Vero Beach Computer Group

Homepage

IMPORTANT NOTICE ! !

The Username and Password for the "Members Only" Section will be changing in March. You will be emailed the new information, so make sure your address is current with the webmaster.

Would you like to donate an afternoon each week to help the public with computers at the Main Library? There are now two sections which need your help badly. See page 5.

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March General Meeting Speaker

The Vero Beach Computer Group welcomes Judyth Piazza who will present the monthly program at the VBCG general membership meeting on March 2, 2004 at 7:00PM. The location is the Multimedia room at the Indian River County Library. The general public is invited to attend.

Judyth Piazza is a freelance Journalist who regularly contributes to such publications as the Sebastian Sun, Calder.net and the Women's Independent Press, PA. She will be giving a group presentation on the basic principles of creating web pages. Covering topics such as HTML format and key tags and how to incorporate text and links into a well-designed web page.

The Vero Beach Computer Group is a self-help group that supplies support to all it's members interested in improving their knowledge and use of computers; including Windows and Mac operating systems.
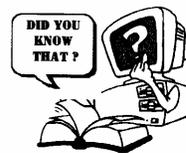
Did You Know That ?

By Jean B. Grider, Staff Writer

I have had several requests for these shortcut keys in the last several months. I used to hand them out all the time at my Computer Basics SIG and have even had them in the Homepage in the past. I use them all the time.

The **WIN** key is the one between Ctrl and Alt on the bottom of your keyboard. Just hold the WIN key down and tap the other.

...Did You Know That ? Continued...

WIN+R	Opens the Run program dialog box
WIN+M	Minimizes all of the programs so you can see the Desktop
SHIFT+WIN+M	Restores the minimized programs
WIN+E	Windows Explorer so you can move, copy, delete, or simply find files
ALT+F4	Closes program
WIN+BREAK	Displays the System Properties dialog box (yes even in XP)
WIN+F	Searches for a file (Search or Find)
WIN+F1	Starts Windows Help
WIN+TAB	Cycles through TASKBAR buttons
F2	Renames an item
F3	Find a File Folder
F5	Refreshes the list of files
SHIFT+DEL	Deletes an item without saving it to the Recycle Bin
BACKSPACE	Moves up one folder in Windows Explorer
CTRL+A	Selects all files in Windows Explorer
CTRL+ESC	Displays Start Menu **(The WIN key does the same)**
CTRL+A	Selects all data in a document
CTRL+C	Copies to Windows Clipboard
CTRL+V	Paste from Windows Clipboard into your document
CTRL+S	Saves document
CTRL+P	Opens Print Window
CTRL+O	Opens Open Window to retrieve an old document
CTRL+N	Opens a New Document
CTRL+B	**Turns on/off Bold**
CTRL+I	*Turns on/off Italic*
CTRL+U	<u>Turns on/off underline</u>
Backspace Key	Deletes character to left of cursor
Delete Key	Deletes character to right of cursor
END	Takes you to the end of a line
CTRL+END	Takes you to the end of a document
HOME	Takes you to the beginning of a line
CTRL+HOME	Takes you to the beginning of a document
NUM LOCK	Turns on/off numeric keypad

Once you start using these keys you will find them to be a big timesaver. I prefer using them over having to use the mouse to do the same things. Let you fingers do the walking!

Visit Your Web Site Often at www.vbcg.org

Support Our Sponsors

Library Volunteers

"Thank You".

The computer section has grown and there is now a reference center which needs experienced computer volunteers.

Meetings and SIGs

March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Computer Basics 6:00 - 7:30 PM - History Room	2 **General Meet. 7:00 PM** - **Multimedia Room**	3 Microsoft Office 2:00 - 4:00 PM Multimedia Room	4	5	6
7	8 Internet 1:00 to 3:00PM Multimedia Room	9 New to Computers 2:00 to 4:00 PM History Room	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Quicken 6:00 - 7:30 PM History Room	17	18	19	20 Mac 10:00 AM - 12 Noon Multimedia Room
21	22 Web Design - 6:00 - 7:30PM History Room	23	24 Digital Imaging 6:00 - 7:30 PM Multimedia Room	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Important Notice

The annual dues are only $20.00 per family. They are payable in January of each year. Newsletters and communications from **VBCG** are delivered via web site and e-mail. However, if it is necessary, these things can be mailed. That is, sent to you by snail mail, so, if you require it, be sure that we have your snail mail address.

Library Volunteers for February 2004
As of January 31, 2004

Please Volunteer - Call Jean Grider at 569-4289

Barbara Campbell
Thurs Feb.5 1:00 to 3:00
Thurs Feb 12 1:00 to 3:00
Thurs Feb 19 1:00 to 3:00
Thurs Feb 26 1:00 to 3:00

Jim Crawford
Fri Feb 6 1:30 to 3:30

Eleanor
Fri Feb 20 2:00 to 4:00

Your Name

Lucia Robinson

Wed Feb 11 2:00 to 4:00   Call Lucia Robinson at 778-1838 for available dates.

Visit your Internet Web Site at www.vbcg.org

In Memoriam

Charles Bud Greenlees
March 17, 1917 – February 10, 2004

Bud Greenlees and two others, Chris Hubbard, general manager of his family's radio station WGYL, and Bud Holman, who was pretty savvy in computers and was using a computer in his family's business started the Vero Beach Computer Group around 1979. Bud had a burning interest in computers and it became a hobby in 1977. They started meeting once a month and used a wide variety of computers. The meetings provided them a chance to get together and discuss problems. They discussed computer basics on how different parts of the computer worked or how to write a program. In those days programs such as spreadsheets, databases and word processors were almost non existent for small computer users. If you wanted a program, you wrote it yourself or typed it from a computer magazine. Most of the early users had floppy disks or tape recorders, which allowed them to save the programs for future use.

Milt Farber who was an early ember of the group and chief engineer of Radio Station WTBF and Glen Dodd arranged for different meeting places until Eric Price, who by now was a member of the group, arranged to have the meetings at the Indian River County Library. He taught a computer class before the meeting in return for the meeting room. After about a year the group moved to St Edward Upper School where they met until around May of 1997. The group had grown to more than 100 and more space was needed so they moved back to the Library. They agreed to provide eight hours of instruction per month at the library patrons in return for the use of the meeting room.

They called the members each month to inform them of the meeting and with over 100 members this had become a laborious job. The group decided to send out a monthly bulletin instead, and Bud was designated to write the bulletin and collect donations for the postage, thus becoming the first Editor.

Bud was an officer of the VBCG holding several different offices throughout the years. He was on the board of directors where we would turn to him at each meeting for his invaluable advice. Bud was enthusiastic and always willing to share his computer expertise with others.

In December of 2001 Bud was awarded a Lifetime Membership in the VBCG. This award was long overdue and graciously accepted at the January 2002 meeting. We of the VBCG owe Bud a lot. He remained an active part of the group from the beginning.

Bud Greenlees will be missed.

Jean B Grider, Staff Writer

THESE FASCINATING AND VALUABLE ARTICLES ARE SUBMITTED BY OUR WEBMASTER,
TIM GLOVER

CHILD PROTECTION

This one is from Lockergnome Windows Digest. . For more information go to
http://icra.org/_en/filter/

As a Computer Technician, I know the perils the Internet can hold for a child, and as a soon-to-be-father I am quite worried. I'm sure that I am not the only one who feels this way about the Internet and how it relates to children. The **Internet Content Rating Association** has made a great open source tool available to help parents combat Internet nasties like pornography and chat room pedophiles. The tool I am talking about is the ICRA Filter. This program will allow you to set up filtering rules titled "Other" to deal with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and gambling. In the Services section you can block or allow specific services like newsgroups, e-mail, and IRC. If you are afraid that you are missing harmful Web sites in a specific area (e.g. tobacco), then try the Templates tab, where you can add content-specific filtering templates. My only problem with this application is that for some reason it thinks Lockergnome.com is a harmful Web site (as if!?), and that brings me to the last feature I would like to highlight, which is the Lists tab. In here you can add specific Web sites to the "Allow" and "Block" lists. This will ensure that your child can check out Web sites (like Lockergnome), while keeping them from viewing those Internet Nasties. My child may not be born yet, but I am prepared with ICRAfilter! [BS]

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Graph v2.3 [1.1M] W9x/2k/XP FREE, (Lockergnome Windows Digest, 10-2-02).
From http://www.padowan.dk/graph/
Graph those functions

When I was in college, I was a Computer Science major and a Physics minor, although I started college with these two choices reversed. Basically, that meant that I had invested a small fortune in graphing calculators. To this day, I still own my TI-86 and my Casio calculators, but I only use them for simple addition and subtraction equations, when it comes time to pay the bills.

Graphs, continued....

If Graph had been around when I was in College, I could have saved my-self a lot of money on calculators. If you haven't guessed yet, Graph is a function graphing program. You can set up the scale of your axes, add a function, and then you are left with a graph. You have most of the built-in capabilities of a graphing calculator, so you can insert a tangent or shade an area. What I like best about this program is that you can copy the graph as an image, which is great when writing reports, or for e-mailing to a friend, who is struggling with a particular equation. [BS]

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PTBSync v3.1 [252k] W9x/2k/XP FREE, (Lockergnome Windows Digest, (10-2-02)

Synchronize Your Clock

Http://softpedia.com/public/cat/9/1/9-1-34.shtm1

PTBSync is a tool to synchronize your PC time with an atomic clock via the Internet. It offers 65 time servers (NTP) worldwide from which to choose. The program can run as service on NT/2000/xp and offers sup-port for DSL, international UTC time, and much more. In addition to time synchronization , PTBSync also includes a complete personal organizer for reminders and repetitive events such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. (It can automatically calculate the age for birthdays or anniversaries.) It lets you create multiple recurring reminders or events, launch a file with optional alarm time, as well as popup messages before and after the event. If multiple users share the same PC, each one can have her or his own date entries. Additional features include support for holidays, com-plex scheduling, export to HTML, alarm sounds, support for daylight sings time, date display in the system tray, and more. At first, this program may not look like much, but once you have spent a few minutes with it, you'll be surprised how many useful and unique features and options it offers [MWA]

Quintessence of Wisdom LE v2.3 [2.1M] Wj9x/2k/XP FREE,
(Lockergnome Windows Digest, 10-2-02)

Make Yourself Quotable

From http://www.menesk.com/quotations.shtm1

Have you ever been stuck looking for a perfect quote but lack creativity to come
up with one of your own? Albert Einstein would say, "The secret to creativity is
knowing how to hide your sources." So what is my source? "Quintessence of
Wisdom" by Menesk. The free version, Quintessence of Wisdom LE, contains
1,000 sample quotes from greats like Alfred Hitchcock to Yogi Berra. You can
browse the quotes either by author or subject. If you don't want to browse and
know a little bit more about what you are looking for, then try the search feature.
One of the coolest features of this application is that you can keep track of your
favorite quotes and even add some of your own. Quintessence of Wisdom LE is
easy to use, well put together, and best of all it is free. I recommend if you like
this product, that you upgrade to Quintessence of Wisdom GE (Gold Edition) for
only 24.99. With the Gold Edition you have the same easy-to-use interface, but
now you have 17,934 quotes from about 2,600 different authors (and also have
about 700 subjects) to browse through. I promise you won't regret i! [BS]

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Thess Gadgets Weblog (Lockergnome Windows Digest, 10-2-02)

Weblogs

From http://www.gizmodo.net/

We have all heard about Weblogs or "blogs" for short. All of us Lockergnome
staffers have one; some are more interesting than others! (yes, I'm talking
about Gretchen's). Gizmodo.net is a blog devoted to gadgets. Yes—you heard
me right, gadgets! Holy coolness, Batman! I love toys, and this is my new favor-
ite web site to stay up to date on the coolest new gadgets and to read news clip-
pings and reviews related to each gadget. There are some very neat gadgets on
the horizon! How about a WiFi SD card, or a refrigerator with a 15-inch LCD dis-
play? Hey, I didn't say that all the gadgets were useful for EVERYONE, although I
know I wouldn't mind being able to check my e-mail or watch Tech TV from the
kitchen. This web site is very well put together in terms of design and usability.
The design of the pages makes it easy to read and with features like search and
categories, this Web site makes it very easy to find exactly what you are looking
for. (Did I mention that a lot of the gadgets have pictures? I thought you might
like that !) [BS]