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January Meeting Information

January 9, 2012

NOTE 2nd MONDAY and new time for 2012

Time: 7 PM — Date: January 9, 2012

Place: Main Library 1600 21st Street

Speaker: Eric Price

Topic: Sharing Resources on your Home Network

Special points of interest:

- Election of Officers January 9th.
- Volunteer a few hours a month at the library.
- Notice the change in the SIG schedule this year.
- Plan to attend the annual meeting and election of officers.
- Would you like a SIG (Special Interest Group) on any subject? Possibly one on the Tablet ?

This should be especially interesting since most of us have more than one computer on a home network and are now using Cloud Storage. Now even without a wireless printer you can print things from your tablet via the cloud.

Election of Officers January 9, 2012

We will have the election of officers at the January 9th meeting. Please, if anyone is willing to serve as an officer, let Eric or one of the board members know.

We have had the same board members for the last three years. The VBCG needs some

new blood. We need a Vice President who is responsible for helping to get speakers for our monthly meetings. We also need a secretary to record the minutes of the board meetings so they can be published in the Homepage each month to keep eve-

ryone informed of what we are doing.

If you know of anyone who would be interesting and informative as a speaker please let us know. Eric is doing a wonderful job, but it is a lot of work to prepare for the meeting each month and he has a fulltime job and a family.

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Mac VS PC



You can see a link to the article on the www.vbcg.org web site. I found it to be very interesting.

The touch screen is now a thing of the present, not the past. This will raise the price of a new desktop about 30% I have heard.

Link to Popular Mechanics

http://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/gadgets/reviews/mac-vs-pc-ultimate-laptop-lab-test?click=main_sr#fbIndex1

For years I have used Smart Computing and PC World for tips and articles for the Homepage, but the magazines are so thin now and have so little information in them. Smart Computing an average of 80 pages and PC World about 110, with most of those pages ads. There is not much of interest in either. But my husband keeps giving me articles from Popular Mechanics about computers that are of interest to me. This was in the November 2011 issue. Just copy the link below or send an email to VeroBeachLady@att.net and I will send the link to you.

For all who know me, "I am getting a Mac! ? !"



This is what it looks like.

A friend gave me the Adobe Creative Suite 3 Production Premium. Which includes Photoshop, Soundbooth, Onlocation, Ecour, Illustrator, After Effects Professional, Flash Professional and Premiere Pro. All of this was new and in original packaging. I am sure I will never be able to learn all of it in this lifetime. The main thing working against me was the fact that I am a **TOTAL PC user**. I have had four Mac's in the past and given them all away because I found them too hard

to learn to use. I was fortunate enough to get an eMac given to me with the Panther OS on it. I will have to purchase 1GB of memory to use the package, but am looking forward to it.

Ray and Marilyn Goodale gave me Photoshop 7 about ten years ago and I did master that, so I guess there is hope! I have also enjoyed all the Adobe Photoshop Elements 1 though 9 and Adobe Premier Elements so that should help some.

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New All in one Touch Screen

A friend of mine got the HP TouchSmart computer and I must say it is impressive. I am not a fan of Screensavers, but there is one that is an underwater scene with small real looking fish swimming around. You can touch the water and it looks like real water when you touch it. You

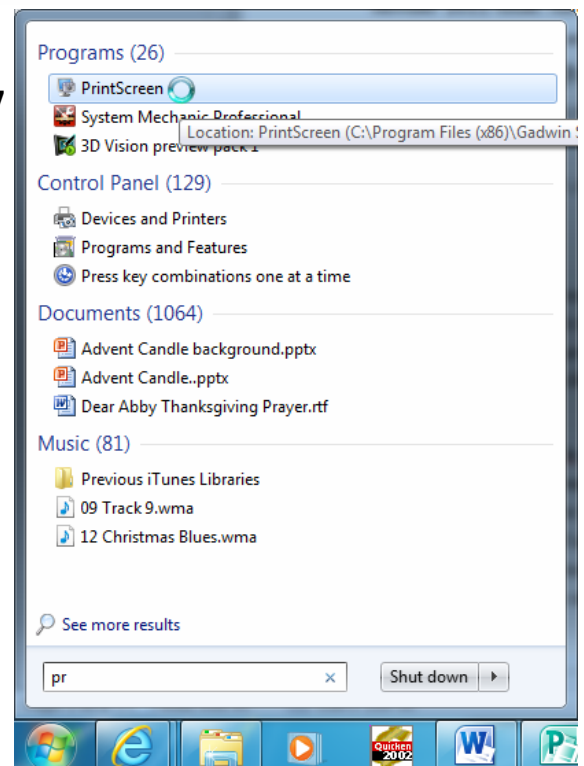
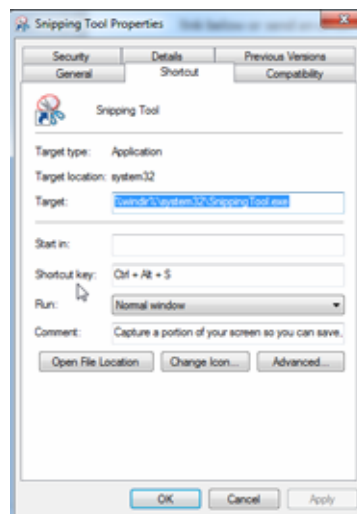
can touch an icon and the program opens and you can use your finger as a mouse with it. You even have a keyboard right on your screen like an iPad or Kindle, but I can't see using that rather than the wireless keyboard. It has several easy to reach USB ports. I think it is a winner.



A Few Great Things You Can Do With Windows 7

I hardly ever go to All Programs to look for an application and I certainly do not want Icons on my desktop so I just click on Start and just above the Start Button you can see the cursor by *Search Programs and Files*. Usually you don't have to type more than 2 or 3 characters and you should see what you want. You will note that I am still using PrintScreen, an old application that I started using with Win 95. The reason is that the wonderful Snipping Tool that came with Vista and Win 7

does not work like the old reliable PrintScreen. Although I use it often enough that I have shortcut keys for it. To make a shortcut key for Snipping Tool (cont. next page)



Search in Windows 7

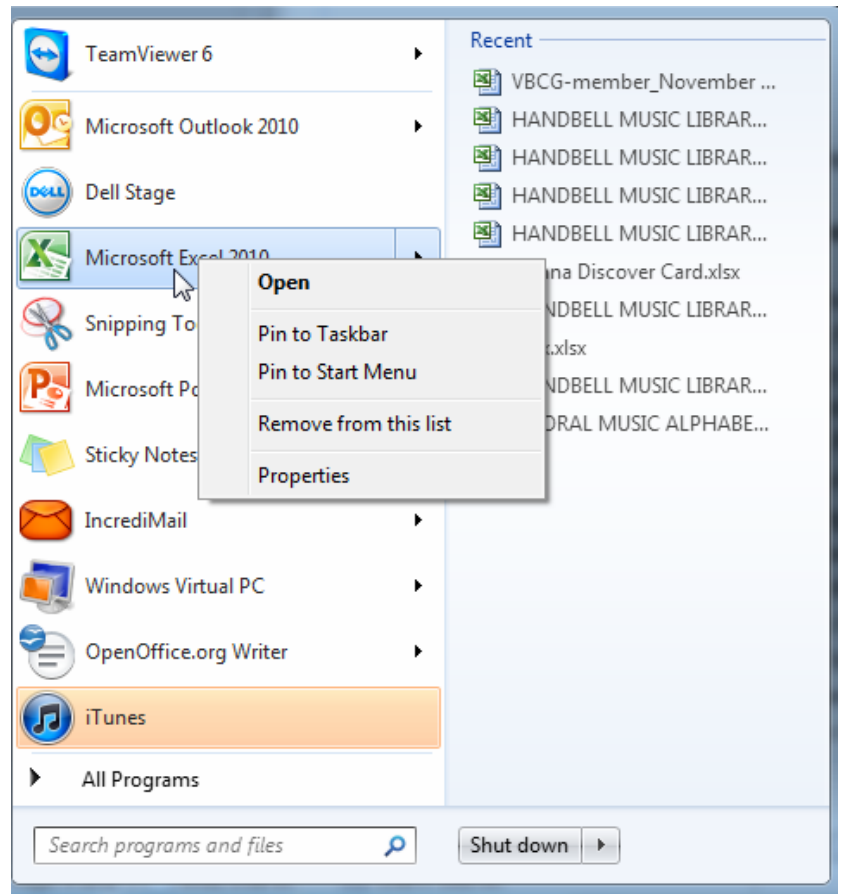
"Sometimes just plain old hints that stay the same over the years will work best!"

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Just Right Click on the Program and select Properties. In the Properties Windows where it says Shortcut Key hold CTRL+ALT+S (or any combination you want to use). That is the one I use. For Word I use CTRL+ALT+W. Another way to quickly open software you use all the time, just right click on the program name and in the Menu select **Pin to Taskbar**. I Pin to Taskbar the programs that I use 2 or 3 times a week.



EXPLORE Windows Explorer

Windows Explorer will explore your computer and all that is in it. Since Windows 95 I have used WIN+E to open Windows Explorer and I use it multiple times a day. When I want to find a file I open it and usually go to Date Modified, although you can do a sort by name, date modified, type and size. (All of these toggle to sort by ascending or descending order.) Type is another feature that I use a lot. You should try doing this newsletter sometime. I just learned something that I had never tried. I typed the name of a file in my Documents folder, into the **Search** I referred to on the previous page, and found it immediately. Even easier than Win+E then clicking on either Name or Date Modified. I use Explorer to check the update status of Java and Adobe Reader and other things. It is something I use a lot especially when I want to move or transfer data to a disc, flash drive or another folder on my computer. When emailing photos Explorer is a must. Just click the photos you want to send and select the size you want and away they go.

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Shortcut Keys I Have Used For Years and Still Use!

Ctrl+A	Highlights all
Ctrl+B	Turns Bold off and on
Ctrl+C	Copy to Clipboard
Ctrl+E	Center Justification
Ctrl+I	Turns Italics off and on
Ctrl+J	Turns on Full Justification
Ctrl+L	Turns on Left Justification
Ctrl+N	New Document
Ctrl+O	Displays Open window
Ctrl+P	Displays Print window
Ctrl+R	Turns on Right Justification
Ctrl+S	Saves Document
Ctrl+U	Turns off and on Underline
Ctrl+V	Paste to Clipboard
Ctrl+Y	Undos the Undo of Ctrl+Z
Ctrl+Z	Undo

SIG Schedule for 2012

General Meeting	1st Monday	7pm — 9pm	February — July, October — December
	2nd Monday	7pm — 9pm	January, August and September
Photoshop	1st Tuesday	2pm — 4pm	January — December
Microsoft Office	2nd Tuesday	2pm — 4pm	January — November (No December SIG)
Surfing the Internet	2nd Wednesday	2pm — 4pm	January — December
PC Basics	4th Wednesday	12pm — 2pm	January — December
Mac	4th Saturday	10pm — 12pm	January — December

The full VBCG meeting schedule is posted on our website and available on a month-by-month basis in Google Calendar or a printable full year schedule in Adobe Acrobat format.