

Bits & Bytes

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MINUTES

Barefoot Bay Computer Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting is
Friday
February 26, 2010
At
6:30 P.M.
Building D&E

MEMBERSHIP

Your 2010 Annual Dues are due now.
If you have not paid your dues, please do so at the next meeting
Membership is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple.

A membership list will be at the back table during the meeting. Please check the list and make sure your information is correct.

Lorraine Audie,
Membership Chairperson



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EDUCATION

As I write this article, we have finished our second computer class—Basics 1 and Basics 2 classes were held the first two Thursdays in February. This was the first time computer classes were held in the conference room at South Mainland Library. The library had five laptop computers available for our members who did not have a laptop of their own and members who did own a laptop just brought theirs to the class. The set-up at the library worked fine and I think the members enjoyed the fact they were able to have “hands on” experience at the class. Each member received a handout for that class—hopefully they took time afterwards to read the handout and practice the step-by-step instructions provided in the handout.

MS Word classes were scheduled for February 18 and 25. Internet and E-mail will be held on March 4 and a class on PrintShop will be held on March 11. PrintShop is a program where you can make greeting cards, calendars, newsletters, etc. Barbara Evers will be teaching this class. Anyone interested in attending the Internet and E-mail or PrintShop classes should contact Joyce Espitee at 581-9431.

We need more people to serve on the Education Committee to help plan classes for the coming year. I have said over and over that our club has many people who are very knowledgeable about computers and how to use certain software programs. We could use your expertise. Won't you please consider vol-

unteering and serve on the Education Committee? Also, if you know how to use a particular program, won't you consider sharing your expertise by teaching a class? You don't have to be a teacher—you just have to share your knowledge through demonstration.

Our thanks go to the South Mainland Library for allowing the computer club to use their conference room for classes.

Joyce Espitee

FOR SALE

New Color Ink Cartridges:

3 - #99 HP Photo Print Cartridges

1 - #28 HP Color Cartridge for a HP Deskjet 3650

All cartridges have never been used and Are \$10 each.

Call Mary Allen 664-0872

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[This is a follow-up on my presentation at the January Club Meeting.](#) by Ross Randolph

The “device” that allows you to copy a incepted DVD OR an incepted VHS tape, using a DVD recorder (as the target) is :

<http://www.220depot.com/p-711-0-Sima-Digital-Copy-Enhancer-CT-200.aspx>

THE SOFTWARE THAT ALLOWS YOU YOUR COMPUTER COPY “INCEPTED” RECORDINGS:

SOFTWARE FOR DVD decrypting/copying/ converting/burning software:

WEB SITE..... DVD FAB 6

SOFTWARE TO MODIFY A WAVE TRACK OF AUDIO, (music or other)

Introduction to Wave Repair:

Wave Repair is a shareware editor specifically designed for the restoration of WAV files that were recorded from vinyl records. It can also be used to process recordings made from tapes, but its restoration features are intended mainly for records. The name is perhaps a little unfortunate. You might think that Wave Repair is a program for fixing broken WAV files (eg. with invalid headers), which it isn't. In hindsight, I should have chosen a different name, but I'm stuck with it now.

It is a 32 bit program that runs on all versions of Windows from Windows 98 onwards. Note that from release 4.9.1, it no longer runs on Windows 95. This is because it was necessary to change the program help to a CHM file in order to maintain compatibility with Windows Vista, and CHM files are not supported by Windows 95.

Running Wave Repair under Windows Vista makes use of the legacy application support features of Vista. It does work, but there are a few issues you

should be aware of. See this page for more details.

I have not yet been able to check compatibility under Windows 7. However, my understanding is that Windows 7 is supposed to be more compatible with older applications than Vista, so my hope is that it will work fine. But I cannot guarantee anything.

In order that you can try it out to see if it will be useful to you, it is fully functional for a 30 day evaluation period. After this time, it needs to be registered to remain fully functional; the price is 30 US dollars. However, some features do continue to work without registration - see the Freeware Mode page.

Wave Repair is not a general purpose digital audio editor (in particular, it does not includes arbitrary copy/cut/paste editing of WAV files). Rather, Wave Repair eases many of the tasks that are required during restoration of music recorded from vinyl records, and which are often difficult using general purpose tools. I wrote it because I was unable to find an affordable WAV file editor which performed these tasks easily.

If you need a general purpose audio editor, I can recommend GoldWave as a good example. (I had previously also recommended CoolEdit 2000, but since Syntrium Software was acquired by Adobe Systems, that program has sadly been discontinued). Another editor that has many satisfied users is Audacity, and it has the added bonus of being freeware.

Note: Ross has a copy of the free ware version of this software, that you can obtain if you contact him and supply the medium you wish it on. It is not fully featured but has most of the complete version.

The following is from a Question and Answer Forum from Smart Computing magazine.

Q. Does anyone know if there is a program to be able to transfer cassette music to a cd or am I stuck with aging cassette tapes?

Here are some of the answers:

A. Go to dak.com they have the interface to put your cassettes and many other types of music to CDs. very easy to use. and its not to expensive. also there is a soft ware to remove the pops. I have used this on hundreds of cassettes,8 tracks,33s,45s, 78s they also have the means of burning them thru your burner.I like lgs burner the best, for what they can do for your CDs as I use lite scribe CD disc. from mean gene

A. Yes! I've used the freebie Audacity (audacity.com) program to record at least thirty of my old cassette music tapes, to transfer to CDs and every one of them was successful. Not only that, but I was able to transfer a dozen or so of my old phonograph LPs using the same method. Highly recommended program, Audacity.

A. Here are some Audacity tutorials on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=audacity&search_type=&aq=f> There are also tutorials for converting cassette tapes to Mp3's <http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=convert+cassette+tapes+to+mp3&search_type=&aq=2&oq=convert+cassette>

A. I used Spin It Again from Acoustica. Worked like a charm and allows you to remove tape hiss and other noise. It's about \$35, but allows you to do 3 songs for free so you can see if you like it.

All you need is an old tape deck with audio out. I did have to buy a cable adapter for going from the RCA jack in the back of the player to the 3.5 audio input for my computer. I think it cost all of \$5 and I or-

While the tape is being recorded as a digital file, you can enter the artist name and title of the album and the songs and album art will be added to the file. You then convert the digital file to MP3 or whatever format you want. I have about 50 old tapes from the 80's both on my computer and burned to CDs.

A. What I did was plug my cassette player into my "line in" jack of my sound card. Then I used the "Record What U Hear" feature of Audacity. It is a free program located at: <<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>> This way I could burn them onto CD with my CDBurnerXP program. <<http://www.cdburnerxp.se/>> It is another free program and works great. This worked for me and it sounds great.

A. I use Polderbits Sound recorder and editor. There is a seven day free trial. If you buy it costs 33.25 US\$ <http://www.polderbits.com/cassette-to-cd.html> The program will create a .mp3 file of anything that you can hear. It also will convert vinyl to .mp3. You just connect your record player to line in through a preamp - like radio shack cat. no. 970-1018. The editor includes noise reduction filters.

**TELEPHONE HELP
LINE**

**SPECIAL NOTICE
FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

**The TELEPHONE help line
has been restarted.**

**The new telephone number
is **321-541-6381**.**

**This number is a local
call.**

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**Leave a message and some-
one will return your call.**

**You can still post your ques-
tions or problems on the
Barefoot Bay Computer
Club Website.**

**Log on to [http://
barefootbaycomputer-
club.com](http://barefootbaycomputer-club.com)**

And click on Help Line.

ATTENTION

**If you are having problems post-
ing a question on the Barefoot
Bay Website, please contact Paul
Carroll at ptkaro@yahoo.com
and I will send you a PDF file of
the instructions on how to do it,
that you can print.**

Sunshine

If you know of any member who is ill, in hospital, or who has had a death in the family, please call Emily Carrigan at 664-7043 so that cards can be sent.

**PLEASE EVERYONE, LET
EMILY KNOW OF ANY CONDI-
TIONS THAT NEEDS A CARD
TO BE SENT.**

664-7043

Advice from Snopes.com

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to "10" of your friends, or sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever, it almost always has an **E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to.**

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of "active" E-Mails to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to other spammers.

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards.

All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to **get names and "cookie" tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.**

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor (PLEASE) by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound! You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later! **Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's don't make it easy for them!**

Also: E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition.

FINAL TIP: DELETE ALL EMAILS ADDRESSES WHEN FWDG & SEND BCC ONLY, THIS ALSO ELIMINATES SPAM.



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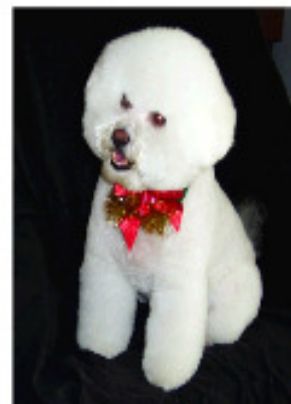


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