more Web sites. See if the answers match. For instance, if you find rave reviews for the Husted Barndoor and HDTV company, do a Google search for that company. See what others - especially name-brand sites - say about it.

Answers to your questions are out there, but it may take some navigating to find them."

http://www.durangoherald.com/sections/News/Columnists/Techno_Buddy/2009/08/02/Answers_easy_to_find_but__are_they_right/

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Clipbook Viewer for Windows XP

The ClipBook Viewer isn't listed in the Accessories folder on the Start menu in Windows XP, so you might want to create a shortcut to it on your desktop:

1. Rightclick on the Desktop, point to NEW and then click SHORTCUT.
2. In the location filed, type C:WINDOWS\system32\clipbrd.exe.
3. Click NEXT to give it a name, then click FINISH.

Clipbook Viewer Windows

Part I
1. In any Windows application, select something you want to cut or
copy and choose Edit + Cut or Edit + Copy.
2. Click the Start button.
3. Choose Programs + Accessories + Clipbook Viewer. (If Clipbook
Viewer isn't an option on your Accessories menu, you need to install
it from your Windows CD; you can find it in the Accessories options
in the Add/Remove Programs Properties dialog box on the CD's start-up
screen.)
4. In the Clipbook Viewer window, open the Clipboard window (the
material you just copied or cut should be here).
5. Choose File + Save As. In the File Name box, type a name for your
cut/copied material and click OK.

Now your cut or copied material is available for future use, no
matter what you cut or copy from now on.

Part II
How to paste material from the Clipbook:

1. Click the Start button.
2. Choose Programs + Accessories + Clipbook Viewer.
3. From the Clipbook menu, choose File + Open.
4. Select the Clipbook file you want to open and click OK.
5. If you have something else on the Clipboard--the last thing you
copied or cut--Windows 95/98 asks if you want to erase it; click Yes.
(The Clipbook replaces whatever is currently on the Clipboard with
your Clipbook file so that you can paste your Clipbook file into any
application).
6. Return to wherever you want to paste the information and choose
Edit + Paste (or press Ctrl + V).

You can paste all the documents listed on the viewer to a document.
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Audio Files Won't Play

Q. My sound won't play some files. I have checked my sound card, my speakers and cables. All
is ok.

A. This sounds like you've got a sound program associated with ALL sound files, but some players cannot play some types of audio files.

Try this:

1. Instead of just doubleclicking the audio file you're received attached to an email, just download it.

2. Now open a player other than the one you have set as your default. For instance if you're using iTunes as your default, open Windows Media Player, click File and locate the file you downloaded. Click the file and then click Open to see if WMP can play the audio file.

3. OR while signed online, click the big E on your desktop to bring up Internet Explorer, click File and Browse to locate the file you downloaded. Doubleclick that file and see if IE can play it for you.

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AVI Movies Preview

When you come across a file with the extension .avi, it is a movie file. Doubleclick and Windows Media Player will pop up and open it for you.

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Save System Information using BELARC ADVISOR.

 You can download a the free program at http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html

When you run this software, it will take a snapshot of your system and display a Web page providing a complete summary. The data resides on your local system and is not sent to a Web server.   The report provides information on all hardware and software you are
running. It even tells you the version number. And it's all free, for personal use, and supports Windows 95/98/ME/NT4/2000/XP.

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Info from Belarc

It's best to get the latest version of the Advisor from
  http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html

If you are finding that your browser is not showing your PC's Belarc Advisor profile please try the following steps:

1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Select File>Open
3. Select Browse, then navigate to the following directory:

        c:\program files\belarc\advisor\system\tmp

4. In this directory you will find a file named like (computer_name).html. Please highlight this file and select Open.

When you don't see your PC's profile, that's caused by Windows being mis-configured so that it doesn't use your web browser to open files with the .html file extension. This usually happens when you switch the web browser you use, or install an application that helps view or edit web content. You can fix this in

the Folder Options Control Panel. On the File Types tab, select the HTML extension and click the Change... button to set your browser to be used for HTML files.

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Caps Lock Warning Sound

You've done it a dozen times today: pressed the Caps Lock key when you really wanted the Shift key. To stop this bother, turn on an alarm sound that alerts you whenever you press Caps Lock, Num Lock, or Scroll Lock.

1. Click Start, Settings, Control Panel.

2. Double-click the Accessibility Options icon.

3. Click the Keyboard tab and then click to put a check mark in the Use ToggleKeys box.

4. Click OK.
Note: The alarm sound is a very, very soft little click, so don't expect an alarm like your alarm clock.
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To create a CD of your favorite songs from other CDs.

1. Bring up Windows Media Player.

2.Place a check in the tracks that you want to COPY.

3. Select COPY and then select a folder on your hard drive such as the MY MUSIC folder as the place to copy the selected tracks.

4. Put in another CD and follow steps 2 &3 to copy the selected tracks from that CD to your hard drive.

5. Put in the next CD and follow steps 2 & 3. Continue this process until you have enough tracks to fill a new CD.

6. Now place a blank CD into your CD-Writer tray. You may be able to just select COPY to CD if your Media Player has this option. IF not see below.

7. Rightclick START...Explore and scroll up to the folder where you stored the music tracks in steps 2 & 3 above.

8. Doubleclick the folder, hold down the CTRL key and select all the tracks you wish to copy to your blank CD.

9. Rightclick the selected tracks and select SEND TO: CD-RW (cd-writer).

10. A little box will pop up in your startup tray that you "have files to be copied". Click that icon.

11. A screen will pop up with shortcuts to the tracks selected in step #9 above. Press CTRL + A to select ALL.

12. On the left side of this screen at the very top is "Copy these files to CD". Click it, name the disk and click Next.

The files will be written to your blank CD.

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There are still some great companies in the US.

You must take the few minutes to view this. It will warm your heart

(The Wall for Middle East Killed in Action (Very Impressive Tribute)

I never knew it existed... This is a great tribute to those who have given their all to protect us in the Middle East.

Click Here for the video
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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 VLGSClassifieds@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