

The Villages Computer Club will have a **special Pizza Party Workshop** on Friday August 23th at 1:00 PM at Lake Miona **for VCC members only**.

If you have been holding off becoming a member of the computer club now is the time to do it. There is a table at every meeting where your \$5 membership fee can be paid. You will be able to pay your membership fee prior to the start of the workshop on the 23rd.

At the workshop various tables will be arranged around the room, each staffed by a subject expert. You can have your questions answered in an informal environment or just listen and learn from the discussion of others.

More information as to specific subjects, ect. will be emailed.

If you have questions, email Paul Rabenold at [TVCC.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:TVCC.Pres@gmail.com)

**Please re member to bring your Villages ID to the meeting.**

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### **Create a Restore Point for Windows 7:**

***Start / Control Panel / System / System Protection / (Select the drive on which you wish to create the restore point, usually C:)Click CREATE and it will ask you to create a restore point discription for the restore.***

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### **AOL Groups Blind Copies**

1. Open the AOL address book.
2. Click once on the Group name.
3. Click Group Options below the Group name list.
4. Select Send as Blind Copy.

All the addresses listed in that Group will be placed in the COPY TO box. The names will be enclosed in parentheses.

**NOTE: If you do not select Blind Copies, all those addresses WILL be harvested at some point in time by the 'creepos' computers who run their computers 24/7 harvesting addresses from forwarded emails and selling them to porn sites, marketers,etc. All those in your list will start receiving huge amounts of spam.**

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### **AOL Footer Ads**

Do you want to remove the annoying advertising footer AOL sticks at the bottom of e-mails? (You don't see them, but the person you send a message to does.) If you're a

paid AOL user, log on to AOL WebMail, choose Settings (it's on the right side of the screen), then Compose, and click "Turn on/off message footer."

IF you're using the installed AOL Client program,  
Click Keyword and type in Footer.

If there is a check in the box SHOW FOOTER IN EMAILS SENT....., Click to remove the check.

Click SAVE.

If you're a paying AOL user, you can get rid of those ads.

If you're using a MAC, go to keyword AOL Message Footer Settings. Uncheck the box "show the message footer...."

Another way to get rid of those ads and make more room for email:

"Click on the top blue bar (the Title bar) of the email and drag it down until the ad's are hidden. Then go back up to the Title bar again which is now about 1/3 of the way down the page, again click it and this time drag it back up to the top of the monitor screen. "

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**To Add @aol.com to a list of AOL screen names in EXCEL do the following:**

1. Place the screen names in column A1 to A??Place '@aol.com in column B1 (note: you must use a single quote before @aol.com)
2. In Column C1 enter the formula =A1&B1
3. Now select B1 and C1 and drag them down as far as the screen name list in column A.

In the example above A?? is really any number that is the last number of your list of screen names>>

Save as a .txt file or a .csv file and then you should be able to import these AOL addresses into OE.

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**AOL ADDRESS BOOK & PFC BACKUP**

Have you LOST your address book in AOL?

Each time you replace your AOL ADDRESS BOOK it saves a copy of the old one.

The AOL 6.0, 7.0 , 8.0, 9.0 and 9.5's address book is held on the AOL server and is accessible when you sign online from any computer anywhere in the world and access your AOL account. In some cases the Address book may not be displayed in the NEW, Clean install of AOL but should be within 24 hours.

Because my AOL addresses are so important to me as is the email stored in my AOL PFC, I play it safe by saving a copy of the Organize folder from the AOL program being used before uninstalling it and installing a new copy of AOL.

Save the AOL Organize Folder:

1. First create a folder on your desktop or in you're My Documents Folder and name it AOL Organize. (If you prefer you can copy the Organize folder to a flash drive or CD instead of to a folder on your hard drive)
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. Rightclick the Organize folder and select Copy.
6. Rightclick the AOL Organize created in steps 1 & 2 above and select Paste.
7. After installing AOL again, go to the AOL Organize folder created in steps 1 & 2 above, doubleclick to open it. Rightclick the Organize folder inside and select Copy.
8. Click the AOL icon in the Startup tray and select System Information.
9. Click Utilities and select Close AOL.
10. Click AOL Software and select Open data folder.
11. Rightclick on the version of AOL that you've just installed (do not click on the Organize folder itself), and select Paste. You will get a message stating, 'there is already a file name Organize ....do you wish to replace it with this Organize? Click YES. Now, when you open the AOL program all your addresses, folders, email etc., should be seen.

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## **Cloud Storage**

**What is cloud storage? It is online data stored by a 3rd party. Some examples are Digtible Lifeboat which backups your data and keeps it safe for you. 10 gig of storage is free with Digtible Lifeboat.**

**Microsoft's Skydrive cloud storage is a file hosting service that lets you upload and sync files to it's cloud storage and then access them from a web browser.**

**How secure is cloud storage? It is important that you consider the security of the host company when you select cloud storage. Skydrive is owned by Microsoft.**

**Something else to consider, when using Skydrive "Microsoft monitors your information, your photos and other images to make sure they comply with their code of conduct. Microsoft reserves the right to remove data that violates this code and temporarily suspends or permanently shuts down an account that violates this code".**

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## **Want to help stop the Spammers?**

The best way is to find out who they are and report them. To decode the message header, look for IP

addresses or domain names inside parentheses in the header's Received lines (info outside the parentheses can be faked). An IP address is four numbers from 1-255 separated by periods. Read the Received lines from bottom to top to trace the path the message took from the spammer to you. Verify the address using Acme address digger (samspace.org). Finally tattle on the spammer at the Network Abuse Clearinghouse

([www.abuse.net](http://www.abuse.net))

**Note: 169 as the first 3 digits of an IP address indicates this is a false ID.**

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### **Stop those Messenger popups**

#### **Applies to Windows XP Home and XP Pro, NT, Win2000 Pro or Win 2003**

1. Click Start, go up to Settings and click Control Panel
2. Click Administrative Tools
3. Double click Services
4. Scroll down to Messenger.
5. Right-click the Messenger and choose Properties.
6. Select Disable or Manual in the Startup Type scroll bar
7. Click APPLY

Another way I found to disable Messenger.

DISABLING MESSENGER IN XP. Most home users of Windows XP do not need the built-in Messenger feature that network systems administrators use to send messages to workstations. To disable yours, right click on My Computer, select Manage, and from the menu on the left side, under Services and Applications, click on Services. Scroll the list on the right side and double click on Messenger. In the section "Startup", select Disabled from the drop-down menu and click on it, then exit out with a click on OK

Another way to stop the actions of this Windows Messenger is to download Steve Gibsons' Shoot the Messenger. Read all about it at this site.

<http://grc.com/stm/shootthemessenger.htm>

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Eicar.com Control floppy or CD for checking your anti-virus program's ability to detect viruses.

If You Want to Test your anti-virus software create a bogus virus file. IT is called the EICAR test file. Any anti-virus product which supports the test file should "detect" it in any file which starts with the following 68 characters:

X5O!P%#@AP[4PZX54(P^)7CC)7}\$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!\$H+H\*

To keep things simple, the file uses only upper case letters, digits and punctuation marks, and does not include spaces. The only thing to watch out for when typing in the test file is that the third character is the capital letter "O", not the digit zero. You are encouraged to make use of the test file.

## Directions for creating your own EICAR TEST FILE

Turn off anti-virus program, otherwise it will detect it and not allow you to save it.

1. Copy and paste the following string to Notepad.

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X5O!P%#@AP[4\PZX54(P^)^7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*
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2. Click Save. SAVE to Floppy Disk or a CD.

3. Give it the name EICAR.COM

4. Click the SAVE AS box and select ALL FILES (otherwise it will add the .txt and it won't work)

5. Click SAVE.

Now turn your virus scan back on.

Bring it up and scan the floppy disk or CD, Select All Files be scanned. You should get "Virus detected" . Just click STOP and store the floppy or CD in a safe place for use to check your anti-virus program from time to time.

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## DLink Security

1. At the DLink site ([www.dlink.com](http://www.dlink.com)), click Setup, click Wireless Settings.

2. Check that the Wireless Network Settings are as follows:

- a. Enable Wireless checked
- b. Wireless Network name (SSID) shows the name of your network.
- c. Wireless Channel shows the channel that you've found works best.
- d. Enable Auto Channel Scan checked
- e. 802.11 Mode; shows 802.11b/g/n mixed
- f. Visibility Status radio dot in Visible

3. Under the Wireless Security Mode, click the down arrow and select WEP or WPA.

Follow direction for creating passphrase and write it down and put in a safe place (not on the front of your computer), but a place where you can find it should you forget it.

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Jmax's Website <http://www.imaxbits.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.imaxbits.com](http://www.imaxbits.com)

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to [VLGSClassifieds@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

5. Fred Benson's website [www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com](http://www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com)