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# Scug News

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Newsletter of the Sandwich Computer Users Group

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## Last Month

Last month Jerry Kell demonstrated OpenOffice.org Impress. This software is very similar to Microsoft's PowerPoint. Impress can create slide presentations and open PowerPoint presentations. Inside a presentation you can show photos, video and play music.

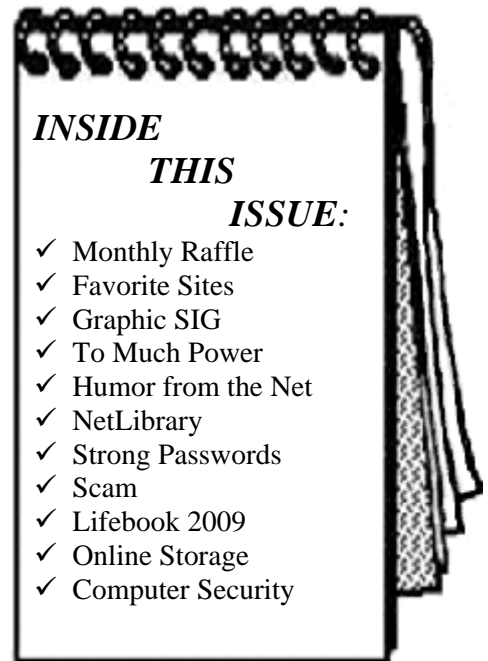
## June Program – NetLibrary

For our June SCUG program Bob Greenwalt will teach you how to checkout audio books over the internet from NetLibrary and the equipment you need to play them. (See page 3 for more info on NetLibrary).

We meet at the Federated Church in Sandwich 403 N. Main Street on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm unless noted otherwise. The meeting is a great place to learn about computers and meet new friends. Next meeting is May 21, 2009. Visit our web site at [www.scug.org](http://www.scug.org) for more info.

Membership forms are available at:

[http://www.scug.org/About\\_us.htm](http://www.scug.org/About_us.htm)



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## Local Business Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Office Works in Plano is celebrating 25 years in business this year. *Congratulations to a great local business.*

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## June Birthdays

6/1 Quen Carpenter  
6/14 Linda Urech  
6/20 Joe Neuhauser  
6/24 Frank Marquett  
6/2 Bob Greenwalt  
6/16 David Ludwig  
6/24 Louise Dieden  
6/25 Bob Dell  
6/30 Arthur Lyman

## July Birthdays

7/6 Roberta Dykstra  
7/8 Art Fehrman  
7/21 Bill Beer  
7/7 Judy Rohrer  
7/20 Debbie Olson  
7/24 Margaret Lyman  
7/26 Don Kiminky

## Monthly Raffle

### Monthly Raffle

June's prizes will be a surprise! (Even to me as I have not bought much yet!)

Don't forget to start collecting your wonderful, in mint condition, items for the member raffle in July. Always fun, the members supply the raffle prizes for our July potluck. You can bring your items to the June or July meeting.

Looking forward to collecting your raffle dollars, I remain (until unthroned, dethroned or replaced) The Raffle Queen  
*Debbie Olson*

## Favorite Sites

Brings back the memories of now defunct airlines.

[www.funstufftosee.com/goodbye.html](http://www.funstufftosee.com/goodbye.html)

Check out your old stomping grounds during the times of the penny postcard. By the way, none of us were alive when postcards only cost 1 cent.

Click on the state and then on the county name to see old penny postcards from that area....pretty neat.

<http://www.usgwarchives.org/special/ppcs/ppcs.html>

*Louise Dieden*

## Graphics SIG

### May Graphics SIG

Five people were at the Graphics SIG in May. Following the usual Q & A period, we checked on updates to GIMP. The balance of the morning was spent trying out the different tools. This is a great program, and suggest any of you who like to work on graphics check it out. It is also Free! What more can you ask?

*Laura Caupert*

## Too Much Power

Debby and I recently moved Ryan to Norfolk, Virginia. After the house was cleaned, we moved in furniture and then Ryan set up his computers. He has a Linux desktop, a Linux server, one desktop PC and a laptop. We were all concerned about how the computers handled the ruff and bumpy ride in the back of our rental truck. Everyone was relieved when they booted up with no problems.

A short time later, an airplane passed over his house. It flew over the house again, and again and again. As you may or may not know, Norfolk has about nine military bases near it. Maybe it was just a coincidence... or maybe Ryan needs to turn down the power on those computers!



*Jerry Kell*

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# Humor from the Net

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*Why MEN should not write ADVICE COLUMNS!*

**Question:**

Dear Walter,

I hope you can help me here.

The other day, I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't driven more than a mile down the road when the engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter.

I am 32, my husband is 34, and the neighbor's daughter is 22. We have been married for ten years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that they had been having an affair for the past six months. I told him to stop or I would leave him.

He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. He won't go to counseling and I'm afraid I can't get through to him anymore. Can you please help with this awful problem I'm having?

Sincerely,

Sheila

**Answer:**

Dear Sheila:

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps.

Walter.

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**“I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!”**

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day.

One remarked to the other, “Windy, isn't it?”

“No,” the second man replied, “it's Thursday.” And the third man chimed in, “So am I. Let's have a beer ...”

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# NetLibrary

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## What is NetLibrary?

eContent isn't new to libraries. What is new is the ever-widening array of choices and eResources available through the Web. As formats, languages and technologies multiply, so does the challenge to manage and deliver quality content — in ways that will work both today and tomorrow.

NetLibrary meets that challenge as the most versatile eContent provider for libraries and publishers today. It supports the most content from leading publishers, the most types of media — including eBooks and eAudiobooks — the widest audience of users and the most types of libraries. NetLibrary takes you far beyond the world of eBooks to provide a flexible and stable eContent platform that is positioned for continual rapid content growth.

## History of quality and content

NetLibrary launched the eBook category and is fast growing to become the eContent provider of choice for academic, community college, public and many other libraries. It offers easy-to-use functionality with access to multiple formats and best-selling titles from the world's leading publishers.

As OCLC's eContent division, NetLibrary represents a unique dual heritage: a trusted partner for librarians and publishers, with a firm commitment to technological innovation on behalf of end-users. NetLibrary combines the time-honored traditions of the library system with the latest in electronic publishing and content delivery.

## More subjects, more languages, faster search

NetLibrary's eContent catalog never stops growing. More than 190,000 titles and hundreds of global publishers already represent a comprehensive inventory of trade, reference and STM content. But there are even more types of content coming — in more subjects and more languages. And it's becoming faster to search all that new content seamlessly across multiple formats.

## About OCLC

NetLibrary is a division of OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. ([www.oclc.org](http://www.oclc.org)). Founded in 1967, OCLC Online Computer Library Center is a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs. More than 60,000 libraries in 112 countries and territories around the world use OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials.

<http://www.netlibrary.com>



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# Strong Passwords

## My PayPal Account's Been Hacked

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The e-mail from PayPal said I'd sent \$400 to a gaming firm in Germany. It's a dopey phishing expedition, I thought, and authentic-looking, for sure, but nothing to worry about.

The trouble was that when I logged on to PayPal, I really did have a \$400 withdrawal. It was clear that someone had my password.

### Quick Password Tips

Here are the three essential things you need to know about password security:

- Use a password generator, a program that will create a long, complicated password.
- Don't ever use dictionary words, even if you stick in symbols, like bill\$gate\$. They're very easy to break using simple hacker programs. (LOL -- Thanks, Rod.)
- Use a different password for every important site. Using the same password on every site, especially critical ones, such as banking, is risky. Imagine using your one password on an unsavory and possibly unscrupulous site. With that golden password, and a few guesses on

your login name -- stevebass, steve\_bass, sbass -- and they're in like Flynn.

### Who's Got My Password?

I contacted PayPal (888/221-1161), supplied the details, and they opened up a case. My account is frozen and I don't doubt PayPal will credit me for the loss. (As I started editing this newsletter, PayPay reversed the charges.) PayPal is investigating, but I don't think they'll ever find out how someone got into my account, though it was clear the person had my password. The rep said I probably fell for a well-crafted e-mail spoof.

That's a blow to my ego. I see myself as suspicious -- verging on paranoid -- when it comes to phishing e-mails. What better prize than bragging rights to hacking a PC World guy, right? So I'm as vigilant as my dog is when I try to get her to take a pill wrapped in peanut butter. (Hey, you can't fool me, pal, she probably thinks...)

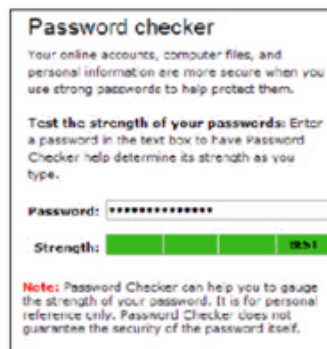
If an e-mail -- suspicious or not -- refers to any of my important accounts and provides a link to click, I ignore the offer. It's safer to manually type the URL into my browser's address field. And yes, I'll cover phishing hassles -- and ways to guard against it -- in a future newsletter.

Password: z24x680uBS4!44

I'm also careful with my passwords and, at least until now, thought they were super stealthy. For example, on PayPal I used four numbers, a symbol, and three letters. According to Microsoft's Password Checker, my standard password pattern -- 1600% wtf -- is strong. But it could be better.

Microsoft says that the most effective passwords are 14 characters and have a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and a symbol or two. For example, z24x680uBS4!44 is strong enough for them to call it "best."

Test your passwords on Microsoft's site and see how well they stand up. Then browse Microsoft's excellent Strong passwords: How to create and use them. I promise you'll learn something. <http://tinyurl.com/2e7tmw>



Use Microsoft's Password checker to test your password's strength. You might be surprised. <http://tinyurl.com/ypc3dc>

### Generating Strong Passwords

Creating a strong password is easy, provided you don't try to think one up on your own. There are dozens of Web sites

that'll create passwords, but I don't use any of them. The last thing I'll do is trust someone online watching me create new passwords. Instead, download Password Generator, a freebie, and crank out all sorts of 14-character passwords.



<http://tinyurl.com/4j8e8>

### Keeping Track of Your Passwords

I just looked and counted roughly 220 sites I use that require a password.

Some site passwords, however, are immaterial. For instance, I use a simple-to-remember word for spots I rarely visit, places such as newspapers that force you to register and log in just to read articles, or tech sites with forum messages.

However, ever since the PayPal fiasco, I've changed every significant password on my system to a 14-digit gorilla.

Remembering all those passwords is a PITA , so you ought to consider using a password management tool. There are lots available. Many people like KeePass , a freebie; others swear by LargeSoft's \$30 Password Manager . I anticipate easily 100 e-mails -- no make that 200 -- kvetching that I haven't mentioned your favorite. But as far as I'm concerned, RoboForm is the best one around, and I've used it since it was first introduced.

### RoboForm, The Master at Passwords

RoboForm is a \$30 program with more features for password management, privacy, and password identification than any other program I know. You provide RoboForm with all the vitals you might need to complete a site's form--name, address, phone numbers, and even credit card numbers. When you click the Fill Forms button, the program does just that. I've created multiple identities, each with different info. For instance, I have one with MasterCard info, another with VISA accounts. I have another identify I call "anonymous" that I use to fill in forms on sites that I'll never visit again.



Enter data into RoboForm's Identity card and fill in online forms.

Click a Web site from the RoboForm Passcard screen, and RoboForm transports your Web browser to the site, logging you in if necessary. Need an industrial-strength password? RoboForm will generate one for you. And don't worry about security: RoboForm is itself password-protected. The program will also safely send an encrypted password through e-mail to another RoboForm user. (I was recently discussing with my wife the fact that neither of us can function without it.)



BTW, RoboForm foils keyloggers (programs that watch keystrokes) because instead of typing, RoboForm inserts characters into form fields.

Here's a summary of RoboForm's features (<http://www.roboform.com/features.html>), a comprehensive FAQ (<http://www.roboform.com/faq.html>) with answers to your most technical RoboForm questions and a way to compare the free and Pro versions (<http://www.roboform.com/why-pro.html>).

If you need portability, RoboForm2Go gives you the same protection when you carry your passwords on a flash drive and use it outside the office. Both the RoboForm program and your password files reside on a USB key, so you can take them from one computer to another. The tool costs \$40, but if you buy it at the same time you get RoboForm, the price drops to \$20. If you dig around, you'll occasionally find discounts. (Google RoboForm discount.)

Siber Systems offers a 30-day trial of both products. They work in all versions of Windows and support IE and Firefox, but not Google Chrome, Opera, or a few other browsers. Take a look at the compatibility list.

<http://www.roboform.com/browsers.html>

There's lots more to say about password management, but I'm almost out of space. So while you're hot on the topic, read Bitmill's smart series of Password Security 101 articles. They're less basic than you might imagine.



<http://www.thebitmill.com/articles/>

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# Scam

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## Jury Duty Scam

This has been verified by the FBI (their link is also included below). Please pass this on to everyone in your email address book. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator.. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo; your identity was just stolen. The fraud has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, and Colorado This (swindle) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. Check it out

[http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury\\_scams060206.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm)  
<http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>

Yep! It's true Please make sure and pass this on!

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# LIFEBOOK 2009

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## Health:

1. Drink plenty of water
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants, and eat less food that is manufactured in plants
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy
5. Make time for prayer
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2008
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk every day ---- and while you walk, smile

## Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do; keep your limits
14. Don't take yourself so seriously; no one else does
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip
16. Dream more while you are awake

17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need..
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

## Community:

25. Call your family often
26. Each day give something good to others
27. Forgive everyone for everything
28. Spend time with people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day
30. What other people think of you is none of your business
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your family and friends will. Stay in touch.

## Life:

32. Do the right things
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful
34. GOD heals everything
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up
37. The best is yet to come
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it
39. Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.

## Last but not the least:

40. Enjoy each day like it is your last.

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# Online Storage

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## Online Storage Space – Insurance For Your Computer Files

By Jason Kay

Level: Basic PLUS

Jason Kay enjoys helping others by providing practical advice....

There you are at the most important business meeting of your life. You are dressed to impress and your presentation couldn't be any better prepared unless Warren Buffet himself was the creator. Then all of the sudden you realize that you forgot your jump drive with all the files you need to make the presentation back at your office and the sweat begins to

pour as if you had just run a the Boston Marathon. What can you do?

You can avoid this nightmare from ever happening by backing up all your computer files using online storage space. This is accomplished by using an online file storage service, which is also known as a file hosting service or online media center. An online file storage service is an Internet hosting service specifically designed to host static content. This content is typically large files that are not web pages. They can be optimized for serving many users, as is implied by the term hosting, or be optimized for single-user storage, as is implied by the term storage. Once a user's files are stored, those files can be accessed from any computer that has a connection to the Internet. The user's files can then be shared publicly or can be password protected if the user so desires.

Online storage space is quite simply a back-up plan if all else fails. Think of it as insurance, you hope you never need to use it but it is nice to know that you have it should a situation arise. While there are many advantages to having your personal files backed up with an online file storage service, here are just a few:

- Little to no cost: Many online file storage services charge per gigabyte and some have a bandwidth cost component as well. While there are plenty that will charge for their services, there are plenty more that are free up to a certain point. While it is up for debate as to which service is better, the biggest difference seems to be that the freebie services have more ads for you to look at.
- Easy to access: Once your files are stored all you need to access them is a computer that is online. Your files can be accessed from anywhere whether you are in Atlanta, Australia or Timbuktu.
- Piece of mind: Never again will you have to worry should you forget to bring your files on your jump drive or any other format such as disk or CD-R. Your files will always be ready to be accessed should you need them, even if your personal computer crashes.

In today's business environment being prepared is key, but being ready for anything, even the unexpected, is what separates the great from the good. Let's face it, in life the unexpected can and will happen. Computers crash and jump drives get left behind, but that doesn't mean that you have to be unprepared. Having your personal files backed up with an online file storage service is quite possibly the easiest and smartest business decision you will ever make. The piece of mind that comes with knowing that your files are always at hand is priceless and if you play your cards right the service is anything but.

Jason Kay recommends viewing a list of free online storage sites <http://www.freeonlinestoragesites.com> in order to determine which one is appropriate for your storage needs.

Article Source: [http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Jason\\_Kay](http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Jason_Kay)

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# Computer Security

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## Why is Computer Security So Important For Everyone to Have That Owns a Computer?

By Craig Thornburrow

Level: Platinum

I am an avid writer and website designer with over 10 years experience of marketing on the internet....

Do you own a computer? Do you get online with your computer? If you do, then you need to understand why it is imperative that you have good computer security. Without security you can have all kinds of problems. This article is going to tell you some of the different problems you can encounter if your piece of expensive kit is not protected with good internet protection.

### Viruses

One of the problems that you can face on your home or office system is viruses that you download unintentionally. There are many times online when you download something only to find out from your internet virus software that there is a virus attached to it. Security for your computer will alert you to this danger, but when there is not protection, then you will more than likely download it and release it to cause untold damage.

### Identity theft

Another possible and very real danger that you can face without good internet security is identity theft. This is definitely not something that you ever want to go through, but it happens to more people than you think. By having good software in place you can protect your personal information and prevent becoming a victim of this very real crime.

These are just two of the problems that you can face if you don't have good computer security. There are many others that you can learn about with just a little research. Protecting your equipment is a must for anyone that has personal or financial information on it, especially if you use yours to get online. So, don't delay in making sure your PC or Mac is well protected.

Widen your knowledge on computer security at <http://www.securityextra.com> - Free information and impartial advice on computer security.

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