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Mini-Expo IV
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Program
The Chicago Computer Society is the largest Personal Computer user group in Illinois. We have thirteen Chapters and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that meet regularly in Chicago, the suburbs and northwestern Indiana. There is a CCS meeting or event held every week! Click the “Monthly Calendar” hotlink (located to the left and on the menubar above) for meeting information.

We offer our members a wide range of educational and networking opportunities. If you’re a beginner, joining CCS is a GREAT way to learn how to use your computer more efficiently and effectively. If you’re already an expert, you can meet CCS Members who share similar interests, explore new computer-related topics and showcase your computer knowledge and leadership skills. CCS offers something for EVERYONE and provides numerous opportunities for us to help each other find the RIGHT answers to tough questions and the BEST solutions to difficult problems.

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Program Schedule

8:00 - 9:00  Registration
9:00 - 10:00 Introduction to MX-IV Program

10:00 - 11:00

Linspire
Introducing the world"s easiest desktop Linux OS.

AMD
AMD 64 - The Next Generation of Computing.

Tony Edwards
Providing an overview of Cell Phone Technology.

11:00 - 12:00

Charles Berkley
Leading a discussion on Why a PDA.

Webworking Services
PC Security. What you do not know will hurt you.

Hitachi
Hitachi and the New High Speed Serial Disk Interfaces.

12:00 - 1:00  Lunch

1:00 - 2:00

Joe Nowak
Joe’s Blogs and About Google.

Smart Computing
Will walk you through the helpful and timely information.

Bill Ziegler
Malware detection and removal.

2:00 - 3:00

Epson
Overview of photo output by focusing on the lineup of Epson printers.

Webworking Services
Digital Home: Hardware, Photo and Video.

Bill Ziegler
Wireless in the Home.

3:00 - 4:00

Microsoft

4:00 - 5:00
Wrap-Up and Prize Drawings
Bio — The presentation will be given by Frank Hudziak, Member of Technical Staff at AMD. He has a Master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT. Frank worked at Motorola for seven years in their R&D group in Schaumburg. He has been at AMD for 21 years as a Field Applications Engineer and have also had management positions along the way. Currently is responsible for technical support of PC and server customers in the central US covering a territory from Minnesota to Texas. Frank headquartered in Elk Grove Village, a northwest suburb of Chicago.

Presentation — The title of my presentation will be “AMD 64—The Next Generation of Computing”. His presentation will consist of an architectural overview of the AMD 64 family of processors, some benchmark data highlighting the superior performance of the AMD 64 architecture, road map information, and a glimpse into our future product offerings. A Q&A session after and/or during the presentation is welcome.
Speaker

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Bio- David Makin has been working with computer resellers and their customers since 1997. He is the manufacturer’s representative for Connect3D and AMD in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky. David is involved with system builders at all levels with products ranging from home computers and gaming machines all the way up to clustered super-computers at Fermi Laboratories. In his spare time he works with the computer gaming community promoting ATi products and technologies. He has been featured in more than 15 articles on various hardware news sites for his creative approach to capturing the attention of LAN party attendees.
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**Bio**-Photography enthusiast Mark Rogers is a member of the Epson Evangelist Team, a group of specially trained individuals who are available for selected digital imaging events throughout the U.S. Before advancing to the role of Epson evangelist, Mark worked as a retail merchandiser for Epson. A lifelong resident of Northern California, Mark enjoys the opportunity to travel and work with photography groups to educate them about the latest in Epson digital products and technology.

**Presentation**-” The presenter will provide a non-technical overview of photo output by focusing on the lineup of Epson printers and their applications. The audience will learn more about how the printers work to create photo quality prints. The mystery will be taken out of topics like pigment vs. dye-based inks, the longevity and durability of a print, and paper and paper options. Attendees will walk away with more of an understanding why professional photographers choose Epson printers four to one over any other brand.
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Bio—Don Haynes has been an independent Information Technologies consultant for 15 years, and has held the position of Midwest Territory Manager for IBM Technology Group. He is currently the North Central Area Sales Manager for Hitachi Global Storage Technologies.

Presentation—“Hitachi and the New High Speed Serial Disk Interfaces” an overview of Hitachi’s product offering and a discussion on today’s High Speed SATA and SAS technologies.
Patrick Green has been involved with Linux and Open Source since late 2001. He worked for a Chicago area company designing SIP based PBX systems that used a highly customized RHL kernel. During his time on this project he worked with Bayonne, Vovida, and Voicetronix in the development of SIP on an open source platform. In 2004 Patrick branched out on his own to spend more time with his daughter and is an authorized Linspire reseller, builder, and consultant. As an insider Patrick has helped Linspire BETA test many of its products and giving input to the company. When he is not building a system, Patrick teaches introduction to computers to advanced ESL students using Linspire as his classroom’s operating system of choice and speaks on open source software and Linux to interested groups in the area including computer clubs at Westwood College and University of St Frances. Patrick will soon be launching a new venture to bring Linspire to the forefront of the SOHO desktop in Will County.”

Patrick Green will be introducing the World’s Easiest Desktop Linux at the Chicago Computer Society Mini- Expo! Linspire is an affordable, easy-to-use Linux-based operating system for home, school, and business users. If you’ve been curious about Linux, don’t miss this opportunity to learn about a powerful alternative to Windows that is starting to be sold at nationwide resellers like CompUSA, BestBuy, Fry’s and more. Patrick will be demonstrating the latest version of Linspire, as well as select software programs that are bundled with Linspire including the firm’s innovative CNR (“click and run”) Service - you won’t believe how easy software management has become until you’ve seen CNR! See you there!
Bio-Matt McCann and Richard Katz will be showing some of the really fun things coming out of Microsoft.

Presentation-First, a small taste of Windows Vista (Longhorn) which will be the replacement for Windows XP and scheduled to be released late next year. Some of the cool new features include Live Icons which, as you browse a folder, show the actual first page of the document. They’ll also show the fantastic new Desktop Search capability, finding files in Windows Vista will be a snap. The new search capability will make misplacing a file a thing of the past! They’ll show more too!

Digital Image 2006 Pro is the latest version of Microsoft’s image editing program. With this year’s refinements, it’s easier than ever to use and more capable still. The new library in DI makes organizing and locating images super easy. New Label functions make organizing your images work the way you want to.

Here is a small list of some of the useful things that Digital Image 2006 Pro has to make working with your pictures a pleasure. Collage, flag, automatic crop, camera raw (like a digital negative), camera phone auto fix, smart erase, new black and white effects, amazing new filters, an amazing manual and three years unlimited product support! Finally, DI now includes Photo Story 3.1 (available only in DI 2006 Pro) which allows you to create dynamic moving stories without the hassle, complications and costs associated with video. If Photo Story doesn’t knock your socks off, you’re probably not wearing socks!
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Speaker

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Presentation- PC Security: What You Don’t Know WILL Hurt You In today’s environment. Hackers and bad guys are getting more aggressive daily in attacking you and your PC. They mean you harm, and the problem is even worse than you think. If you’re tired of being your own PC security expert, this session will show you how you can find relief and peace of mind.
Presentation - Digital Home: Hardware, Photo, and Video. Come learn about Whittle’s Picks for the Digital Home. Learn about new technologies and software that will enable you to have fun and get the most out of your PC whether you’re using it for digital photography, digital music, or digital video or all three. Dave will be presenting Intel’s dual core and Centrino technologies as part of the Digital Home presentation above.

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CCS Member Speaker

Charles Berkley

”Why a PDA?”

Charles Berkley’s first exposure to computers was at work. He purchased his first TRS-80 computer in 1988. Upon his retiring from the Illinois State Police in 1991, he attended classes at the South Suburban College Adult Education. He purchased his first PDA, a HP Jornada 548, and discovered that even though it was small it had the features of most desktops like a Windows CE operating system along with Microsoft Word and Excel. Charles has been a member of the Chicago Computer Society for the last 5 years and enjoys sharing his knowledge on PDA’s with everyone.

Joe Nowak

Google

”What You Don’t Know”

Blogs

”What Are They?”

“Why Would I Want One?”

Joe Nowak has been working with computers for nearly 25 years. He has taught computer classes at Columbia College Chicago and Lyons Township Adult and the Continuing Education program for 20 years. He has been an active member of the Chicago Computer Society for more than 10 years. His friends refer to him as the “Professor of Google”. Joe started his first blog about one and a half years ago and now maintains 3 blogs.
CCS Member Speaker

Bill Zeigler

First Session

”Malware Detect & Clean Techniques”

Second Session

“Adding Wireless To Network & Internet Connection”

Bill is the Coordinator for the Office/Internet S.I.G. (Special Interest Group). They usually meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Topics of discussion each month pertain to the features and implementations of Microsoft Office. The meeting is held at Sears Corp. Campus located in room MRC605 at 3333 Beverly Road off of Higgins in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Bill can be reached at 847-265-8215.
Booths

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As a result of the feedback from that first Summit meeting and subsequent meetings among user group representatives, the leaders of 15 user groups met in Seattle in October, 1987, and proposed the formation of an association for the purpose of fostering communication among and between user groups. That proposal was presented before 130 representatives from 50 user groups at the Second Annual User Group Summit Meeting in November, 1987, and was unanimously approved.

The concept and operation of APCUG remains true to original intent of those first meetings. Our purpose and reason for being is promotion and assistance to User Groups worldwide.

APCUG is always working to both add-to and improve the services we offer our members. If there’s something your group needs that we don’t already have, or an idea you have that you’d like to see offered, or even if you’d just like to volunteer your time to the User Group Community, we want to hear from you.
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